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## WITAMY! WELCOME!

This is the first edition of our newsletter in this new format. This edition can also be e-mailed to members of the PACC who have electronic mail. If you have email, please send a message to [Pacc1914@yahoo.com](mailto:Pacc1914@yahoo.com) and we will add you to the mailing list. We will continue to mail this and future newsletters by the US Postal Service for our members that do not yet have e-mail capability. Starting with this edition we can now also publish photographs from PACC events throughout the year, something that was virtually impossible in the past. We are excited to bring you this new format as we are ready to begin and celebrate the PACC's "95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary" Enjoy!

Larry Gasperone—President  
Rich Koziejka – Editor-in-Chief

## 2009 OFFICERS / BOARD of DIRECTORS INSTALLED



Fr. Ed Lipinski administering the "Oath of Office" to 2009 Club Officers

## 2009 Meeting Dates

\*Board Meets Monthly on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Monday at 7:00pm  
\*(**Except September, Meet on Last Monday in August**)

**Membership Meets  
Monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Wednesday at 7:30pm**  
VFW Post # 3324  
E. 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Runnemede, NJ 08078

**2009 PACC DUES INCREASE**  
Dues are now \$15.00  
and payable  
by January 31, 2009 !

## Our 2008 Christmas Party Once Again A Big Hit !

The Annual Christmas Party was held on Saturday evening December 20, 2008, a great time was had by all. Music was provided by "The Music Box" Band. We even had a visit from Sw. Mickolaj that evening. There were plenty of door prizes that were won. The food, drink and music were exquisite. A very special thanks to XMAS Party Chairman Bob Wisniewski for planning our event. A special thanks to all who helped to set up the VFW earlier that afternoon., also to those who helped serve the food, and all that donated door prizes.

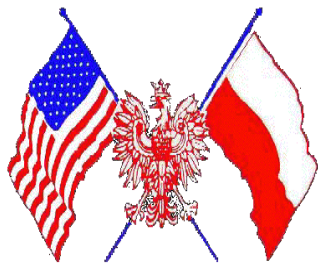
**Dziekuje Bardzo!**

The " Music Box Band" —————>

L-R Bernie, Frank, Stan, Bernie (not pictured Rich)

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### Pinochle Tournament

Begins on Monday February 2, 2009  
Get your teams ready!

Game starts at 7:30pm Monday Nights!  
(8:00pm on Board Mtg Nights)

For more info contact:  
John Mojta, Chairman  
856-234-0143

The 2008 Season Was A Big Success!

### Sick Report

Contact Bill Wood at 856-429-3692  
or Walt Piatek at 856-767-4284 "Get Well"  
wishes in the form of a card will mailed.

### Sick List

Joe Canal  
Clem Daroszewski  
Stan Honrychs  
Tony Kolioutas  
Bob Lipinski  
Walt Malinowski  
Paul Wagner  
Mike Yanzuk

### IN MEMORIAM 2008

May They Rest in Peace

Dan Schiraldi  
Stanley Mojta

### Funeral Visitation

Members meet at the Funeral Home  
(1/2) hour after the start of the view-  
ing, as reported in the newspaper.

### Meeting Speakers Schedule

**February 11, 2009**

Fr. Pawel Kryszkiewicz  
Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Camden

**March 11, 2009**

Ms. Ann Marie O'Neill, Director  
Senior Seminar Services, Inc  
(Spouses Are Welcome To Attend  
this Meeting)

**April 9, 2009**

Veteran's Hospice Outreach

Carol Poprocki

**May 13, 2009**

Catholic Charities

## THE 2008 PULASKI DAY PARADE

The PACC along with members of VFW Post #3324 participated in the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Pulaski Day Parade that was held in Philadelphia on Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup> and televised live on WPVI- TV 6. The theme of this years parade was the 400th anniversary of the first Polish settlers to arrive in America. The weather could not have been more beautiful and everyone had a great time. We also had 6 motorcycles and riders participate. La Flam Chrysler in Runnemede donated 3 "Brand New" beautiful Chrysler convertible automobiles for our use in the Parade. A Special thanks to John Kowalski at La Flam Chrysler and Bill Creato for making all of the arrangements. Also A Big "Thanks" goes out to the Honor Guard of the Runnemede VFW Post # 3324 for joining us at this very special event.



L-R Bill Creato and Bob Lipinski carrying PACC Banner along with the VFW Honor



PACC Grand Marshal Paul Wagner with (L-R) Stan Bednarczyk and Ed Zbikowski



**Our "Own" Polka DJ !**



Joe Rupnik plays the "Best" Polkas, Waltzes, and Obereks. Joe also announces PACC Club news every Saturday afternoon from 1pm until 5pm on 1240 AM WSNJ, Bridgeton, NJ You can also listen to the Live Stream on the internet at wsnjam.com Click on "Listen Live" Tune in and Enjoy!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

A St Joe's / St Pat's Social Dance will be held on Sunday Afternoon March 15, 2009 from 2pm until 6pm at the Runnemed VFW Post # 3324.

