

Divine Mercy Parish

(Founded 2010)

Sts. Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Website: www.churchofdivinemercury.org

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk, Pastor

Rectory: 2267 Main Street (413) 283-6030

Office Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9 A.M. to 3 P.M.; Tues., Wed., Thursday 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

Divine Mercy Religious School & Parish Hall – 283-4320

January 10, 2010



Vigil of Sunday – 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - **Sunday** – 8:00 a.m.(Polish) and 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses – 7:00 a.m. (except Tuesday) - Tuesday – Novena & Mass 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses – Refer to Mass Schedule

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY** – Contact Rectory to make arrangements

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)** – Contact Rectory when the need arises

**SICK CALLS** – Anytime

If you have an item that you would like to appear in the bulletin, please be sure to submit it no later than Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in order for it to be printed in the upcoming weekend bulletin. The easiest way is to email your item, but you may also bring it to the Rectory or send it by mail. Editorial discretion on all items. Email: [stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com](mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com).

Co-Directors of Religious Education: Jean Brigham (283-4232) & Michael Wostena  
Parish Secretaries: Lydia McKee & Debra Ingalls  
Choir Director & Organist: Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (596-2727)

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

### **SATURDAY, January 9th**

- Divine Mercy Religious Education Classes, Grades K-5 - 9:00 a.m. in the school
- Confessions – 3:00 p.m.
- Movie Night in the Parish Hall 6:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, January 10th**

- Divine Mercy Religious Education Classes, Grades 6-9 **10:30 a.m.** in the school
- Chalice of Strength - Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

### **MONDAY, January 11th**

### **TUESDAY, January 12th**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, director.
- Men's Guild meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### **WEDNESDAY, January 13th**

- Alcoholic Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. – St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

### **THURSDAY, January 14th**

### **FRIDAY, January 15th**

### **SATURDAY, January 16th**

- Confessions – 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, January 17th**

- Divine Mercy Religious Education Classes, Grades 6-9 - **10:30 a.m.** in the school
- Chalice of Strength - Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

**Confessions: before daily Masses**

# Mass Intentions

## **Saturday – January 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - Father Robert Fox – Sonny & Diana Roth

4:00 p.m. – Edna Burns – The Family

5:15 p.m. – Stanley & Celia Swiatlowski – Natalie Taylor & Family and Ron Swiatlowski  
and  
Family

## **Sunday – January 10<sup>th</sup> – *The Baptism of the Lord***

8:00 a.m. – Mary Skowronek – Grandson Michael & Family  
Edward Godek 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – His Wife Pat & Family

9:30 a.m. – Katarzyna Salamon - Daughters

## **Monday – January 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – For Divine Mercy Parishioners

## **Tuesday – January 12<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – Nancy Lonczah – Jane & Tom Kubacki

## **Wednesday – January 13<sup>th</sup> – *St. Hilary, bishop and doctor of the church***

7:00 a.m. – Joseph Misiaszek – Barbara Miskiewicz

## **Thursday – January 14<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - John Jurczyk – Lynn Riendeau

## **Friday – January 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – Russell Bressette – Polish Women’s of Three Rivers

## **Saturday – January 16<sup>th</sup> – *BVM***

7:00 a.m. - Emily Czupryna - Family

4:00 p.m. – George & Nellie Motyka – Janice Kucewicz

5:15 p.m. – Donna Goodreau – Helen Michalski  
Joan Edberg – Louise Fontaine

## **Sunday – January 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 a.m. – Jan Pryga – Son Waclaw & Janina Pryga

9:30 a.m. – Martin Kearney – Lynn Reindeau

## DONATIONS

***SINCERE THANKS for your generosity & support of our parish – God Bless All***

**General Fund** - \$10 in memory of Joseph Misiaszek from M. Silva & H. Coache  
\$15 in memory of Genevieve Janosz from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meacham, Sr.

## **~~ DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~~**

Regular Classes this weekend, Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at **10:30 a.m. (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE)**

## **~~ ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT**

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Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday – 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*If you can give one hour, or substitute, please call Diana Roth @ 283-8709*

### **Forgiveness**

**“No one heals himself by wounding another.”**

**St. John Chrysostom**

### **For Reflection:**

**How have I seen this to be true in my own life and in the lives of others?**

**Why do I think this is a true statement?**

## **PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

.....If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org).  
Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com).

# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> - Movie Night in the Parish Hall starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Prime Rib Dinner in the Parish Hall starts at 6:00 p.m.

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“SIGN IT” - DIVINE MERCY Many parishioners have been asking how should they make their checks out when making a donation to the church. From this point on, please make your check out to **“Parish of Divine Mercy”**.

