

# GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

A newsletter published several times a year for the parishioners and friends of  
**St. Casimir's Parish, Polish National Catholic Church**  
268 Lakeview Avenue —Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

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## Faithful Worship at Cathedral of the Pines

Members of the Eastern Diocese joined together on August 24, to worship at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH, honoring those who serve both God and Country.

The Mass was celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, our diocesan bishop, assisted by clergy of the diocese including: Very Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, Very Rev. Fryderyk Banas, Rev. Randy Calvo, Rev.



Bishop Paul at the Altar of the Nations.

Christopher Rogalski, Rev. Dr. Stanley Kaszubski, Rev. Adam Czarnecki, Rev. Robert Koerber and our own pastor, Rev. Andrzej Tenus.

The lessons were read by Father Randy Calvo who also led the Responsorial Psalm. The gospel was read by Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak followed by the homily preached by Father Robert Koerber.



The choir presented several inspiring selections under the direction of organist Karen Sobiechowski.

In addition to Father Tenus, St. Casimir's was represented by: Agnieszka, Christopher, Amelia and Jonasz Tenus, JoAnn Menzia, Phyllis Hunt, Peg, Dr. Bert, Diane and Joe Quirbach, and Janice Klimczak.

Organist Karen Sobiechowski  
Following the Mass, a chicken barbecue was served at nearby Hidden Hills.



## Exciting Things Continue To Happen at St. Casimir's

Dear Friend

When you get to read this newsletter we will have finished one of our busiest summer seasons here at St. Casimir's.

On October 25 we were pleased to present another very successful Polish Food Fest. Many thanks to our parishioners who organized the event and a special thank you to those who attended. If you attended, Friend we hope it was a great day for you and we certainly hope you make an effort to attend next year's event.

More recently, the youth of our parish presented their annual Harvest Dinner and Talent Show on November 2. How fortunate we are to have some very talented young people attending our church. And once again the kitchen provided another delectable full course dinner.

Looking back, we had the privilege of hosting the Diocesan United Choirs Music Mini Workshop which featured a theme of "Focus on Youth". Other events included the Confirmation Sacrament bestowed upon four of our young parishioners by our own Bishop Paul. And let's not forget The Feast of Corpus Christi celebrated by Bishop Paul on our newly consecrated altar. A truly memorable event.

And it's not over yet, Friend, on December 6 we will host our Annual Homecoming Dinner in anticipation of the coming Christmas season with the sharing of oplatki, followed by an excellent dinner, entertainment and a Christmas Carol sing-along. If you've attended in the past you know what great fun this event is. Get your tickets early!

Thank you Friend for being an important part of our life and may God bless you and yours.

*Rev. Andrzej Tenus*

## St. Casimir's Parish

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**For more news, photos, etc. visit our website:**

<http://www.stcasimirpncc.com>

*You are Invited...Be Our Guest...*

Every Sunday after Mass, parishioners and friends gather at the Parish Center for coffee, snacks and conversation.

*Please join us.*

## Annual Polish Food Fest Enjoyed By Many

Encouraged by a balmy Fall day, and eager to enjoy the flavors of authentic Polish cuisine, hundreds came to St. Casimir's Parish Center on Saturday, October 25th to purchase a supply of pierogi, golabki, kapusta to enjoy with their families.

A variety of Polish pastries and desserts were also on display and available for sale to the delight of our visitors.

After making their purchases of food items, time was spent admiring, choosing and purchasing items from our display of Christmas wreaths and craft items.

With their taste buds tempted by the delicious food on display, many of our guests decided to stay for lunch and enjoy a menu selection of Polish food, freshly prepared in our kitchen. Everyone declared lunch was...delicious! *Photos on page 3*

## In Memoriam

**Evelyn P. (Bourdeau) Schofield**, age 78, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at her home in Lowell. She was the wife of the late Gordon E. Schofield, Sr. who passed away in 2000.



Evelyn was born in Lowell on August 29, 1936, a daughter of the late Delbert and Cecile (Demers) Bourdeau. Evelyn was a lifelong Lowell resident and received her education through Lowell schools. She was a parishioner of St. Casimir's Parish.

Evelyn was a devoted mother and grandmother who loved nothing more than being with her family. She was the president of the Lord Manor Tenant Council, a position she was very proud of and was also an avid bingo player. She was a past member of the Merrimack Valley Eagles CB Club and member of the Lowell Senior Center.

She is survived by her seven children, Susan Madigan and her husband William of Wilmington, Gordon Schofield Jr. of Chelmsford, Lynda Kraus and her companion John Hall of Farmington, NH, Cheryl Schofield of Windham, NH, Evelyn Marie Schofield of Lowell, Vallery Miller and her husband Brian of Dracut and Betty Schofield and her companion Ron Vallee of Fitchburg; a daughter-in-law, Loretta Schofield of Hudson, NH; a sister, Cecile Carnevale and her husband Anthony of Quartzsite, AZ; a step-sister, Sheila Tines and her husband Tyrone of Leominster; also twenty three grandchildren, thirty three great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. She was the mother of the late Bryan Schofield, step-mother of the late Patricia Batchelder, and sister of the late Gertrude Pickering, Richard and Ronald Bourdeau.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Casimir's Church, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell. Interment was private in Gibson Cemetery, Pelham, NH.

**Robert J. Miller**, 77, a resident of Dracut, died unexpectedly at his home on Sunday, October 5, 2014. He was the husband of the late Gertrude F. "Trudy" (Barry) Miller.



Born in Lowell on August 15, 1937, he was the son of the late Joseph and Rita (Noonan) Miller.

Bob served with the United States Army from 1959 until his honorable discharge in 1963.

Prior to retirement, he was employed by the City of Lowell School System as a custodian. He was previously employed by Sanders Assoc. in Nashua, NH.

Bob was a lifetime member of both the East End Club and the Lowell Lodge of Elks. He was also an associate member of the Dom Polski Club.

Bob enjoyed watching sports, especially the Boston sports teams.

He leaves two sons and a daughter-in-law, Brian R. and Vallery (Schofield) Miller of Dracut and Mark S. Miller of Salem, NH; two grandchildren, Matthew B. and Kelsie R. Miller of Dracut; a sister-in-law, Priscilla Barry of Lowell; a nephew, Richard A. Barry III and his wife Danielle of Pepperell; grandnieces and a grandnephew, Paige K., Trevor J. and Riley A. Barry, all of Pepperell.

He was also the husband of the late Stacia (Klatka) Miller, who passed in 1963, and brother-in-law of the late Richard A. Barry, Jr., Kyle (McKenna) Barry and Rosemary Carr.

Funeral Mass was celebrated by Rev. Andrzej Tenus, pastor of St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church and burial was at St. Patrick's cemetery on October 11.

May They Rest in Peace

## 24th Annual PNCC General Synod Held in Erie, PA Sept. 29 - Oct. 3

160 Delegates attended to hear Prime Bishop Mikovsky give a PNCC Report. Diocesan Bishop Reports were rendered. All Commission Reports of the PNCC and the National Standard Societies and Organizations Reports were received. Clergy Pension was set at minimum of \$600 per month. A Creative Annuity program is being developed for Clergy.

Clergy who join PNCC will get a year credit for each year of prior service in Roman Catholic or Anglican Church.

God's Field will be online monthly at no charge. First class mail delivery will be \$35 per year. Dues to National Church will be increased to \$100 per member beginning Jan. 2015.

Breakout groups of Clergy and Laity developed the following directions for the PNCC:

1. Growth and Membership
2. Increased Spirituality
3. Lifelong learning
4. Sacred Vocations

### 5. Community Involvement and presence

These five Themes will be developed by an Ad Hoc Committee of the Supreme Council. An action plan will be prepared and sent to each parish in the beginning of 2015.

Minutes very technical and very involved. This is a brief overview of a long week of meetings.

*By JoAnn Menzia, President, United Women's Societies of Eastern Diocese*

*Calling the Youth, Clergy and interested adults of the Eastern Diocese*

**Convo 2016 Organizational Meeting**  
**Saturday – November 15, 2014 – 11 am**  
**Blessed Trinity Parish - Fall River, Massachusetts**

*Come help us as we begin to plan the 2016 National Youth Convocation to be hosted by the Eastern Diocese in the Summer of 2016. For additional information please email our diocesan Youth Chaplain:*

**RobNem21@aol.com**

### 10th Annual Harvest Dinner Talent Show

On Sunday, November 2, St Casimir's Parish Center once again was filled with parishioners and guests attending our youth group's annual event. Dinner was served at Noon followed by members of the youth group presenting a series of musical selections to the delight of the audience. Karina Tenus assisted



the singers on stage. Joseph Quirbach at the drums and Diane Quirbach, the group's senior adviser accompanied on the accordion.



