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Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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January 2, 2011

~~ Happy New Year ~~



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

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

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Choir Director & Organist: Mark Narreau (583-8541)

Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (596-2727)

WEEKLY CALENDAR



SATURDAY, January 1st

- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5

SUNDAY, January 2nd

- **NO CCD** Classes for Grades 6-9
- Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations 4:00 p.m. in the church
- NO CCD Classes for Grade 10

MONDAY, January 3rd

- Plymouth State University's Chamber Singers - Free Concert at 6:00 p.m. - Parish Hall

TUESDAY, January 4th

- Choir Rehearsal - check with Mark Narreau, Director

WEDNESDAY, January 5th

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

THURSDAY, January 6th

FRIDAY, January 7th

SATURDAY. January 8th

- CCD Classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, January 9th

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-9
- CCD EPIPHANY CELEBRATION in the Parish Hall at 2:00 p.m.
- Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations 4:00 p.m. in the church
- CCD Classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Grade10 in the Kolbe Room





Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u> - January 1st The Octave Day of Christmas - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

7:00 a.m. - +Helen Lejman - Her Family

4:00 p.m. – Deceased Members of Frydryk & Pelczarski Families – The Family

5:15 p.m. - +Edna Burns & Deceased Members of Donovan Family – The Family

Sunday - January 2nd The Epiphany of the Lord

8:00 a.m. - +Dudkiewicz Family - Sophie Walulak

9:30 a.m. - +Andrew Milewski - His Wife Lorraine +Fr. Normand Mailloux - The Parish

<u>Monday</u> - January 3rd The Most Holy Name of Jesus

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

Tuesday - January 4th St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious

5:30 p.m. - +Genevieve Vaz Her Daughter Lori

Wednesday - January 5th St. John Neumann, bishop

7:00 a.m. - +Helen & Michael Kos - Their Son Edward & Wife

Thursday - January 6th Blessed Andre Bessette, religious

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

Friday - January 7th St. Raymond of Penafort, priest

7:00 a.m. - +Edwin Gruszczynski - His Family

Saturday - January 8th Baptism of the Lord (Vigil)

7:00 a.m. - For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality Group of MaryAnn Wostena

4:00 p.m. – +Andrew Milewski – Lydia McKee

5:15 p.m. - +Emilia Bergeron – Paul Bigos & Family +Dorothy Bigos – Kim & Irene Bergeron

Sunday - January 9th The Baptism of The Lord

8:00 a.m. - +Frank & Ray Kapinos - Their Family

9:30 a.m. - +Andrew Milewski – Julie Strempek & Family

+Katarzyna Salamon – Daughter

~~ DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~~



No CCD Classes January 1st & 2nd
Any questions please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232.

~ Happy New Year to All ~



~~ ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT ~~

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:

"Too often we look at GOD and ask for more. But perhaps GOD sees it differently.

Perhaps HE knows that I don't need more--I just need more of HIM."



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. Website: www.myvocation.com.

~~ DONATIONS ~~

GENERAL FUND – \$35 in memory of Jacqueline Janosz from Ed Noonan of Noonan Energy Corp.

BURSE FUND -

SINCERE THANKS For your generosity & support of our parish God Bless All



The Lord's Light Within

Lord we reflect with thankful hearts on the wonder of Your birth The love You expressed when You left Your glory to come to earth

For Your life was like a beacon, Lord shining brightly in the night Filling the world with the radiance of the Father's glorious light

And we, too, long to have inside Your light for others to see The beautiful reflection of Your grace and the wonder of Your majesty

For as Your life indwells our hearts we can shine wherever we are And arise to take hold of each new day with Your light ablaze in our hearts

So rekindle the flame within us Lord so it will not flicker nor dim Ignite us with the light of Your love so You will shine brightly within

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~~ <u>DIVINE MERCY NEWS</u> ~~

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3, 2011 - Plymouth State University's Chamber Singers - Free Concert January 9, 2011 - CCD EPIPHANY CELEBRATION in the Parish Hall January 15th - Men's Guild Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner in the Parish Hall

MAY THE LOVE OF OUR LORD BE IN YOUR HEARTS
TO SHARE WITH OTHERS
WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HEALTHY HAPPY NEW YEAR



<u>Star 2010 – 2011</u> 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 Divine Mercy Parish and include the applicable coupon so you will be properly credited and entered in the next drawing.

