

GOOD Dzień dobry! DAY!

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Confirmation at St. Casimir's Parish

Mother's Day, 2014 at St. Casimir's Parish was a special day for Adrianna Monica Victoria Bettencourt, Joseph Vitaliy Michael Quirbach and James Robert Clyne Bigelow. when they received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Rt. Rev. Paul Sobiechowski.



James Bigelow, Joseph Quirbach, Bishop Sobiechowski and Adrianna Bettencourt. Crucifer is Rachel Quirbach, and altar servers Karina Tenus, and Jonasz Tenus (front). In the back is Father Andrzej Tenus, pastor of St. Casimir's.

The young people were escorted into the church by altar servers Rachel Quirbach, Karina Tenus and Jonasz Tenus, choir members, their sponsors, followed by Bishop Paul and Father Andrzej, pastor of St. Casimir's.

As part of the ceremony, the youngsters professed their faith and pledged to remain loyal to the Polish National Catholic Church.

Following a sermon by Bishop Paul and the singing of the "Tyle Lat My Ci O Panie", the hymn of the PNCC, the congregation left the church singing "He Lives".

St. Casimir's Parish

Sunday Mass 10:00 A.M. Daily Mass 9:00 A.M.

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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.

Major Events at St. Casimir's



Dzien Dobry! Dear «Title» «Family Name»,
Much has taken place since our last newsletter and we hope that you can appreciate the emotional joy that was felt by myself and those who participated.

It has been many years since we were honored to have the Bishop come to our church to bestow the sacrament of Confirmation on parish members. On Mother's Day, Adrianna Bettencourt, Joseph Quirbach and James Bigelow professed their faith and support of our Polish National Catholic Church. Congratulations!

On June 15th we were delighted to present Ava Skye Betancourt with the Body and Blood of Our Lord on her First Holy Communion celebration.

The Feast of Corpus Christi held special significance this year as the Mass was performed on our new altar by our Diocesan Bishop immediately following an elaborate consecration ceremony. Our sincere thanks to Jack and Judy Szetela for donating such a beautiful table on which to serve the Body and Blood of Our Saviour.

We hope you enjoy reading about these events, «Title» «Family Name», as much as we enjoy sharing them with you.

Rev. Andrzej Tenus

Feast of Corpus Christi, A Very Special Day

Boże Ciało - Corpus Christi-Body of Christ

Thursday, June 19, 2014 was a very special day in the life of St. Casimir's Parish. On that day our Bishop, Paul Sobiechowski, assisted by the priests of the Northeast Seniorate of the Eastern Diocese, celebrated the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Boże Ciało).



Bishop consecrates the new altar with Holy Oils and Sign of the Cross.

Following the entrance hymn, readings, and sermon by the Bishop, the new altar consecration ceremony began with the chanting of the Litany of the Saints by the Very Rev. Robert Nemkovich, senior of the Northeast Seniorate, pastor of Blessed Trinity Parish, Fall River, MA.

Standing behind the new altar, facing the people, Bishop prayed, then consecrated the altar by anointing it with

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First Holy Communion

On Sunday, June 15th, a very lovely young lady, Ava Skye Betancourt, entered the church escorted by Father Tenus to her place of honor to await receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in her First Holy Communion.



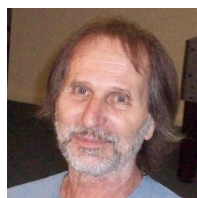
Ava is the daughter of Jose and Jessica (Mieczkowski) Betancourt; Granddaughter of Walter and Elaine (Pelletier) Mieczkowski. Great-grandparents are Irene and the late Richard Mieczkowski and Clarence and Gladys Pelletier.

In his address to the congregation, Fr. Tenus described Ava as an excellent student in our School

of Christian Living program.

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Parishioner Builds, Donates Church Altar



Jack Szetela, pictured, is the craftsman-builder of the new altar that was consecrated for the celebration of Mass on the Feast of Corpus Christi (Boze Cialo). Jack, he prefers it to John, and his wife, Judy donated the altar to St. Casimir's Parish.

