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Advent Planned for Start of Contemporary Mass

In the March issue of our newsletter «Title» «Family Name», we told you of our plans to begin celebrating a Contemporary Mass here at St Casimir's.

Father Tenus, St. Casimir's pastor, has recently announced his intention to coordinate the start of the Contemporary Mass liturgy with the celebration of Advent, the start of the new church year, next month.

Described as "children friendly" it is hoped that the new liturgy will encourage the young people of the parish, and their friends, to actively participate in the weekly Mass celebration and other parish events and activities.

Initially, «Title» «Family Name», the plan is to perform the new Mass format once Sunday a month for a time, with children assistin, then on Sundays alternating with the traditional Mass. A special booklet will be provided to assist the congregation.

As stated in the eastern diocese synod resolutions of 2012, implementation of the new liturgy will be another step forward in the our church's goal to be portrayed as a living, friendly and modern catholic

St. Casimir's Parish

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You are Invited...

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

We're Making Progress...Thanks to You!



Dzien Dobry! and Good Day to you «Title» «Family Name»,

We are very happy here at St. Casimir's because since our last newsletter several activities have added to our feeling of "moving ahead and enjoying the trip" which was the title of my last message to you. As you read this newsletter you will see why we are excited.

I was very happy to see you at this year's Food Fest and Craft Fair, «Title» «Family Name», and if I did not get a chance to say hello it was my loss. If you didn't attend, it was a very nice event where many friends and neighbors came to buy their favorite Polish food and crafts for Christmas gifts. Many stayed for lunch and to spend time with friends that they met there. Story and pictures on page 4

After Mass on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, our Youth Group presented its annual dinner and talent show with singing, musical instruments and two cleverly executed comedy skits. We are very proud of our talented and ambitious young parishioners. Proceeds from the event will be used to fund this year's "Operation Christmas Child" project. Story on page 2.

In the next few weeks, «Title» «Family Name», we hope to begin using the PNCC's Contemporary Rite to celebrate some Sunday Masses as suggested by the diocesan Synod of 2012. We hope you will attend. The transition from the traditional liturgy may be difficult for you or some of our parishioners, but we hope that it will ultimately be embraced a progressive move toward the portrayal of a "living, friendly and modern" St. Casimir's Parish that will appeal to a younger generation.

We are very proud of our beautiful cemetery in Pelham and we are extremely grateful to our co-chairman Robert Hunt and his crew for the work they have done and continue to do maintaining and improving it. Read about their latest accomplishment on page 3.

Thank you, «Title» «Family Name», for your prayers and support. May God Bless You.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

denomination.

The Contemporary Rite calls for the the celebration of Mass with the priest facing the people which requires a new altar in front of the current. The new altar is currently being built but a completion date has not

One section of the new altar that is currently being built >

been confirmed.

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Attend Homecoming Dinner to Start Christmas Season

Dear «Title» «Family Name». 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.

The program, which includes musical entertainment by the parish youth group and a Christmas carol sing along in English and in Polish, will definitely put you in the Christmas spirit.

Come and join with us «Title» «Family Name», on Saturday, December 7, and we will do our best to put you into the holiday spirit.

Tickets for the event are \$8.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12, and there is no charge for children under two. Call anyone listed in the panel at left.

In Memoriam



Mildred J. Targ - died Friday, October 11th, at Lahey Clinic Medical Center, surrounded by her family. She was the beloved wife of 38 years to the late Francis J. Targ who passed away in 1995 .

Mildred was born in Middleboro, MA on November 25, 1929, a daughter of the late Mildred (Wallaitis) and Joseph A. Flynn. She received her education in the Lowell and Chelmsford School Systems and was a graduate of Chelmsford High School, Class of 1947. She went on to attend both Lowell Commercial College, Bradshaw Business School and the University of Lowell, where she studied business. For many years, Mildred was employed as a Commercial Loan Officer, starting with Union National Bank and ultimately after several mergers retired from Fleet bank in 1995. Mildred was an incredibly patriotic woman, who was very proud of her country and her children and grandchildren who have defended it. She was an avid New England sports fan, and loved the Red Sox and the Patriots. She also enjoyed spending time outdoors exploring nature, and especially loved flowers.

