

GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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St. Casimir's to Host Diocesan Convention

Story by JoAnn Menzia, St. Casimir's ANS President

On Saturday, May 21 St. Casimir's will host the Eastern Diocese Convention of the Women's Society for the Most Blessed Sacrament (Commonly known as ANS). Delegates, clergy and guests will come from parishes throughout the diocese to meet, pray and take part in the day's planned activities. The ladies of St. Casimir's ANS are in charge of welcoming and serving a spring lunch to attendees. In 2015, 75 people attended the Convention which was held in Chicopee, MA.

The theme of Convention 2016 is "Reverence and Prayer" with emphasis on the "Solemnity of the Christian Family". The event will begin at 10 am with a Mass celebrated by diocesan clergy with Bishop Paul Sobiechowski in attendance. A business meeting and election of officers will take place in the parish center following the Mass.



2016 Members of ANS Society pose for a group photo with Father Tenus.

The educational portion will feature Father Senior Robert Nemkovich as keynote speaker to be followed by the formation of four interactive stations. Three of the stations will be led by members of St. Casimir's ANS including: Janice Klimczak and her sister Marilyn Folcik who develop recommendations for celebrating the "Solemnity of the Christian Family"; Phyllis Hunt will present an art activity involving prayer and meditation, using mindful drawing to promote "Focus, Calmness and Stress Relief"; Shirley Garvey will speak on ways to "Make Visits to the Elderly and Disabled More Enjoyable and Meaningful".

The fourth station will be presented by Janice Soltysiak and ANS ladies of St. Joseph's in Westfield who will develop the theme "Reverence, Prayer, and the Christian Family" to learn better ways to pray and better understand God's love for us. Praying for our families, friends, and our church is one of the most important things we can do.

All parishioners and friends are invited to attend Mass at 10 am; enjoy lunch and participate in the activities. Reservations can be made with Janice Klimczak 978-452-9646 or JoAnn Menzia 978-459-2017. Cost is \$12.

Praise to the Risen Lord! Alleluia!

Dear Friend,

Once again, the season of Lent has come and gone and the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Casimir's with a beautiful Easter Sunday Mass which included a procession by the children and members of the parish. And once again the Chopin and Youth choirs performed to the delight of those in attendance.



The transition from spring to summer here at St. Casimir's begins with the celebration of Memorial Day remembering those who have fought and died for our country over the years. Once again the PAV has agreed to plant flags at the grave of every veteran at our cemetery. On Memorial Day, May 30, we will conduct our Mass as we did last year with the support of representatives of veterans organizations. We will ask that all veterans in attendance stand and introduce themselves and be recognized for their service. A very impressive ceremony, Dear Friend and you are cordially invited to attend.

Several efforts have been made over the past ten months or more to encourage members of our community who are seeking a place to worship to visit our church. It appears that attendance is increasing ever so slightly and we are very grateful for that. We intend to continue that effort.

Thanks to the support from our parishioners and the community, we have been able to make some much needed repairs to the church property.

None of this would be possible without the support of people like you Dear Friend.

Thank you and God Bless You.

Father

Dear Friend

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.

Contact us via email at: st.casimir@stcasimirpncc.com

or Call any of the following:

Pastor Rev. Andrzej Tenus: 978-453-0742

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Robert Hunt: 978-397-8161 or Robert Quirbach: 603-672-5649

Parish Secretary Janice Klimczak: 978-452-9646

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For more news, photos, etc. visit our website:

<http://www.stcasimirpncc.com>

In Memoriam



DRACUT -- Pauline M. (O'Malley) Koczera, 88, a resident of Dracut, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at a local health care facility. She was the beloved wife of William C. Koczera with whom she celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary on January 31, 2016.

Born in Lowell on August 17, 1927, she was a daughter of the late George A. and Marion (Cashman) O'Malley. She received her education in Lowell schools and was a graduate of Lowell High School, class of 1945.

Pauline had a long affiliation with the East End Club in Lowell, having worked there for many years as a bartender and waitress and as a member of their Ladies Auxiliary.

She was a longtime communicant of St. Michael Church in Lowell.

Pauline enjoyed playing bingo and cribbage, and she loved to play poker. She also enjoyed sitting on the beach, taking trips to Foxwoods, Atlantic City, and Las Vegas, and traveling, especially to Miami.

