

# 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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## Scholarship Pancake Breakfast on June 23rd

St. Casimir's Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held this year on Sunday, June 23rd to raise funds for St. Casimir's Scholarship Committee. Call for advance tickets and other information.

### Scholarships applications available

Each year a financial award is presented to qualified applicants for undergraduate study in a full-time program. The applicant must be a member of the PNCC in good standing for three consecutive years; have a high school diploma or passed a GED exam; accepted to a program at an accredited institution; be of sound character and good scholastic ability. Applications may be obtained by calling the rectory at 978-453-0742 should be submitted no later than August 1.

Awards will be presented this year at the Annual Spaghetti Supper on August 10th.

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## Annual Cathedral of the Pines Service July 7

This year the Eastern Diocese will celebrate the courage and honor exhibited by all the first responders and those

## Looking Forward to a Busy Summer..



Dear Friend,,

You may notice that we have a new name for our newsletter: **GOOD DAY!** We have chosen the name because we really want every day of your life to be a pleasant experience as Our Lord intended that it should be. In keeping with our ethnic heritage, we have included the Polish phrase **Dzień dobry!** We hope that each time you begin to read our newsletter the first thing you do is smile.

Here at St. Casimir's we firmly believe «GreetingLine» that every day is a **GOOD DAY!** when it is filled with wholesome activity that is shared with friends and loved ones. As in years passed we have prepared a summer full of such activity.

Beginning with Father's Day and First Communion on Sunday June 16, followed by the pancake breakfast the following Sunday to benefit the parish Scholarship Fund that provides financial aid to all applicants who qualify; read the article for more details on how to qualify. A few days later our youth group will enjoy their annual trip to Canobie Lake.

This year's Cathedral of the Pines service, dedicated to those who faced danger to aid the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing, will be held on July 7th.

Perhaps you would enjoy a trip to the baseball park for our annual Spinners Night Out which is preceded by a delicious barbecue of hot dogs and hamburgers.

You really don't want to miss the Scholarship Spaghetti Supper on August 10th to find out who was awarded this year's scholarships.

A special 40th anniversary Youth Retreat is being held this year from August 18-22. This event, sponsored each year by the Eastern Diocese for 8-17 year olds is becoming a favorite summer event for them to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Well, that will take us through the summer and in September we begin the new fall season with a bake sale sponsored by the ladies of the TOP Society.

As you can see, Dear Friend, there is plenty to do here at St. Casimir's to enjoy each other's company as we continue on with this wonderful life that God has given to us.

We look forward to seeing you, «GreetingLine» and may God Bless You!

*Rev. Andrzej Jezus*

## St. Casimir's Parish

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

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*You are Invited...*

individuals who ran into the face of danger to aid the victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing.

The liturgy will begin at 4pm at the Cathedral of the Pines, 10 Hale Hill Road, Rindge, NH. The service will include the testimony of one who was there and will last 1 hour.

A special offering will be taken for the [www.theonefundboston.org](http://www.theonefundboston.org) and will be added to the funds collected in a special offering to be taken in all parishes of the Eastern Diocese.

Following the liturgy all present will be invited (at a minimum charge) to join in a dinner at a nearby banquet facility. Contact Fr. Andrzej for details Dear friend if you would like to attend.

### Schedule of Coming Events

- June 16—Father's Day/First Communion
  - June 23—Pancake Breakfast (page 3)
  - June 27—Canobie Lake Youth Group trip
  - July 7—Cathedral of the Pines (page 1)
  - August TBA—Spinner's Night Out
  - August 10—Scholarship Spaghetti Supper
  - August 18-22—Youth Retreat (page 3)
  - September 7—TOP Bake Sale
  - October 5—Blessing of Pets
  - October 25—Polish Food Fest/Craft Fair
  - October 27—All Souls at Parish Cemetery
  - November 3—Youth Dinner/Talent Show
  - November 24—Cookie Bake Sale
  - December 7 Homecoming Dinner
- Call for available details or see our web site or future newsletters.

