

GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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Mass of The Resurrection on Easter Sunday Features Children's Choir

Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Morning at St. Casimir's Church was made even more special this year with the help of the Children's Choir who sang beautifully to the delight of a large congregation in attendance.



St. Casimir's Children's Choir members Jonasz Tenus, Ian Ford-Hunt, Justin Bigelow, Joseph Quirbach, Karina Tenus with hidden Emma Ford-Hunt, Amelia Tenus and Christopher Tenus sing hymns to assist Father Tenus as he celebrates Mass on Easter Sunday before a large congregation.

The young singers, members of St. Casimir's Youth Group, are mentored by the pastor and members of the parish. The Youth Group presents a Harvest Dinner and Talent show annually as well



Children's Choir accompanied by Fr. Andrzej Tenus on guitar, entertain the congregation at close of Mass of The Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Clockwise from left, Jonasz Tenus, Ian Ford-Hunt, Justin Bigelow, Joseph Quirbach, Karina Tenus, Christopher Tenus (partially hidden), Emma Ford-Hunt, and Amelia Tenus.

We are Very Proud of Our Youth



Dear «Title» «Family Name»,

I hope you are among the many people who attended our Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is indeed a great pleasure to see the church filled to near capacity with worshippers eager to acknowledge and celebrate Our Saviour's victory over death which is the fundamental belief upon which the entire Christian world exists.

If you did attend, I hope you enjoyed the singing provided by our children's choir. Their voices, and those of the Frederick Chopin Choir combined with voices from the congregation made for a truly joyous liturgy. My personal heartfelt thanks to you and all who participated.

We are very proud of our youth group and all of the parish groups for their contribution to the well-being of our parish.

And a special Thanks to you, «Title» «Family Name», for your encouragement and support of their projects like the Souper Bowl of Sharing and the donation of hats, gloves and mittens to needy children; both of which appear in this newsletter, and others that you have read about in previous issues.

Much of what we do as a parish is done to define St. Casimir's as a vibrant and vital member of the community in which we live and you are an important part of that effort.

So thank you once again «Title» «Family Name» and May you and yours be blessed by the Risen Christ.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

as performing at the annual Homecoming and other functions. The group has also been featured in previous issues of this newsletter for its participation in charitable programs, and award-winning accomplishments of its members.

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:

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<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.

Free Polish Language Classes Return

A very recent announcement. Anyone who wishes to attend classes in learning how to speak Polish language is invited to contact the pastor, Fr. Andrzej at 978-453-0742.

The day of the week and the time will be announced when interested individuals contact the pastor.

A Trip Down Memory Lane...

Do any of our readers have pictures of "Warsaw Night"?

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In full costume

—for the highly successful "An Evening In Warsaw" dinner and floor show presented by St. Casimir's Frederick Chopin Choir, left to right, Mrs. James Blake, treasurer, Joseph Stankiewicz, Mrs. Frank Stankiewicz,

and Mrs. Frank Krystyniak, president and chairman for the event. The enjoyable evening, which featured typical Warsaw night club atmosphere, was held at St. Casimir's parish hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday school children prepare to search gift-laden Easter eggs hidden by Sunday school staff throughout classrooms at the Parish Center.



A Polish Custom...

Parishioners prepare the food to be served on Easter Sunday, carry it to the church, place it before the altar, and await the blessing of the pastor.

Once blessed, the food is returned to the home and enjoyed on Easter Sunday by the family.



Holy Thursday Meatless Meal

Parishioners who attended Holy Thursday services enjoyed the annual Fasting Meal that followed.

The meatless meal is served annually to commemorate the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his disciples.

The menu that was served included meatless golabki, lazy pierogi, lasagna, seafood sandwiches, a vegetable platter, variety of salads, breads and rolls plus much more.

The event was sponsored by the ANS society assisted by other parishioners and continues to be a successful event during the Lenten season.

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, 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

