

# 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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## Cathedral Celebrates 100th Anniversary

Our Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester NH played host to many active PNCC bishops, clergy and parishioners to concelebrate its 100th anniversary Holy Mass.

The 100th anniversary of the Holy Trinity Cathedral on Pearl Street was celebrated on Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM with a special Mass and banquet. The anniversary Mass also included a special consecration of the cathedral.

Participating were the Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church, Rt. Rev. Anthony Mikovsky, and the bishops and priests from all the dioceses (PNCC) who journeyed to Manchester from across the country for the occasion.

One hundred years ago, in order to accommodate the spiritual needs of the large number of Polish immigrants, the Polish citizens of Manchester built a second church.

Originally, the church was independent, but in 1930, the congregation opted to merge with the Polish National Catholic Church (PNCC), a democratic, non-papal denomination with headquarters in Scranton, Pa.



Rt. Rev. Anthony Mikovsky prime bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church.



The Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski, (center) Bishop of the Eastern Diocese of the Polish National Catholic Church also serves as the Cathedral's pastor.

Guests included the Most Rev. Peter Libasci, Roman Catholic bishop of Manchester; the Rt. Rev. Richard Lipka of the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA); and the Rev. Philip Raczka of the Melkite Catholic Church.

Proclamations from NH Gov. Maggie Hassan and Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas were read at the banquet and U.S. Rep. Frank Guinta presented a proclamation that had been read on the floor of the U.S. Congress.

## Wishing You a Happy and Healthy 2016

Dear «Title» «Family Name»,

Well, here we are starting our 6th year of sending you Dzień dobry!

Five years ago it was decided to create a newsletter to inform our parishioners and friends of activities and events that have taken place or that are upcoming. We have received many favorable comments from our readers and we always enjoy hearing from you.

Our new slate of officers was installed on January 3rd and includes several new faces, eager to participate in moving St. Casimir's forward.

In 2015 the Polish Food Fest was another fun filled sell out event. The homecoming dinner was also a great success. Our youth group is becoming more and more confident in presenting themselves very favorably at their talent show and other events. Our Eastern Diocese Cathedral in Manchester celebrated 100 years with PNCC's prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky in attendance.

Our Growth Committee has prepared a screen presentation containing information about our church, who we are, and what we do. Perhaps, «Title» «Family Name» you have our brochure or seen the presentation at the Food Fest.

You may know «Title» «Family Name», that our Parish store has been quite successful in selling pierogi and golabki. We have just added the sale of an apron and sweatshirt embroidered with the Polish eagle. An advertisement appears on page 3. These make fine spirit fun gifts for anyone wishing to display their interest and support of things Polish. The profits, of course, support our St. Casimir's Parish.

Thank you and God Bless You.

**Father**



«Title» «Family Name»,

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

*...Please join us.*

## St. Casimir's Parish PNCC

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

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## 2016 Parish Officers and Committee



**PARISH COMMITTEE 2016.** Those who could not be present will be sworn in as soon as possible. Photo does not match listing.

**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, Patricia Whiting, Robert Ferus, Mae Zioto, Phyllis Hunt, Louise Regan, Josephine Wrobel, Helen Rogers, Linda Kosidlo, Stanley Kosidlo Jr, Linda Hedrick, Diane Quirbach, Johanna Ford-Hunt, Wanda Hamel, Sophie Kosidlo, Walter Sott, Pearl Czerlonka, Charlotte Stankiewicz, Thomas McNiff, Irene Jaracz, Shirley Garvey, Robert Page, Anne Marie Page, Christine Piec.

**Financial Reviewers:** Stanley Kosidlo Jr., Robert Page.

**Cemetery Committee:** Robert Hunt - Co-chairman, Dr. Robert Quirbach - Co-chairman, Louise Regan, Stanley Kosidlo, Janice Klimczak, Phyllis Hunt, Robert Ferus, Thomas McNiff.

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

**Public Relations:** JoAnn Menzia, Janice Klimczak, Linda Kosidlo, James Czerlonka, Ann Marie Page.

## Operation Christmas Child

Thanks to the generous spirit that is always present during the Christmas season, 24 shoeboxes filled with gifts for needy children, collected by St. Casimir's Youth Group, were blessed by Fr. Andrzej on November 22 and delivered to the collection site at the



West Church in Haverhill MA where they were shipped and redistributed to children in various locations around the world as part of the mission of Operation Christmas Child.

What is the mission of Operation Christmas Child?

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world, and together with help of youth groups in churches like St. Casimir's, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## TENTATIVE CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES 2016

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

Throughout the year Coffee hour following Mass. First Sunday, Choir; Second Sunday, TOP; Third Sunday, Youth; Fourth Sunday, ANS; Fifth Sunday (fill in).

Also, throughout the year, Youth of the parish bring in items for *Operation Christmas Child*. In November children and youth prepare shoe boxes of useful items (school supplies, toiletries, games) to be distributed to children who are less fortunate.