In addition to her husband, Pauline is survived by two daughters, Frances Cavossa and her husband, Dave of Lowell, and Gloria McManus of Pelham, NH; her son, Edwin Koczera and his wife, Patricia of Dracut; nine grandchildren, Nicole Fagone and her husband, Joseph, David Cavossa and his wife, Ashley, Kelly McManus and her wife, Laurie, Kimberly LaBranche and her husband, Thomas, Kristin Daly and her husband, William, Kyle McManus and his wife, Lanna, Jamie McNeil and her husband, Brian, Jaclyn Laliberte and her husband, Michael, and Jonathan Koczera; 18 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was the mother-in-law of the late James L. McManus, and sister of the late Jack, George, William and Harold O'Malley, and Gloria Barros.

KOCZERA -- Relatives and friends were invited to Pauline's Life Celebration on Friday at the McKenna-Ouellette Funeral Home, 327 Hildreth Street. Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, April 30, at 10 AM in St. Michael Church. Burial in St. Casimir Cemetery, Pelham, NH. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to: Activities Fund, c/o of D'Youville Foundation, 981 Varnum Ave., Lowell, MA 01854.

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Edwin "Pin" Stankiewicz, 85, of Lowell, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Wednesday, March 9, at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

Ed was married to the love of his life, the late Ann "Louise" (McArdle) Stankiewicz, who passed away in 2006. At the time of her passing, they were married for 55 years. The two loved taking drives through all of New England, but especially trips up the coast of Maine to the Camden, ME area.

He was born on April 11, 1930, son of the late Alexander and the late Veronica (Witalis) Stankiewicz. He was also predeceased by his sister, Helen (Stankiewicz)(Genaris) Little.

Ed grew up in Dracut, MA and was educated through the Dracut school system, graduating from Dracut High School in 1947,

where he played baseball, football, and basketball.

Prior to his retirement, Ed was employed by Textron in Wilmington, MA. He had also previously been employed by Avco Systems in Lowell, MA, and J.P. Stevens in Dracut, MA.

Ed loved following sports, especially the Detroit Tigers and Georgia Bulldogs NCAA football team.

He was extremely proud of his three sons and their families; Alan and Linda (Keough) Stankiewicz of Lowell, MA, Barry and Linda (Pouliot) Stankiewicz of Pelham, NH, and Carl Stankiewicz and his fiancée, Tammy Monty of Dracut, MA. He loved all his grandchildren; Rhonda Stankiewicz, Erin and her husband, Peter Faticanti, Corey Stankiewicz, Aubrie and her husband, Mark Beloritsky, Matthew Stankiewicz, James Stankiewicz, Lori Stankiewicz, and Julien Monty and was also blessed to have 6 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

He is also survived by brother/sisters-in-law, Bob and Jean Reno, Jack McArdle, Virginia "Gin" MacDonald, and Tom and Ruth McArdle, good friends, John Silva (his best man), Warren Grant, special neighbors, Jeanne McDonough and her son, John, and Charlie (his daily visitor), along with many cousins, nephew's, and nieces.

Per his wishes, Ed's services were private. He was a member of St. Casimir's Parish in Lowell, MA, and was buried in St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH. The family requests that donations in Ed's honor be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 Noth Ave, Haverhill, MA 01830.

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Dedication for Medal of Honor Winner

Medal of Honor recipient Joseph Raymond Ouellette was killed in Korea in September 1950. He lived at the corner of Cabot and Market streets in Lowell.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1948. His mother was presented with the Medal of Honor in Washington DC, by U.S. Army General Omar Bradley.

The ceremony will be held in Lowell at the corner of the VFW Highway and Aiken street on May 22 at 10 am. Please join us in honoring a local hero.

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Bishop Hodur Remembered on 150th Birthday—April 1, 2016

The first Prime Bishop of the Polish National Catholic Church was Franciszek Jan (Francis John) Hodur. Born in Zarki, Poland on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1866, to Maria and John Hodur, he was one of seven children.

Organized PNCC in United States

On Sunday, March 21, 1897 Father Hodur celebrated the first High Mass in the new St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Church, which was still in the process of construction. The first organizational meeting of the parish also took place on that day.

The Northeast Seniorate of the PNCC will hold a seminar in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of Bishop Hodur's birth following the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession on Thursday May 26 in Woonsocket RI. Similar events will be held at the annual Cathedral of the Pines; the Youth Convo; Youth Retreat and at the upcoming Diocesan Synod. Please plan to attend.