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



Blanket Raffle to be drawn June 14th

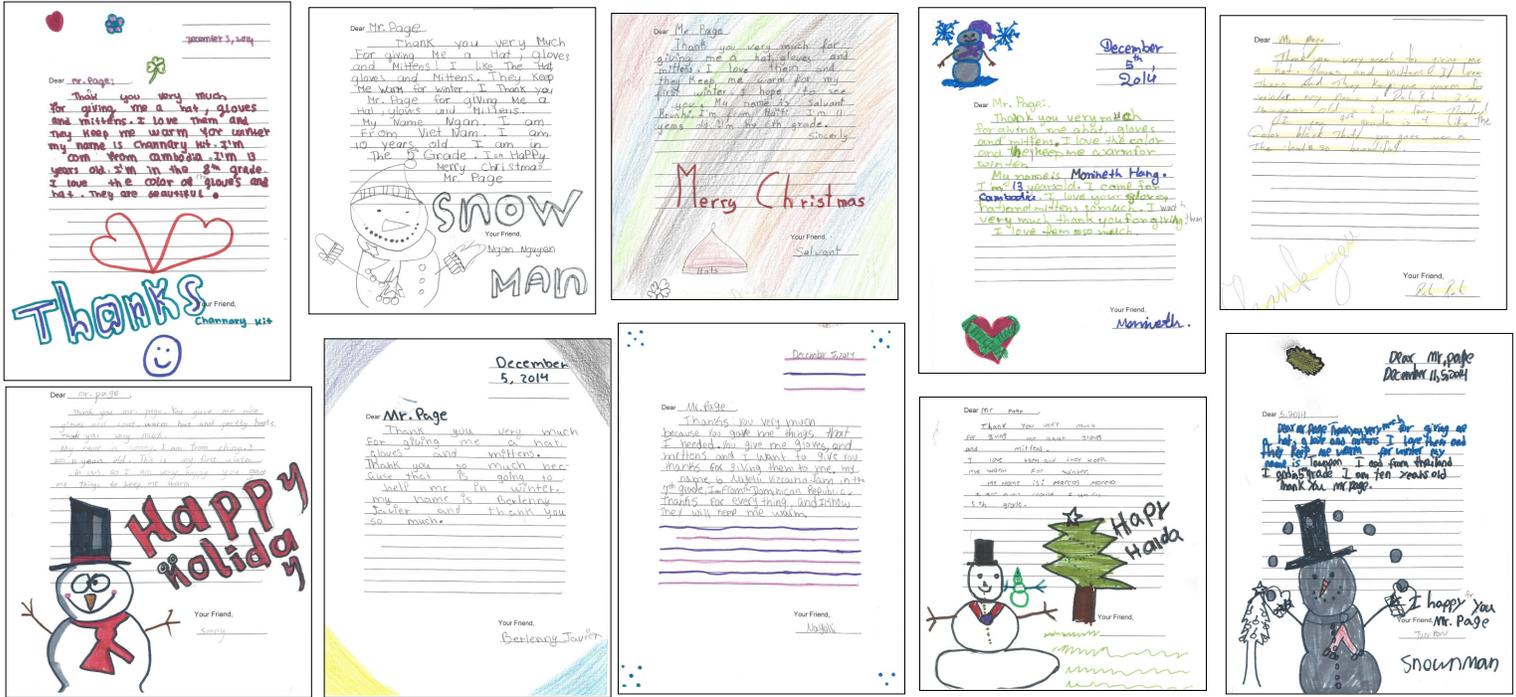
Dear «Title» «Family Name», the Polish design throw blanket shown here will be awarded to the lucky ticketholder to be drawn at the annual Strawberry Pancake Breakfast which will take place on June 14.

This decorative throw was made by The Rug Barn and woven in the U.S.A. The throw blanket will remain on display in the Church and the Parish Center until the drawing.

Tickets are \$3 each (2 for \$5) and you need not be present at the drawing to win. Call 978-453-0742 for tickets/information.



St. Casimir's Provides Warmth to Local School Children from Around the World



The letter in the upper left corner reads:

"Thank you very much for giving me a hat, gloves and mittens. I love them and they keep me warm for winter my name is Channary Kit. I'm come from Cambodia. I'm 13 years old. I'm in the 8th grade. I love the color of the gloves and hat. They are beautiful. Your friend, Channary Kit".

Similar letters were received from other children, clockwise: Ngan Nguyen, age 10, grade 5, Vietnam; Salvant Brunhi, 11, grade 6, Haiti; Monineth Hang 13, Cambodia; Dah Rah, 13, grade 7, Thailand; Ton Pon, 10, grade 5, Thailand; Nayelli Vizcainho, grade 7, Dominican Republic; Marcos Moreno, grade 5, Mexico; Berlenny Javier; Sonny, 11, China.

As a Christmas project in 2014, the members of the St. Casimir's ANS Society, led by its president, JoAnn Menzia, sponsored a drive to collect hats, gloves and mittens for children from a variety of countries who now live in the United States and attend Lowell Public Schools; the items were distributed where needed by the public school staff on behalf of the church.

The program was brought to the attention of the church group by Robert Page, a local resident who is active in community activities, including the Forget Them Not "Veterans Serving Veterans" program which was featured in a recent issue of this

newsletter. The items were collected over a period of several weeks and delivered by Mr. Page.