February 10 Ash Wednesday-beginning of Lent. Mass at 9 am and 7 pm with imposition of ashes. Lenten Services, Fridays, 7 pm.

March 13 Passion Sunday, Mass at 10 am

March 20 Palm Sunday, Mass at 10 am distribution of palms

March 22 Holy Mass with Blessing of oils, Holy Trinity Parish, 200 Summer St., Plantsville, CT

March 24 Holy Thursday, Mass at 6 pm

March 25 Good Friday Mass of the Presanctified 10 am

March 26 Holy Saturday, Mass at 10 am. Blessing of Easter food will follow.

## Thanks from Bachand Hall



Sister Cecile Cloutier, Bachand Hall administrator, sent a message of thanks to St. Casimir's Parish for the generous donations of toiletries that were received for the girls in her care.

A total of 269 items were collected by the ladies of St. Casimir's ANS Society and donated along with checks in the amount of \$125; the society's Christmas project.

In the note, Sister Cecile said "within my heart are tucked away many thanks for your great generosity. God's love shines through you."

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

The donation records of the parish for the year 2015 have been completed. You may get an itemized list of your 2015 donations by sending an email to [st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com](mailto:st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com) or send your request and a preaddressed stamped envelope to: St. Casimir's Accounting Dept., 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell MA 01850. No charge, but a small donation would be appreciated.

Support St. Casimir's Growth committee!

## A Progress Report

«Title» «Family Name», If you attended the Polish Food Fest that was held on Sunday, October 24th, you may have seen the screen presentation designed to provide a visual description of St. Casimir's Church, its history, its officers, its contribution to the community, and other information to stimulate an interest in the church.

A new presentation is being prepared for free distribution on a CD for personal computers and in print form. Copies may be requested by email to: [pastor@stcasimirspncc.com](mailto:pastor@stcasimirspncc.com) or by mail to St. Casimir's Growth Committee, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell MA 01850.

## In Memoriam



**Wanda O. Hedrick**, 92, of Dracut, died peacefully on Friday, October 16, 2015, at Lowell General Hospital surrounded by her loving family.

She was the beloved wife of the late Robert E. Hedrick with whom she shared many loving years of marriage until his passing in 1982. Born in New Bedford on May 19, 1923, she was a daughter of the late Dr. Jan and Michalina (Piterak) Dziura. She was educated in New Bedford and then went on to earn a degree at Lowell Commercial College.

After working for the Department of Defense in Washington, DC, Wanda dedicated her life to caring for her family. She was an active member of St. Casimir's Church in Lowell where she volunteered countless hours of her time, including making pierogi. She also enjoyed baking and knitting, donating many handmade items to others. She was especially known for her afghans, stuffed animals, and winter hats and scarves. She is survived and will be deeply missed by her daughter, Shirley Garvey of Dracut; daughter-in-law, Linda M. Hedrick of Hudson, NH; a sister, Isabel Dziura of Lowell; a brother, Walter Dziura of Hingham; and four grandchildren, Lindsey E. Hedrick and her wife, Dana of Amherst, NH, Caitlin H. Fuentes and her husband, Joshua of Hudson, NH, Sarah Garvey and her companion, Jamaal of Dracut, and Kerrie Garvey and her companion, Joshua of Burlington, VT; as well as four great-grandchildren, Paige, Melina, Kira, and Kylee; her niece, Janice W. Sweeney and her husband, Donald of Dracut and nephew, James Tuttle of Dracut. In addition to her husband, she was predeceased by her son, Robert J. Hedrick; a sister, Janina Tuttle; and a great-grandson, Liam.

Her funeral service was conducted following calling hours in the funeral home. Burial took place in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH. Memorial donations may be made in Wanda's name c/o St. Casimir's PNC Church, 268 Lakeview Ave., Lowell, MA 01850.

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**John J. 'Doc' Janas Jr. M.D.** 82, of Hampton, NH, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at Lowell General Hospital-Saints Campus. John was born in Lowell on September 11, 1933 and was a son of former State Representative and Mayor of Lowell, the late John J. Janas and the late Nellie (Cuipa) Janas. Dr. Janas was also the brother of the late Frank Janas and the late Edward Janas.

He graduated from Lowell High School before pursuing his education in the medical field, graduating from the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy in Boston before attending Tufts University. John then graduated from Creighton University School of Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. He returned to Lowell, where he completed his Internship at St. Joseph's Hospital. Doc practiced Family Medicine in Lowell for many years with his daughter, Rosemary, a Family Nurse Practitioner who continues to practice locally.

Dr. Janas was enlisted with the United States Army Reserves for over twenty years, retiring as a Colonel. He dedicated his career to the medical field and practiced as a Family Physician in Lowell

since 1960. Dr. Janas was also the City of Lowell Physician and the Lowell High School Football Team Physician, as well as a member of the Board of Health. He also practiced as a Pharmacist while attending Medical School.

