

✠ Divine Mercy Parish ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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January 16, 2011



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

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

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**



### **SATURDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>**

- CCD Classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.
- Men's Guild Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner in the Parish Hall - Social at 6:00 Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>**

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-9
- 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

### **MONDAY, January 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **TUESDAY, January 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, January 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, January 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **SATURDAY, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

### **SUNDAY, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-9
- 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

### **Saturday - January 15<sup>th</sup> Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. - + Casimer Burkot - His Family

4:00 p.m. - +Veronica Olbrych - Madeline Fitzgerald

5:15 p.m. - +Edward Godek - His Wife & Family  
+Lucky & Aurore Baldyga - Their Family

### **Sunday - January 16<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - +William Gilbert - His Wife Vera

9:30 a.m. - +Yvonne Tremblay - Joanna Stolar & Family  
+Gus Purda - His Niece Barbara Bren

### **Monday - January 17<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony, abbot**

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

### **Tuesday - January 18<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - +Claire Ramadom - Her Daughter Diane & Family

### **Wednesday - January 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Edward Rudnick - His Family

### **Thursday - January 20<sup>th</sup> St. Fabian, pope & martyr; St. Sebastian, martyr**

7:00 a.m. - +Frank & Mary Sawicki - Their Family

### **Friday - January 21<sup>st</sup> St. Agnes, virgin & martyr**

7:00 a.m. - +Alex and Anna Stolar - Their Family

### **Saturday - January 22<sup>nd</sup> St. Vincent, deacon & martyr; Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. - +Julia Orszulak - Her Family

4:00 p.m. - +Mary Austin and Thomas & Margaret Brigham - Jean Brigham  
+Walter Smola - His Wife Alice & Family

5:15 p.m. - +Robert, Roger, Richard and Ronald Bigos - The Bigos Family

### **Sunday - January 23<sup>rd</sup> Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - +Jan Wasiuk od zony z rodzina

9:30 a.m. - +Dominick Machnik - Lynn Riendeau

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



CCD Classes for Grades K-5 – Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
CCD Classes for Grades 6-9 – Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
CCD Classes for Grade 10 – Sunday's from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Kolbe Room  
Any questions please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232.



~~ **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**

Isaiah was called to be a light to the nations. What is God calling you to be? Think about a life of service as a sister, brother or priest. Call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org) Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

~~ **DONATIONS** ~~

**BURSE FUND** - In Memory of Jacqueline Janosz - \$20 from Barbara Marcinkiewicz

**GENERAL FUND** - In Memory of Bertha Toton - \$40 from her Son John Toton

**SINCERE THANKS**

*For your generosity & support of our parish  
God Bless All*

~~ **DIVINE MERCY NEWS** ~~

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 15<sup>th</sup> - Men's Guild Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner in the Parish Hall  
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Star 2010 - 2011 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.

WEB-SITE UPDATE - Please visit our church web-site www.churchofdivinemeracy.org. Paul Brozek is the person that updates the web site; if you have any comments or would maybe like to see something added, please contact the Rectory. Weekly bulletin can be viewed there.

JUNIOR LECTORS 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!*

Divine Mercy News...continued

ST. CECILIA CHOIR MUSIC - Our parish senior choir, named in honor of St. Cecilia, the patroness of music is offering Volume 2 of their hymns for sale, available now in both cassette and CD format. Vol. 2 contains English, Polish, and Latin hymns including selections from the Stern's Vespers which was sung at Forty Hours Devotions for several years at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Both formats are only \$5.00. Please contact treasurer Lillian Olearczyk at 323-5912, or any choir member. PLEASE NOTE that there are currently limited quantities of the CD version.



CHECK IT OUT!! – Take a minute and go to our Parish website, Paul has posted pictures that we've taken before the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass as well as the Midnight Mass Procession.

MEN'S GUILD DINNER – The Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Guild will be hosting a **Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner** in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, January 15th** 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.

*We make a living by what
We get --- we make a life by
What we give.*

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*I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to
support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus,
how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.
Acts 20:35*

Pope Benedict XVI ~~ Prayer for the Unborn

Lord Jesus,

You who faithfully visit and fulfill with your Presence
the Church and the history of men;

You who in the miraculous Sacrament of your Body and Blood
render us participants in divine Life and allow us a foretaste of the joy of eternal Life;
We adore and bless you.