Letters of gratitude addressed to Mr. Page were written by the children in December 2014. They were forwarded to the church recently and are reproduced above. They are identified with the child's name, age, school grade, and home country.

The original letters will be assembled and displayed for viewing at St. Casimir's Parish center and will hopefully stimulate greater participation by parishioners and friends in the 2015 campaign in November.

Donations of hats, gloves and mittens will be collected throughout the year by the ANS Society and turned over to Mr. Page early in November for distribution to the children.

For additional information, or to make a donation, please contact the pastor, any member of the ANS society, or anyone shown in the contact us panel on the front page of this newsletter.

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

"A Taste of Heaven"

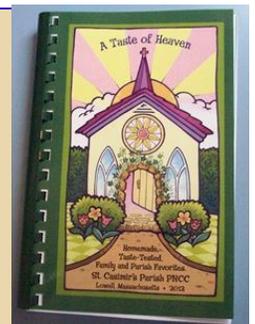
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Souper Bowl of Sharing

Jonaz Tenus, Joseph Quirbach and Karina Tenus display donated cans of soup for distribution to the needy that were collected by St. Casimir's Youth Group's participation in the national youth-led community sharing and caring event held annually prior to SuperBowl Sunday.



ANS members carried candles in procession at Easter Sunday Mass of The Resurrection L to R: Phyllis Hunt, Linda Kosidlo, Charlotte Stankiewicz, Irene Jarez, Joanne Menzia, Agnieszka Tenus, Beverly Runowicz.

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.

- May 25- Memorial Day. Mass at Cemetery, 10 am.
- June 4-Corpus Christi/Procession, Mass - Manchester NH Cathedral
- June 14- Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)
- June 21- Father's Day
- 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
- October 3-Blessing of pets
- October 24-Polish Food Fest, 10 am-3 pm
- November-Hat and Mitten drive
- November 1-All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery
- November 8-Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show
- November 15-Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations
- December 5-Homecoming
- December 19-Holiday Food Sale 10 am-3 pm
- December 20-Parish elections and parish committee meeting
- December 24/25 Christmas (Masses at 10 pm [Eve] and 10 am.
- January 3, 2016-Installation of officers/Brunch

Watch for changes and announcements in upcoming issues of Dzień Dobry or call 978-453-0742 for more information.

The Story of St. Paul's Soup Kitchen

Rose Bronk was inspired by a Bible passage in the Gospel of Matthew:

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me. Truly, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.

In 1995, inspired by this Bible passage, Rose and her husband Walter started St. Paul's Soup Kitchen at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Lowell. They began serving dinner one night a week and it quickly became two. Food was purchased at the Lowell Food Bank and cooked at St. Paul's. The Pastor at St. Paul's spoke with the Interfaith Council of Lowell and explained that the Soup Kitchen was successfully providing meals for the working poor, elderly and families in the community.

Other churches were interested in helping with the preparation and serving of meals and the service increased to three days a week with twelve



Rose and Walter Bronk can be reached by telephone at 978-852-8531

churches participating. Every work day of the month was covered by a different church because the City Manager was aware of the good work of St. Paul's Soup Kitchen he asked them to provide meals five days a week to take pressure off the Transitional Center.

There are currently 16 different groups participating, including congregations from the Methodist, Catholics, Episcopal, Presbyterians, Islamic Society of Lowell, and several non-denominational churches. There are two companies who participate in the meals and donate Christmas gifts: The Chowder Factory & Avoqua Corp. Additionally, the soup kitchen gets support from private individuals and churches who donate clothing, toiletries and coats.

In 2013, St. Paul's Soup Kitchen served 33,130 meals. The Kitchen is open from 3 pm to 6 pm and the meal is served from 5-6 pm, Monday through Friday. Each church or organization who hosts a meal night is responsible for bringing the food, setting up the meal, serving and cleaning up.



1st Annual Walk-A-Thon!

Location: **Easy 5K (3.1 mi.)**
Elks Lodge
40 Old Ferry Road
Lowell, MA

When:
Saturday May 16th, 2015 at 9am

Come join us and support the Greater Lowell Community! All funds will support the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen.

Register at:
www.stpaulsoupkitchen.org
or 8 AM - 8:50 AM day of the event at
Elks Club Parking Lot, 40 Old Ferry Road

All donations can be sent to:
St. Paul's Soup Kitchen
P.O. Box 2257
Lowell, MA 01851

**Please mention St. Casimir's
when you donate**