

# 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**  
268 Lakeview Avenue —Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

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## 2015 Installation of Officers

Despite some very difficult weather conditions, a small group of parishioners attended Mass on Sunday, January 4 and witnessed the Installation of Officers for the coming year 2015.

Before the celebration of Mass, our pastor Fr. Andrzej Tenus assembled the newly elected officers and members of St. Casimir's parish committee who were in attendance to come forward and be sworn to execute their positions to the best of their ability.



The ceremony was slightly different than in previous years due to changes that were adopted at the PNCC Synod conducted in 2014. Janice Klimczak, our parish recording secretary read the letter of approval from Eastern Diocese Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski.



Fr. Tenus recited prayers asking God's blessings and inspiration for the group in fulfilling their responsibilities.

After the participants repeated the oath of office in unison, Fr. Tenus closed the ceremony with a prayer and sprinkling of holy water upon the group, expressed his gratitude and congratulations, dismissed them and began celebrating Sunday Mass.

After Mass, all of the parishioners in



attendance were invited to a luncheon in the Parish Center. At the parish center the luncheon guests were treated to a portrayal of "Gifts of the Magi" by children of the parish dressed in costume to represent the three kings carrying gifts to the child Jesus in the manger in recognition of the day's Feast of the Epiphany.

The tableau concluded with some historical comment on the event by Beverly Runowicz who researched the subject and directed the children in the presentation.



Portraying the three kings, l. to r. Amelia Tenus as Baltazar; Christopher Tenus as Caspar; Jonah Tenus as Melchior

## Happy New Year—Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku—2015



Dear «Title» «Family Name»

What can I say? A new year begins and our thoughts take us back to the wonderful year just ended. A new parish committee is installed and faced with the challenges that lie ahead.

As reported in this newsletter, our parish has experienced many changes last year, in our liturgy, in our social activities and in our parish operations. All of which contributed to promote St. Casimir's as a great place to express our faith in God and share in the joy that comes from working together to spread His Word to the benefit of us all.

Now our work continues into a new year. We will continue to expand our conversion to celebrate Sunday Mass using the Contemporary Rite as the congregation becomes more adapted and comfortable with the changes in liturgy.

We have already begun plans to improve upon our Annual Polish Food Fair and Homecoming events for 2015, both of which have received tremendous support in previous years from parishioners and friends like you, «Title» «Family Name». If you have any comments, we would love to hear from you.

As announced in our last issue, we have created a presence on Facebook, the very popular social media choice on the internet. We are very encouraged by the responses received from our web site, this newsletter, and our Sunday Mass for shut-ins on the internet and we hope that Facebook will stimulate more response from those who discover that St. Casimir's is truly a good place to spend time with good people committed to doing good things for all who want to share in the good works of our Lord and Saviour.

Thank you, «Title» «Family Name» for being an important part of our life and may God bless you and yours.

*Rev. Andrzej Tenus*

## St. Casimir's Parish

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

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or Call any of the following:

Pastor Rev. Andrzej Tenus: 978-453-0742

**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:**

<http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>

*You are Invited...Be Our Guest...*

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

*Please join us.*

### PARISH COMMITTEE 2015

**Pastor:** Rev. Andrzej Tenus

**Co-Chairmen:** Robert Hunt, Dr. Robert Quirbach

**Recording secretary:** Janice Klimczak. **Treasurer:** Isabel Dziura

**Financial Secretary:** Paula Jones

**Directors:** Helen Kowalski, Jean Doda, JoAnn Menzia, Wanda Hedrick, Dan Ford, James Grieve, Patricia Whiting, Robert Ferus, Mae Zioto, Yvonne Bozek, Phyllis Hunt, Louise Regan, Josephine Wrobel, Helen Rogers, Linda Kosidlo, Stanley Kosidlo Jr, Linda Hedrick, Diane Quirbach, Cheryl Grieve, Johanna Ford-Hunt, Wanda Hamel, Sophie Kosidlo, Walter Sott, John Stankiewicz, Nauremon Stankiewicz, Pearl Czerlonka, Charlotte Stankiewicz, Thomas McNiff, Irene Jaracz, Shirley Garvey

**Financial Reviewers:** Stanley Kosidlo Jr., James Grieve, Dan Ford, John Stankiewicz.

**Cemetery Committee:** Robert Hunt - Co-chairman, Dr. Robert Quirbach - Co-chairman, Louise Regan, JoAnn Menzia, Stanley Kosidlo, Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt, Dan Ford, Cheryl Grieve, James Grieve, Robert Ferus

**Delegates to Seniorate** meetings-second year of two year term: JoAnn Menzia, Alt.: Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt, Paula Jones.

