

GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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Observing Holy Thursday

On Holy Thursday, April 18, Father Tenus celebrated Mass to commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist.



At the conclusion of Mass everyone headed to the Parish Center for "Soup Supper". The Lenten meal sponsored by St. Casimir's ANS included corn chowder, vegetarian gumbo, tossed salad and several different breads.



In addition, there was an assortment of desserts to round out the meal. Participants enjoyed fellowship as they remembered the significance of Holy Thursday.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale



On Sunday, April 14, a Bake Sale sponsored by St. Casimir's ANS Society was held. Many delicious items were offered for sale.

Displayed on Spring-themed tables were dozens of cakes, cookies and homemade

foods. One of the special features of the Bake Sale was a focus on traditional Polish Easter items. Generous parishioners donated several different kinds of Babki (Polish sweet bread), Butter Lambs, pączki (Polish donuts), and Pisanki (hand-crafted wax resist eggs).

Promoting Polish culture is important to our parish and the community. The Bake Sale was a marvelous success. Happy customers bought many treats to make their Easter week special.



Message from Father Andrew

A few short weeks ago we celebrated Easter, and as pastor I found that sharing the Holy Season with the parishioners of St. Casimir's parish was spiritually uplifting to me and my family. I offer my sincere thanks to all of the parishioners who took part in the celebration of The Resurrection.



But time passes quickly, and our parish is moving forward. As we transition from Spring to Summertime we honored all mothers during our Mother's Day Tea. During the month of May we gather in the church for May Devotions on Wednesdays, when we honor Blessed Virgin Mary singing Litany of Loreto.

At St. Casimir's, preparations are being made to enjoy many events in our parish including celebration of Memorial Day remembering those who have fought and died for our country over the years. Once again the PAV has agreed to plant flags at the grave of every veteran at our cemetery. On Memorial Day, May 27, we will conduct our Mass as we did last year with the support of representatives of veterans organizations. We will ask that all veterans in attendance stand and introduce themselves and be recognized for their service. A very impressive ceremony and you are cordially invited to attend. Check the list of other Coming Events on Page 3.

Thanks to the support from our parishioners and the community, we have been able to make some much needed repairs to the church property. None of this would be possible without the support of people like you. Thank you and God Bless You.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

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Mother's Day Tea



A Mother's Day Tea was held Sunday, May 5th, after Mass to honor all mothers living and departed. The event was jointly sponsored by the members of St. Casimir's Frederick Chopin Choir and the ANS Society.

Father Tenus said a special prayer for mothers and blessed the food. The Tea featured lovely decorated tables with antique tea cups, finger sandwiches, fruit and pastries as well as mother-themed activities.



Easter Egg Hunt

St. Casimir's Easter Bunny (Jonah Tenus) was very tricky this year, it took the kids twice as long to find the eggs. That made the egg hunt more exciting for the children.



From L to R Vesuvio Guida, Amelia Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt, Christopher Tenus, Neveah Guida. Two students were missing, Olivia Sigman and Preston Guida.



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

...Please join us.

St. Casimir's Donates to Bachand Hall in Lowell

Our annual drive for the girls of Bachand Hall was very successful. Toiletries, gift cards and checks were delivered to Sister Cecile Cloutier (Sisters of Charity of Ottawa) who provides shelter and food for girls who have aged out of foster care and need guidance and assistance until they are prepared to be on their own.



Sister Cecile sent a card thanking all for their kindness and generosity.

Lenten Retreat

On Saturday, March 9, St. Casimir's Parish hosted the annual Northeast Diocesan (Northern parishes) Lenten retreat.

Mass was celebrated by Father Senior Robert Nemkovich assisted by Father Wos, Father Tenus and Cleric Justin Daviault. Bishop Paul Sobiechowski was seated in the sanctuary. Music was furnished by diocesan choir members accompanied by Karen Sobiechowski.



Several inspirational presentations were made by Father Nemkovich and Kathy Nemkovich.

A light lunch was served and then the attendees adjourned again to the church where appropriate Lenten hymns were introduced by Karen Sobiechowski and Stations of the Cross were lead by Cleric Daviault.

Easter Basket Raffle

An Easter basket raffle sponsored by ANS was held on Holy Thursday. The winner was Irene Jaracz. Her name was drawn by Fr. Andrew .



The traditional Polish Easter Food Basket contained ham, kielbasa, pysanky and symbolic items that traditionally fill a Polish Basket. The Basket was blessed by Fr. Tenus and was

donated by ANS member Paula Jones with contributions from Deb Charette and Joyce Normand.



Save the date



A Strawberry Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019, from 9 am to noon at St. Casimir's Parish Hall.

This event, which is sponsored every year by our scholarship committee, is always well attended and this year it is expected to be one of the best. The all-you-can-eat menu consists of fresh strawberries, pancakes and sausage. Hope to see you there !

