

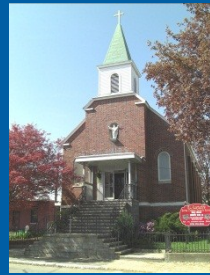
St. Casimir's Parish

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Bishop Paul visits St. Casimir's



Fr. Andrew and several parishioners had the pleasure of meeting with our new Bishop Paul Sobiechowski on March 27 at the Parish Center. The Bishop was accompanied by his wife Karen and Father Robert Nemkovich of Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River MA.

Bishop Paul spoke of his observations and plans as leader of the Eastern Diocese.

Communications seems to be a problem in the entire church. Rola Boza is not publishing and its reactivation is unknown. As an alternative, work is being done on the diocesan website which will be available for parishes to post information; and the diocesan calendar will still be published and mailed to each parish within the diocese.

Bishop Paul would like to develop a diocesan talent bank; a list of people with various talents and skills to whom parishes could turn for information, help, or assistance. He would also like to revitalize the United Choirs of the Eastern Diocese.

He announced that the diocesan Synod will be held Sept. 28 – 29 in Amherst, MA hosted by the South Deerfield Parish. Delegates from each parish are chosen based on the number of active parishioners. Reports from the Seniorates and diocesan organizations must be turned in by August 25.

Because of the shortage of clergy, Bishop would like to hear any ideas that would encourage men to look into the Deacon program.

As a means of promoting the PNCC, parishes and pastors are encouraged to attend and become involved in their community's events and activities

Holy Thursday Mass Well Attended

More than 50 parishioners and friends of St. Casimir's attended Mass on Holy Thursday, April 5 to commemorate the institution of the Holy Eucharist. Father Tenus celebrated the Mass as the faithful continued their Lenten journey of prayer.

Following the service, all were invited to partake of a Lenten meal at the Parish Center sponsored by the ladies of our ANS society.

At the Center, JoAnn Menzia, ANS President, extended words of welcome as members offered greetings of fellowship to those attending. Father Andrew blessed the food on the buffet table and the guests enjoyed a meatless dinner of corn chowder, tossed salad, baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed shells, babka, bread and butter, dessert, coffee, tea and soda.

Amidst smiles, stories, and engaging conversation, the Holy Spirit was certainly present at St. Casimir's on Holy Thursday.

Looking Ahead with Anticipation

Dear Friend,



A few short weeks ago, we celebrated Easter, and as pastor I found that sharing that Holy Season with the parishioners of St. Casimir's parish provided a spiritual uplifting for me and my family that was absolutely beautiful. I would 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 toward a new year under the guidance of our new Bishop Paul.

As written in this newsletter, Bishop Paul has some very specific thoughts on his plans to improve the relationships of the various parishes with each other and with the diocese. Not the least of these is his plan to create a diocesan "talent bank" to be shared by all of the parishes. Please take a moment to read about Bishop Paul's visit with us.

At St. Casimir's, preparations are being made to enjoy many events in our parish including: Memorial Day Mass, Strawberry Pancake Breakfast, Father's Day, First Communion, etc. Check the list of Coming Events on Page 3.

We are working very hard toward the release of our first Parish Cookbook, and, thanks to your recipes and support, we hope to publish it soon. See the update on Page 3.

None of this would be possible without your encouragement and assistance.

Thank you,
God bless!

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

A Memorial Day Invitation

Dear Friend, you are cordially invited to attend our annual Memorial Day observance on Monday, May 28 at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH.

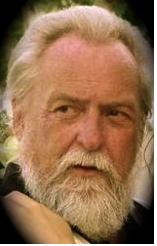
At 10 AM Father Tenus will celebrate a Mass at our beautiful outdoor altar honoring our servicemen and women and for the repose of the souls at the Cemetery.

The grounds have been spruced up by parish volunteers under the direction of cemetery committee chairman, Bob Hunt. New paint and plantings have been added and the rock garden will be in bloom. The ANS society has organized a hot dog lunch to be served after the service.

Bring your lawn chair and visit with friends old and new... a wonderful way to remember your deceased loved ones on Memorial Day.

In Memoriam

Kenneth W. Doubleday, Sr., 66, passed away at his home on Tuesday, May 1st. Born in Lowell on December 4, 1945, Ken was the son of the late William and Adele (Jalowiecka) Doubleday.



He was educated in the Lowell Public Schools and later served in the United States Navy. Ken worked for Corenco in Lowell, before retiring.

Ken was an avid Elvis fan and muscle car enthusiast. His greatest joy was spending time with friends and family and eagerly anticipated his annual trips to

Walt Disney World with his wife and their best friends.