**Public Relations:** JoAnn Menzia, Janice Klimczak, Linda Kosidlo

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### Hi «Title» «Family Name»

Do you have a special memory about St. Casimir's Church you'd like to share? Perhaps a wedding, a baptism, a 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](http://www.facebook.com/stcasimirschurch)

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



### Local Veterans Serving Veterans

*Editor's Note: In response to a request from Mr. Robert F. Page to our Pastor, the following is submitted for your consideration.*

#### Forget Them Not

"Veterans serving Veterans"

Fed. ID #47-1671011

26 Fremont St. Lowell, MA 01850

Dear Supporter;

Our mission is to visit nursing homes and veterans homes, in Lowell and Greater Lowell. We provide and serve dinner; also we give each veteran a gift bag as a small token of thanks for serving our country. We want them all to know we did not forget them.

The most important thing we do is to sit and talk with each veteran, many of whom get few visitors or sad to say, no visitors. Our volunteers are veterans and people who care about veterans.

NB: Your financial support is very much appreciated, as it will enable us to meet our goal of serving these veterans on a regular basis.

Please make checks payable to "Forget Them Not".

c/o Robert F. Page, 26 Fremont St. Lowell, MA 01850

We thank you for your time and any consideration.

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### Tax Time is Coming «Title» «Family Name»

The donation records of the parish for the year 2014 have been completed. If you donated to St. Casimir's you can get an itemized list of your 2014 donations by sending an email request to [st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com](mailto:st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com);

or send us a preaddressed stamped envelope.

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### Polish Design Throw Blanket Raffle

Dear «Title» «Family Name», St. Casimir's is conducting a raffle drawing for a Polish design throw blanket shown here. The throw measures 46" x 67", is made of 100% cotton, and is machine washable and dryable.



Surrounding the central motif is a cream border with black, yellow, and red stripes finished off by a short fringed border. This decorative throw is made by The Rug Barn and woven in the U.S.A.

The throw blanket will be on display in the Church and the Parish Center until the drawing date.

#### Details of the raffle: •

Tickets are \$3 each or 2 for \$5 • Drawing will take place at the Strawberry Pancake Breakfast, June, 2015 - you need not be present at the drawing to win . Call 978-453-0742 for tickets/information.

### Be Part of the 2015 Souper Bowl !!!

Bring cans of soup to St. Casimir's Church on Super Bowl Sunday ...



Go Pats!!!



**February 1, 2015** and help us celebrate this day by helping out those who really need it!

### "A Taste of Heaven"

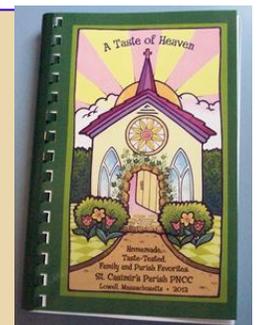
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# Homecoming 2014—A Gala Climax to End a Glorious Year of Events



The full capacity audience enjoys the musical talents of St. Casimir's children performed on stage.

St. Casimir's Parish Center was filled to capacity on Saturday, December 6th when hosting our annual Homecoming Dinner to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

The festivities began with the traditional sharing of Christmas bread (oplatki), and guests exchanging season greetings. Shortly thereafter, the guests ate their fill of an excellent dinner prepared by our very capable kitchen staff.



Elf of the Year Jack Szetela

The annual Elf of the Year Award was presented to Jack Szetela in recognition of contribution of the new church altar. A very shy Jack accepted with a quiet 'thank you'.

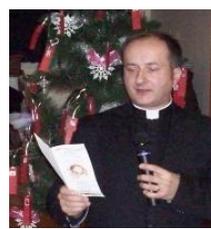
The children mounted the stage and entertained the guests with an assortment of musical selections to the delight of the audience.



Louise Regan and Christine Piec ever faithful at the raffle ticket tables



Three part harmony from the Three Sisters Trio , Arlene Strazulla, Marilyn Folcik, and Janice Klimczak



Fr. Tenus leads the carol sing along.

After a surprise visit from St. Nicholas, everyone joined with Fr. Tenus to sing Christmas carols, in Polish and in English.