## In Memoriam



**Helen G. (Sztoba) Cislo**, 84, died Saturday, April 13th, at D'Youville Senior Care. She was the beloved wife of the late Matthew P. Cislo whom she married on April 21, 1946 and shared 41 years of marriage until his death in 1987.

Helen was born in Lowell on April 8, 1929, daughter of the late Mary (Lach) and Walter

Sztoba. She was educated in the Lowell School System.

She began her working life for Textron making parachutes, then worked at Lowell Dress company as a stitcher, and later at Porter's Dress Shop. She took several years out of the workforce to stay at home raising her daughter, but returned to work in 1988 as a cashier at Stuart's and then Ames department stores.

Helen was a talented seamstress, and enjoyed gardening, however her greatest joy came from spending time with and caring for her family, especially her grandchildren. She was also a very dedicated member of her church, faithfully attending Mass on Sundays and serving on the Parish Committee and other committee's at St. Casimir's for many years.

She is survived by her daughter Doreen Zagorski and her husband John of Dracut; her grandsons Jeffrey Zagorski and his wife Meghan and Matthew Zagorski and his wife Heidi; and two great-grandchildren, Brian and Sadie; her very special neighbor and friend, Helen Owens, as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends at St. Casimir's.

Her funeral mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 20, 2013 in St. Casimir's Church on Lakeview Ave in Lowell. Interment at St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH. Donations may be made in Helen's memory to the St. Casimir's Cemetery Fund, 268 Lakeview Ave, Lowell, MA 01850.



**Jane I. (Lesynski) Wila**, 91, of Lawrence passed away Thursday, April 11, 2013, at her home surrounded by family. She was born in Lawrence and was the daughter of the late John and Mary (Skiba) Lesynski and also the widow of Adam J. Wila who passed away in 1984. Jane was a life-long resident of Lawrence and a graduate of Lawrence

High School, Class of 1940.

She worked for Macartney's Fine Clothing as a sales clerk in the men's department for many years. Also, she was a proud and active member, including organist and choir director, of the Immaculate Conception Polish National Catholic Church in Lawrence. Her other past-times included, quilting and gardening. She was a devoted, supportive, caring and loving person to her family and will be greatly missed.

Jane is survived by her children, Katherine Hinchcliffe, of Natick, Thomas Wila, of West Palm Beach, Fl., and Walter Wila, of Lawrence. She also leaves her four grandchildren, Audrey, Elizabeth, Erica and Michael, daughter-in-law Maribel, and great grandchildren, Aaralyn and Noah. Jane was predeceased by her brothers Walter Clifton, and Stanley Lesynski.

Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, April 19, 2013, at 10 a.m. in St. Casimir's Church, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell, Ma. followed by interment at the Polish National Catholic Cemetery Methuen. Those who wish to make memorial contributions in her memory are asked to consider St. Casimir's Church, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell, MA, 01850.

*To obtain a free copy of your family's Parish Cemetery record, if one is available, call (or email) anyone listed on the front page of this newsletter.*

## Annual Memorial Day Mass at St. Casimir's Cemetery



Under Blue skies and cool weather, parishioners and friends attended the Annual Memorial Day Mass held at the Parish Cemetery in Pelham, NH for the intention of those who are buried at the cemetery. Following the service a hot dog lunch was served to all who attended. The food was provided by the parish's ANS members.

### Military Honors for Henry Runowicz



A military ceremony with taps and a flag presentation was held at the gravesite of Henry Runowicz on Memorial Day just prior to the Annual Memorial Day Service.



On Saturday, May 25th, a group of volunteers led by Fr. Tenus and Bob Hunt braved the wet and cold to place flags at the graves of veterans buried at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham..

Fr. Tenus looks on as some of the younger volunteers check their work.



