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St. Casimir's Parish, Polish National Catholic Church
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2015: A YEAR OF REGENERATION

Major Effort Launched to Increase Membership in St. Casimir's and PNCC

In compliance with the Phase I—Action Plan for Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC) Parishes in 2015: A Year of Regeneration, as established by the Future Direction Supreme Council Subcommittee: Based on the 2014 General Synod, St. Casimir's has formed a Growth Committee charged with implementing the first of five themes that were developed at the 2014 Synod, namely:

- I. Growth and Membership
- II. Increase Spirituality
- III. Lifelong Learning
- IV. Sacred Vocations
- V. Community Involvement

Recently, St. Casimir's executed the first step in a plan to stimulate growth and membership in its parish by mailing a brochure with an invitation to "Come, Worship With Us" to more than 100 individuals. The brochure includes a brief description of the features and benefits available as a member of St. Casimir's Parish and the PNCC.

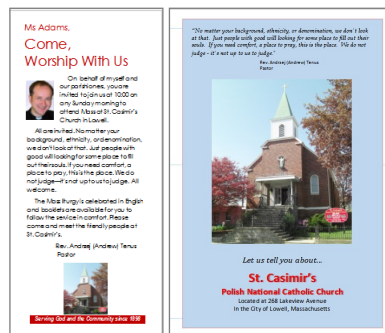
The message in the brochure was the basis for the creation of a Welcome Booklet that answers some of the questions that might be asked by someone interested in knowing more about our church and the PNCC as an organization.

We recognize that our church is not only a place of worship, but also a place to develop wholesome social relationships. To that end, starting on Sunday, August 2, a pair of parishioners will be stationed at the church entrance to provide a personal welcome and assistance to everyone who comes to Sunday Mass.

Other plans to stimulate interest in our church include changes to our web site, expansion of our newsletter and possibly an upgrade to our shut-in service that provides a live video presentation of the Mass over the internet who are unable to attend; perhaps adding videos of parish functions and activities.

The Action Plan also suggests the acquisition and distribution of promotional items to advertise the parish and its invitation to worship.

St. Casimir's is already quite active in the area of Community Involvement and the leaders and members of the various parish organizations, including the youth group, have agreed to increase efforts to assist groups such as St. Paul's Soup Kitchen, Centralville Neighborhood Action Committee, Operation Christmas Child and other charitable programs.



Brochure and Welcome booklet

Changes at St. Casimir's Parish



Dear Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka,

This year, 2015, has been designated by the PNCC as the "Year of Regeneration" with the ultimate goal of making the PNCC and its member parishes a more important part of the communities that we serve.

One of the many parts of the program includes a concerted effort by each parish to increase its membership. At St. Casimir's we have initiated a plan to do just that. It begins with an invitation from me:

Come, Worship With Us on Sunday

On behalf of myself and our parishioners, you are invited to join us at 10:00 on any Sunday morning to attend Mass at our church.

All are invited. No matter your background, ethnicity, or denomination, we don't look at that. Just people with good will looking for some place to fill out their souls. If you need comfort, a place to pray, this is the place. We do not judge—it's not up to us to judge. All are welcome.

The Mass liturgy is celebrated in English and booklets are available for you to follow the service in comfort. Please come and worship along side the friendly people of St. Casimir's.

This invitation was printed in a brochure and mailed to many of the subscribers to our newsletter, perhaps you received a copy, Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka.

Starting Sunday, August 2, St. Casimir's will begin a Greeter program to welcome any and all who attend our Sunday Mass service. We hope that you, Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka, will be among them.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

You are Invited, Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka...

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

Be Our Guest...Please join us.

St. Casimir's Parish PNCC

Sunday Mass 10:00 A.M. Daily Mass 9:00 A.M.

Contact us via email at: st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com

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In Memoriam

Charles (Chuck) A. Wojcik, 86, born in Wakefield, MA, died June 4, 2015. In 1934 he moved with his parents, Stanley and Josephine, to Lowell, MA, where Chuck graduated from Lowell High School. He played baseball and ran track. His team tied for the NE Scholastic Championship, where he won the 600-yard dash and participated in the relay. He attended Lowell Textile Institute for one year then transferred to Michigan State University, earning a B.S. in chemistry. While at MSU, he was in R.O.T. C. and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the US Army Reserve upon graduation.