Bishop Paul Sobiechowski was then called upon to say a few words to the guests. He congratulated the members of



Zioto family, all smiles, enjoying the festivities



The Breaults, early arrivals

St. Casimir's for putting on

such a fine event and spoke highly of the talent shown by the parish youth . He expressed his appreciation for being invited to participate and said he and his wife will look forward to attending our other events in the coming year.



Guest of Honor Bishop Paul Sobiechowski.

## A Surprise Visit from St. Nicholas was a Highlight of the Evening



The big man brought gifts for all the children



Christopher Tenus with a gift from Santa



A hug for Santa from James Bigelow



A Santa selfie with Elizabeth Rondeau

## YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING THE NEWS

**Three Win PNUCC Music Scholarships**

Three of St. Casimir's talented young parishioners received music scholarship awards at the 2014 National United Choirs Convention and Workshop held July 21-25 in Tiffin, OH at Convo 2014.

Joey Grieve, the son of parishioners James and Cheryl Grieve received both the Bishop Eugeniusz Magyar award and the Bishop Francis Bonczak award. Joey also received an award in 2012.

Rachel Quirbach, daughter of parishioners Robert and Diane Quirbach received the Edward and Frances Bialoglowicz award. Rachel also received an award in 2012.

Joseph Quirbach, Rachel's brother won the Bishop Francis Bonczak Youth award. Joseph also received an award in 2010.



Joey Grieve

Rachel Quirbach

Joseph Quirbach

To qualify for an award, applicants must be currently enrolled in private

lesson classes and submit a formal application accompanied by letters of recommendation from their pastor and church officers giving evidence of their participation in the Music Ministry of their parish.

The 2015 scholarship applications and instructions are currently available. Deadline for submission is May 15, 2015 to be awarded at Convo 2016. Interested applicants should contact Fr. Andzej Tenus, pastor of St. Casimir's Church.

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**ST. CASIMIR'S POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH  
TENTATIVE 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.*

January-February 1-Souper Bowl cans of soup collection.

February 18-Ash Wednesday-beginning of Lent. Mass at 9 am and 7 pm with imposition of ashes. Lenten Services, Fridays, 7 pm.

March 29-Palm Sunday TOP Food/Bake Sale

April 2-Holy Thursday, Mass at 6 pm, followed by meatless meal

April 3-Good Friday Mass of the Presanctified 10 am

April 4-Holy Saturday, Mass at 10 am

April 5-Easter Sunday Procession and Mass, 9 am

May 25- Memorial Day. Mass at Cemetery, 10 am.

June 4-Corpus Christi/Procession, Mass

June 14- Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)

June 21- Father's Day/First Communion

June 25- Canobie Lake (Youth Group)

July/August-Mass at Cathedral of the Pines, 3 pm, Rindge NH

August-TBA Spinners Night Out

September 12-Chicken Barbecue

Watch for the rest of the year in upcoming issues of Dzień Dobry or call 978-453-0742 for more information.

**Winter Youth Gathering**

The 5th annual Eastern Diocese Winter Youth Gathering was held on Saturday, January 3rd at Holy Trinity Parish in Webster, MA with 74 youth, adults and clergy from across the diocese gathered in worship, fellowship and learning.

The event began with Holy Mass celebrated by Father Senior Rob Nemkovich, diocesan Youth Chaplain which was followed with an address by Bishop Paul Sobiechowski.

Following a group picture, the youth and adults gathered in the parish hall for a special



Youth enjoyed playing table games

presentation and match game activity.

Following a lunch of pizza, soda, cake and donuts, the youth, adults and most of the clergy went to enjoy some bowling at a

nearby facility. As bowlers, the consensus was that the clergy had no chance of going on tour.

After bowling some were escorted by their host and Webster Fire Chaplain Fr. Robert Fredrickson to a local firehouse when they had a tour of the fire and rescue equipment.

The day ended with an expression of gratitude and appreciation from Fr Fredrickson to all who participated, clergy, youth and adults and with an invitation to attend Youth Retreat 2015 at Camp Howe in Goshen MA in August. All agreed it was a good time!



Waiting to bowl.

**Everybody's Favorite Polish Food****Pierogi \$11 doz.****Golabki \$18 doz.**

**On Sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center  
Every Sunday after Mass — 11:00 AM until Noon**