



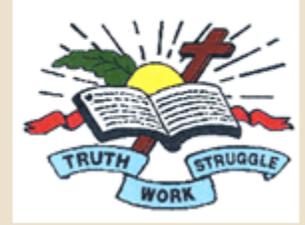
St. Casimir's Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

Sunday Mass: 10:00 AM—Daily Mass: 9:00 AM
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We Hope You Had A Great Summer

Dear Friend,

The days are getting shorter and the temperature is getting colder and another year is coming to a close! Already there are signs of anticipation for the happiest of all seasons...Christmas...the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Here at St. Casimir's we have started to collect items for the Christmas bags for shut-ins and the annual Giving Tree which will help to make someone's holiday more pleasant.

The parish highlight of this season is the Homecoming Dinner that will be held in our parish hall on Saturday, December 3rd. This event is always well attended and gives many friends and former parishioners the opportunity to renew their ties to our church. We would love to see you there please make an effort to attend.

The Election of Officers will be held on the next day, December 4th for those who will serve the parish in 2012. Parish officers will be installed at Mass on January 8th followed by brunch in the Parish Hall.

Of course the traditional Shepherd's Mass will be held at 10 pm on Christmas Eve followed by Mass on Christmas Day at 10 am. Please attend one of these celebrations.

Thank you for your encouragement and support of this newsletter in 2011. Send us your comments and we will do our best to improve upon it in 2012.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!
God Bless You!

Rev. Andrzej Tenus



Our New Bishop



Outgoing Bishop Thomas J. Gnat, left, retiring head of the PNCC Eastern Diocese poses with his successor, Bishop Paul Sobiechowski following Consecration ceremony held on October 18th at St. Stanislaus Cathedral in Scranton, PA. Bishop Sobiechowski will reside at the Eastern Diocese headquarters facilities located in Manchester, NH.

Parish Activities

Blessing of the Animals

On Saturday, October 1, St. Casimir's conducted its first ever Blessing of Animals in the undercroft of the church. Father Tenus performed the service which commemorates the good works of St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals. Three dogs and three cats were



present with their owners shown above. The pets were blessed and given treat bags to take home along with St. Francis medals which were donated by Charlotte Stankiewicz. It is hoped word will spread so even more pets will attend next year's service.

A Wonderful Way to Celebrate the Christmas Season! Come to our

Homecoming Dinner
Saturday, December 3rd

Serving from 5 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Share the Oplatki and the Spirit with Good Friends, Old and New!

For Tickets: Call Janice Klimczak 978-452-9646

Adults: \$8 – Under 12: \$3 – Under 2: Free

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

On Sunday, October 9th St. Casimir's Ladies Society, ANS, hosted a Pastor Appreciation reception for Father Tenuus. The Reception was held at the Parish Center where parishioners gathered to thank Father Tenuus for his service to St. Casimir's.

Presentations were made by TOP, the Chopin Choir and ANS. Individuals expressed their appreciation to Father Tenuus for his kindness and patience.

Photos were taken of the pastor and his family and everyone enjoyed the lovely array of baked goods, fruit and coffee prepared by the women of ANS.

Craft Fair/Food Fest

The Annual Craft Fair/Food Fest took place on October 8 and was a success. Many lovely items were on sale as well as Polish foods including pierogi, golabki, nalesniki and chrust.

Ninety Years Young



"I'm really beginning to think I am someone special" remarked Isabel Dziura as she prepared to blow out the candles on her 90th birthday cake as a group of well wishers waited to sing a rousing "Happy Birthday".

The celebration was held on October 23rd at the home of her niece Janis W. Sweeney of Dracut.

Isabel's brother, Walter Dziura came from Hingham to join his sister Wanda Hedrick of Dracut in the festivities. Also in attendance were many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews and a group of parishioners from St. Casimir's Parish. "Isia" serves as Treasurer for St. Casimir's Parish.