SIGN OF PEACE – The “Sign of Peace” is an option at Mass. It’s not obligatory to shake hands. To protect yourself from any flu strain or other illness, use common sense! A friendly nod of the head or offering a sincere verbal, “Peace to you”, is perfectly acceptable.

ST. ANNE MEMORY BOOKS from the last Mass are available if anyone would like one. Please call or come by the Rectory during office hours to pick one up.

FOOD SHARE – Please continue to assist with your donations to the Food Share program. All non-perishable items are accepted, including crackers, Jell-O, condiments, coffee, tea, jams, jellies, cake mixes, etc. Drop off donations in the box at church. *Thank you for your help!*

WEB-SITE UPDATE – Paul Brozek has informed us that the web site for our church has been updated. Please visit our church web-site www.churchofdivinemercury.org. Paul has put a lot of time into updating our web site; if you have any comments or would maybe like to see something added, please contact the Rectory.

STAR PROGRAM 2009-2010 – Your **January** contributions to the STAR Program may be deposited in the weekly collection basket or may be mailed to the Rectory. Please make your check payable to St. Anne Church and include the applicable coupon so you will be properly credited and entered in the next drawing.

MOVIE NIGHT - The Men's Guild is showing Disney's "Ratatouille" for the parish Movie Night. The movie will be shown on the big screen in the parish hall on Saturday, January 9, 2010, at 6:30 pm. As always, free hot dogs, popcorn, soda and coffee. Kids bring a blanket. All are welcome.

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PIZZA PARTY - There will be a pizza party at the Parish Center for all altar servers on Saturday, January 16th following the 5:15 p.m. Mass.

PRIME RIB DINNER – The Men’s Guild will be sponsoring a Prime Rib Dinner at the Parish Hall on Saturday, January 23rd. Social starts at 6:00 p.m. with dinner following at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 12.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS – Any Parish family who is expecting a new baby and would like the announcement of the birth of their child put in our bulletin, please contact the Rectory with the information so we can let everyone know of a new little “angel” joining our parish family.

LOST & FOUND DEPARTMENT - A pair of “*silver rosary beads*” were lost at St. Anne’s Church a little more than a month ago. If anyone found them please call Divine Mercy Rectory 283-6030. The owner would be very happy to get them back because they were given to her when her father passed away.

PARISH COUNCIL VOTE – At the Tuesday, January 5th Parish Council meeting a vote was taken to decide who would be the President of the Council. Thirteen members were in attendance and Mr. Paul Laflamme was voted in as the President of Divine Mercy Parish Council. Congratulations!!

~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

TRIVIA NIGHT Sponsored by Cathedral High Schools Senior Class Friday, January 15, 2010! Put together a table of 4-10 players for a night of fun. Cash prizes will be awarded for winning tables. E-mail Michelle Grisé at mgrise@cathedralhigh.org or call the school at (413) 782-5285 and leave a message to reserve your table. Students \$5.00 Adults: \$10.00

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 ~ Madrid, Spain – The Catholic Pilgrim Office, P.O. Box 456, Roswell, GA 30077 reminds us that “It’s time to choose your Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain”! There are many pilgrimages to choose from with detailed itineraries and estimated rates at: <http://wyd.catholicpilgrimoffice.com>. Call for information on your plans as a Youth or Adult Leader: (800) 769-9466 or email coordinator@catholicpilgrimoffice.com.

THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTER is sponsoring a bus trip on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 to attend *The Chieftains’* one-night performance at the Umass Fine Arts Center. Ticket cost includes concert ticket (Orchestra Section), transportation and driver’s gratuity. Cost for members is \$45.50, non-members \$49.50, children \$35 (17 and under). Full payment is required at the time of your reservation on a first come, first served basis. We will have no refunds unless there is a waiting list or replacement. Book now! You must reserve by December 23, 2009 to guarantee this discounted price! Tickets are limited. The bus will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Gaylord Parking Lot, Elms College, with return immediately following the concert. There will also be a special “Pre-performance Irish Celebration” in the lobby to add to the excitement of the evening. For further information check our website www.irish-cairde.org or call the Center at 265-2537.

SAINT MARY’S SCHOOL IN WARE will celebrate Catholic Schools Week 2010 with a Reception and Open House at the school on Sunday, January 31, 2010 following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. The theme this year is “Catholic Schools – Dividends for Life.” All parishioners, students, alumni and prospective students in Preschool to grade 8 are invited to attend to view the good news in Catholic education from 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Registrations for the Preschool to Grade 8 programs for 2010-2011 will be taken.

