

GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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Youth Sunday Mass / Blessing of the Backpacks

The third annual Youth Sunday Mass was held August 27, 2017 at St. Casimir's Church, Lowell, MA.

On this day, children and youth sing the hymns, read the scriptures, take up the collection, and play various instruments accompanying their sisters, brothers and friends. Readers for the day were Ian Ford-Hunt (Isaiah 22:15, 19-23) and James Bigelow (Romans 11:33-36). Collection was taken by James Kosidlo.

Father Tenus gave a very inspiring sermon based on Jesus' question "Who do you say I am?" and asking us all to spend more time in prayer and scripture reading rather than on earthly endeavors. The first hymn sung was "Praise Him! Praise Him!" This was followed by "Do Lord", accompanied on the guitar by Karina Tenus.



"Alleluia" was sung just before Communion. Joseph Grieve accompanied himself on the keyboard while singing "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow". Father Tenus accompanied the children/youth on his guitar while they sang "We Were Made To Love The Lord".

Following the end of Mass, Father blessed the children/youth and their backpacks as they start back to school, asking for God to guide these young people in their studies and to keep them safe.

The Mass concluded with the singing of "God Bless America".

Save the Date—Homecoming Dinner December 2

The Christmas holiday season will soon be upon us and one very nice way to begin the celebration is by attending St. Casimir's Annual Homecoming Dinner. This gathering is described as the most popular social event of our parish season. Originally promoted as our annual Christmas party the homecoming theme was adopted when many who attended found it to be a good opportunity to enjoy a holiday meal and a few traditional customs, like sharing oplatki, with friends, both old and new.

Come and join us and we will do our best to put you into the holiday spirit. Email us or call anyone listed in the panel at right for ticket information. Tickets sell out early so don't delay getting yours !



Moving Forward

When you get to read this newsletter we will have finished one of our busiest summer seasons here at St. Casimir's.



On October 21 we were pleased to present another very successful Polish Food Fest. Many thanks to our devoted parishioners who organized the event and a special thank you to those who attended. If you attended, we hope it was a great day for you and we certainly hope you make an effort to attend next year's event.

More recently, the youth of our parish presented their annual Harvest Dinner and Talent Show on November 5. How fortunate we are to have some very talented young people attending our church. And once again the kitchen provided another delectable full course dinner.

And it's not over yet. On December 2 we will host our Annual Homecoming Dinner in anticipation of the coming Christmas season with the sharing of oplatki, followed by an excellent dinner, entertainment and a Christmas Carol sing-along. If you've attended in the past you know what great fun this event is. Get your tickets early!

Thank you for being an important part of our life and may God bless you and yours.

Father Andrew

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Cathedral of the Pines Mass

The Annual service at Cathedral of the Pines took place on Sunday, July 9, 2017 at 3:30 pm in Rindge NH.

Vespers were celebrated, led by Bishop Sobiechowski, diocesan bishop, accompanied by Karen Sobiechowski on the organ. Father Senior Fryderyk Banas (Ware, MA) and Father Senior Joseph Soltysiak (Westfield, MA) were present as well as Father Andrzej Tenus (Lowell, MA), Father Adam Czarnecki (Northampton, MA), Father Pawel Lukaszewicz (Chicopee, MA) and Father Robert Koerber (supply priest).



The sermon was preached by Father Lukaszewicz based on the Gospel reading for the day: Matthew 11:25-30, specifically: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." He finished his homily with an original song accompanying himself on the guitar and keyboard.

Members of St. Casimir's who attended the service were: Father Tenus, Agnes, Karina, Jonasz, Christopher and Amelia Tenus, Myron and Grazyna Stachowicz, Joann Menzia, Phyllis Hunt, Janice Klimczak with sisters Marilyn Folcik and Arlene Strazzulla from Holy Trinity Parish, Plantsville, CT.

A chicken barbecue was served at Hidden Hills Banquet facility.

Blueberry Pancake Breakfast / Scholarships Award

On Sunday, August 20, 2017, St. Casimir's of Lowell MA hosted a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast to benefit our Scholarship Fund. The food was prepared by our parish chefs and served to a full house.

During the breakfast, four scholarships were awarded to four deserving young parishioners: Rachel Quirbach, finishing her last year at Arizona State University majoring in Music Therapy; James Kosidlo, completing his fourth year at UMASS Dartmouth, majoring in Marketing; James Bigelow, beginning his first year at Plymouth State University (NH) and Joseph Quirbach, also beginning his first year at Manchester Community College (NH).

Recipients of Scholarships with their families: Father Andrew Tenus, pastor of St. Casimir's, Tanya Bigelow with son James Bigelow, Linda and Stanley Kosidlo with son James Kosidlo, Diane and Dr. Bert Quirbach with son Joseph Quirbach. Absent from picture was Rachel Quirbach, daughter of Dr. Bert and Diane who has already begun her studies at Arizona State.



All of these young people received the sacraments and attended our School of Christian Living. They are active in the parish, participating in Mass—collectors, singers—and as members of the Youth Group, helping serve dinners and cleaning church/cemetery properties.

We wish them good luck in school and Godspeed in their future endeavors.

ANS Pool Party

On Sunday, July 16 members of St. Casimir's ANS gathered at the home of Beverly Runowicz for their annual summer social. The weather was hot and sunny and the pool sparkled invitingly as several youngsters who joined the party frolicked and splashed away. Lunch was potluck with a wide selection of food choices including dessert.