Stasia C. (Maslanka) Twarog, 96, passed away on September 21, 2011. A lifelong resident of Lowell, she recently resided at The Meadow Lodge at Drum Hill, N Chelmsford and at the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley, No. Billerica. Born in Lowell she was the daughter of Antonia (Zawisza) and Stanislaw Maslanka. She received her education in the Lowell public schools. Before

her retirement she was employed as a Textile Worker in the Lowell Mills and then at Macy's, formerly known as Bon Marche. She was a lifelong member of St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church.

She was the wife of Ervin E. Twarog who predeceased her on February 19, 2010 and with whom she shared 73 years of marriage. Stasia and her husband enjoyed the seacoast, especially the York and Ogunquit beaches. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting.

She is survived by two daughters, Barbara Cappelletti of Fitchburg, Beverly Fountain RN and her husband, Willie M. of Lowell, two grandsons, Carl F. Krystyniak of N. Chelmsford and Gregory E. Krystyniak and his wife Suzette, two great-grandchildren, Kailey C. and Sergei (Jay) E., all of Ruckersville, VA.

A memorial service celebrating both Stasia and Ervin's lives is planned for November. Memorials in her name may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA 01843.



Roland H. Hubert, 91, died peacefully Friday October 28th at the Fairhaven Nursing Home in Lowell. He was the husband of the late Stasia C. (Fronc) Hubert who died on August 6, 1990. Born in Lowell on July 21, 1920, he was the son of late Amedee and Bernadette (Proulx) Hubert. Roland served his country in the Army during WWII before being honorably discharged.

For many years, Roland was employed as a foreman with the City of Lowell Public Works department and he loved to tell stories of painting and fixing all the windows for the schools.

He and his wife Stasia owned and operated a Polish Variety Store in the Centralville section of Lowell for many years. He was a member of the East End Club, The American Legion, Lowell Lodge of Elks, and Club Passe Temps. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife to Florida, Canada and Hawaii. Roland was an active communicant of St. Casimir's Church where he was the caretaker for St. Casimir's Cemetery until illness forced him to retire.

He is the last of 14 children and is survived by many nieces and nephews. His Funeral Mass was at St. Casimir's Church in Lowell followed by burial at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH. As an expression of sympathy those who wish may make donations in Roland's name to the Alzheimer's Research Foundation 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472.

Catherine Laba, 95, died peacefully, Monday October 4th at her home. Born in Lowell on November 4, 1915, Catherine was the daughter of Anna (Drozdowicz) and Franciszek Laba, of Poland. She received her education in the Lowell school system and was a graduate of Lowell High School. She worked as a Clerk at State Division of Unemployment for many years.

She was a member of St. Casimir's Church in Lowell. She was a past secretary of the MK Society and in her spare time enjoyed sewing. She was predeceased by her sister Stella and her brother Edwin Laba. Her family would like to thank Kerry, from Home Health V.N.A and to Catherine's friends Jean Quinn and Denise Bergeron from The Heart Caregivers. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to either the charity of their choice or to St. Casimir's Church.



Francis L. McNamara, husband of JoAnn (Destrempe) McNamara, a Dracut resident, died unexpectedly on Thursday November 10, 2011 at the Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. He was 60. Born in Lowell on January 3, 1951, he was a son of the late Leo and Muriel (Giroux) McNamara.

Frank was employed as a logistics manager at Lowell Shoe Company. He was a communicant of St Casimir's Church, and sang in the choir there.

Surviving him besides his wife are three children, Peter M. McNamara, Kerry A. Keating and her husband Henry, Stephen C. Lesslie all of Dracut; a granddaughter Olivia Keating; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Diane McNamara of Nashua, NH; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jean and Bob West of Milford, NH; and several nieces and nephews. He was the brother of the late Muriel Lamphier.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on November 17th in St. Casimir's Church and burial took place at St. Joseph's Cemetery.