Jack's skill as a craftsman was displayed in 2012 when he was asked to build an Advent Candle table and a Guest Book podium (see December 2012 newsletter). When the pastor disclosed his plan to begin conducting Mass facing the people it was determined that a new altar would be needed. The three steps in the sanctuary leading to the main altar presented a problem for any purchase and installation of a prebuilt altar. Father Tenus discussed the issue with Jack who proposed a custom-built unit and offered to take on the task with the stipulation that it be completely a donation with no cost to the parish for either materials or labor.

Jack and Judy live in a modest home in nearby Pelham NH where Jack proudly displays his huge collection of projects, small and large, that he built.

When asked about the significance of building a church altar, Jack says "We are very private people and enjoy our quiet lives together. Our joy comes from knowing that the altar will serve the parishioners."

The couple has one daughter, one grandson, and one granddaughter. Jack is the son of John and Victoria Szetela, residents of the Centralville section of Lowell.

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Neighborhood Cleanup Successful

On May 31, CNAG (Centralville Neighborhood Action Group) hosted a neighborhood clean-up activity with a group of about 50 individuals. St. Casimir's Parish Center was used as a gathering place after the clean-up to serve a barbecue lunch to the helpers.

The clean-up was considered a success by the organizers and another effort is tentatively planned for the fall.

Feast of Corpus Christi *(continued from page 1)*

the oil of Holy Chrism by applying the sign of the cross on each of the four corners and in the center; then applying the Holy Oils to the entire altar surface. The altar was then wiped clean and covered with new linens obtained for the occasion; holy candles, a missal, chalice and other items were then placed on the altar to be used by the Bishop to conduct the Mass.



The Mass of Corpus Christi was celebrated by Bishop Sobiechowski on the new altar with the choir singing a selection of appropriate hymns, accompanied by Karen Sobiechowski, guest organist.

Following the Mass a Benediction ceremony began with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament by Father Andrzej, St. Casimir's pastor; who then carried the Blessed Sacrament in procession to four altars in the church to symbolize spreading of the Gospel to the four corners of the earth.

At each altar a Gospel passage was read. Father Tenus, read John 1:1-14 at the first altar assisted by Father Henryk Woś (Our Saviour Parish, Woonsocket, RI) who read John 6:35-40, 51, 53b at altar two. Father Robert Fredrickson (Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA), read John 15:1-8 at altar three and Father Jan Wilczek (retired, New Bedford, MA), read Matthew 26:18-20, 26-26 at altar four.



Father Robert Fredrickson (Holy Trinity Parish, Webster, MA), reads John 15:1-8 at altar three.

Also in the procession were acolytes Eric and Cliff Nemkovich (Fall River, MA), Jonasz and Karina Tenus and Joseph Quirbach (Lowell, MA) and flower petals were strewn by Emma Ford-Hunt, Amelia and Christopher Tenus.

After completion of the services Father Andrzej expressed his thanks to all present for their participation. All clergy and acolytes posed for pictures, then everyone proceeded to the parish center to enjoy a delicious buffet provided by the ladies of the parish.



To Attend PNCC Seminary in September



Joseph S. Kosidlo, 20, son of parishioners Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kosidlo, plans to attend the Polish National Catholic Seminary in Scranton, PA with the Fall semester beginning in September.

To the surprise of everyone, including his parents, his intention to become a priest was announced by Bishop Sobiechowski at the

Corpus Christi Mass as the ceremony came to a close.

When asked to talk about his inspiration to become a priest, Joseph spoke about attending a youth camp and listening to Rev. Randy Calvo speak on the need for priests in the PNCC. He was especially impressed with Rev. Calvo's statement "If you think you might have a calling of God, you shouldn't avoid it, you should let it bloom, and when it's ready it'll just come to you."

"After years of thinking it finally bloomed and came to me" Joseph said.

When asked if he had any doubts at all, Joseph replied "I don't think so, I love the church and I should be good."

Joseph stated that he was currently attending Middlesex community college and ultimately intends to obtain a masters degree in business administration, although no decision has been made as to which college he will attend.

