

St. Casimir's Parish

Polish National Catholic Church

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Sunday Mass 10:00 A.M.

Daily Mass 9:00 A.M.

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Bishop Paul Celebrates Mass at Cathedral of the Pines

The Cathedral of the Pines Prayer Service, conducted annually by the Eastern Diocese of the Polish National Church was held on Sunday, July 8, 2012.



The Altar of the Nation is recognized by Congress as a National Memorial to American men and women who lost their lives in war.

This year's Mass was dedicated to all those who serve in uniform, both military and civilian, and was concelebrated at the beautiful Altar of the Nation in Rindge NH.

The Mass was attended by approximately 75 members of the diocese, which is headquartered at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Manchester NH, and includes local parishes in New Hampshire, Massachusetts,

Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Bishop Paul Sobiechowski, leader of the Eastern Diocese was assisted by priests from Massachusetts, including Fr. Tenus of Lowell; Fr. Czarnecki of Northampton; Fr. Lukaszewicz of Chicopee; Fr. Calvo of S. Deerfield; and Fr. Sr. Banas of Ware. Also assisting the bishop were Fr. Wos of Woonsocket, RI; Fr. Gitner of Stratford CT and Fr. Smolinski of Manchester, CT.

The homily was preached by our pastor Father Tenus who chose a quote from St. Peter as his theme: "Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others".

Choir members from Lowell, MA, Manchester, NH, Manchester, CT and Plantsville, CT sang together beautifully to the musical accompaniment of Karen Sobiechowski. Joey Grieve, 11, a member of St. Casimir's in Lowell sang two solos during Mass; "Sing to the Mountain" and "God Bless the USA".

Carrying the cross as part of the procession and recession was Bedford police officer Stefan Swiadasko who attended the Mass in uniform. During a call for prayers, Swiadasko asked that fallen Police Chief Michael Maloney be remembered.

After the service everyone shared a meal together at the Hidden Hills Banquet Hall in nearby Rindge.

A Note to St. Casimir's from Bishop Gnat

Thank you for the "surprise" retirement gift.

You're right we are on an adventure. Learning how to do things the "Pennsylvania" way has been an adventure, from getting our driver's licenses, registering the car, finding the "right" grocery store, and the way to get there. But we are doing fine. Thank you for thinking of us. God Bless everyone at St. Casimir's.

Bishop and Mrs. Gnat

How Great is the Gift of Life!

«GreetingLine»



It was my very great pleasure to bestow the Sacrament of First Holy Communion upon three of our young parishioners on Sunday, June 17. See the pictures on page 3.

On Sunday, July 8, I had the privilege of presenting the homily at the Cathedral of the Pines annual prayer service. This event has been conducted for approximately 60 years and is a truly inspiring event. Make plans now to attend next year.

Be sure to read the information about several of the events that will be taking place very soon here at St. Casimir's, namely, the scholarship fund dinner on August 11, and the chicken barbecue on September 8. And don't forget the free night out at the Spinner's ballpark on August 17.

Oh yes, don't forget to encourage your young people to attend the fun filled youth retreat in August at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA.

In keeping with Bishop Paul's suggestions to promote the PNCC, two of our parish organizations, TOP/ANS, will sponsor a food drive in October to benefit the Greater-Lowell Food Pantry.

As you can see we are very busy here at St. Casimir's parish and those who choose to participate are having a great time! Why not join us?

Thanks for your support and may God bless you!

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

Scholarship Awards Dinner August 11

St. Casimir's parish center is the place to be from 5 to 7 PM on Saturday, August 11. A delicious spaghetti dinner, complete with a salad and all the fixings will be served to benefit our scholarship fund. Please join us «GreetingLine».

Children under two years of age will eat for free; children from 2 to 8 pay \$3.50; if you're over 8 years old, you can eat all you want for only \$7. Buy your tickets in advance by calling Janice Klimczak at 978-452-9646 or JoAnn Menzia at 978-459-2017. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Presentation of this year's scholarship awards will be the highlight of the evening. Last year two scholarships were awarded: Caitlin Hedrick has graduated from UMass Lowell and Victoria Hunt is currently a student at Westfield State College.

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.

For information about participating in St. Casimir's scholarship program, call the rectory or any member of the committee.

Memorial Day -2012



Fr. Tenus: Mass of Remembrance at St. Casimir's Cemetery Altar.



What better way to Remember? A beautiful day, a beautiful place, a beautiful ceremony...and sharing memories with beautiful friends.



For more pictures go to our website at:
<http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>

St. Casimir's and Your Family's History...

For more than 100 years, «GreetingLine» the activities of St. Casimir's parishioners and their families (marriages, births, deaths, etc.) were recorded manually by various pastors. These handwritten documents have been carefully stored in the parish office for reference whenever inquiries were made, usually by a current or former parishioner, seeking information about a deceased family member.

Over the past two years the parish has been in the process of creating a computer directory of St. Casimir's Parish Cemetery located in Pelham NH. This directory contains a record of family plot owners, decedents and burial sites. Information about your family may be available to you upon request by email to st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com. Subject: Cemetery.

In Memoriam

Stephanie R. Kostrzewa, 55, of Lowell, beloved sister of Arline F. Boone of Lowell, died peacefully in the arms of her devoted family at Palm Manor Nursing Home in Chelmsford on Sunday morning, May 20th following a period of declining health.

Born in Lowell, September 26, 1956, a daughter of the late John and the late Judy (Clancy) Kostrzewa, she was a graduate of Lowell High School in the Class of 1975.

Before illness forced her retirement, Stephanie was employed as a Quality Control Inspector with Analog Devices in Wilmington.

Among her many enjoyments, Stephanie loved cooking and spending time with her family. She was also a dedicated New England sports fan particularly with the Boston Celtics. In recent years she shared an interest in NASCAR with the love of her life, William Lyn.

Despite her painful disability, Stephanie met each and every day with hope and courage. She loved flowers in her hair and pretty jewelry. She put a smile on the faces of everyone around her.

Besides her sister Arline, Stephanie is survived by her fiancé William Lyn of Lowell; her brother-in-law Rich Boone of Lowell; her devoted nieces Katie Allard and her husband Craig of Hudson, NH, Kelly Barker and her husband Rob of Nashua, NH and Emily Boone of Tyngsboro, MA; her nephew Ryan Boone of Lowell; six grandnieces and grandnephews Maizie and Audrey Barker, Joshua, Eric and Rachel Allard and Keirstin Boone; and many cousins in Vermont.

Antony Halabuda, 90, died at Fairhaven Nursing Home in Lowell on Friday, June 29, 2012. He was the beloved husband of the late Stasia (Cencora) Halabuda. He was predeceased by his wife and his daughter, Charlotte Ferus.

Antony was born on February 9, 1922 in Horyniec, Poland. He was the son of the late Catheria Halabuda. He was previously employed by Pellon Incorporated as a machine operator and fabricator.

Antony is survived by his two daughters, Jackie Jacobs and her husband David; and Stasia Errico as well as his three grandchildren, Maximilian Jacobs, Jasmine Errico, and Michele Albert.

Relatives and friends attended a graveside service July 3 at the family lot in St. Casimir's Cemetery, Pelham, NH.

Quilt Raffle Update

We have sold about 50 raffle tickets for the quilt since we started last month. Mostly to parishioners who attend Mass on Sunday or visitors to our Coffee Hour and Golabki Sales at the parish hall after Mass on Sunday. We will continue to sell tickets until the Homecoming Dinner drawing in Dec. For tickets (\$3 each, \$5 for 2) contact Linda Kosidlo (978) 649-88425, Janice Klimczak (978) 452-9646, or Jean Doda (603) 635-9875.



The quilt will be on display during parish events throughout the summer and fall.

First Holy Communion—June 17, 2012



Above: First Communicants (l to r) Natalie Cintron, Andrew Stankiewicz, and Ethan Stankiewicz receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. **Right:** Each child was given a gift of a prayer book and rosary beads blessed by Fr. Tenus at the conclusion of the First Holy Communion ceremony.

«GreetingLine» Send us Your E-mail Address

This newsletter was sent to parishioners and friends whose address we have on file in our parish directory. We would like to add your email address to our directory.

Please send us an e-mail message just to say "hi". 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

WELCOME TO ST. CASIMIR'S

If you 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 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!

Youth Retreat 2012

— the 39th annual Youth Retreat of our Eastern Diocese. This retreat will be held from Sunday, August 19 through Thursday, August 23, 2012 at Camp Howe in Goshen, Massachusetts. The theme of our retreat this year is "A House Not Made With Hands". We have planned an exciting week of worship, prayer, learning, recreational activities, a bon fire and a lot more.

The retreat is open to diocesan youth ages 8 – 17. The cost per participant is just \$130.00. Call Fr. Tenus at 978-453-0742 or email st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com

Blessing of the Animals

St. Casimir's ANS is sponsoring the second annual Blessing of Pets and it's free to all who love their pets. This special event is scheduled for Saturday October 6 at 12 noon. Bring your pets, in a carrier or on a leash, to the lawn in front of St. Casimir's Rectory, 286 Lakeview Avenue to receive a blessing given by Father Tenus. The event coincides with the day we remember St. Francis, Patron Saint of Animals. In case of rain the event will take place in the undercroft of the church.

Last year Father Tenus performed a short but meaningful service as he blessed each pet individually. Six dogs and cats were blessed and we hope more will participate this year. Owners are requested to register in advance for this event.

Further information can be obtained from ANS President JoAnn Menzia at 978-459-2017 or Charlotte Stankiewicz 978-458-6498.

"A Taste of Heaven" Coming Soon To a Bookshelf Near You

After several months of hard work by the cookbook committee, our book entitled "A Taste of Heaven" has finally been sent to the printer with an order to print 300 copies. A delivery date of early to mid September has been requested. At last count, the book will contain 323 recipes and the price has been set at \$12 per copy.

The book will have a forest green cover and a forest green comb binding. It will be divided into sections for meat, fish, poultry, and several other sections such as appetizers and desserts.

We have already received advance orders for nearly 100 books; for this we are very grateful and encouraged. You can place your order by calling the pastor, Father Tenus at 978-453-0742. It is hoped that advance orders can be filled and books be available for sale at the chicken barbecue on September 8, or the food and bake sale on September 30.

Parkinson's Disease Email Group

«GreetingLine» if you are a PD patient or PD caregiver and would like to communicate with others who receive this newsletter, send an email with a subject of "PD Group" to st.casimir@stcasimirspncc.com.

Tell us, very briefly, how you feel. For example: "I have had PD for 6 years and my biggest problem is not being able to control my body movements." or "I just did the PD Walk in NYC and was inspired by the others with PD."

Your email will be kept confidential and will combined with others to share information and stories as a very exclusive group.

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

Indoor Polish Picnic on August 26

St. Casimir's will sponsor an indoor Polish picnic at Dom Polski function hall located at 10 Coburn St. in Lowell on Sunday, August 26, 2012 from 1 to 5 PM.

The picnic will feature a polka Mass at 11 AM celebrated by our pastor Rev. Andrzej Tenus with music for dancing to be provided by Irene & Bob Jaracz and their Sound-A-bouts. There will also be a Polish kitchen featuring pierogi, kapusta, kielbasa and much more.

Donation \$12 per person; all proceeds to benefit St. Casimir's Maintenance Fund. For reservations and information call 978-453-0742

Do you Enjoy using a Personal Computer?

«GreetingLine» we are looking for individuals who enjoy using a computer to help us in a variety of computer projects, including:

Microsoft Access—create and maintain Parish membership directory and cemetery records.

Microsoft Publisher—create and distribute our parish newsletter.

Microsoft Word—for a variety of Parish documents

Sharepoint Designer 2007—to build and maintain our web site:

<http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>

If you think you would like to help the parish and work on any of these projects, «GreetingLine» send an email to:

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

Chicken Barbecue September 8

On Saturday September 8, St. Casimir's Parish will host its annual Chicken Barbecue at the Parish Center.

Sizzling chicken will be grilled outdoors from 4 to 6 PM by St. Casimir's "Grill Masters Extraordinaire", Bob Hunt and Bert Quirbach.

Salads, beans, corn on the cob, rolls, butter and dessert will be served along with the chicken by Pat Whiting and Jean Doda who will perform duties as the kitchen crew.

Tickets for adults are \$8 and \$4 for children under 12; and should be purchased or reserved in advance from Bob Hunt (978) 458-3006, Bert Quirbach (603) 672-5649, or Janice Klimczak (978) 452-9646.

Vendor Fair being Planned for October

"Holiday Shopping" is the theme for an event being planned as a fund raiser for the benefit of St. Casimir's TOP Society to be held on Saturday, October 27 from 9 am - 2:00 pm. at the Parish Center.

Current plans call for vendors to set up a display of their products on tables in the main hall for a donation of \$25 per table. Vendors that offer home and hostess parties are currently being approached, but any interested vendor would be welcome. One vendor who offers attractive personal note papers has already reserved a table.

A table of baked goods is also being planned as well as kitchen fare menu for those who would like to have lunch while they browse.

Keep an eye on our web site: <http://www.stcasimirspncc.com> for current details as they become available. Advertising flyers with more details will be distributed throughout the area to promote the event.

Vendors are asked to contact Paula Jones at 978-452-4507.

Calendar of Events

August 11-Spaghetti Supper and Scholarship Committee awards

August 17-Free Spinners Night Out (*See ad on this page*)

August 19-23-Camp Howe Youth Retreat

August 26-Indoor Polish Picnic at Dom Polski

September 8-Chicken Barbecue

September 28-29-Diocesan Synod at Holy Name of Jesus

September 30-Choir Food/Bake Sale

October -ANS/TOP collection for Food Pantry

October 6-Blessing of pets

October 7-Pastor Appreciation Day

October 13-Polish Food Fest/Craft Fair

October 16-Seniorate meeting (Central Falls, RI)

October 28-All Souls Service, 1 pm, Parish cemetery

October 29- Holiday Shopping Vendor Fair

November-Christmas bags for shut ins by ANS Society

November 4-Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show

November 4-Final day for Operation Christmas Child donations

November 18-Cookie Bake Sale

December-Giving Tree sponsored by ANS

December 8-Homecoming Dinner

December 9-Parish elections

December 24/25-Christmas

January 6, 2013-Installation of officers Brunch



**ST. CASIMIR'S CHURCH DAY
WITH THE LOWELL SPINNERS**

**Friday, August 17
7:05 First Pitch**

TICKETS ARE FREE, JUST RSVP!

Join us for a special group outing August 17 for St. Casimir's Church with the Lowell Spinners. Join us for a special day at the park and be sure to make some noise when the group is welcomed on the Video Board!

DON'T MISS THE FUN!



**Red Sox future stars + Family
Fun = A Day to Remember!**



**Contact Bob Hunt for more information or to
reserve your tickets!**

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