

# GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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**St. Casimir's Parish, Polish National Catholic Church**  
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## Easter Sunday 2018

Easter Sunday dawned bright and early on April 1. Lent was over and it was time to rejoice in our Risen Savior.



The day began with our beautiful procession. The processional cross was borne by Joseph Quirbach; the cross of wood by David Jopson; the statue of the resurrected Christ by Robert Hunt; the paschal candle by Stanley Kosidlo;

the American flag by Robert Quirbach; the Polish flag by Dan Ford; the church flag by Paul Starenas; the English missal by Justin Bigelow; the Polish missal by James Bigelow; the Old Polish missal by Thomas McNiff; and the newly renovated cross by Ian Ford-Hunt. The ANS members under the direction of JoAnn Menzia, president, followed. Next in line came the children strewing flower petals, then altar servers and Father Tenuš bearing the Blessed Sacrament.

After the procession, Mass began with the choir offering appropriate hymns. Children who participated in the procession also sang "We Have A King" as the concluding hymn accompanied by Father



Tenuš on guitar. These children included Heath Pelletier, Vesuvio Gauthier, Preston Guida, Nevaeh Guida, Emma Ford-Hunt, Ian Ford Hunt, Karina Tenuš, Jonah Tenuš, Christopher Tenuš and Amelia Tenuš.

## St. Casimir's Support of Bachand Hall

During the Lenten season St. Casimir's ANS and parishioners collected boxes full of toiletries for the residents of Bachand Hall, a residence for young women who have aged out of Foster Care. At Bachand Hall they have a safe place to reside as they pursue education or begin their working careers. The program is run by the Sisters of Charity and is administered by the dedicated Sister Cecile. Sister Cecile was very appreciative of our donation saying, "You went above and beyond in generosity."



## Message from Father Andrew

Here at St. Casimir's we firmly believe, that every day is a GOOD DAY when it is filled with wholesome activity that is shared with friends and loved ones. As in past years, we have prepared a summer full of such activity.



Beginning with the Strawberry Pancake Breakfast on Sunday June 10 to benefit the parish scholarship that provides financial assistance to all applicants who qualify, followed by Father's Day the following Sunday. A few days later the youth group will enjoy their annual trip to Canobie Lake Park.

This year's Cathedral of the Pines service will be held on July 8.

You don't want to miss the Blueberry Pancake Breakfast to support the Scholarship Fund on August 19th.

A Youth Retreat is being held this year from August 19-23. This event, sponsored each year by the Eastern Diocese for 8-17 year old's, is becoming a favorite summer event to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Well, that will take us through the summer and in September we begin the new fall season.

As you can see, there is plenty to do here at St. Casimir's to enjoy each other's company as we continue on with this wonderful life that God has given to us.

We look forward to seeing you and may God Bless You!

*Rev. Andrzej Tenuš*

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### Strawberry Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday June 10 a wonderful strawberry pancake breakfast was held to benefit St. Casimir's scholarship fund. Attendees enjoyed the tasty breakfast, which consisted of pancakes, syrup, strawberry sauce, bacon, sausage, muffins, scones, coffee and juice, as well as the fellowship of parishioners and friends. The kitchen crew was ably headed up by Pat



Whiting with Linda Hedrick, Irene Jaracz, Jean Doda all helping out. Tom McNiff and Robert Hunt pitched in on the griddle. A Raffle was held and some lovely plants, an herb garden and wine were raffled off. Winners of the raffle were: Karen Cosgrove, Agnes Tenus (2) and Deb



Carleen.



commitment.

All monies raised benefited the Scholarship Fund. Last year four scholarships were given out to parish youth. Each was in the amount of \$2000. St. Casimir's believes the future of the PNCC is the youth and shows its



### Jonah Tenus Wins Essay Contest and Trip to Yellowstone National Park

Jonah Tenus, son of Fr. Andrew and Agnes Tenus, and nineteen other Robinson Middle School seventh-grade students were winners in an essay contest to win a trip to Yellowstone National Park. The students were selected based on essays they wrote expressing the positive impact such a trip would have on their lives.



During their five-day adventure, the students created their own legends, hiked beautiful trails, got up close and personal with geysers, saw all sorts of wildlife and played games. The group also received history lessons on Yellowstone, geology and ecology. For many students on the trip, April 25-30, seeing vast mountains, deep canyons and endless skies made the city of Lowell feel just a little bit smaller. "Even though you could book a flight to Salt Lake City and go to Yellowstone, I don't think anyone can experience what we did," Jonah Tenus said.

### Jonah Tenus Wins Essay Contest and Trip to Yellowstone National Park—Continued

For the past three years, this Expedition Yellowstone trip has become the opportunity of a lifetime for Robinson Middle School students thanks to Shalin Liu. Through Liu's foundation, Summer Star Foundation for Nature, Art & Humanity, based in the Greater Boston area, she generously donates \$43,000 annually to make the trip a reality. Liu, who lives in Cambridge, used to work in Lowell and felt it was important to offer this experience to students in the city.

### Parish Hall Kitchen Renovation Completed

The Parish Hall Kitchen went through a major upgrade this spring replacing the sinks, ovens, stoves, ventilation, plumbing, electrical, flooring, and fire suppression systems.

The kitchen, though still functional before the upgrade, was showing its age. The Parish Hall, including the kitchen, was originally built in 1967. Other than minor upgrades in the 1990's, the kitchen was pretty much original. The main stove/oven was in frequent need of repair and the ventilation and fire suppression systems were outdated.



The entire renovation project was organized and coordinated by Robert Hunt utilizing both local contractors and parish volunteers. New equipment was selected and procured that better matched the current and future uses of the kitchen. Bob coordinated all the activities and worked with city officials to obtain all the necessary permitting.

After the construction was completed, a parish work crew under the leadership of Agnes Tenus, cleaned and organized the kitchen and now St. Casimir's newly renovated facility is ready to function.

The new upgrades bring everything up to current codes and provide improved efficiency and utilization for current and future use for parish functions and food sales well into the future.





## 2018 Graduates



**Ian Ford-Hunt**—graduated in June from Lowell High School. At LHS, Ian was an Honors Student, a Captain of the Boys Soccer team, a 3-time Lowell Sun All-Star and 2-time All-Conference player on the LHS Boys Soccer Team. Ian will be attending the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in North Adams, MA in the Fall

and will be studying Marketing. He is also planning on playing Soccer at MCLA. Ian is the son of Dan and Johanna Ford-Hunt, the grandson of Bob and Phyllis Hunt, and the great grandson of Josie Wrobel.



**James Kosidlo**—graduated in May from UMass Dartmouth with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing. Jimmy first got his Associate Degree at Middlesex Community College in Lowell, majoring in Business, and then transferred to

UMASS in 2016. He is now interviewing and excited to begin his career in Business. Jimmy is the son of Stan & Linda Kosidlo and the grandson of Sophie Kosidlo.



**Rachel Quirbach**— graduated in May from Arizona State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Therapy and a Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Rachel was the recipient of the Outstanding Research Award from the Barrett Honors College for her honors

thesis project "Building Hope Through Music", through which she created and conducted a music therapy informed program at a prison in Phoenix in order to use music therapy as a tool to help the ex-offenders with their recovery and community reentry. Rachel also received the Moeur Award for earning a 4.00 grade point average every semester for her four years at ASU. Rachel is now in the process of attaining her music therapy board certification by doing her clinical internship at Florida State Hospital, where she will be conducting music therapy individual and group sessions with forensic and civil patients with psychiatric disorders. Rachel is the daughter of Robert and Diane Quirbach.

## Fr. Andrew &amp; Agnes become US citizens



On June 6, 2018 Father Andrew and his wife Agnes became citizens of the U.S.A. They were among 995 candidates from forty-seven countries who, through intent, study, and diligence, passed rigorous tests and interviews to

achieve their goal of U. S. Citizenship.

A representative from the League of Women Voters spoke about the privilege and importance of voting to provide the "voice" that shapes our government. She encouraged all to register to vote and provided guidance in that process. She inspired by sharing her story of acquiring citizenship.

After the candidates surrendered their Green Cards, Judge Feeney presided over the formal court proceedings of naturalization. She connected with candidates by sharing her family's immigration experience and their generational realization of the American Dream. Judge Feeney then conducted the Oath of Allegiance with the candidates and pronounced them U.S. citizens.

Pride filled the auditorium. Family, friends, and new citizens were exuberant with smiles, hugs and much picture taking to commemorate this important day.

Congratulations Father Andrew and Agnes!

## First Communion

On Sunday June 3 Emma Ford-Hunt received Jesus into her heart for the first time. Father Andrew Tenus celebrated Mass and preached a sermon about the Sacred Body and Blood of Jesus. The choir sang several beautiful songs and there was even a custom-tailored song, "Jesus loves Emma" sung to the tune of "Jesus Loves Kristi". Emma's brother, Ian and her grandmother, Phyllis were lectors during Mass. Emma's parents are Johanna and Dan Ford-Hunt. Her brother Ian was in attendance along with Emma's proud



grandparents, Robert and Phyllis Hunt. Also present was Emma's great grandmother, Josie Wrobel, and many members of Emma's extended family.



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**Memorial Day 2018**

On Saturday, May 26, children and adults, under the direction of Polish American Veterans commander Bob Jaracz placed flags on the graves of veterans buried at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH.

On Memorial Day, May 28, although we were rained out at our cemetery for the third year in a row, a beautiful Mass was celebrated in St. Casimir's Church. Before Mass, Commander Robert Jaracz of the Polish American Veterans of Lowell led us in a service of remembrance. Janice Klimczak sang the Polish and American anthems. The honor guard offered volley and taps was played by Joseph Grieve.



Veterans who were present were introduced by the commander: William Koczera (Army), Robert Ferus (Air Force), Thomas Stupackiewicz (Army), Al Janeczko (Navy), and Robert Jaracz (Air Force). Father Andrzej Tenus, PAV Chaplain, then began the Mass. Readers were Irene Jaracz and JoAnn Menzia. Father Tenus preached a beautiful sermon. Appropriate songs were sung by the choir and by Joseph Grieve who sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow" and "Ballad of the Green Beret". Following Mass all retired to the parish center for lunch provided by the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Society.



Pierogi  
\$12.00 dozen  
\$6.00 1/2 doz.

Golabki  
\$22.00 dozen  
\$11.00 1/2 doz.

**Everybody's Favorite Polish Food**

On Sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center  
270 Lakeview Avenue—Lowell, MA  
Every Sunday After Mass—11:00 am until 12:00 pm



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

**CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES SECOND HALF 2018****Watch bulletins for additions and further information**

Meetings: First Sunday, TOP; Second Sunday, Choir; Third Sunday, Parish Committee; Fourth Sunday, ANS.

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| June 28         | Canobie Lake Park (Youth Group)   |
| July 8          | Cathedral of the Pines, 3 pm  |
| July 23-27      | CONVO Youth meeting, Scranton PA  |
| August 19       | Blueberry Pancake Breakfast   |
| August 19-23    | Camp Howe Youth Retreat—theme is "Bring a Friend to Church Camp"                    |
| August 26       | Youth Sunday  |
| August 26       | ANS Summer Social to go see "Mama Mia" at Northshore Theater                        |
| September 9     | Solemnity of Brotherly Love   |
| October         | Recitation of the Rosary, Wednesdays  |
| October 6       | Blessing of pets  |
| October 7       | Pastor Appreciation Day   |
| October 14      | Solemnity of the Christian Family   |
| Oct 14-Nov 18   | Hat/mitten drive for Lowell Public Schools  |
| October 20      | Polish Food Fest, 10 am-3 pm  |
| October 28      | All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery  |
| November 4      | Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show  |
| November 11     | Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations<br>Veterans Remembrance in church |
| December        | Christmas mailing to sick/shut-ins (ANS);<br>Giving Tree                            |
| December 1      | Homecoming, 5 pm  |
| December 8      | Food Pantry Christmas Party (parish center)   |
| December 16     | Parish elections and parish committee meeting                                       |
| December 23     | Prepare Church for Christmas  |
| Dec 24/25       | Christmas (Masses at 10 pm [Eve]<br>10 am [Day])                                    |
| January 6, 2019 | Installation of officers  |



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

*...Please join us.*