She was a member of the YMCA in Lowell, Nashua Fitness Center and enjoyed bowling with the Senior League, Club 55, at Brunswick Bowling Center.

She is survived and will be deeply missed by her children Jeff Targ and his wife Kathy of Dracut, and Paula Gagnon and her husband Butch of Hollis, NH; her grandchildren Jeff Targ Jr. and Jessica Martin and her husband Patrick, and one great-granddaughter, Aubrey Martin, as well and her niece Kelly Flynn and nephew Gary Flynn.

Interment was in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH. Donations may be made in Mildred's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. 1000, Dept. 142, Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Team Czerlonka Raises Over \$4,200 for Parkinson's Research

With the Chicago skyline in the background, Team Czerlonka runners Brian Cocuzzo and Karen Breault, center left and right, are joined by Brian's mother, Deborah, far left, and Karen's husband, David, proudly display the medals they were awarded for completing the marathon run.



Team Czerlonka participation in the Chicago marathon was featured in St. Casimir's September newsletter because it was organized in honor of James Czerlonka, an active parishioner and strong supporter of Parkinson's research.

FUNDRAISING GOAL

Goal: \$2,000.00
Achieved: \$4,233.00

CONGRATULATIONS!

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DONATE NOW!

St. Casimir's Youth Group Presents Its Harvest Dinner and Talent Show

On Sunday, November 3, St. Casimir's Youth Group took over the parish center stage and presented its 9th Annual Dinner and Show .

Guests in attendance enjoyed a complete meatloaf dinner which was followed by words of welcome from Rachel Quirbach, the group's president, who then introduced the group known as "The Root" with Bradley Garcia on sax; Caleb Dyer on guitar; Devin Carroll, drums; and Matt Oakes, bass who performed several musical selections.



"The Root"

Additional entertainment included a vocal solo performed by Karina Tenus; duet vocal performances by Riley Mason with



Rachel Quirbach, Riley Mason

Rachel Quirbach; and two cleverly performed comedy skits. The finale was a rendition of "Jesus Is Your Ticket to Heaven" performed by the Youth Group.

This event which is produced annually by the young people of St. Casimir's parish is used to provide funds to support the group's charitable projects.

This year's project "Operation Christmas Child" involves filling a shoebox with a variety of small, non-perishable items such as coloring utensils, small stuffed animals, toothbrushes and toothpaste, coloring books, notepads, pencils and pens, and anything else a child would enjoy; will be given to a needy child.

Donations dropped off in back of St. Casimir's church will be collected on Sunday, November 17th.

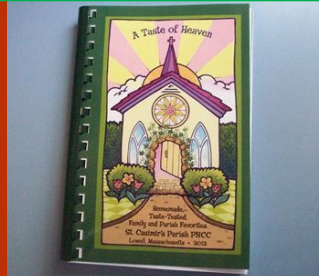


Watch our Web Site for a Slide Show

Youth Group members James and Justin Bigelow; Rachel Quirbach, Joseph Quirbach, Jonacz and Karina Tenus; Aaron and Ryan Robinson singing "Jesus Is Your Ticket to Heaven"

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This Christmas Give the Gift
that will keep on giving for Many Years to Come!

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Improvements Continue at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham

An ongoing project at St. Casimir's parish is to rebuild the back road entrance to the cemetery grounds and make it similar in appearance to the cemetery's main entrance.



Main entrance to St. Casimir's Cemetery

After nearly four years of work, volunteers working at St. Casimir's cemetery under the leadership of Parish co-chairman Robert Hunt accomplished the construction of one of the two pillars to stand on either side of the gate entrance.

In order to accomplish some very difficult earth moving and the lifting of heavy objects, it was decided to rent a Boxer machine called a skid steer.

