



A Taste of Heaven” Has Arrived!

After several months of hard work by the cookbook committee, the first edition of our book entitled “A Taste of Heaven” has finally arrived. The book, shown above, contains 323 recipes printed on 133 pages divided into sections for appetizers and beverages; soups and salads; vegetables; main dishes; breads and rolls; desserts and miscellaneous.

To be sure, in keeping with St. Casimir’s ethnic background there are many traditional Polish recipes including everyone’s favorites: pierogi (with three different fillings), stuffed cabbage (golabki), cabbage soup (kapusta) and many others.

Not to be outdone, there are recipes provided by our friends with other ethnic backgrounds, Greek, Italian, Irish, French, etc. Several recipes are also included from our strict vegetarian (Vegan) friends. Just

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

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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.



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What a Great Summer!



«GreetingLine»

Here it is, September once again. Soon a chill will be in the air, the leaves will begin to change color and drop from the trees and another chapter in God’s story of life will come to a close.

But let us look back and give thanks for the wonderful summer that has just passed. We are grateful for our new Bishop Paul; for the four children who received Holy Communion for the first time; for the beautiful celebrations during the Lenten season; for the beautiful Memorial Day Mass event at our cemetery in Pelham; for the celebration at Cathedral of the Pines; and for the completion of our cookbook “A Taste of Heaven”; and so much more. Yes, St. Casimir’s parish is very active!

Don’t forget our annual Gala Homecoming on December 8th...a truly memorable social event. Don’t miss this one!

Thank You «GreetingLine» and May God Bless You!

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

looking through the pages of the book is enough to make anyone’s mouth water.

The sale price has been set at \$12. The books will be available for sale at the

parish center along with our weekly pierogi and golabki sale, or you can arrange to purchase one or more copies by calling Father Tenus at 978-453-0742.

Scholarship Awards Dinner Well Attended

A group of about 75 parishioners assembled in St. Casimir’s parish center on Saturday, August 11th to witness the presentation of the annual Parish scholarship award.

Representing the scholarship committee, parish cochairmen Robert Quirbach and Robert Hunt presented the 2012 award to Joseph Kosidlo. Joseph is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kosidlo, Jr. He is planning to attend Middlesex Community College to study business administration.

A delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with salad and all the fixings was served



with proceeds to benefit the scholarship fund. Members of the scholarship committee include Parish Co-chairmen Robert Hunt and Dr. Robert Quirbach; Gus Kowalski, Louise Regan, Linda Hedrick, Janice Klimczak, Linda Kosidlo and JoAnn Menzia.

<—Mr. & Mrs. Gus Kowalski, originators of the scholarship program.



l. to r. Parish Co-chairmen Dr. Robert Quirbach, Robert Hunt and Joseph Kosidlo scholarship award recipient.

In Memoriam

Jane J. Noga, 80, a longtime resident of Pelham, NH, died peacefully Tuesday, July 31st, at the Lowell General Hospital .

Jane was born on February 13, 1932 in Lowell and attended schools in Lowell. She was the daughter of Frank Noga and Mary Malik of Poland. For 38 years Jane worked as an assembler for Raytheon, starting in Lowell and then retiring from Andover in 1994.

Jane was a loving and devoted mother caring for her only daughter Lisa, who suffers from MS. She was a member of St. Casimir's Church in Lowell, and the Pelham Seniors. She also enjoyed watching TV.

Jane is survived by her daughter, Lisa Prince of Pelham, a sister, Irene Zabierek and her husband Waclaw of North Chelmsford, a nephew, Frank Zabierek and his wife Maureen of Londonderry, NH, several nieces, Sarah Spicer of Lowell, Janice Peters of Methuen, Nancy Gabriel, Deborah Garner, Janice Carson, Marye Best, all of Daytona Beach, FL and many great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother Stanley F. Noga. Her funeral service took place on Friday August 3rd followed by interment at Gibson Cemetery Pelham, NH.