Ken is survived by his beloved wife, Joanne L. (Smith) Doubleday of Dracut, his five children: Jeff Shattuck of Lowell, Kenneth W. Doubleday, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Hudson, Steve Shattuck and Melissa Dalli of Peabody, Pam Shattuck of Dracut, and William Doubleday and Nicole Darcey of Lowell. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Douglas Gagnon, Brianna and Alea Doubleday, Owen, Evan and Emma Doubleday and Krystal Shattuck, his two sisters, Joyce Normand and her husband Roger, and Susan Flynn, all of Lowell, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

His Funeral Service took place on May 4. Burial will take place at a later date.

Aleck Kuchar, 88 of Methuen died peacefully Monday April 16, 2012 at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill, MA following a long illness.



Born and educated in Lawrence, he was the son of Peter and Anna (Potriynyh) Kuchar. Aleck was a Lawrence High School graduate, where he was the captain of the football team graduating with the Class of 1941. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Navy (1943 - 1946) serving as a Pharmacist Mate 3rd Class with the Seabee's

Construction Battalion on the island of Guam. For more than 37 years he was employed by General Electric Company (Aircraft Division) in Lynn, MA. As an Analyst, he was instrumental in the testing of jet engines and fuel cells for the NASA space program. He was an avid stamp, coin collector and sports enthusiast and especially enjoyed football, baseball and basketball. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends he met along the way.

The widower of Nancy (Dudek) Kuchar, he is survived by his daughter and son, Marlene K. Moore and her husband Michael T. Moore of Pelham, NH and Kevin M. Kuchar of Lowell, MA; also one granddaughter Melody K. Moore of Pelham, NH and many nieces and nephews. Aleck was predeceased by two sisters and one brother, Katherine "Kay" Kalitka, Ann Kuchar and Fred Kuchar.

A Funeral service was held in Methuen, MA followed by burial in the Elmwood Cemetery.

Muriel (Hamer) Kopacz, 92, of Dracut died Wed. March 28, 2012 at the Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill, MA. She was wife of the late William Kopacz who died in 1985.

She was a daughter of the late Henry and Sarah (Fallow) Hamer. She was born and raised in Lowell and graduated from

Lowell High School. In her early years, she worked in the Woolen Mills at the Navy Yard in Dracut. Later she was an assembler at Raytheon Corp until she retired. She was a member of Dracut Senior Citizens Club and the Hummel Club of Salem, NH. She is survived by her niece Gwenneth Wallens of Groton, MA; a nephew, John G. Hamer, PHD of Haverhill; a grandniece, Bronwen Wallens and a grandnephew, Benjamin Wallens both of Westford, MA. She was predeceased by two brothers, Gwenffrud Hamer and Thurston Hamer.

A Funeral Mass was held at St. Casimir's Church followed by burial in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH.

St. Casimir's Crafters to hold Quilt Raffle

Our Crafters group is conducting a raffle! The prize is a queen size Log Cabin quilt, shown here. It measures 84 x 100 inches and is made of blue, green, red, gold, beige, and white 100% cotton fabrics. It has a wide outer border of beautiful florals on a brown background. The neutral tones and the range of prints make this quilt suitable for any room décor. It is machine washable and dryable on a gentle cycle.



The quilt was made by our own very talented Linda Kosidlo, and it is on display in the church and the Parish Center. The quilt will make a lovely gift for that special someone in your life.

The raffle drawing will be held at this year's Homecoming dinner on December 8. Tickets are \$3.00 each, or two for \$5.00. For more information, or to purchase raffle tickets, please contact:

Linda Kosidlo (978) 649-8842, Janice Klimczak (978) 452-9646 or Jean Doda (603) 635-9875.

Diocesan Web Site Up and Running



A portion of the home page of our new Eastern Diocese web site is shown above. It is very well done, attractive and contains much information of interest to our parishioners.

The site can be accessed at: www.easterndiocesepncc.org

COMING EVENTS

Strawberry Pancake Breakfast June 10th

St. Casimir's annual strawberry pancake breakfast will be held on Sunday, June 10, at the Parish Center following our regular 10 o'clock Mass.

This event which is sponsored every year by our scholarship committee is always well attended and this year is expected to be one of the best. The all-you-can-eat menu consists of fresh strawberries, pancakes and sausage. Let's not forget the whipped cream!

Tickets may be obtained by calling the rectory at 978-453-0742 or at the Parish Center on that day. Prices were not available at press time.

Father's Day and First Communion June 17

As is our custom, First Communion will be administered to the children of the parish at the 10 o'clock Mass on Father's Day, Sunday, June 17.

Cathedral of the Pines July 8

Parishioners of the Eastern Diocese of the PNCC will gather together for its annual prayer service at the Cathedral of the Pines in Rindge, New Hampshire on Sunday, July 8.

As the first prayer service to be sponsored by our newly installed diocesan Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, the event is expected to be a very joyful one indeed.

Members of the diocese have been gathering at this inspiring site for more than half a century, the focal point of which is the Altar of the Nation which was recognized by Congress in 1957 as a National Memorial to American men and women who lost their lives in war.

All parishioners of the Eastern Diocese are invited and encouraged to attend and it is expected that several members of St. Casimir's parish will attend as a group.