John lived in Lowell for most of his life before relocating to Hampton, New Hampshire. He was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church in Lowell and member of Long Meadow Golf Club where he leaves behind many friends. He remained an active member and former president of the Massachusetts Academy of Family Physicians, as well as the American Academy of Family Physicians.

John is survived by his loving best friend, Ruth Messer of Lowell; and his five children, Dr. John J. Janas III and his wife, Maureen of Concord, NH; Rosemary Janas Harrington and her husband, Colin of Hampton NH; Kathleen Hennigan of Spartanburg, NC; Michael Janas and his wife, Laura of Lake Stevens, WA and Christine Correa and her husband, Artie of North Chelmsford. He was also the Dziadziu (grandfather) of Jordan Janas, Micheala and Colin Harrington, Sean and Jennifer Hennigan, Heather Janas, and Eric and Catie Correa. He is also survived by his former wife, Rosemary (Liston) Janas of Kennebunk, ME; a sister-in-law, Margaret Janas of Lowell; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins including, Susan Morrissey and Dr. Stephen Janas.

His funeral mass was offered at Immaculate Conception church, 144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell at 10 a.m. followed by burial in Saint Casimir Cemetery in Pelham, NH.

Memorial donations in his name may be made to the Immaculate Conception Restoration Fund, 144 East Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852 or to Long Meadow Scholarship Fund, 165 Havilah Street, Lowell, MA 01852.



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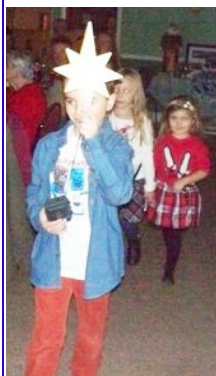
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## St. Casimir's Homecoming 2015 Continues to Please as Christmas Season Opener

In keeping with the parishioners' desire to make the annual Homecoming Dinner a great way to start the Christmas season, the event which was held on Saturday December 5th opened with another sell-out crowd in attendance.



The festivities began as in previous years by placing the hall in darkness, illuminated only by the Christmas star, carried by Christopher Tenus followed by Emma Ford-Hunt and Amelioa Tenus. The star was placed upon the "Giving Tree" which has the names of items to be donated and given to hospitalized veterans.



Following an opening prayer led by the Pastor and greetings from Parish Co-chairman Robert Hunt, the Polish custom of sharing oplatki provided an opportunity to offer each other "Merry Christmas" greetings.

After a serving of pierogi appetizers an announcement was made that the table numbers were randomly placed under the centerpiece of each table, indicating the order in which each table would be called to the buffet table. As expected, those tables with high numbers groaned while lower number tables gloated in delight...all as friendly gestures.



Robert Hunt, parish co-chairman extended welcome greetings to the audience.

When all the tables were fed, it was announced by the pastor, acting as master of ceremonies, that the youth group had prepared some entertainment for the evening.



First was a demonstration of Irish step dancing by Emma Ford-Hunt who was warmly applauded and acknowledged for her first time performing on stage before

an audience.

Members of the Youth group then assembled on stage to perform a selection of songs to add to the festivities.

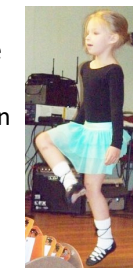
Karina Tenus singing "O Holy Night" was warmly



Members of St. Casimir's Youth Group and Children's Choir, Front l to r: Karina Tenus, Madeline Rondeau, Amelia Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt, Christopher Tenus, Jonah Tenus. Back row: Ian Ford-Hunt, Elizabeth Rondeau.

applauded by the audience for her first time solo performance.

The children sang "Hey Jonah" to open a skit in which Jonah Tenus, plays the part of his namesake Jonah in the story of "Jonah and the



Karina Tenus

Whale".

In the story, Jonah disobeys God's command -ment to go to Ninevah to preach and sails away. Thrown overboard in a storm he is swallowed by a whale, decides to follow God's command to preach and is spit out by the whale.



### Two named as "Elf of the Year"

Because of the similarity of their commitment and efforts on behalf of St. Casimir's Parish, the annual "Elf of the Year" award was presented to Thomas McNiff and to Robert Ferus. Both men have worked tirelessly to upgrade, maintain and beautify St. Casimir's Cemetery.

The cemetery, located in Pelham NH, has been described by many as one of the "most attractive" in the area.



Robert Ferus, right, expresses thanks for Elf of the Year recognition. Left to right: Thomas McNiff, Elf Awardee; Robert Quirbach, Robert Hunt, Ferus, Fr. Tenus holding microphone.

### And the Big Man Himself

Not to be outdone, Santa made his annual appearance to the delight of everyone present, especially the young people who each received gifts and expressed their appreciation with hugs and kisses for the jolly gentleman.



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