THE SAFEST PLACE

How to stay safe in the world today:

**Avoid riding in automobiles
because they are responsible for
20% of all fatal accidents.**

**Do not stay home because
17% of all accidents occur in the home.**

**Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks
because 14% of all accidents
occur to pedestrians.**

**Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water
because 16% of all accidents involve
these forms of transportation.**

**Of the remaining 33%,
32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals.**

**So,
.... above all else, avoid hospitals.**

BUT ,

**.... You will be pleased to learn that only .001%
of all deaths occur in worship services in church,
and these are usually related to previous physical disorders.**

**Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place
for you to be at any given point in time is at church!**

And...

**Bible study is safe, to.
The percentage of deaths
during Bible study is even less.**

**So,
Attend church,
and read your Bible**

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

“Christian Life Begins at Baptism”

Merry Christmas! If you were puzzled at this greeting, then you either have forgotten or don't know that it's still Christmas Season. *Yes, it's true!* The secular celebration of **Christmas** (a/k/a, the “holidays”!), because it is geared toward buying and selling, begins well before Thanksgiving, with earlier hints in September and October. Come Christmas Day the secular observance of the season comes to a screeching halt. On December 26th, many Christmas trees are found lying on the street curbs and the newspapers are filled with tempting “*After-Christmas Sales*”, again directed to buying and selling!

Holy Mother Church always has the better way, and it's the way to follow if we work to prevent ourselves from being swallowed up by the secular way of celebrating which is often intense and unrelenting. The **Christmas Season** begins with the **Vigil of Our Lord's Nativity**, is celebrated for eight solemn days (**Octave of Christmas**), continues with the **Feasts of Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Name of Jesus, the Epiphany of Our Lord**, and closes with the **Baptism of Jesus** by St. John the Baptist.

The Feast of Our Lord's Baptism fittingly reminds us of an important fact. Jesus was baptized, not because He needed baptism. He is, after all, the **Son of God, Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity**. Jesus permitted His baptism by His cousin John in the River Jordan (“*It is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.*” Cf.: **Matthew 3:15-17**) to give us an example of the importance of that sacrament in the life of every Christian. Along with the Catholic Church, nearly every Christian denomination outside the Church celebrates Baptism. Those baptisms are valid, so that even if one converts from another Christian faith to Catholicism, Baptism is not repeated. The Sacrament of Baptism is so vital that, in an emergency situation when no priest or deacon (the ordinary, valid ministers of the sacrament) are available, any lay person can baptize.

The Christmas Season is certainly one of fellowship. Except for the unrepentant *Ebenezer Scrooge* or the *Grinch*, no one really wants to be alone at Christmastime. We come together to honor Our Lord's Nativity with family and friends, some of whom we've not seen in a long time. It's an inclusive season, Baptism, too, is inclusive. Not only does the sacrament wash away original sin (inherited from the sin of our first parents Adam and Eve), it makes us a member of Christ's Church. Christians should never feel alone or unloved. It was for each of us that the Word became flesh, God became a man and lived among us. He shared our human condition in all things but sin. He gave His life for us in order that we might all be together again with Him in the eternal Kingdom of light and beauty and truth and goodness and love. Baptism is important. *It's vital*. It brings us together in Christ.

So, once more: **Merry Christmas!** Enjoy and thank God for this blessed season.

VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 1. +Piotr I Anna Majka – syn. 1. Zsp. Joseph & Frances Swist – daughter. 1. +Earl McKee – wife Lydia. 1. +Frank & Mary Falk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. +Felix & Catherine Misiaszek – son Peter & daughter-in-law. 1. +Phyllis Misiaszek – brother Peter & sister-in-law. 1. +Sister Josephine – Niece. 1. +St. Anne special blessings on grandchildren. 1. St. Anthony for a special favor. 1. Zsp. Deceased members of Salamon & Marcinkiewicz families. 1. +Deceased members of Gut & Yurkunas family. 1. +Helen & Francis Ford – Pat. 1. +Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. Zsp. Jana Wasiuk – od zony z rodzina. 1. Thank you God, for prayers answered & continued blessings & good health – B.R. 1. God’s blessing & continuing recovery for Eleanor – Charlie. 1. +Michael A. & Mary Wojnilowicz – son Michael. 1. Pray for world peace – Holy Rosary Sodality. 1. +Peter & Milli Lisak – son Peter, Jr. 1. Sister’s health. 1. For a friend’s health. 1. +Edward Ziobrowski – family. 1. For all members of the military – Rosary Sodality. 1. For an end to abortion – Rosary Sodality. 1. Health for our sick parishioners – Rosary Sodality. 1. For Priestly and Religious vocations – Rosary Sodality. 1. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. +Darryl Tyburski – love Mom, Dad, sister Betty & brothers Tom & Ray. 1. +Julia & Joseph Koziol – family. 1. +Edward Godek – wife Pat. 1. Health & God’s blessings for Irene Orluk – Sophie. 1. +Lucille Pietrowski – husband Joe & family. 1. For Michael S. for healing – LJF. 1. +Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Kowalczyk family – family. 1. Zsp. Franciszke I Wojciecha Frydryk – Syn. 1. Zsp. Stella I Leo Pulaski – J.F. 1. Zsp. Anne I Michala Zbylot – J.F. 1. Zsp. Edna I Frank Pytka – J.F. 1. Zsp. John I Michael Boronski-JF. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F.. 1. Health & God’s blessing for daughter & family. 1. Love & health Mom, Paula, Shawn, Ryan, Beckie & Scott. 1. +Helen & Fred Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. Thanksgiving to God for Fr. Stefan – Sonny & Diana. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Pat Godek – love, Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Mary Smola in 2010 – Emily Izyk. 1. Blessings & good health for all our families in 2010. 1. +Deceased members of the Korsak family. 1. +Deceased members of the Wladyslaw Izyk family. 1. God’s blessings for RLT families. 1. God’s blessings for fulltime employment. 1. Blessings for my grandson Vic – Grandma.. 1. +Gary Conant – Uncle Michael. 1. God’s blessings & health for Charlotte Pekarski – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. God’s blessings – Carole Bursa. 1. Blessed Mother my son needs help & guidance – DS. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of good health & strength. 1. Health & God’s blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. +In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God’s blessings, continued success & good health for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S. 1. Gale Benoit – S. 1. +Nancy Szostek – S. 1. Stella J.M. – S. 1. Lori Vaz – S. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S. 1. The Lemanski family – S. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina – S. 1. healing & strength. 1. +Stanislaw I Janina Walczak – od corki. 1. God’s blessings – Maxine D. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. God’s blessings – Paula Christian. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family.

VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS (continued)

1.+Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. Blessing for Louie & Millie Janulewicz – sister-in-law Rose. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God's blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P.. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Henrietta Wiczorek – sister. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – wife Sallie. 1. +John Wiczorek – Sallie Rosiinski. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Chester Bogacz, Sr. – 6th anniv. – wife Helen & family. 1. Good health & blessings for William Bigda – Rose Tyburski. 1 +Fred & George Tyburski – family. 1. +Wes Bzdula – the Janosz family. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. For good health, peace & many blessings for Fr. Stefan throughout the coming years. – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For good health & peace for all my friends & relatives into & through 2010 – L.R.. 1. For direction & peace for Jacko & Stacey – L.R.. 1. For poor souls in purgatory – L.R.. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Health & God's blessing for son. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. An abundance of God's blessings in the New Year for Lynne R. – Barbara & Anna. 1. +Joseph Misiaszek – daughters & family. 1. +Marilyn Astin – son Mark. 1. Blessings & health in the New Year for Hedy Workum – A.M.M.. 1. Special intentions for grandson – A.M.M.. 1. To St. Peregrine for Kathy – A.M.M.. 1. To Our Lady of Czestochowa – A.M.M.. 1. Thanksgiving to St. Philomena – Sonny & Diana. 1. Thanksgiving to St. Joseph – Sonny & Diana. 1. God's will for Fred Piechota – John & Barbara. 1. Thanksgiving for Fr. Stefan & many graces & blessings – John & Barbara. 1. Special intention for John – John & Barbara. 1. Healing & blessings for Alice Pietrewicz – John & Barbara. 1. +Joseph Kapinos – love Julie & Carol. 1. God's blessings & health for Charlotte Pekarski – Mary Conant. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. +John Kargul – love, Josie & June. 1. +Eugene Vadmais – Josie & June Slozak. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. God's blessings & health for Ann Troie – Terri Mushenski & family. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for my children & their families. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. To St. Martin de Porres for special intentions. 1. Zsp. Stella Soltys, 22nd anniv. – The Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Helen Wostena, 28th anniv. – daughter-in-law Blanche & grandchildren. 1. +Ray Pelski – wife. 1. For all our blessings – “B”. 1. Zsp. Eugene Vadmais – John & Irene Dyl. 1. O zdrowie I Boze blogoslawienski z okazji urodzin John Wasiuk I Teresa Cordo – od Mamy. 1. Blessings & good health for Fred Piechota – Josephine Y.. 1. God's blessings – Father Stefan. 1. Blessings in the New Year for 3 sons & their families – Mother. 1. Good health & blessings for Charles Pelczarski – Rose.