

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
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Election & Installation of 2018 Parish Officers

A brief ceremony was conducted before Mass on January 7th to install the new Parish Officers and Committees for 2018.



Officers and Committee members are as follows:

Pastor: Rev. Andrzej Tenus

Co-Chairmen: Robert Hunt, Dr. Robert Quirbach

Recording secretary: Janice Klimczak

Treasurer: Shirley Garvey

Financial Secretary: Linda Hedrick

Directors: Patricia Whiting, Robert Ferus, Phyllis Hunt, Louise Regan, JoAnn Menzia, Josephine Wrobel, Stanley Kosidlo, Atty. Diane Quirbach, Jean Doda, Johanna Ford-Hunt, Sophie Kosidlo, Pearl Czerlonka, Charlotte Stankiewicz, Thomas McNiff, Carol McNiff, Irene Jaracz, Robert

Page, Anne Marie Page, Christine Piec, Paula Jones, Shirley Kourey, Joseph Czarniecki

Financial Reviewers: Stanley Kosidlo, Robert Page, David Breault

Cemetery Committee:

Robert Hunt, Dr. Robert Quirbach, Robert Ferus, Thomas McNiff, Stanley Kosidlo, Janice Klimczak, Louise Regan, Phyllis Hunt

Delegates to Seniorate meetings-second year of two-year term:

JoAnn Menzia, Phyllis Hunt, Irene Jaracz, Janice Klimczak (alt.)

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Message from Father Andrew

Looking back on 2017, God has really showered His blessings on St. Casimir's Parish; manifested by the tremendous support we received from you, our friends, neighbors and the surrounding community by your participation in our Polish Food Fest. The event was so well attended that, much to our surprise, we ran out of food and had to disappoint several people who came at the last minute. We underestimated, and will certainly try to plan better this year.



Not to be outdone, our Annual Homecoming Dinner hosted a sellout crowd. Fortunately we were able to seat and serve all who attended, and there were no empty tables as the festivities began. What a tremendous feeling throughout the room as those in attendance shared their "oplatki" and exchanged wishes of the season. A truly a gala event! A brief description of the Homecoming is published on page 3.

Our youth and children once again warmed up our hearts performing during the annual Harvest Dinner organized by our Youth Group. That was quite an entertainment!

Our election of officers for the new year was held in December and the installation and brunch was held on January 7. We are delighted that many of our parish committee have been reelected, and our thanks to those new members who have decided to get involved in parish affairs.

Our parish activities schedule appears on page 4. Make plans early to attend your favorite events.

Thank you for your prayers and support. May God Bless You.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

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Upcoming Easter Events at St. Casimir's

February 14	Ash Wednesday Mass at 9 am and 7 pm
Feb/March	Lenten Services, Fridays, 7 pm
March 25	Palm Sunday
March 29	Holy Thursday, Mass at 6 pm
March 30	Good Friday Mass of the Presanctified 10 am; Divine Mercy novena, 3 pm
March 31	Holy Saturday, Mass at 10 am
April 1	Easter Sunday Procession and Mass, 9 am



St. Casimir's Parish PNCC

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

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Parish Co-Chairmen

Robert Hunt: 978-397-8161 or Robert Quirbach: 603-672-5649

Parish Secretary Janice Klimczak: 978-452-9646

Public Relations JoAnn Menzia: 978-459-2017

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

stcasimirspncc.com

Harvest Dinner & Youth Talent Show

The 13th Annual Youth Group Fundraiser, sponsored by St. Casimir's Youth Group, was held Sunday, November 5 in the parish center. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski and wife Karen were our guests.

Father Tenus welcomed all guests and introduced the youth who sang a blessing song before they served a delicious chicken pot pie dinner with squash, peas, carrots and mashed potatoes with hot apple crisp for dessert.



After dinner, the youth/ children took to the stage. Ian Ford-Hunt, a senior at Lowell High

School, gave a power point presentation on his recent trip to Germany and Poland. It was very informative and well done.

Children then sang "Gods Circle of love" followed by Emma Ford-Hunt dancing a traditional Irish hornpipe dance and a



Slip jig tap dance. Ian announced the raffle to be held at the end of the event.

Children then sang "Peter, James and John in a rowboat" followed by "Here I Am to Worship" directed by Karina Tenus. Solo parts were sung by Christopher Tenus, Jonasz Tenus and Amelia Tenus.



The last song presented was "Why Dear Maiden" a Polish folk song, sung in Polish.



Emma recited "On the First Thanksgiving Day."

Karina thanked all for coming and supporting the youth and wished everyone a safe journey home.