Featuring the " Music Box Band"  
Donation is \$20.00 which includes Food, Beer and Soda. Cash Bar for mixed drinks. **-NO BYOB-** Advanced Ticket Sales Only!

—For Tickets or more information—

Contact :

Dan Steiner at 856-468-1215

—or—

Larry Gasperone at 856-854-4610

**See Flyer on Last Page**

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**Christmas Party Pictures**



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L-R Bonnie and Bob Sliwa, Henry Szwak, Rich and Joe Prorok



Walt Piatek ready to help serve the "golabki"



Rich Raychert, Jen and Paul Creato



Eric Raiczuk did a great job filling in for his Dad



**Polka Time/Variety Program**

←with Michael Blichasz  
Tune in every Saturday from  
11 am to Noon on 1540 AM  
WNWR in Philadelphia.  
Great Music and Information in  
the English language.  
Thanks Michael for your support!  
Dziękuję Bardzo!

**More Christmas Pictures on Next The Page**



PACC Officers and Board Members 1967

More Christmas Party Pictures



L-R The Zubrzycki's, Henry Budniak with Margaret



L-R Tim Popiolek, John and Pat Kwoka



L-R The Waller's and Florence Creato along with Bill Creato's Hand

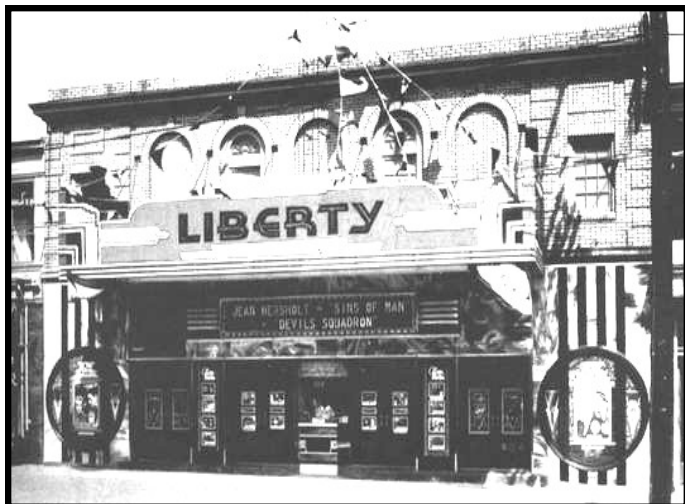


Danelle Wisniewski and Martha Piatek ready to serve Kielbasa

The "Old Neighborhood" Do You Remember ?



A "Brand New" Camden Beer Truck Parked in front of Tiedeken's



The Liberty Movies on Mt. Ephraim Ave at Everett Street

"Old Neighborhood" Photographs Wanted!

Do you any have great memories of the old neighborhood in photographs that you would like to share with fellow members in future PACC newsletters? Like, the Pulaski Day Parade, Street Scenes, Neighborhood Sports, PACC Socials, PACC events, etc. Just as long as it pertains to the "Old Neighborhood" You may submit them to us.

We will scan them into a computer file for future newsletters and return the photograph(s) to you unharmed.

Please contact Rich Koziejka or Larry Gasperone for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2008

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# Woodbine pastor says reluctant goodbye ahead of merger

■ The Rev. Pawel Kryszkiewicz serves at St. Casimir's, which will merge with a neighboring parish. Although Kryszkiewicz says he does not want to leave, he also says, 'I serve at the pleasure of the bishop.'

By MICHAEL MILLER  
Staff Writer, 609-463-6712

**WOODBINE** — The Rev. Pawel Kryszkiewicz is fast becoming an expert on southern New Jersey geography.

For the past 20 years, he has hop-scotched from assignment to assignment in the Camden Diocese, serving at parishes in Ventnor, Vineland, Glassboro, Woodbury and Merchantville, among others.

Next month, Kryszkiewicz will leave St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church in Woodbine, where he spent more than two years as priest and administrator, to serve at St. Joseph's in Camden.

The latest move is part of the diocese's reorganization, under which St. Casimir's will merge with its neighboring

parish in the Marmora section of Upper Township. It will mean leaving parishioners of whom he is very fond.

"I don't want to go," he said. "I serve at the pleasure of the bishop. I will miss the people the most and their friendship and kindness. It is the greatest asset we have."

In Woodbine, Kryszkiewicz also served a seasonal parish in the Ocean View section of Dennis Township and a parish in the Goshen section of Middle Township at St. Elizabeth's and presided over a monthly Mass in Polish in Vineland.