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Wanda Bozek, 91, died on Friday August 3rd with her family by her side. Wanda was born in Manchester, NH on February 6, 1921. Wanda moved to her mother's native village of Niepla, Poland at the age of three. She endured many hardships while in Poland during World War II including the invasion of her village by German and Russian forces. She returned to the United States at the age of 23.

She lived in Lowell until most recently in Westford. She was a parishioner of St. Casimir's Church in Lowell, where she participated in the choir and was a member of the Ladies Sodality Ogniesko Polek.

She was the wife of the late Joseph Bozek, also from Poland, whom she met in Manchester, NH. Wanda was the mother of



the late George and William Bozek and grandmother to the late Adam Piec. She is survived by her daughter Christine Piec and her husband Steven of Westford. She is also survived by her devoted grandchildren: Jessica Bozek of Cambridge, Tricia Bozek of Philadelphia, Amy Bozek of Boston, Alison Piec of Nashua, Sarah Bozek of Dunstable, and Joseph Bozek of Groton. She is also survived by her great grandchild Anja Bozek Queen.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of The Westford House and Life Choice Hospice for their kind and compassionate care during Wanda's recent illness.

Her funeral took place on Tuesday, August 7th at St. Casimir's Church.

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Walter G. Przybyla, 97, formerly of Lowell, died Thursday, October 20, 2011 in Cleveland, Ohio. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday morning, August 25, at St. Casimir's Church followed by burial at St. Casimir's Cemetery in Pelham, NH. He was the beloved husband of Cecile (Cote) (Allard) Przybyla of Pelham, New Hampshire who survives him.

Born in Lowell on March 25, 1914, Walter was the son of the late Andrew and the late Anna (Zolkos) Przybyla, he attended Lowell schools and was a graduate of Lowell High School in 1932. A veteran of World War II, Walter proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Before retiring, Walter was employed as a Meat Cutter in the Culinary Department at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Hospital in Bedford, Massachusetts for over 30 years.

Besides his wife Cecile, Walter is survived by two step-daughters Theresa Forrest and her husband Jim and Pauline Dufour all of Pelham, NH; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a nephew-in-law Robert Meigs of Cleveland, OH; a grandniece Jennifer Meigs of Cleveland, OH; two grandnephews Jonathan Meigs and his wife Terri of Cleveland, OH and Samuel Selden of West Chester, PA.

He was also brother of the late Marion (Przybyla) Witkos and the late Stephanie Przybyla and uncle of the late Marelyn (Witkos) Meigs and the late John "Jack" Witkos.

Welcome to St. Casimir's

If you have come to St. Casimir's as a visitor, or if you have returned after a long absence, we might not recognize you, so please be sure to tell Father Andrew who you are when you shake his hand as you leave Mass...then be sure to join us for coffee and fellowship at the Parish Hall.

We want to make you feel welcome!

«Family Name» Family's History at St. Casimir's

«GreetingLine» after more than two years of hard work, members of St. Casimir's have created a computer directory of St. Casimir's Parish Cemetery located in Pelham NH. This cemetery directory contains a record of family plot owners, decedents and burial sites. Information about your family may be available.

To obtain a free copy of the «Family Name» family's record, if it is available, call (or email) anyone listed on the front page of this newsletter.

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

St. Casimir's Church Day with the Lowell Spinners

About fifty parishioners, their family, friends and guests attended St. Casimir's annual outing at Lelacheur Park, home of the Lowell Spinners on Friday, Aug. 17th.

The evening began, as usual, with a hot dog and hamburgers cookout at the parish center followed by a trek across the bridge that spans the beautiful Merrimack River to the ballpark.

Surprises are common at this event and this night was no exception. On early arrival, a look onto the field revealed...a couple being married on the pitcher's mound.



This couple chose to exchange their marriage vows on the pitcher's mound and the Spinners were happy to accommodate their wishes.



A spectator in the stands reaches high hoping to catch the bride's bouquet.

Of course, whenever there is a pause in game play that is a cue for the team mascot "Canaligator" and friend to make an appearance and rev up the crowd.



Although the Spinners promised a fireworks display following the game, it had to be canceled due to a sudden rain-storm that emptied the stands before the game ended.



Bill Sullivan just couldn't resist an opportunity to pose with Dustin Pedroia at this year's St. Casimir's Church Day with the Lowell Spinners.

Everyone agreed, however, that this is a fun event and all are looking forward to next year. Were you there «Greeting-Line»?

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Chicken Barbecue Well Attended

Nearly 100 guests enjoyed our annual Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, September 8 at the parish center.

Bob Hunt and Bert Quirbach "Grill Masters Extraordinaire" earned their title once again by applying a delicious outdoor barbecue flavor to 40 leg quarters, 40 breast quarters and 25 split breasts.

In the kitchen, meanwhile, Pat Whiting and her crew prepared 25 pounds of potatoes, 6 dozen corn on the cob, 7 pounds of homemade baked beans, cole slaw, garden salad, rolls, butter and desserts.

A truly gastronomical feast that was enhanced by the fellowship shared by those in attendance. A good time was had by all.

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Indoor Polish Picnic at the Polish Home

The membership of Dom Polski (Polish Home) very generously donated the use of their function hall located at 10 Coburn St. in Lowell on Sunday, August 26, 2012 to St. Casimir's Parish to conduct an Indoor Polish Picnic.

About 70 parishioners and friends of St. Casimir's Parish attended the event which began with a Mass at noon celebrated by our pastor, Fr. Tenus.

After Mass, our own Pat Whiting and her staff Diane Quirbach, Linda Hedrick and our co-chairmen Bob Hunt and Dr Bert Quirbach took possession of the Dom Polski kitchen and presented the guests with a "Polish picnic" of pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa and much more.

With bellies full, and spirits high, it was impossible to resist dancing polkas and obereks to music provided by the Sound-A-bouts. The musicians: Irene and Bob Jaracz, Mike Kozek, Edziu Leczynski and Matt Rosinski donated their talents to help St. Casimir's Maintenance Fund. In addition to the music, the Sound-A-bouts Fan Club donated 20 dozen pierogi.

Generosity was in the air. Bea and Bill Lavoie, who welcomed guests at the door, made a generous donation; and the winners of the 50-50 raffle graciously donated their winnings back to the church.

Father Tenus termed the event a HUGE success and God Bless You All!

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Got some Free Time? Are you Computer Savvy? No! Want to Learn?

«GreetingLine» we are looking for individuals with some free time who enjoy using, or would like to learn how to use, a personal computer to help us in a variety of parish projects including:

Help to create and distribute our parish newsletter. (Microsoft Word or Publisher).

Help to create and maintain Parish membership directory and cemetery records. (Microsoft Access)

Learn to build and maintain our web site: <http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>. (Sharepoint Designer).

If you would like to get involved and work on any of these projects, «Greeting-Line» send an email to:

st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com. Someone will contact you to discuss your interests. Instruction will be provided.

HAVE FUN...GET INVOLVED!

2012 CONVO & YOUTH RETREAT 2012

PNCC Summer Youth Programs A Big Hit

This year's PNCC National Youth Convocation (CONVO 2012) was held at Niagara University in Niagara Falls, on the American side from July 23-27.

The annual diocesan Youth Retreat was held at Camp Howe in Goshen MA from August 19-23.

Both of these events are conducted annually by the Polish National Catholic Church to foster a sense of community among the young people of the PNCC. A description of the experiences, in the words of some who took part was published in the recent newsletter of Our Savior's Parish PNCC, Woonsocket, RI. We have obtained permission from Sally Watson, their newsletter contact, to print selected portions of those comments for our readers.

Ian Gonyea: *"At Convo I made friends with kids all across our country...nice to be part of such abig community...a once in a lifetime experience. At Youth Retreat, I loved playing guitar and this year I was able to play guitar for the other kids. Everyone in my cabin had a blast doing the skit."*

Jacob Forbes: *"At Convo I learned a lot about PNCC...I met a ton of new friends from around the country. Niagara Falls was a highlight of the trip"*

Nancy Ethier: *"Convo was a great experience...The highlight of Convo was a trip to Niagara Falls and the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds--we all got wet, but it was fun! Retreat was also fun! This year's trip was to a rock climbing place and everyone had fun. On Thursday morning we all left for home ending our trip with our annual pizza party at Tony's pizza"*

Berenika Wos: *"This was my first Convo. On Monday, after we arrived, we learned the rules we had to follow while there. We always had to walk in couples or groups around campus. We had to be in our rooms by 11:30 PM. We had our own keys... and our own food cards which we had to bring to eat in the cafeteria. We had a dance and we played pool."*

At retreat, there were many sessions and free time. At the sessions we watched

a movie about Jesus; attended a session on all different kinds of churches; and listened to a story about Noah's Ark. During free time, we could go swimming, kayaking, do archery, high ropes, rock climbing, or arts and crafts. We went to a rock climbing gym. It was awesome!"

It was reported that about 260 people attended Convo...about 185 kids..

These comments indicate that both CONVO and Youth Retreat are great ways for the youth of our church to spend the summer...maybe next year!

A special thank you to Sally Watson and Our Saviour's Parish for permission to use these comments.

More information about the Youth Retreat appears in the diocesan web site at <http://www.easterndiocesepncc.org/>, and look under Past Events for the Youth Retreat Newsletter.

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Editor's Note: *My curiosity was aroused when I realized that there is much I don't know about our church's namesake. I found the following on the internet and thought it would be of interest to our readers.*

St. Casimir

(1458-1483)



Casimir, born of kings and in line (third among 13 children) to be a king himself, was filled with exceptional values and learning by a great teacher, John Dlugosz. Even his critics could not say that his

conscientious objection indicated softness. Even as a teenager, Casimir lived a highly disciplined, even severe life, sleeping on the ground, spending a great part of the night in prayer and dedicating himself to lifelong celibacy.

When nobles in Hungary became dissatisfied with their king, they prevailed upon Casimir's father, the king of Poland, to send his son to take over the country. Casimir obeyed his father, as many young men over the centuries have obeyed their

government. The army he was supposed to lead was clearly outnumbered by the "enemy"; some of his troops were deserting because they were not paid. At the advice of his officers, Casimir decided to return home.

His father was irked at the failure of his plans, and confined his 15-year-old son for three months. The lad made up his mind never again to become involved in the wars of his day, and no amount of persuasion could change his mind. He returned to prayer and study, maintaining his decision to remain celibate even under pressure to marry the emperor's daughter.

He reigned briefly as king of Poland during his father's absence. He died of lung trouble at 23 while visiting Lithuania, of which he was also Grand Duke. He was buried in Vilnius, Lithuania.

COMMENT

For many years Poland and Lithuania faded into the gray prison on the other side of the Iron Curtain. Despite repression, the Poles and Lithuanians remained firm in the faith which has become synonymous with their name. Their youthful patron reminds us: Peace is not won by war; sometimes a comfortable peace is not even won by virtue, but Christ's peace can penetrate every government repression of religion.

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Calendar of Events

- October** -ANS/TOP collect Food Pantry
- October 6**-Blessing of pets
- October 7**-Pastor Appreciation Day
- October 13**-Polish Food Fest/Craft Fair
- October 16**-Seniorate meeting
- October 28**-All Souls Service, 1 pm,
- November**-ANS Christmas shut in bags
- November 4**-Youth Group Dinner/Show
- November 4**-Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations
- November 18**-Cookie Bake Sale
- December**-Giving Tree (ANS)
- December 8**-Homecoming
- December 9**-Parish elections
- December 24/25**-Christmas
- January 6, 2013**-Installation of officers/Brunch