<u>IUNIOR LECTORS</u> are needed for Sunday Mass at 9:30. Grades 5 to 12. Boys and girls are welcome. You would be needed only once or twice a month to read. Any questions please call Cheryl Kozlik 283-2773.

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!*

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHAMBER SINGERS – Divine Mercy Parish will be hosting an evening concert featuring Plymouth State University's 24 member chamber choir on **January 3, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. Parishioner Jennifer Fijal is in the group and the concert is free to the public. A social hour with light refreshments will follow the concert. Please save the date, it will be an event not to miss!

After the concert 14 of the 24 students will need housing for one night. Preferably 2 or more per home and must be able to bring the student back to Divine Mercy Parish for 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning for their return trip home. Volunteers should contact the secretaries at the Rectory during business hours.

CCD EPIPHANY CELEBRATION

January 9th at 2:00 p.m.

The Kindergarten through 5th grade students of the Divine Mercy Religious Education Program will present a special show for the parish.

Skits, songs and other presentations will be performed by the children Refreshments will follow the pageant.

Please join us!

<u>MEN'S GUILD DINNER</u> – The Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Guild will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner** in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 15**th with a social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. followed with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.



~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

CONFESSIONS – Every Tuesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sacred Heart on Boston Road in Springfield. English – Polish – Spanish. This is Father Tomasz Parzynski's Parish.

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S DRAMA CLUB will present the play "Little Women" on Fri. Jan. 7th and Sat. Jan 8th at 7 pm in the high school auditorium. Tickets for this event are \$5.00 for students and \$10.00 for adults. Tickets will be sold in the general office at Cathedral the week of Jan 3rd and also will be available at the door. Please call the school for tickets or more information at (413) 782-5285.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be held **Saturday, January 15**th at 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. by the San Damiano Youth Group at the St. Stanislaus School and Parish Center on 534 Front Street in Chicopee. Dinner includes: Spaghetti & meatballs, salad, bread, coffee/tea/punch. Adult/\$5.00 Children (under 12) are \$3.00. Tickets may be purchased at the school office (592-5135) or parish office (594-6669) Monday through Friday. Desserts will be available for 50 cents. Music, Raffles and 50/50. Proceeds will benefit the youth of the St.Stanilsaus Basilica and their pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain.

DEVOTED PRO-LIFERS will once again journey to Washington, D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in raising their voices and spreading the word that abortion is the taking of a human life! Please join the 38th annual March For Life on **January 24th**, **2011**. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person or \$25.00 per student. Please call the office at 413-583-5034 to check availability. Please send payment to **P**ioneer **V**alley **M**assachusetts **C**itizens **F**or **L**ife, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, MA. 01056-0096. Payment is due at time of reservation. Donations toward the crusade are greatly appreciated, especially for the numerous young people in attendance.

<u>COME AND EXPLORE!</u> Holyoke Catholic High School will host an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families on **Wednesday, January 26**th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the school on 134 Springfield St. in Chicopee. We invite you to come and meet our dedicated faculty, our talented and successful students and to learn about our admission process for September 2011 enrollment. If you would like to attend, **please RSVP to the Admissions Office at 413-331-2480, ext. 1132 by January 21**st. We are now accepting applications for our next Entrance Exam, Saturday, February 5th at 8:00 a.m. Holyoke Catholic High School ~ Your Success Starts Here!

ST. MARY'S DINNER DANCE –St. Mary's Parish on 60 South St. in Ware will be holding their next Dinner Dance on **January 29**th with the Maestro Men Band. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. sharp. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. For more info. call 967-5913.



"Most Important Resolutions."