If Kryszkiewicz has any reservations about the reorganization, he keeps them to himself. But he is optimistic the mergers will work.

"I would hope so. It will



Press photo by Sharon Stabley

The Rev. Pawel Kryszkiewicz is leaving Saint Casimir's Roman Catholic Church, which will merge with a neighboring parish, after two years to work in Camden.

depend on the people. You have to have a degree of modesty and humbleness about the decisions," he said.

Church members such as Lucy Mashura said Kryszkiewicz will be missed.

"He's been a charming

priest and a good spiritual director. He gets along very well with people," she said.

Kryszkiewicz is from Poland. He wanted to study medicine, but after his father died prematurely, he chose the clergy. "The church was always a

source of strength that not even a doctor could provide," he said. "A doctor can do only so much. But if you have faith, it's a great thing."

He earned a master's degree in moral theology and moved to the United States about 20 years ago to work at a parish in Michigan.

"I was 24, and it was somewhat of an adventure," he said. "I had friends who went to other countries as well."

He quickly learned English and came to the Camden Diocese in 1990. He also speaks fluent Russian and a little French along with his native Polish.

His multi-lingual abilities are one reason for the latest move. In Camden, some of the weekly Masses are in Polish. He is prepared for the challenge. Once a month, he travels to Vineland, where his mother lives, to preside over a Polish Mass.

Growing up in Poland, he was influenced by many younger priests — peers not much older than he with whom he could relate. Now there are fewer nuns and priests, especially younger ones, to serve as role models, he said. The diocese cited this shortage as one of the driving factors behind the latest reorganization.

"When I was growing up, I was impressed with the priests and thought I could join their ranks," he said.

Each move is a little harder for him, he said. But he has an easy manner that he hopes will serve him in good stead when starting over in Camden.

"I never hesitate to talk to people and establish relationships. It's a fair balance. I'm telling you what you should do — but I'm also one of you," he said.

E-mail Michael Miller:  
MMiller@pressofac.com

Above is a story that appeared in the Atlantic City Press about Fr. Pawel Kryszkiewicz leaving St. Casimir's Parish in Woodbine, NJ before coming to our St. Joseph's Parish in Camden. We welcome Fr. Pawel to our Parish. Sto Lat! (Fr. Pawel will be speaking at our February Meeting, so please attend the meeting to meet, greet and welcome him to our club.)

## Officers and Board Members for 2009



Fr. Edward Lipinski administers the "Oath of Office" to the 2009 Officers and Board Members at the January 2009 Re-Organization Meeting. Seated L-R Secretary, Walt Piatek, VP, Joe Prorok., President., Larry Gasperone, Treasurer, Ed Zbikowski, Financial Secretary, Dan Steiner. Standing L-R Paul Creato, Bill Creato, Henry Budniak, John Mojta, John Kwoka, Bob Wisniewski, and 2nd VP Bill Wood.

## Polish American Heritage Society Announces New Officers

The Polish American Heritage Society held elections at their last meeting that was held on Thursday January 15, 2009. Elected were: President, Tim Popiolek, Vice President, Larry Gasperone, Secretary Pat Kwoka, and Treasurer Lois Lyszkiewicz. PAHS members also thanked Walt Lyszkiewicz who retired in October of 2008 for all of his dedicated years of service as PAHS President. Sto Lat! Walt The PAHS meets every 3rd Thursday (except July and August) at noon-time for lunch. The meeting starts at 1:00pm at VFW Post 3324, E. 6th Avenue, Runnemede, NJ.

## Car From Poland Spotted at Pulaski Day Parade



This Automobile is a Warzawa from Poland



Interior View



Look at the gauges that are labeled in Polish



Rear View of Warzawa

## Polish American Heritage Society Plans Lancaster, PA Bus Trip

The PAHS is planning a Bus trip to Lancaster County, PA on Monday April 27th 2009. They will be stopping at the Kitchen Kettle Village in Intercourse, PA, along with shopping, a visit to an egg farm and sightseeing. The entire cost is \$48 which includes a meal at the famous "Shady Maple Smorgasboard" in East Earl, PA. Please reserve your seat as soon as possible as this same trip last year was a huge success. Please contact President Tim Popiolek at 609-680-5787 for reservations or more information.



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**SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2009**

**2:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

**RUNNEMEDE VFW POST #3324**

**6<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE**

**RUNNEMEDE, NJ 08078**

**MUSIC BY THE MUSIC BOX BAND**

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**Includes: beer, soda, food and music**

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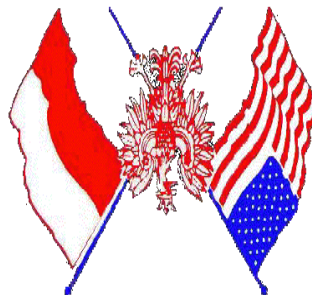
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