Prostrated before You, source and lover of Life, truly present and alive among us,
we beg you.

Reawaken in us respect for every unborn life, make us capable of seeing in the fruit of the
maternal womb the miraculous work of the Creator, open our hearts to generously
welcoming every child that comes into life.

Bless all families, sanctify the union of spouses, render fruitful their love.

Accompany the choices of legislative assemblies with the light of your Spirit,
so that peoples and nations may recognize and respect the sacred nature of life, of every
human life.

Guide the work of scientists and doctors, so that all progress contributes
to the integral well-being of the person, and no one endures suppression or injustice.

Give creative charity to administrators and economists, so they may realize and promote
sufficient conditions so that young families can serenely embrace
the birth of new children.

Console the married couples who suffer because they are unable to have children
and in Your goodness provide for them.

Teach us all to care for orphaned or abandoned children, so they may experience the
warmth of your Charity, the consolation of your divine Heart.

Together with Mary, Your Mother, the great believer, in whose womb you took on our
human nature, we wait to receive from You, our Only True God and Savior,
the strength to love and serve life, in anticipation of living forever in You,
in communion with the Blessed Trinity.

~~ 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.

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP OF PALMER would like to invite students of Converse Middle School to our dance on **Friday, January 21st**, 7–9 PM at the Divine Mercy Parish Hall. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP of will hold a Roast Beef Dinner on **Saturday, January 22nd** at Divine Mercy Parish Hall at 6PM. Call Lisa @ 283-8598 or email OFofPalmer@comcast.net for more info.

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 **Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens For Life**, 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.

COME AND EXPLORE! Holyoke Catholic High School will host an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families on **Wednesday, January 26th** 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 21st**. 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 29th** 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.

TAX RETURN PREPARATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS – AARP Tax Aids will be at your local Senior Centers to prepare simple tax returns for Senior Citizens. This is a free service provided by AARP for low-income seniors. You must call your local Senior Center to make an appointment as no walk in returns are filled out. Appointments start in February and continue through April 15th. This service is for senior citizens only. Most senior centers define seniors as those people 60 and older.

Reclaim Respect for Life!

January 22, 1973 marks the anniversary of the highly flawed and tragic Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which permitted abortion on demand. As we approach that sad date, we join our prayers imploring God that the U.S. reverse the trend of the past forty decades, and become again a culture of life, respecting life in all of its stages.

A few days before his death on March 20, 2010, Father Paul Marx, O.S.B., founder of Human Life International, addressed the landmark (and unfortunately maligned) encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (“on human life”). The connections between the degrading of moral standards, the trivialization of sex, and abortion are undeniable.

In a horrible “domino effect” our culture has swiftly witnessed: the legalization of abortion; an increase in couples living together (and not in chastity); more out-of-wedlock births; the explosion of pornography; the increasing tolerance for both hetero- and homosexual fornication; and the “right” (demand) for same sex “marriage.”

Fr. Marx’s article, which we present below, underlines the accuracy of **Paul VI’s** predictions about what would happen if contraception became prevalent in society----

“On July 25, 1968, **Pope Paul VI’s *Humanae Vitae*** re-affirmed the Catholic teaching on life, love, and human sexuality. In that document, he listed the consequences of the life lived outside Catholic teaching. The Holy Father predicted that:

“Contraception would lead to conjugal infidelity / contraceptive practice would lead to a ‘general lowering of morality’ / contraception would lead men to cease respecting women in their totality and would cause them to treat women as ‘mere instruments of selfish enjoyment’ rather than as cherished partners / and finally, widespread acceptance of contraception by couples would lead to a massive imposition of contraception by unscrupulous governments.

“In other words, **Pope Paul VI predicted that contraception would evolve from ‘a lifestyle choice’ into a weapon of mass destruction.** How dreadfully this prophecy has been vindicated by population control and coercive sterilization programs, fertility reduction quotas and the promotion of abortion literally everywhere in the world.

“Contraception’s destruction of the integrity of the marital act---as unitive and procreative---has dire consequences for society and for our souls. Contraception, in other words, is a rejection of God’s view of reality. It is a wedge driven into the most intimate sphere of communion known to man outside of the Holy Sacrament of the Mass. It is a degrading poison that withers life and love, both in marriage and in society.