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



December Giving Tree



Christmas is the season of giving and the parishioners and friends of St. Casimir's were very generous. The Wish Project of Lowell was the charity chosen for this year's Giving Tree. Donors helped the Wish Project by selecting a tag from the "Tree" and purchasing the item written on the tag. One by one the tags were

removed from the "Tree", which was set up in the church. Some of the needed items were warm hats and gloves, warm shirts and sweatshirts, thermal ware and toiletries.

On December 19th the Project Wish Truck arrived and boxes were loaded with grateful words of thanks. Father Tenus, ANS members Pearl Czerlonka, Phyllis Hunt, Shirley Khourey, Dolly Normand, Joyce Normand, Charlotte Stankiewicz and JoAnn Menzia were on hand to represent St. Casimir's Parish.

National Clergy Conference

St. Casimir's Pastor Fr. Andrew attended the PNCC National Clergy Conference, which took place on November 13-15, 2017 at the Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral in Lancaster, NY.



Participating were 56 Clergy from all Dioceses in the US and Canada including 11 from the Eastern Diocese led by Bishop Paul.

During the three days many important items were presented and discussed

including the Future Direction Subcommittee's "Action Plan for PNCC Parishes in 2018". 2018 has been designated the "Year of the Family"

The Purpose of the Subcommittee's Plan is to foster five themes:

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



One part of the plan is to designate each month with a different theme / message. The first seven months are as follows:

- January—The example of the Holy Family
- February—The Importance of unconditional Love in the family
- March—Celebration of Lent as a Family
- April—Living out our Easter Joy in the Family and parish
- May—The Love of our Blesses Mother
- June—Sacred Vocations Month
- July—The Importance of Family Time / Vacation to the Family

Each month, Church services and activities will illustrate these themes.

For more information on the Future Direction Action Plan or the National Clergy Conference please see our Parish web site at stcasimirspncc.com

Home Coming Dinner



Homecoming 2017 was celebrated at St. Casimir's on Saturday, December 2.

Guests were greeted as they entered the hall and were seated at individually decorated tables. They served themselves appetizers prepared by parishioners as Christmas music played in the background.

At 5 pm the hall was darkened and the first star was brought forward by Emma Ford-Hunt, Christopher Tenus, Amelia Tenus and Heath Pelletier while Karina

Tenus sang "O Holy Night" accompanied on the accordion by Diane Quirbach.

Guests, including Bishop Paul and Karen Sobiechowski, diocesan bishop and wife, were welcomed by Co-Chairmen Robert Hunt and Dr. Bert Quirbach after which Father Tenus said a blessing over the food.



Guests were asked to share the oplatek with family and friends, new and old, after which pierogi appetizers were served.

Guests at the head table were called to the buffet by Dr. Quirbach, after which other tables were called to partake of a dinner of baked ham, mashed potatoes, string beans, carrots and pineapple dressing. Dessert consisted of pound cake with ice cream and strawberries.



Children of SOCL, introduced by Karina Tenus, sang "God's Circle of Love", "Jesus Is His Name", "Czemu Ty Dziewczyno" and "Świeć, gwiazdeczko, świeć" with solos on verses by Karina Tenus and Christopher Tenus. The children were accompanied by

Father Tenus, Diane Quirbach and Joseph Quirbach. After the children were introduced by Janice Klimczak, they returned to their seats to partake of dessert.

Father Andrew, Bob Hunt and Bert Quirbach presented the 2017 Elf of the Year award to Beverly Runowicz, a tireless and energetic worker in the Sunday School and parish kitchen, for her service to St. Casimir's and our children.



Santa Claus appeared onstage to present gifts to children and young people.

Fr. Tenus introduced Bishop Paul for his remarks. Then the Folcik sisters sang "Whispering Hope", beginning the sing-a-long lead by Father Tenus.

At the end Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Paul after which everyone left for home, well fed and in a joyous mood.

Operation Christmas Child



In 2017 St. Casimir's Parish once again participated in the Operation Christmas Child donation activity sponsored by the Samaritans Purse Organization.

The world's largest Christmas project of its kind, Operation Christmas Child, uses gift-filled shoeboxes to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 135 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 150 countries and territories.

More than 500,000 volunteers worldwide, with more than 150,000 of those in the United States, are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts.

Shoebox gifts are collected in the U.S., Australia, Finland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Japan, New Zealand, Canada, Spain, and the U.K.

During this past Christmas Season, the parishioners of St. Casimir's collected enough materials for 15 boxes to send to children in poor areas around the world. Joe Quirbach dropped off the boxes at the collection center in Nashua where they are sent to Virginia to have bibles added in and shipped overseas.