On this second day of the calendar year, since it is a Sunday in 2011, the U.S. Church is celebrating the Solemnity of the **Epiphany of Our Lord**. Since 1970, when not observed as a holyday of obligation, this Feast of the **Three Kings'** visit to the Baby Jesus is observed on the first Sunday of the new year. Falling only one day after the Solemnity of **Mary, the Mother of God**, we wish you a very *Happy New Year!*

We hope you are still enjoying the **Christmas Season**, because that is precisely where we are. We are aware that by now, a large segment of society has "washed its hands" of Christmas, or, to use their preferred slogan, "the holidays." They're already focused on the next opportunity to profit, i.e., Valentine's Day. IGNORE THEM! Continue greeting each other with "Merry Christmas!" and "Happy New Year!" in these joy-filled days. With this in mind, we offer two important resolutions that are worth trying to keep.

If we haven't been doing so, we should try to **follow the Church calendar and adapt** our lives/schedules **to it**, rather than allow the secular world to dictate to us. From December 25th, the **Nativity of Our Lord**, the Church gives us so many beautiful customs and feasts. The eight days until January 1st are the **Octave of Christmas**, and our celebrations during those days include the Feasts of **St. Stephen**, the **Holy Innocents**, and **St. John the Apostle**. The traditional "*Twelve Days of Christmas*," of course, run from the Lord's Birth until January 6th. Christmastide lasts until the Feast of the **Baptism of Our Lord**. Unofficially, the season is observed until **Candlemas Day**, February 2nd. On that day we commemorate the **Presentation of the Infant Jesus** at forty days old in the temple, as well as the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The second resolution may not be easy, but it's certainly worth following in this unfolding year. Above all else in your life, make the goal of heaven your major focus. Let this be your most fervent prayer: "Lord, I want to be with You forever in eternity!" No problem, you might say. Why wouldn't I want to go to heaven, considering the alternative? But it's not a free ride; we must work at it by doing our part. Yes, God invites each of us to be with Him forever, but He never forces us. There are plenty of obstacles in our way, and the great deceiver and liar, Satan, not only wants us to stumble off the right path; he wants us to permanently detour onto the wrong road. The illusions and seductions of the contemporary world are powerful and potentially deadly diversions. So everything and everyone in your life must be secondary to your heavenly goal.

But this sounds too selfish, you argue. For example, how can I (a spouse and/or parent) ignore my spouse and/or children? The Lord isn't asking us to treat those we love with indifference or disrespect. Rather, He wants us to keep the correct perspective. When all is said and done, at the end of life, each of us will stand alone before our Maker. Any restlessness that we experience in this life is simply a reminder that we won't be completely happy and satisfied until we are again with Him Who created us. So while we go about our daily lives and tasks, let us keep God front and center, and do what He asks of us. "Lord, I want to be with You forever in eternity! Let nothing or no one deter me. I trust that, cooperating with Your grace, I will achieve heaven!"

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-inlaw. 1.+Felix & Catherine Misiaszek – son Peter & daughter-in-law. 1.+Phyllis Misiaszek – brother Peter & sister-in-law birthday – Ed 1.+Sister Josephine – Niece. 1.+St. Anne special blessings on grandchildren. 1. St. Anthony for a special favor. 1. +Joseph Misiaszek Peter & sister-in-law. 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. 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.+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 – J.F. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler - J.F. 1. Healing for Susan B - LJF. 1. Rest in peace Michael - LJF. Return to good health & God's blessings for Ann Genero – Ed & Millie Jasak. 1. God's blessings & health for Edward J. Zoladz – Virginia Galuszka.1. Health & God's blessings for daughter & family. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter Susie & son-in-law Leslie. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. God's blessings for Jade & Iain. 1. +Timothy F. Sullivan – 46th anniv. – family. 1. +Eileen C. Gula – 31st anniv. – family. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. New Year's blessings – Walter & Helen Swiatlowski. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. God's blessings for all Divine Mercy Parishioners – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Barbara M. Orluk – Gloria Nowak. 1. Christmas & New Year's blessing & health for Father Stefan – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Augustine Purda – Gloria Nowak. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. Health & God's blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God's blessings, good health & Merry Christmas, Josie Slozak – love, Mike & Lori Skowronek & girls. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessings & good health for KDJ. 1. +Raymond Pelski – wife & family. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Happy New Year & God's blessings & good health to Sophie Lemanski & Lori Vaz – Hedy. 1. +Peter Godek – Chet & Helen. 1. +Nellie Kawalec – Chet & Helen. 1. St. Jude – healing – D.. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – Sallie R., 1. +Frank Prouty, Jr. & Emily B. Prouty – love daughter. 1. God's blessing for June Slozak – Ruth Lech.. 1. God's blessing & health for John P. - Cioci Ruth L.. 1. God's blessing & healing for Josie Slozak - Ruth Lech . 1. +Gary Conant - Mother. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz - family. 1. Thank you for prayers answered &