“By breaking the natural and divinely ordained connection between sex and procreation, women and men---but especially men---would focus on the hedonistic possibilities of sex. People would cease seeing sex as something that was intrinsically linked to new life and to the sacrament of marriage.”

Does anyone doubt that this is where we find ourselves today?

We shamefully acknowledge the death of millions of innocent lives. We must resolve to turn the tide, or be drowned under the engulfing waves of the culture of death.

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 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. +Darryl Tyburski – love Mom, Dad, sister Betty & brothers Tom & Ray. 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. Franciszka 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. 1. God’s blessings & health for Edward J. Zoladz – Virginia Galuszka.1. Health & God’s blessings for daughter & family. 1. Thank you God, for prayers answered & continued blessings & good health – B.R.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. +Julia Machnik – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. +Stella J. Maestrono – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina – S.. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. God’s blessings & peace for Julie & Carol Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of good health & strength. 1. healing & strength. 1. +Richard Wawro – Ron & Marilyn Lemanski. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Mary Krol – birthday remembrance – Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. God’s blessings & good health, Mom – love, June. 1. +Tom Godek – with fond remembrances – Josie & June Slozak. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – wife Sallie. 1. +husband & son – love, A. Pietrewicz. 1. +Richard Wawro – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Joseph Michonski – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. +Stanley & Catherine Giza – Edna Sabourin. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. God’s healing & strength for Lilly – Babci & Dziadziu. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Emily Palmero – brother Michael. 1. +Veronica Wojnilowicz

– brother Michael. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Jesus please help my son get a good job locally. 1. +Richard Wawro – Mary Conant. 1. God’s blessings & good health for all our families. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Edward Godek – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. Zsp. Ewa Tabor – od Leokadii Wasiuk z rodzina. 1. +Helen Segula – Fran Bukowski. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God’s blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. +Richard Wawro – R.C.. 1. +Thaddeus & Stephanie Misiaszek – family. 1. +Richard Wawro – F. Bukowski. 1. +Richard Wawro love, wife Barbara. 1. God’s help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. god’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. God’s blessings & return to good health for Alice Smola – Rich. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. Health & god’s blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. +Richard Wawro – Art & Vicki Miner. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. Blessed Mother my son needs your help – Mom. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. For healing for Ted Guzik to St. Jude – sister-in-law Blanche & children. 1. To St. Joseph for special intentions. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. Zsp. Richard Wawro – Barbara Marcinkiewicz. 1. For my dad +Rich W. , love Deb & Pete. 1. +Phyllis Misiaszek – C. Misiaszek. 1. +Father Normand Mailloux – Elizabeth Dorsey. 1. God’s blessings & health for Josie Slozak – Elizabeth Dorsey. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. For all God’s Holy Angels to surround Father Stefan with their heavenly protection – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For the souls of all those killed in the recent Arizona tragedy – L.R.. 1. For complete healing, peace & forgiveness for all those injured in the Arizona tragedy – L.R.. 1. For strength, healing & complete recovery for Gabrielle Giffords – L.R.. 1. For complete healing from cancer for Fran Jurczyk – L.R.. 1. For complete healing from cancer for Barbara Trudeau – L.R.. 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. +Richard Wawro – L.T.. 1. Harrison Lavoie. 1. God’s blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family.

IN LOVING MEMORY – Please remember in your prayers the soul of Norman Lowell. May he rest in peace.



~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE~~

Senior Golf

Four old men went into the pro shop after playing 18 holes of golf. The pro asked, "Did you guys have a good game today?". The first old guy said, "Yes, I had three riders today."

The second old guy said, "I had the most riders ever. I had five." The third old guy said, "I had 7 riders, the same as last time." The last old man said, "I beat my old record. I had 12 riders today."

After they went into the locker room, another golfer who had heard the old guys talking about their game went to the pro and said, "I have been playing golf for a long time and thought I knew all the terminology of the game, but what's a rider?"

The pro said, "A rider is when you hit the ball far enough to get in the golf cart and ride to it."

Bad Weather moving in!!

I just got off the phone with a friend in Michigan. He said that it has been snowing since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling.

The temperature is dropping below zero and the north wind is increasing. His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window.

He says that if it gets much worse, *he may have to let her in.....*