The event was attended by Bishop Paul and his wife Karen. Bishop closed the event by praising the talents and accomplishments of the group.

### Calendar Of Activities 2014

COFFEE HOUR EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING MASS

- November 23 Cookie Bake Sale—Parish Center
- December 6 Annual Homecoming Dinner—Parish Center
- December 13 Food Pantry Christmas Party—Parish Center
- December 14 Parish meeting and Election of Officers-2015
- December 24/25 Christmas Masses at 10 pm [Eve] and 10 am [Day]
- January 4, 2015 Installation of officers/Brunch

For more information Call 978-453-0742

### Don't Miss Homecoming Dinner -Dec. 6

Join us Friend on Saturday, December 6, and enjoy a delicious holiday meal featuring our popular pierogi appetizers; and a few traditional Polish customs, like sharing oplatki with friends both old and new.

With plenty of time to socialize, the program includes musical entertainment by the parish youth group and a Christmas carol sing along in English and in Polish, will definitely put you in the Christmas spirit.

This event is St. Casimir's most successful social event of the year and is usually sold out. Ticket prices, although not set at press time, are generally less than \$10 for adults, much less for children under 12, and no charge for children under two.

Call 978-453-0742 today to reserve your seats.

### Food Fest Fotos



When do I get to Eat?



Buy one item then go pick out two free gifts.



After we get our pierogi, don't forget the dessert and kapusta!



I've got the perfect spot to put this wreath.



That was the best lunch we had all day!

Become an Active Member of our  
**St. Casimir's PNCC**  
**Election of Officers and Parish  
 Committee**  
**for the year 2015**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
**POSITIONS ARE OPEN AND AVAILABLE TO  
 ALL QUALIFIED PARISHIONERS**

## Polish Culture Classes on Hold

Fr. Andrzej's class offering to teach the Polish language has evolved into a series of discussions about the lifestyles and customs of the Polish people.

The small group of faithful attendees of the hour-long (6-7 pm) Thursday evening sessions, while attempting to cope with the difficulties of learning a foreign language have found real enjoyment in learning how the words and phrases are used in the day to day lives of the Polish people as described by Fr. Tenus.

Due to the onset of an early darkness and the anticipation of inclement weather, the sessions have been suspended until spring.

## Don't Miss an Issue of Dzień dobry...

**ADDRESS CHANGE**—Be sure to notify us if you have changed or anticipate a change in your mailing address.

**SHARE WITH A FRIEND**—Send us the name and address of any of your friends who would like to receive a copy of our newsletter.

**TALK TO US**—Let us know what you would like to see in our newsletter or any comments on how it can be improved.

*We would love to hear from you...!*

**Dear Friends,**  
**This Christmas Why Not Give the Gift**  
**that will keep on giving for Many Years to Come!**

## "A Taste of Heaven"

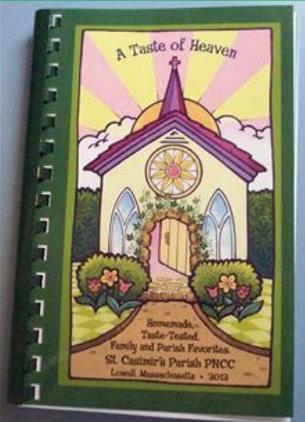
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## Here is some REALLY EXCITING NEWS!

We can finally get our message across to the  
 Younger Generation...

**FACEBOOK HERE WE COME....**

<https://www.facebook.com/stcasimirchurch>

If you're on Facebook, be sure to click the Like button on  
 our Facebook page!

## St. Casimir's Parish Debuts on Facebook



After more than 100 years of relative seclusion, St. Casimir's parish has joined with society's millions who have adopted Facebook as the preferred online social networking method of communication.

Thanks to the efforts of parishioner Karen Breault, our parish now has a presence on Facebook with all of the communications benefits that are enjoyed by hundreds of millions of subscribers throughout the world.

Now, Karen is seeking assistance from anyone who may be interested in helping to monitor and maintain the site to provide

## Everybody's Favorite Polish Food



**Pierogi \$11 doz.**



**Golabki \$18 doz.**

**On Sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center**  
**Every Sunday after Mass — 11:00 AM until Noon**