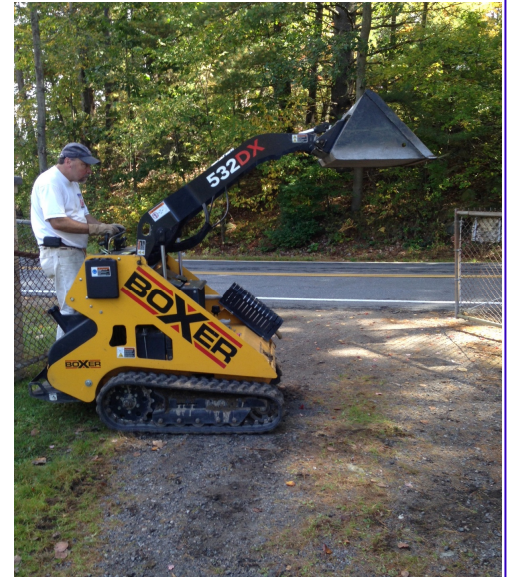
The project began during the original cemetery expansion when a tree fell on the back gate that necessitated a change to the gating system. Thanks to the ongoing support of parishioners and friends donating their time and labor the cost of the project has been minimal.

Working at the cemetery on the day the pictures were taken, parish co-chairman Robert Hunt, and parishioners Robert Ferus, James Kosidlo and Ian Ford-Hunt proudly display the result of their effort. (Bob Ferus was behind the camera).

As reported in our December 2012 newsletter, maintaining a beautiful cemetery property is truly a labor of love. The members of St. Casimir's Parish can be very proud of the property that is used to provide a resting place for their loved ones.



Bob Hunt, parish co-chairman, takes a few minutes to "get the feel" of a Boxer skid steer earth moving machine before using it to perform some maintenance and improvement projects.



Making good use of the skid steer machine, a one day rental, to perform routine perpetual care activity including repair of the grassy areas damaged by grub activity.



Jimmy Kosidlo, left, and Ian Ford-Hunt provide visual guidance to ensure proper placement of the capstone on top of the left pillar of the new rear dirt road entrance to the cemetery.



After the successful installation of the pillar and capstone, Jimmy Kosidlo, left, and Ian Ford-Hunt take a well deserved break and a moment to pose. Jimmy is the son of Stanley and Linda Kosidlo, Ian is the grandson of Robert and Phyllis Hunt.



ANS Society Plants a Rose of Sharon as a Veterans Day Tribute

As a tribute to honor all veterans, past and present, the ladies of St. Casimir's ANS society authorized the purchase of a Rose of Sharon shrub to be planted in the parish cemetery area to the left of the altar near the two small monuments that honor veterans of past wars.

The shrub was purchased by ANS member Linda Kosidlo; chosen because it is hardy, deer resistant, and blooms from mid summer through the fall season. It was planted in late September in time for Veterans Day in November.

The planting was done by Jimmy Kosidlo (photo) assisted by Parish co-chairman Bob Hunt.



«Title» «Family Name», Did You Attend Our Food Fest and Craft Fair?

St. Casimir's Parish Center was bustling with activity on Saturday, October 26 as hundreds of friends, neighbors and parishioners came to stock up on their favorite Polish foods and to look for possible Christmas gifts and decorations among the craft

items on display. Are you in the picture?

On entering, many headed for the food tables to make their selection of pierogi, golabki, kapusta and other Polish dishes and treats that were being offered.

With food selections safely in hand, it was time to examine the craft items displayed on tables throughout the hall. Among the items were an assortment of colorful hats, gloves, scarves, afghans, aprons and other items, all hand made by parishioners; also on display, an assortment of decorative wreaths to add to the spirit of the upcoming holiday season.

To provide a respite, the kitchen staff prepared a menu of several snack and luncheon items which the shoppers enjoyed while they sat and discussed their purchases with each other or with members of the staff who were available to answer questions.

A copy of the parish newsletter was presented to each patron as they entered the hall and some chose to be added to the mailing list in order to keep informed of parish activities.

As the event drew to a close, the parishioners and friends who organized, contributed, or otherwise participated, unanimously agreed it was a great success and... We need to replenish our supply of pierogi, golabki, and kapusta!!!

Thank you to one and all.

«Title» «Family Name»
Get yours now for the Holidays!



Pierogi \$11 doz. Kapusta \$6 quart Golabki \$18 doz.

On Sale at St. Casimir's Parish Center
Every Sunday after Mass — 11:00 AM until Noon