Calendar Of Activities 2014

Coffee hour Every Sunday following Mass

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| August 8 | Free Cookout—Parish Center and Spinners Baseball |
| August 18-22 | Camp Howe Youth Retreat |
| August 24 | Diocesan Mass at Cathedral of the Pines, 3:30 pm |
| September 6 | Chicken Barbecue—Parish Center |
| September | Bake Sale & Basket raffle—Parish Center |
| October | ANS/TOP collection for Food Pantry |
| October 4 | Blessing of pets at Church |
| October 5 | Pastor Appreciation Day—Parish Center |
| October 25 | Polish Food Fest/Craft Fair—Parish Center |
| October 26 | All Souls Service, 1 pm,—Parish cemetery |
| November 2 | Youth Group Dinner/Talent Show—Parish Center |
| November 9 | Last day for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes |
| November 23 | Cookie Bake Sale—Parish Center |
| December 6 | Annual Homecoming Dinner—Parish Center |
| December 13 | Food Pantry Christmas Party—Parish Center |
| December 14 | Parish meeting and Election of Officers-2015 |
| December 24/25 | Christmas (Masses at 10 pm [Eve] and 10 am [Day]) |
| January 4, 2015 | Installation of officers/Brunch |
- For more information on any of these events, contact anyone listed on Page 1**



Where do we begin? Justin Bigelow, Ian Ford Hunt, James Bigelow, Ryan Robinson, Brianna Bigelow



Amelia Tenus, Emma Ford-Hunt, Christopher Tenus enjoy a boat ride at Canobie Lake Park

Parish Youth Group Enjoys a Day at Canobie Lake Park

On Thursday, June 26, about 30 members and friends of the St. Casimir's youth group enjoyed a trip to Canobie Lake Park in Salem New Hampshire.

The annual event is free to members of the youth group; friends and guests of the group are offered discounted rates to attend this outing. The entrance fee includes free admission to all rides (except where height restrictions apply) and all live performances. Various discounts are available for senior citizens, persons under 48" tall and general admission after 5pm.

Canobie Lake Park has been a feature of the New England area for more than 100 years. From the early 1880s where it quickly became a popular destination for trolley riders seeking family entertainment to a recognized amusement park that has been compared to Disneyland.

St. Casimir's youth group plans this trip annually and next year is already scheduled for July 30, 2015.

Proceeds from various fundraising events are used to sponsor members of the group.



Rachel Quirbach and Michael Schedin share a seat on the Caterpillar



Do I really have to do this? Ian Ford Hunt seems to be asking Carolyn D'Addario as they prepare for a ride on "Untamed".

Rev. Andrzej Tenus-Pastor-Parent-Beekeeper

«Title» «Family Name», for some time this newsletter has published stories and photos of Fr. Tenus performing his duties as pastor of St. Casimir's parish.

Recently, Fr. Tenus sent an e-mail message to a group of parishioners, relatives and friends which he begins by saying: "I am writing to you to let you all know that finally I am starting my beekeeping hobby again. After few years break (I left my bees in Poland), slowly I am building new apiary here, on American soil."

His message continues: "Honey Bees are an animal most of us learn about very early on, one way or another. In Summer, many people step on Honey Bees and get stung while walking barefoot on a lawn.

"Honey Bees are usually very gentle creatures who mind their own business. They are too busy to worry about people or other animals. So, if you are visiting our cemetery, don't be afraid to go to the back and check how they are working. They do not care about our presence, but please, do not stand in front of the hives, on their flying pathways. Watch them from the side."

He concludes his message "And remember, support local beekeepers and honeybees. They work hard to bring food to our tables."

Also in his message, Fr. Tenus included a link to a YouTube presentation depicting the process of creating an apiary on parish grounds some distance behind the cemetery. The sound track of his voice in the video is in Polish, but it is very interesting to view.

Several scenes from the video have been selected to be printed here:



Czesc! Hi, and welcome to my beekeeping hobby. This is a swarm trap.



This swarm trap has been prepared and will be lifted to the top of this tree for the purpose of attracting additional honeybees.



Although honeybees are usually very gentle creatures who mind their own business, it is usually best to wear protective clothing to avoid accidental bee stings.



The Queen is introduced to the colony in the cage for better acceptance.



After the queen is released from the cage she starts laying eggs and soon the population in the colony rises rapidly to about 50-60,000 bees per colony.



More information on the progress to the end result of the collection of honey for consumption is planned for future issues of this newsletter. To obtain a link to the YouTube video, send an email request to:

pastor@stcasimirspncc.com or check out our website at <http://www.stcasimirspncc.com>.

Everybody's Favorite Polish Food



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