## Polish Lessons being Offered at St. Casimir's

*Cześć!* («First name/Init», «Spouse»... (Hi!)) was the first Polish word spoken by more than a dozen parishioners who attended the first class session offered by St. Casimir's Parish to teach the Polish language.

The first class was held on Thursday evening, May 9 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center with Fr. Tenus as the instructor.

As expected, some attended to "brush up" on their Polish speaking skills, while others want to "remember" what it is like growing up in a Polish family.

When asked why she came, Pearl (Martel) Czerlonka, who grew up with French Canadian parents, replied "Jim and I are very active in the parish and I thought it would be fun to learn to speak the language." "Although", she smiled, "even *Cześć!* is hard for me to say."

Jack Szetela and his wife, Judy, who is not Polish, came because they love the church and enjoy socializing with other parishioners.

Others who attended the first class included Chris Kowalski, Christine Piec, Beverly Runowicz, and JoAnn Menzia, all with Polish backgrounds seeking to rekindle childhood memories.

Paula Jones, whose husband is not Polish, said, "I've been a Jones for a long time and I would like to remember a little of the Polish that I spoke as a child."

Joyce Normand, Louise Regan, and Phyllis Hunt all agreed that it should be fun to learn the proper pronunciation of words and phrases a long time forgotten.

The first class lesson lasted just over one hour and featured a very brief (7 lines) conversation (in Polish with English translation) between two class-mates (Agata and Andrzej) who meet on campus on their way to classes.

*Dziękuję (Thank You)* Fr. Tenus! We look forward to more fun at classes on Thursdays at the parish hall.

Everyone is Welcome,

*Classes are scheduled to be held in the Parish Center every Thursday at 7 p.m. until August 1. Attend as many or as few classes as your time allows. All material will be provided at no cost or obligation. The course is open to anyone, friends and parishioners alike.*

## Our Parish officers: *These are the people who conduct the everyday business operations of St. Casimir's Parish.*



Robert Hunt  
Co-Chairman

"Bob" Hunt lives in Lowell with his wife, Phyllis, and daughter, Magdalena.

He is employed by a graphics arts company as a customer liaison and travels extensively performing his occupational duties.

As co-chairman, Bob calls and presides over parish meetings and signs all legal documents pertaining to Parish property and administration.

In addition Bob has taken on the responsibilities of arranging for the grooming and maintaining the Parish cemetery property located in Pelham NH.

"Bert" Quirbach lives in NH with his wife, Diane, daughter Rachel and son Joseph.

Bert is a physician and spends most of his time serving his patients' needs.

His wife, Diane, is the adult advisor for St. Casimir's Youth Group of which daughter Rachel is the president and son Joseph is the secretary.

As co-chairman of the Parish Committee, Bert fills in for Bob Hunt by presiding over parish meetings when Bob is traveling, and performing other duties as necessary.



Robert Quirbach  
Co-Chairman



Janice Klimczak  
Recording Secy.

Janice Klimczak lives in Lowell and is a teacher, retired from the Dracut School system.

In addition to recording the minutes of each

Parish Committee meeting as recording secretary, she serves as organist and director of our Frederyk Chopin Choir. Janice is also very involved in PNCC activities and serves on several Eastern Diocese committees



Isabel Dziura  
Treasurer

Isabel Dziura is retired government employee and lives in Lowell.

Her duties, as treasurer include receiving, recording and issuing checks

in payment to vendors for parish supplies and services.

Isabel has served as treasurer of our parish for many years.

In her spare time, Isabel enjoys knitting, crocheting and attending parish functions.



Paula Jones  
Financial Secy.

Paula Jones lives in Dracut with her husband, David.

As financial secretary, Paula is responsible for recording all parish donations and

Mass collections, applying them to each donor's account, depositing the money into the parish bank account; then reporting to the monthly committee meetings.

Paula is also treasurer of the parish ANS Society.

## Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat Aug.18-22

It is time to begin planning for Youth Retreat 2013 - the 40<sup>th</sup> annual Youth Retreat of our Eastern Diocese.