Hostess Beverly made the afternoon pleasant serving cool drinks, arranging shaded canopies and seeing to it that everyone was having a good time. Usually when ANS members meet, it's all business, planning and carrying out

activities to benefit St. Casimir's. Today it was all fun and relaxation.

100 Year Birthday Party

A 100th Birthday is certainly something to celebrate and Alice Rosmus was the star at a party honoring her on Sunday July 30. Her family held a reception at Academy Manor in Andover where many family members, friends and residents wished Alice health and happiness.



A group from St. Casimir's attended the party: Father Tenus, Paula Jones, Joyce Normand, Sophie Kosidlo, Linda Kosidlo, Phyllis Hunt, Josie Wrobel and JoAnn Menzia.

Alice's niece Cheryl Grieve, her husband, Jim, and family are members of St. Casimir's. Alice has been a member of St. Casimir's since the Lawrence PNCC closed.



With her sunny disposition and kindness, she was a hard-working member of the Pierogi Team, a member of St. Casimir's ANS and an attendee at Mass and all parish events.

With her long productive life Alice leads by her example. She doesn't preach advice—just Live, Laugh, Love.

Polish Food Fest

St. Casimir's Annual Polish Food Festival was held on October 21 at the parish center. It was a perfect autumn day as doors opened at 10 am and patrons were treated to Polish dinners prepared by our parish cooks.

Guests were also able to purchase frozen pierogi and gołąbki as well as an array of pastries and ready to heat-and-eat meals.



Raffles took place every fifteen minutes for donated gift cards and other articles.



Although parishioners had worked for weeks preparing favorite delicacies and were physically worn out, this event was well worth it.

Karina Tenus inducted into NHS

Karina Tenus, daughter of Father Andrzej and Agnieszka (Wisniewska) Tenus, has recently been inducted into the National Honor Society at Lowell High School, Lowell, MA.

She is a junior and is a member of the Show Choir. She is active in St. Casimir's Parish Youth Group and Youth Choir. She assists with the music program in Sunday School and is an altar server.

Keep up the good work, Karina.



Hunt Mason Wedding

On July 22, 2017, Father Andrew Tenu bestowed the Sacrament of Matrimony upon Magdalena Elise Hunt and Michael Patrick Mason.

Maggie is the daughter of Robert and Phyllis Hunt and Mike is the son of Sheila LaCourse and the late Stephen Mason Sr.

Holy Mass with wedding vows was celebrated at four in the afternoon at St. Casimir's Church. The wedding party included Johanna Ford-Hunt as matron of honor, Stephen Mason Jr. as best man, Emma Ford-Hunt as junior Bridesmaid, Arianna LaCourse and Elly Mason as flower girls, Heath Pelletier as the ring bearer, and Ian Ford-Hunt, Grant Dickieson, and Ben Dickieson as ushers. A reception with dinner and dancing was held at Four Oaks Country Club in Dracut, MA.



Pastor Appreciation Day

October 1st was Pastor Appreciation Day. The Parish celebrated with a celebration after Mass and a Tribute was shared on our Web Page

Thank you Fr. Andrzej Tenus for all that you and your wonderful family do, and have done, for us at St Casimir's Parish for the past 10+ years. We hope to have many more years of memories to come.



Blessing of the Animals

It was a beautiful day on October 7th for our annual "Blessing of the Animals" where we honor our parishioner's, friend's, and family's pets with a blessing by Fr. Andrew.



As usual everyone attending had a great time and there was a very good turnout.

It has been reported that all the Pets benefitted greatly from the experience.



Sunday School Halloween Party 1984

Recognize anyone ?



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



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
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Rachel Quirbach wins award

Rachel Quirbach, daughter of Dr. Robert and Diane (Rajchel) Quirbach, a senior at Arizona State University (Herberger Institute for Design and Arts School of Music) was recently chosen to receive the Undergraduate Presser Foundation Award, an award which carries with it a grant of \$4300.



Rachel was also recently awarded the "2017 Most Outstanding Music Therapy Pre-Clinical Student Award" through the Music Therapy Department at Arizona State University. She was also selected to present her own research project and a lecture about music therapy for substance abusers in correctional settings at the 2017 American National Music Therapy Association Conference in St. Louis, Missouri.

Rachel has been the recipient of several PNCC National United Choir scholarships and has made St. Casimir's Parish, Lowell, MA very proud.

Hi Newsletter Reader

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!?

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

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2017

Watch Sunday Mass bulletin for additions and further information

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

Coffee hour following Mass every Sunday throughout the year.

Also, throughout the year, the Youth of the parish are bringing in items for *Operation Christmas Child*. They will prepare shoe boxes of useful items, such as school supplies, toiletries, games, to be distributed to children who are less fortunate.

November 5	Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show
November 12	Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations
	Veterans Remembrance in church-flowers and flags
November 25	Santa's workshop gifts for sick/shut-ins
December	ANS Christmas mailing to sick/shut-ins
December 2	Homecoming / Giving Tree
December 9	Food Pantry Christmas Party (parish center)
December 17	Parish elections and parish committee meeting
December 23	Prepare church for Christmas
December 24/25	Christmas (Masses at 10 pm [Eve] and 10 am [Day])
January 7, 2018	Installation of officers/Brunch