Easter Sunday 2016

Story by Janice Klimczak

Easter Sunday 2016 was a lovely day at St. Casimir's, Lowell, MA. The church was beautifully decorated for the inspiring procession and Mass of the Resurrection.

Father Tenus called on members of the parish to carry sacred objects: Processional cross, Joseph Quirbach; Cross of the Resurrected Christ, James Grieve; Statue of the Resurrected Christ, Robert Hunt; Paschal candle, Stanley Kosidlo; American flag, Robert Quirbach; Polish flag, Dan Ford; Church flag, Jim Kosidlo; Lectionary, David Breault; PNCC Missal, Joe Grieve; English Missal, Justin Bigelow; Polish Missal, James Bigelow; Newly renovated Cross, Ian Ford-Hunt. These were followed by the members of the ANS, led by JoAnn Menzia, president, children strewing flowers (Heath Pelletier, Emma Ford-Hunt, Amelia Tenus, Christopher Tenus, Madelyn Rondeau, Elizabeth Rondeau) and altar servers (Karina Tenus, Joseph Quirbach, Jonasz Tenus) followed by Father Tenus with the Blessed Sacrament.



Preparing to join the procession, l to r: Elizabeth Rondeau, Madelyn Rondeau, Christopher Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt and Amelia Tenus.



Procession pauses to pray at the Blessed Sacrament

Mass followed the procession with appropriate music rendered by the parish choir. Children of the Youth/Children's choir sang "We Have A King" accompanied by Father Tenus at the conclusion of the Mass.



Youth/Children's Choir sing "We Have a King". Left to right: Madelyn Rondeau, Jonasz Tenus, Karina Tenus, Joseph Quirbach, James Bigelow, Ian Ford-Hunt, Elizabeth Rondeau, Joseph Grieve. Front Hidden from view Heath Pelletier, Christopher Tenus

Memorial Day at St. Casimir's Cemetery

Special observances to honor those men and women with military service will be led by veteran's groups on Monday, May 30, at the annual Memorial Mass celebrated at the parish cemetery in Pelham, NH at 10 am. Veterans, living and deceased, will be remembered, especially those who repose in our parish cemetery.

The Mass will be conducted at the open air altar and everyone is welcome to participate.

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Scholarship Information

Applications for St. Casimir's scholarship awards will be made available on June 1. Funds for the scholarships are obtained annually from the Lowell Polish Cultural Committee, a Strawberry Pancake breakfast (June 12 this year) and parishioner memorial donations throughout the year. Scholarships will be awarded at the blueberry pancake breakfast to be held in August (date to be announced).

Qualifications are:

1. The applicant must presently be a member in good standing of St. Casimir's Parish in Lowell and have been a member in good standing for 3 consecutive years in a church of the PNCC.
2. The applicant must have a high school diploma or passed the G.E.D. equivalency exam.
3. The applicant must be accepted to a full-time undergraduate or continuing education program at an accredited institution.
4. Applicants may also be adults accepted as part-time students to an accredited institution.
5. The applicant must be of sound character and of good scholastic ability and accomplishment.

Applications may be obtained by calling 978-452-9646.

St. Paul's Continues to Feed Poor

In 2015, St. Paul's Soup Kitchen Walk-A-thon raised just over \$3,000 (\$565 from St. Casimir's parishioners and friends) to cover the expenses involved in feeding more than 30,000 poor and elderly families in the community. This year the 2nd Annual Walk-A-thon will take place on Saturday, June 11 and is expected to attract more walkers and surpass the 2015 total donation.

Once again, Jim and Pearl Czerlonka will solicit sponsors from parishioners and friends of St. Casimir's to make donations in support of Pearl's walk to represent our church.

Everyone is urged to participate in the event. The walk is a leisurely stroll of about 3 miles and should take about one hour.

walkathon • join us!

St. Paul's Soup Kitchen

2nd Annual 5K Walkathon

SATURDAY JUNE 11, 2016

40 Old Ferry Road, Lowell MA 01854

Lowell Lodge of Elks Parking Lot

Walk begins at 9 AM ** Registration is \$30

To sponsor or to join the walkers
Call Jim or Pearl at
978-957-3066
All donations made payable to

Pierogi Production Process Updated

The parish kitchen is back in the swing of things. We have begun our spring/summer production of pierogi and gołąbki. Labels containing a list of ingredients and suggested cooking instructions have been made to affix to each package of product.