 <p>Pierogi \$13.00 dozen \$6.50 1/2 doz.</p>	 <p>Golabki \$24.00 dozen \$12.00 1/2 doz.</p>
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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

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Do you have a special memory about St. Casimir's Church you'd like to share? Perhaps a wedding, a baptism, or special memory at a church event? Why not post your memory to our Facebook page along with any photos you want to share!? You can also enjoy reading about the special memories of your other friends and parishioners!

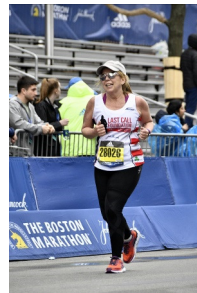


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Parishioner Karen Breault runs 2019 Boston Marathon

Karen began her training in late November 2018. She logged about 397 miles before training ended, many on a treadmill due to difficult weather conditions.

This was Karen's 4th marathon, but first Boston Marathon (others were Chicago, Baystate (Lowell), and Honolulu). By running the Boston Marathon Karen was able to raise \$3500 for Last Call Foundation, which was founded in memory of Boston firefighter Michael Kennedy. Last Call Foundation provides funding, education and research to advance the safety needs of firefighters everywhere.



Karen's husband Dave was her #1 supporter during training. During long runs, he would meet her at various points on the route to provide replenishment and much-needed words of encouragement and support.

Karen commented: "The marathon was an amazing event! I'd never attended as a spectator so this was my first time at the event and it was everything I thought it would be and more! The weather was variable as anticipated, but the most significant weather challenge was completely unexpected - direct sun and heat for about 9 miles! Being a slower runner was beneficial to me as I was behind the most severe weather of the day. My completion time was 6:13:30 - about 45 minutes longer than I had hoped, but I still ran 26.2 miles! This was a bucket list item for me, and something I've dreamed of doing since I started running races."



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

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

Throughout the year, youth of the parish are bringing in items for *Operation Christmas Child*. Children and youth will prepare shoe boxes of useful items (school supplies, toiletries, games) to be distributed to children who are less fortunate.

- May: May Devotions (Nabożeństwo Majowe) Litany and Benediction, 10 am Wednesdays
- May 5: Mother's Day Tea (ANS/Choir)
- May 9: Seniorate teleconference, 7 pm
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 18: ANS Convention, Mass at 10 am
- May 25: PAV placing of flags on graves in Pelham, 9 am
- May 27: Memorial Day. Mass at Cemetery, 10 am followed by hot dog picnic lunch (ANS).
- June 1: Diocesan Council meeting, St. Casimir's, Lowell, MA
- June 9: Strawberry Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)
- June 15: Ham and Bean or Spaghetti Supper, ANS (tentative)
- June 16: Father's Day
- June (last week): Canobie Lake Youth Group Outing
- June 20: Corpus Christi/Procession, Mass TBD
- June 25: Acolyte Retreat, Our Savior's Parish, Woonsocket, RI 9:30 am.
- July 7: Cathedral of the Pines, 3:30 pm Barbecue following at Hidden Hill, 5 pm
- July/August: ANS Summer Social (TBA)
- August 18: Blueberry Pancake Breakfast
- August 18-22: Camp Howe Youth Retreat
- August 25: Youth Sunday
- September 8: Solemnity of Brotherly Love
- October: Recitation of the Rosary, Wednesdays
- October 5: Blessing of pets
- October 6: Pastor Appreciation Day
- October 13: Solemnity of the Christian Family
- Oct/Nov: Hat/mitten drive for Lowell Public Schools
- October 19: Polish Food Fest, 10 am-3 pm
- October 27: All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery
- November 3: Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show
- November 10: Veterans Remembrance in church
- November 17: Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations
- December: Christmas mailing to sick/shut-ins ; Giving Tree
- December 7: Homecoming, 5 pm
- December 14: Food Pantry Christmas Party (parish center)
- December 15: Parish elections and parish committee meeting
- December 23: Prepare Church for Christmas
- December 24: Christmas Eve Mass at 10 pm
- December 25: Christmas Mass at 10 am

Celebrating Easter Week

Another wonderful Easter week was celebrated and enjoyed by the parishioners and friends of St Casimir's. Starting off with Palm Sunday, continuing through the week with various religious and social events during Holy Week and culminating with a glorious Easter Sunday Mass and procession.



Bible Word Search:

CRUCIFIXION

All the words listed below are in the puzzle—left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle it. After you have found all the words use the leftover letters to spell the Mystery Word.

ACCUSED	ANGELES	BEATEN
BETRAYED	BLOOD	BOWED HEAD
BROTHER	CAST LOTS	COMMIT
CROSS	CROWN	DENIED
FATHER	FINISHED	FORSAKEN
HANDS	HEAVEN	HOLY SPIRIT
INNOCENT	JESUS	KISS
LIES	MARY	MINISTERING
MOCKED	MONEY	MOTHER
PARADISE	PETER	PIERCED
PRAYERS	PRIESTS	ROBE
SIDE	SOLDIERS	SON
SOUL	STRIPES	TEARS
THIEVES	THORNS	WHIPPED



Mystery Word: _ _ _ _ _