Chuck began work for E.I. du Pont de Nemours in Jan. 1952. In April he was activated and served 2 years during the Korean Conflict. His assignment took him to Mt. Washington, NH, and Yuma, AZ, to test military gear in extreme weather. Upon discharge, Chuck resumed his career with the DuPont Explosives Department. During his 41 years with DuPont he was involved in production, sales, and the startup of several chemical plants in the Midwest and Southern United States. His last transfer was to Jackson Laboratory, NJ. He retired Oct. 31, 1993.

Chuck is survived by his wife of 56 years, Phyllis, his 3 sons, Martin (Colleen), Michael (Andrea), Russell (Susan), and 6 grandchildren: Andrea, Mikaela, Blake, Denae, Sarah, and Matthew. He was very proud of his family and their accomplishments.

Chuck was a man of strong character and integrity demonstrated by his love of family, friends, neighbors, and others. He made the world a better place with his humor and kindness. His memory will be cherished as he has passed to be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Chuck will be interred in Lowell, MA, with a service at St. Casimir's Church. A celebration of Chuck's life was held on June 20 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware.

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Ambitious Program Planned by Members of St. Casimir's Growth Committee

After only a few short months, the newly formed Growth Committee has already started to execute its plan to promote St. Casimir's Parish by inviting people to "Come Worship with Us On Sunday." A brochure using that phrase as a theme was mailed to approximately 130 individuals in the greater Lowell area. At the present time there is no method by which to determine the results of that mailing; unofficial observations have indicated three or four visitors may have come.

Beginning on Sunday, August 2, everyone who enters the church will be welcomed by two greeters and given a copy of the weekly bulletin, a song sheet and a welcome booklet.

Other actions being considered by the committee include visual improvements to our newsletter, website, and other promotional material; improvements to our internet Mass for shut-ins, and access to video programs of parish functions and events are also being planned.



A Warm Welcome for Special Visitors

On Sunday, July 28, St. Casimir's parish family hosted a special event in the parish center to officially welcome Bohdan and Krstyna Tenus, the parents of our pastor, Rev. Andrzej Tenus, who are visiting from Poland.



L. to R.: Bohdan and Krstyna Tenus, from Poland, visiting their son Fr. Andrzej, and his wife, Agnieszka.



A letter of welcome, written in Polish, is read to the guests of honor by Christine Piec while ANS president JoAnn Menzia looks on.

Following their son's celebration of Mass, the visitors were escorted to the Parish Center to be the guests at a brunch served in their honor to welcome them to the United States.

Hi Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka,

Do you have a special memory about St. Casimir's Church you'd like to share? Perhaps a wedding, a baptism, or special memory at a church event?

Why not post your memory to our Facebook page along with any photos you want to share!?

And you can also enjoy reading about the special memories of your other friends and parishioners!

If you haven't done so already, just go to

www.facebook.com/stcasimirschurch

and click on the **Like** button to receive Facebook notifications of postings to St. Casimir's Church Facebook page!



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Memorial Day Tribute to Veterans

A beautiful day dawned on Monday, May 25 as parishioners and friends of St. Casimir's joined together at our parish cemetery in Pelham, NH, to remember those who have gone before us, particularly the men and women of our Armed Forces who have given their lives in defense of our country.



Father Andrzej Tenus, pastor, began the ceremonies with a prayer and introduced Robert Jaracz, member of St. Casimir's and Commander of the Lowell Polish American Veterans. The Polish and American national anthems were sung by Janice Klimczak after which there was a volley of gun fire by members of the PAV firing squad, followed by the sound of Taps in the distance.



Father Tenus began Mass assisted by School of Christian Living children, Karina Tenus, Jonasz Tenus and Christopher Tenus and Emma Ford-Hunt who sang "Thank you, Soldier" and Joey Grieve sang "Jesus, My Lord and Savior" and "Proud to be an American".

At the conclusion of Mass, Commander Jaracz called all veterans in the audience to come forward to give their name, rank, branch and place of service and be recognized.



Among the Veterans in attendance, l. to r. Robert Page, David Breault, John White, Thomas McNiff, Robert Ferus. Several others not shown.

Following completion of the ceremonies a hot dog lunch was served to everyone by members of our ANS society.

Always a Fun Day at Canobie Lake



Foreground l-r: Karina Tenus, with friends Gisele and Brianna. Background l-r: Jonah Tenus, Joseph Quirbach.

Background left to right: Tenus family: Bohdan, Fr. Andrzej, Krystyna and Agnieszka Tenus; Phyllis Hunt. Children in foreground left to right: Amelia Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt, Marysha, cousin visiting from Poland, Christopher Tenus.



Emma Ford-Hunt rides a black stallion assisted by Beverly Runowicz, Sunday school teacher.