A vacuum sealing machine has been purchased to prevent freezer burn and to extend the storage life of frozen product by five times. The machine removes all air from the bags of pierogi and then seals the bag. Plans are being considered to purchase a machine which will increase the volume and efficiency of production.

The prime consideration of these updates is to insure the consistent availability of our product while maintaining the level of quality for which it has become known.

In response to customer requests the following list of product ingredients is provided:

Gołąbki: Cabbage, beef, pork, onions, rice, butter, salt, pepper, marjoram. **Sauce:** heavy cream, tomato sauce, flour.

Kapusta: Cabbage, sauerkraut, pork, mushrooms, well cooked split peas, chicken stock, water, salt, pepper.

Pierogi Ingredients: Dough: Flour, water, eggs, salt, oil.

Farmer's cheese filling: Potatoes, farmer's cheese, onion, butter, salt, pepper.

Cabbage filling: Fresh cabbage, sauerkraut, onion, butter, salt, pepper.

Potato & Farmers Cheese Pierogi

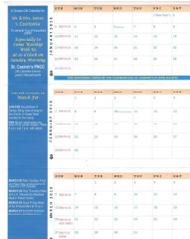
Ingredients: Wheat Flour, Water, Potatoes, Butter, Farmers Cheese, Eggs, Vegetable Oil, Onion, Salt, Pepper

Cooking Instructions: Thaw and pan fry until lightly browned or thaw and cook in a microwave oven.

New labels include ingredients and cooking instructions.

A Gift for You...

In our October 2015 issue we included a six month (January-June) appointment calendar as a gift to our Dzień dobry readers. The July-December version can be obtained on request by email to: st.casimir@stcasimirpncc.com or call our editor at 978-957-3066.



Pierogi
\$11.00 dozen

Golabki
\$18.00 dozen
\$9.00 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 A.M. until 12:00



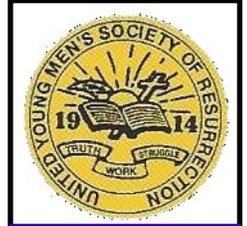
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PNCC Seeking to Expand Men's Society

The following has been reproduced from an informational packet printed by the Central Committee of The Young Men's Society of Resurrection, Scranton PA.

Why St. Casimir's Needs a YMS of R Branch

Parishes with an active YMS of R Branch HAVE YOUTH because the branches typically subsidize activities for young people. For example, YMS of R Branches often contribute toward their parish youth's attendance at diocesan and national youth convocations and the annual YMS of R sponsored Kurs (youth encampment) at the Bishop Hodur Retreat Center. On the parish level, YMS of R Branches organize such events for youth as fishing derbies, Easter egg hunts and Christmas parties.



YMS of R Seal

YMS of R Branches typically hold activities which are central to the fellowship of the parish. YMS of R members host or assist in such events as Mother's Day breakfasts, chicken barbecues and arish picnics.

YMS of R members participate in the spiritual life of the church. They assist the priest in liturgical functions such as special holiday processions. They act as church ushers and collectors for Sunday Masses. They can organize seminars, lectures and spiritual retreats which center on the life of the church. *Contact Rev. Randy Calvo 413-665-2129 or frrandy@holynamedeerfield.org*

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.

- April 30 National ANS Board meeting, Stratford, CT
- May 7 Northeast Seniorate meeting, Central Falls, RI, 11 am
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 21 ANS Convention, Lowell, MA Mass at 10 am
- May 28 PAV placing of flags on graves in Pelham, 9 am
- May 26 Corpus Christi/Procession, Mass 4 pm, Woonsocket, RI
- May 30 Memorial Day. Mass at Cemetery, 10 am
- June 4 Diocesan Council meeting, Northeast Seniorate
- June 10-11 Eastern Diocese Adult Retreat, Mercy Ctr, Madison, CT
- June 12 Pancake Breakfast (Scholarship Committee)
- June 19 Father's Day/First Communion
- June 23 Canobie Lake (Youth Group)
- July 10 Cathedral of the Pines, 3 pm
- July/August ANS Summer Social (TBA)
- July 25-29 CONVO, St. Anselms College, Manchester, NH
- August Blueberry Pancake Breakfast
- August TBA Spinners Night Out
- August 15-19 Camp Howe Youth Retreat
- August 28 Youth Sunday