In Memoriam

Alice (Peterof) Rosmus



Alice Rosmus, aged 100, died peacefully, Tuesday, January 9th, at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Andover, MA. She was the beloved wife of the late Joseph Rosmus who passed away in September of 1994. Alice was born in Andover on July 27, 1917, the daughter of the late Caroline (Puk) and

Frank Peterof. She worked for Meadowbrook Laundry of North Andover and later as a Production Assistant for Delaware Valley of Lawrence. She was an active member of the Polish National Catholic Church in Lawrence until its closing. She then became a member of St. Casimir's Polish National Church of Lowell. In her free time Alice loved to knit, she was an avid reader and she made jewelry. She loved to travel with her family and she was part of the St. Casimir's pierogi making team. Alice is survived by her three nieces and their families: Mrs. John (Carolyn) Guide of Atkinson, NH., Mrs. John (Judith) Monarca of Andover, Mrs. James (Cheryl) Grieve of Andover, six Great-Nieces and Nephews: Jason and his wife Jennifer of Littleton, ME., Gregory Recupero of Andover, Stephanie (Recupero) Rowe and her husband Matthew of Jacksonville, FL., Jessica and Daniel Montesinos of Reading, MA., James and Joseph Grieve both of Andover, Great-Great-Nieces and Nephews, Lily and Henry Monarca of Littleton, ME., and Colton and Reagan Rowe of Jacksonville, FL. Besides her husband, Alice was predeceased by her brother Mitchell Peterof, her sister, Julia Dziura, her brother Frank H. Peterof and her Godson Frank J. Peterof. A Memorial Service in Alice's memory was held at St. Casimir's Polish National Catholic Church on January 20th. Burial took place in the Polish National Cemetery, Methuen, MA.

Fun making Polish Food

Come join us at our Polish Food Workshops, usually held on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, to prepare food for the Polish Food Sales at our Parish Hall. Whether to support the Parish, learn how to make Polish food (including Pierogi and Golabki) or just to enjoy some good company, all are welcome. Contact us for scheduling info of future sessions at

st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com.



St Casimir's Youth Group Donation Effort



Since 2016 the St. Casimir's Youth Group has participated in the National United Youth

Association (NUYA) sharing event, which features the collection of assorted varieties of soup for distribution to poor and needy families.

Again this year soup donations were collected at the Church before the Super Bowl. This year's collection went to Milford NH S.H.A.R.E., an organization that provides food and clothing to the poor and homeless in southern NH.



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 FIRST HALF 2018

Watch Sunday Mass bulletin for additions and further information

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| February 14 | Ash Wednesday—beginning of Lent.
Mass at 9 am and 7 pm with
Imposition of ashes. |
| February/March | Lenten Services, Fridays, 7 pm.
ANS Bachand Hall activity
ED-ANS board meeting
Northeast Seniorate Lenten
Retreats, 9 am Central Falls, Feb 24,
March 3 Manchester, NH. |
| March | Mailing to the sick/shut-ins (ANS) |
| March 11 | Institution of the Polish National
Catholic Church |
| March 18 | Presentation of Financial Report/
Parish committee meeting |
| March 18 | Meal in the Upper Room, BVM
Parish, Fall River, MA 4:30 pm |
| March 25 | Palm Sunday—TOP Cake Sale |
| March 27 | Holy Mass with Blessing of Oils,
Woonsocket, RI 4:30 pm |
| March 29 | Holy Thursday, Mass at 6 pm |
| March 30 | Good Friday Mass of the
Presanctified 10 am; Divine Mercy
novena, 3 pm |
| March 31 | Holy Saturday, Mass at 10 am
followed by preparation of church by ANS. |
| April 1 | Easter Sunday Procession and Mass, 9 am |
| Mid-April | Church property and Cemetery clean up |
| May | All Sundays—ANS donates and places
flowers on altar of BVM
May devotions (Nabożeństwo Majowe),
Wednesdays, 6pm |
| May 10 | Seniorate teleconference, 7 pm |
| May 13 | Mother's Day |
| May 19 | ANS Convention, Plantsville, CT Mass, 10 am |
| May 26 | PAV placing of flags on graves in
Pelham, 9 am |
| May 28 | Memorial Day. Mass at Cemetery, 10
am followed by picnic lunch (ANS). |
| May 31 | Corpus Christi/Procession, Mass
Webster, MA, 4 pm |
| June 2 | Diocesan Council meeting, Southwest
Seniorate, Plantsville, CT |
| June 10 | Strawberry Pancake Breakfast
(Scholarship Committee) |
| June 17 | Father's Day |
| June 28 | Canobie Lake (Youth Group) |