Amelia Tenus prefers one with antlers.

Emma Ford-Hunt and Amelia Tenus share a rocket ride.

Scholarship Applications due Aug. 1

August 1 has been designated as the due date for submission of applications for St. Casimir's Annual Scholarship Awards Program. The awards are available to parishioners who qualify and submit their applications by the due date. Applications are available throughout the year from the pastor.

This year's awards will be presented at the Blueberry Pancake breakfast on August 9 which is being held to raise funds to support the scholarship program.



Everybody's Favorite Polish Food

On Sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center

270 Lakeview Avenue—Lowell, MA

Every Sunday After Mass—11:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon



Lovingly prepared by the Parishioners of St. Casimir's Parish to generate income for the exclusive use of St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church of Lowell, Massachusetts For consumption by the purchaser—Resale is Prohibited

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Watch for our progress in the coming months!



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St. Casimir's Parish POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

Throughout the year: Coffee hour following Mass.

Also throughout the year, Youth of the parish will receive useful items (school supplies, toiletries, games) for Operation Christmas Child, then fill and prepare shoe boxes as gifts and arrange shipment and distribution to children who are less fortunate.

August 7- Spinners Night Out
August 9-Blueberry Pancake Breakfast
August 16-ANS Social
September 12-Chicken Barbecue
October 3-Blessing of pets
October 24-Polish Food Fest, 10 am-3 pm
November-Hat and Mitten drive
November 1-All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery
November 8-Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show
November 15-Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations
December 5-Homecoming
December 19-Holiday Food Sale 10 am-3 pm
December 20-Parish elections and parish committee meeting
December 24/25 Christmas (Masses at 10 pm [Eve] and 10 am.
January 3, 2016-Installation of officers/Brunch

Watch for changes and announcements in upcoming issues of Dzień Dobry or call 978-453-0742 for more information.



A Lowell Spinners baseball game and Pot Luck Barbeque is planned for Friday August 7th. Barbeque at the Church grounds begins at 5:00 PM followed by the Spinners game at 7:05 PM.

There is a Fire Works display following the game along with the 3rd annual Daddy/Daughter Princess Night at LeLachur Park.

Only 35 tickets are available for this event at no charge on a first come basis. Sign up sheets are located at the back of the church for tickets and items you wish to contribute to the barbeque.

BLUEBERRY PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY, AUG 9.



**\$8 ADULTS,
\$4 CHILDREN
(LITTLE ONES FREE)**

**ST. CASIMIR'S
PARISH CENTER,
9 AM TO 12 NOON.**

Vocations Theme at Cathedral of the Pines

St. Casimir's Parish was once again well represented at the Annual service at the Cathedral of the Pines, Rindge, NH on Sunday, July 12, 2015. (Photos provided by Eugene Kulas)



The Mass was moved to the Hilltop House Museum to avoid the severe Heat of the day.

The theme was Sacred Vocations in God and Country. Mass was celebrated by diocesan bishop the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, assisted by the priests of the Eastern Diocese including St. Casimir's pastor, Father Andrew Tenus. Also present were Father Seniors Joseph Soltysiak (homilist) and Fryderyk Banas, Fathers Robert Koerber, Randy Calvo, Pawel Lukaszewicz.

For the first time in many years, due to the very high temperatures of the day and the damage to the pine trees

that once shaded the area, the Mass was moved to the Hilltop House Museum nearby which, although not air-conditioned, provided some relief to the participants.

Lectors were JoAnn Menzia and Phyllis Hunt. Represented in the choir were Marilyn Folcik and Janice Klimczak. Soloist was Joey Grieve. All from St. Casimir's Parish.

Also representing St. Casimir's were Jim & Cheryl Grieve, Agnes and Amelia Tenus, Bohdan & Krystyna Tenus and Marysia Banasiak.



St. Casimir's visitors from Poland attend Annual Cathedral of the Pines Mass in Rindge NH.

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St. Casimir's Growth Committee Seeks Donations

As reported in this newsletter, Mr. & Mrs. Czerlonka, St. Casimir's parish has formed a special growth committee assigned the very difficult task of increasing our church membership, and promoting the Polish National Catholic Church as a desirable organization. This task is not taken lightly and the members are committed to it.

To implement the plans that are being considered, a budget goal of \$5000-\$7500 has been estimated. To establish a budget, the committee is requesting donations from various sources. A donation from any business, individual, social or civic organization to the Growth Committee at St. Casimir's church would help us toward our budget goal. Help us to help others at St. Casimir's!



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