This retreat will be held from Sunday, August 18 through Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Camp Howe in Goshen, Mass.

The theme of our retreat this year is "Through the Years". We have planned an exciting week of worship, prayer, learning, lots of recreational activities, including a bon fire and more.

The retreat is open to diocesan youth

ages 8-17. The cost is just \$130.00 per participant. The deadline for registration is July 1, 2013 and a \$50.00 late fee will be applied after that date.

This being our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat - we have planned a special Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat participant Alumni/Reunion night for Sunday - August 18, 2013.

If you have any questions about our Youth Retreat, please do not hesitate to contact Fr. Tenus for registration and health forms. Thank you in advance for your support of our diocesan youth retreat and your encouragement for the youth of our parish to attend.

## Everybody's Favorite Polish Food!!!

Pierogi \$11 doz. – Golabki \$18 doz.—Kapusta \$6 quart on sale at

St. Casimir's Parish Center

Every Sunday after Mass

11:00 A.M. until Noon



## Polish Easter Food Traditions Featured at St. Casimir's SOCL Class on Palm Sunday



Students attending the SOCL class on Palm Sunday wait patiently while the teachers prepare a lesson on the Traditional Polish Easter Basket; its content and its symbolism as described below. Seated above, left to right, Joey Grieve, Justin Bigelow, James Bigelow, Andrew Stankiewicz, Ethan Stankiewicz, Joey Quirbach, Jacoby Pratt, Molly Pratt and Emma Ford-Hunt (back to camera). The basket on the table was assembled, decorated and shared by JoAnn Menzia, SOCL teacher.



JoAnn Menzia, St. Casimir's ANS president, describes to the children the content of the Traditional Polish Easter Basket and the symbolism attached to each item.



An authentic Polish Babka bread was baked by Agnieszka Tenus, the pastor's wife who decorated it in a traditional way. The Babka was sampled by the children who agreed that it was, indeed, delicious.

Fr. Tenus spoke to the children about how Easter is being celebrated in Poland today.

A highlight of the class was the art of Pisanki, a wax resist technique for decorating Easter eggs in Poland which was demonstrated by teacher Phyllis Hunt. Following the demonstration, the children had a great time doing their own version of Pisanki.



Agnieszka Tenus, the pastor's wife, with daughter, Karina, stand ready to assist. The Tenus family immigrated to the United States from Poland a few years ago in order to serve the PNCC here.

Seated at the table following the lesson are Ethan Stankiewicz, Jonasz Tenus and Molly Pratt.

### Wesołego Alleluja—The Traditional Polish Easter Basket

- **Butter (Masło)** In the shape of a lamb (**Baranek Wielkanocny**) reminds us of the goodness of Christ in all things
- **Easter Bread (Babka)** symbol of Jesus who is our Bread of Life symbolic of the Passion of Christ
- **Eggs (Jajka) and Pisanki** indicates new life, Resurrection
- **Sausage (Kielbasa)** indicates God's generosity and favor
- **Ham (Szynka)** symbol of great joy and abundance
- **Salt (Sol)** a necessary element "You are the salt of the earth."
- **Cheese (Ser)** shaped into a ball, symbol of moderation
- **Candle** to represent Christ, the Light of the World.
- **Ribbon, linen or lace, sprigs of greenery** for a festive decoration.



### Meatless Meal a Fitting End to Holy Thursday Services

Fr. Tenus provides a blessing to the food and the people who attended Holy Thursday Services and the Meatless Meal that followed.

The meal has become a Lenten tradition at St. Casimir's and is sponsored annually by the members of the ANS Society. About 40 people attended the event this year.

### Welcome to St. Casimir's

If you have come to St. Casimir's as a visitor, or if you have returned after a long absence, we might not recognize you, so please be sure to tell Father Andrew who you are when you shake his hand as you leave Mass. Please sign our Guest Book located at the rear of the church...then be sure to join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall.

***We want to make you feel welcome!***