successful time. 1. God bless for all our families at Christmas & Happy New Year. 1. Happy holidays to Mary Smola. 1.+Victor Bukowski- wife Frances and family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. New Year's blessings – Evelyn Colozzi. 1. God's blessings & health for Raymond Bargolski – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. healing & strength. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich - Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha - Barbara. 1. +Genevieve Vaz - Lori. 1. +L. St. Amand – family. 1. +Deceased members of the Wilga family – M.W..1. God's blessings & good health in 2011, Kathy, love, Aunt Josie & June. 1. Praying that 2011 will find you in good health, Mom, love, June. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Audrey Gula - M. Wilga. 1. +Deceased members of the Wilga family - M.W., 1. +Anna Wilga – M.W., 1. Family health & God's blessing, 1. God's blessings & health for Raymond Bargolski – sister Dorothy & family. 1. +Milton & Eleanor Kaczowka – family. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. Thank you God, for prayers answered & continued blessings & good health - B.R.. 1. +Maria Wanicka - Vera Gilbert. 1. For a belated greeting for Father Stefan on his feast day - L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line - L.R.. 1. +Sabrina Parker - L.R.. 1. For a blessed peace filled, joyous, safe New Year for all - L.R.. 1. For the souls of all priests & religious who have died in 2010 - L.R.. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. St. Ludy – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. - wife & family. 1. God's blessing for strength & healing for my grandson. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. The miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa - daughter Debbie. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola - EK&GK. 1. Thank you, Jesus, for good health & continued blessings - Pauline & Ed. 1. +Deceased members of the Wilga family - M.W.. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D..1. +Husband & son – love – A. Pietrewicz. 1. Please Lord, heal my son Austin so that he may finish boot camp – love Luanne. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1 God's blessings & good health in the New Year, Mom love – Carol. 1. God's blessings & good health Mrs. C. - love Julie & Carol Mastalerz. 1. +Fred Mastalerz - love Julie & Carol. 1. +Frank & Ray Kapinos – family. 1. Blessed Mother my son needs your help – Mom. 1. To St. Polycarp for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena - children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. - wife & children. 1. +Allan Bryant - Paula. 1. +Fr. Normans Mailloux – Julie & Carol Mastalerz. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God's blessings & health for K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. +Peter Godek – Pat Godek. 1. +Nellie Kawalec – Pat Godek. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – wife Sallie. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S., 1. Lori Vaz – S., 1. +Jennie Vaz – S., 1. A.J. & Joanne – S., 1. The Lemanski family – S.

<u>IN LOVING MEMORY</u> – Please remember in your prayers the souls of Bertha Toton, Jacqueline Janosz and Dominick Machnik. May they rest in peace.

~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE~~

Alcohol Abuse Lecture"

A man is stopped by the police around 1:00 a.m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night. The man replies: "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body". The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies...... "My wife!"

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#### Top 10 Predictions for 2011

- 1. The Bible will still have all the answers.
- 2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth.
  - 3. The Holy Spirit will still move.
  - 4. God will still honor the praises of His people.
  - 5. There will still be God-anointed preaching.
  - 6. There will still be singing of praise to God.
  - 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people.
    - 8. There will still be room at the Cross
      - 9. Jesus will still love you.

10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him.

Isn't It Great To Remember Who Is Really In Control, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever."