

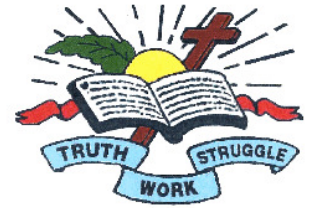


Saint Casimir's Parish Polish National Catholic Church

268 Lakeview Avenue - Lowell, MA 01850

SUNDAY MASS: 10:00 A.M. -- DAILY 9:00 A.M.

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NEWSLETTER

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He is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen!

As is the tradition each year on Easter Sunday, the Mass of the Resurrection was preceded by a Procession around the church to display and venerate the Holy Eucharist. Father Tenus carried the Eucharist through the aisles of the church pausing several times to chant a prayer of joy for the Holy Resurrection.



Relics, flags, and candles carried by parish officers, committee and group members, and children completed the procession line.

Following the close of Mass, the Youth Choir sang "He is Risen" to the delight of the congregation in attendance.



A New Beginning...

Dear Friend,

Christ has Risen! And following the celebration of His Resurrection we begin to celebrate the renewal of life that abounds with the coming of each spring and summer. What a beautiful time of year!

At St. Casimir's parish, the first event of the new season takes place at our cemetery grounds in Pelham, NH with a Memorial Day Mass at 10 am on May 30. Perhaps Dear Friend, you would like to join us in remembering some of your loved ones who rest in eternal peace.

On June 12th, perhaps you would like to join us at a pancake breakfast (complete with strawberries) in the parish center; or maybe you would like to celebrate Father's Day the following Sunday, June 19th.

On a lighter note, Dear Friend, why not make plans to join us at the hall on August 5th for a pot luck supper and a seat at the Lowell Spinner's baseball game...all for free and a good time is guaranteed. Or you could eat your fill at a spaghetti supper on August 13th sponsored by our scholarship committee.

Well, Dear Friend, you can see we have planned a busy season of activity to be shared with our parishioners and friends. I look forward to sharing it with you.



Rev. Andrzej Tenus

Parish Activities

NOTE: The following activities span the period of May 30 through August. Activities planned for the entire year can be found at our web site: <http://www.stcasimirspncc.com> Click on Calendar 2011.

Coffee hour takes place every Sunday morning following Mass at the parish center. Join us for some goodies and conversation with friends and parishioners.

May 30 - Memorial Day Mass 10 a.m. at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH followed by a hot dog lunch provided by ANS.

June 4 - Diocesan Council meeting, Central Seniorate

June 12 - Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)

June 19 - Father's Day/First Communion

July 10 - Cathedral of the Pines, 3:30 pm

July 28 - Canobie Lake (Youth Group)

August 5 - Spinners Night Out

August 7 - Scholarship Committee meeting

August 13 - Spaghetti Supper and scholarship awards (Scholarship Committee)

August 21-25 - Camp Howe Youth Retreat

Dear Friend,, if you would like transportation to any or all of these events or to attend Mass at 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning, call the rectory, 978-453-0742. We will do our best to get you here and return you back to your home.

Olga V. Maslanka



Miss Olga V. Maslanka, a resident of Lowell, died in Lowell, May 6, 2011, one day short of her 85th birthday, after a brief illness. Born in Lowell, May 7, 1926, she was the daughter of the late Jan and Victoria (Koza) Maslanka. She received her early education in the Lowell School System and was a graduate of Lowell High School with the Class of 1944.

Olga became affiliated with Synthetic Yarns of Lowell as a receptionist and switchboard operator and later, at Joan Fabrics. She ended her career at Freudenberg Wovens, retiring in 1991.

Miss Maslanka was an active member of Saint Casimir Church, having sung in the Frederick Chopin Choir for many years. She loved the theater and had a passion for fashion.

She is survived by a niece, Victoria Dziegiel and her husband Walter of Dracut. Also by several great nieces and great nephews.

Prayers Requested For Former Marine

A special request has been made by Dawn Jopson for prayers on behalf of her grandson Brian A.C. Jopson II, a U.S. Marine Veteran who has been diagnosed with a serious illness by the physicians at the Dana-Farber Medical Center in Boston.