Youth Group Canobie Lake Trip July 19

St. Casimir's parish Youth Group will conduct its annual trip to Canobie Lake Park on Thursday, July 19. This is always a fun event for our young people and all are encouraged to attend.

Spinner's Night Out TBA

All of St. Casimir's parishioners and friends are invited to attend our annual Spinner's Night Out during the week of August 1. Exact date will be announced when it is determined.

This evening event, which is free as long as the tickets hold out, consists of hot dogs and hamburgers at the Parish Center followed by attendance at a baseball game of the Lowell Spinner's, a Boston Red Sox affiliate. This event is sponsored annually by Robert Hunt, our parish cochairman, and is usually well attended. A few prayers for good weather would be appreciated.

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 from 11:00 A.M. until Noon

Recipe Book Update

Since the project began, the committee involved in creating our parish cookbook has received more than 250 recipes. The goal is to reach 300 recipes and send the book to the publisher in June for an "on sale" target in July.

Currently, the book is planned to contain the following categories: appetizers, beverages, main dishes, soups, salads, breads, rolls, vegetables, desserts and miscellaneous.

The Youth Group and the children of the parish will be invited to submit a cover design for the book and the committee will select one from the submissions.

The plan is to print 300 copies and set the price of each book at approximately \$10. Many individuals have expressed an interest in obtaining a copy but advance orders have been slow. Books may be pre-ordered by contacting any parishioner or committee member or:

- **E-mail:** st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com
jczlerlonka@comcast.net
- **Or Call:** Rectory 978-453-0742 Janice 978-452-9646
JoAnn 978-459-2017 James 978-957-3066

**How many copies should we print for you?
Reserve Your Cookbooks Today!**

Cookbook Sponsors???

THE COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED INQUIRIES ABOUT ACCEPTING DONATIONS FROM PARISHIONERS OR FRIENDS WHO WOULD LIKE TO PLACE AN ADVERTISEMENT OR HAVE THEIR NAMES LISTED IN THE BOOK AS SUPPORTERS.



If you would like to be listed as a Cookbook Sponsor, or if you would like to place a business or best wishes advertisement, please make a request to the email address or phone numbers shown above.

Spaghetti Supper Planned for Sunday, August 11

Our annual spaghetti supper and distribution of scholarship awards will take place this year on August 11. Tickets will be available sometime in July and may be obtained by calling the rectory at 978-453-0742 or by asking any parishioner.

Dear Friend, Your E-mail Address

This newsletter was sent to parishioners and friends at the address we have on file in our parish directory. We would like to add you to our directory. Please send us an e-mail message just to say "hi" and we'll add your e-mail address. Don't forget to tell us who you are...and if you would like to volunteer to help on some parish projects!!!

Send to: St.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com

Fun with Old Fotos:

Plenty of smiles from this group of singers happy for the opportunity to perform at Lowell's radio station WLLH. Do you see any familiar faces? Any idea of when this actually took place and the occasion that warranted this event? What musical selection was performed? We would like to hear from our readers about this picture.



Now do you Remember...?

Well, we were fortunate enough to get some response regarding the photos we published in our last newsletter and the results are printed below.. Check out this information and see if you remember any of these people or events from "The Good Old Days" at

Photo 1-12-1: From Left: Bob Moody (pres. Holy Cross, Lynn, MA); Fr. Ted Zawistowski (pastor, Blessed Virgin Parish, Fall River, MA); Fr. Stanley Podgorni (native son from Lowell, pastor, Holy Mother of the Rosary Parish, Chicopee, MA); MA State Rep. John Janas (St. Casimir's); Fr. Francis Kaminski (pastor St. Valentine's, Northampton, MA); Fr. Senior Anthony Wojtkowiak (pastor Holy Cross Parish, Ware, MA); Sec. of State Elliot Richardson; Mary Szczepkowski Korkolonis (Fall River parish); (three men behind Mary are unknown); Steven Korkolonis (Fall River parish); our pastor Father Klimczak; tall priest to Fr. Joe's left is chaplain of Mass. House of Representatives, Boston; Mr. Chmielecki from our Cambridge parish. Front row, left to right: Tall girl in Polish costume



(unknown); Darlene Rajchel; Darlene Dalton and Diane Rajchel (now Quirbach) all from St. Casimir's Parish. We think the event was the May 3rd Constitution Day proclamation (year unknown). *NOTE: A special gift for the person or persons who can come up with some of the missing information...!*

<—**Photo 1-12-2:** From the Mass on St. Casimir's 75th Anniversary. From left: Stella Laba, hidden lady, JoAnn Lavoie, Mary Kubacki Myslowski, Sophie Rajchel. Picture ??? that was cut out was of **Mary Kochanek**. It was cut to be placed into a collage in our 90th Anniversary book. *NOTE: A special gift for the person or persons who can come up with a copy of the collage that has Mary's picture on it...!*

Want to have some fun? "Get Involved" in Our Events and Projects?