Brian, 22, is the son of Brian A.C. Jopson I of Tyngsboro, MA. He graduated from Dracut High School in 2007 and promptly enlisted in the Marine Corps. He served at various stations in the United States. Upon discovery of his illness, Brian was discharged and currently resides in Tyngsboro.

Please pray for members of our Armed Forces, for World Peace, especially for: Commander David Bogdan, CDR Andrew Gorzela, Col. Roy Bousquet, Lance Cpl. David Miller, Sgt. Keith Dobson, PFC Brian Dobson, 2nd Lt. John Parlee, M/Sgt. Gerald Davis, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Courtemanche, E-5 James Fergusson (US Navy), Edward Sawtelle Jr., PFC Gabriel Rivera (Marine Corps), Christopher Lagos, Todd Anderson, AC3 Stephanie P. Breault; PO-2 James F. Razza (US Navy).

Who Is Serving Our Country?

If you would like us to publish a picture of your loved one serving in the military, send a photo to us along with a name, rank and service. Include a few additional details if you wish. Also include a name and address so we can return it.

Or, if you prefer, email an attachment to us at: St.Casimir@stcasimirspncc.com

Photos will be published as newsletter or web site space is available. Watch for yours in future issues.



AC3 Stephanie P. Breault, USN

Parish Cemetery News

A special Memorial Day Mass will be held on Monday, May 30th at 10 a.m. at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH. Mass will be followed by a hot dog lunch provided by the ladies of the ANS. A donation of \$3.00 will be accepted to offset the cost of the food.

A CompostTumbler has been acquired for the parish which will generate 22 cubic feet of compost every 14 days. This will help the parish deal with grass clippings, leaves and other organic material that

is accumulating in the ever growing waste pile at back of the cemetery. The compost will be offered free of charge all spring, summer and fall to St. Casimir's parishioners.



Plans are being formulated to put some of the very fertile unused cemetery space to good use by creating a community garden area where parishioners could plant and grow vegetables or flowers during the summer months. Some funds would be needed for timbers to provide raised beds and fencing. Committee co-chairman, Bob Hunt would like to know if parishioners would participate. If you are interested, call Bob Hunt at 978-458-3066 or the pastor 978-453-0742.

Talent Abounds at St. Casimir's

Rachel Quirbach, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Robert Quirbach captured three first place honors at the 49th Annual ATAM Music Festival, a New England competition which was held April 8-10.



Rachel won first place in all of her categories: Open Accordion Entertainment which includes both classical and popular music with no age limit; Accordion Cup, for ages 13-14 in classical music; and Advanced Pop Accordion for ages 14 and older.

During the week of April 21-28, Rachel joined the Milford NH High School Band in a visit to Paris, France and Barcelona, Spain. In addition to singing with the school chorus, Rachel played the trumpet and piano for their jazz band.

A very active young lady Rachel also serves St. Casimir's Parish as president of its Youth Group.

Holy Thursday Service Well Attended

On Holy Thursday evening, April 21, more than 50 attended the Special Mass commemorating the institution of Holy Eucharist. Later, everyone was invited to the parish center to be served a delicious Lenten meal by the women of St. Casimir's ANS Society. ANS President JoAnn Menzia welcomed the guests and Father Andrew offered a blessing.

The buffet included Minestrone soup, tossed green salad, baked macaroni and cheese, pasta and tomato sauce, baked beans and cornbread, Cous-cous salad, and rolls and butter. Dessert was a choice of marble cake with ice cream, black moons and fruit turnovers. The parish center was nicely decorated with fresh flowers at each table and a good time was had by all.

Cathedral of the Pines Service

A special service will take place at beautiful Cathedral of the Pines on Sunday, July 10th at 3:30 pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Details are available from Father Tenuis at 978-453-0742.

Everybody's Favorites

Pierogi - \$11.00 Dozen Golabki - \$18.00 Dozen

Kapusta - \$6.00 Quart

Available at the Parish Center

Every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. until Noon