# d Divine Mercy Parish d

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Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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# **January 23, 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

All items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in order for it to be printed in the upcoming weekend bulletin (please include your name and phone number). You may email your item, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it. Note there is editorial discretion on all items. Email: <a href="mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com">stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com</a>.

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

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR



#### SATURDAY, January 22nd

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

#### SUNDAY, January 23rd

- 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 24th

#### TUESDAY, January 25th

- Choir Rehearsal - check with Mark Narreau, Director

#### WEDNESDAY, January 26th

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

#### THURSDAY, January 27th

#### FRIDAY, January 28th

#### SATURDAY, January 29th

- CCD Classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Grades K-5
- Parent Meeting for Grade 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, January 30th

- 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**

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

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 23rd Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

#### Monday - January 24th St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church

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

#### <u>Tuesday</u> - January 25<sup>th</sup> The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

5:30 p.m. – +Stella Maestrone – Ronald & Maryann Lemanski

# Wednesday - January 26th St. Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops

7:00 a.m. – +Edna Pytka – Her Family

#### Thursday - January 27th St. Angela Merici, virgin

7:00 a.m. - +Irena Lewandowska and Veronica Kloczkowska od Rodzine

#### Friday - January 28th St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. - +Chester & Frances Godek - Their Family

#### Saturday - January 29th Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. - +Mary Rozen Gajgier - John & Irene Dyl

4:00 p.m. - +Andrew Robbins - His Wife Elaine & Family

+Arthur & Arthur, Jr. Moriarty – Stephanie Moriarty

5:15 p.m. - +George & Nellie Motyka – Their Grandaughter Janice

+Richard Wawro - His Wife Barbara, Daughters & Families

#### Sunday - January 30th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - +Deceased members of Stanislaw and Rozalia Pobieglo & Family - Mary Jones

9:30 a.m. - +Stanley Bigda – His Wife and Family

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

**Please note**: If it becomes necessary to cancel CCD due to inclement weather, it will be broadcasted on WWLP Channel 22 and on <a href="https://www.www.wwlp.com">www.wwlp.com</a>.

Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Meeting at 10:15 a.m. for Parents of Grade 2 students.

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Instructional Mass at 9:00 a.m. with Father Stefan. This is for <u>all</u>

CCD Students Grades K - 9.

Saturday, March 19th Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, April 1st Living Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. Sunday, May 15th 1st Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

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**

Jesus proclaimed this theme: "Reform your lives!" Are you bold enough to reform your life and proclaim the Good News—perhaps as a priest, sister or brother? If so, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or write <a href="mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org">g.dailey@diospringfield.org</a> Website: <a href="mailto:www.myvocation.com">www.myvocation.com</a>

# ~~ DONATIONS ~~

BURSE FUND - In memory of Richard Wawro - \$15.00 from Tom & Loretta Madden

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



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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

<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>WEB-SITE UPDATE</u> – Please visit our church web-site <u>www.churchofdivinemercy.org</u>. 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.

**IUNIOR 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.

<u>FOOD SHARE</u> – 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!* 

**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.

**THANK YOU** – The Dominican Sisters would like to thank you for your generous support in purchasing their many delicious brownies, breads and pies.

<u>COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA</u> - In addition to supporting ongoing pastoral work, the Collection for the Church in Latin America faces the challenge of rebuilding the Church when natural disasters occur, such as the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010. Seminaries, churches, and schools were devastated, and the already limited resources are being stretched. It will take many years to rebuild the Church in Haiti, and the Collection will support it every step of the way. This collection will take place this weekend January 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Your support will truly make a difference. Thank you. God bless you.

In order to receive the direction from God you must be able to receive the correction from God.

...My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth be chasteneth, and scourgeth every son who he receiveth.

Hebrews 12:5b,6



# **JESUS HELP ME**

*Jesus help me* – Your servant who was redeemed by Your Most Precious Blood.

In every need let me come to You with humble trust saying – *Jesus help me*.

In all my doubts, perplexities and temptations – *Jesus help me*.

In the hours of loneliness, weariness and trials – *Jesus help me*.

In the failure of my plans and hopes – *Jesus help me*.

In disappointments, troubles and sorrows – *Jesus help me*.

When others fail me, and your grace alone can assist me – Jesus help me.

When I throw myself on Your tender love as a Father and Saviour – *Jesus help me*.

When I feel impatient, and my cross is heavy – *Jesus help me*.

When I am ill, and my head and hands cannot do their work – *Jesus help me*.

In the good You would have me do; in the pleasures I seek – *Jesus help me*.

In the interest I have in loved ones and friends – *Jesus help me*.

Agonizing Jesus, strip me of all intemperance in the use of life's comforts and pleasures.

Always, always, in joys or sorrows; In falls and shortcomings – *Jesus help me, and never forsake me*.

# ~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

<u>CONFESSIONS</u> – 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.

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

**DEVOTED PRO-LIFERS** - Be a part of the March for Life - even if you can't go to Washington! A Mass and reception will be held at St. Stanislaus Basilica located at 570 Front St. in Chicopee as a send-off for those going to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. All pro-lifers are invited to attend. This event will start at 8PM on Sunday January 23rd. Any contributions of sandwiches and desserts would be greatly appreciated. We will also need help cleaning up after the reception.

<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**<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>st</sup>. We are now accepting applications for our next Entrance Exam, Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup> 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**<sup>th</sup> 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.

<u>TAX RETURN PREPARATION FOR SENIOR CITIZENS</u> – 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 15<sup>th</sup>. This service is for senior fcitizens only. Most senior centers define seniors as those people 60 an older.

**HOSPICE SERVICES OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS** - Our agency is located in Feeding Hills and services Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin Counties. We are in need of volunteers to provide services (i.e. reading, friendly visits, running errands, etc.) to our patients in their homes and Nursing Facilities. If you can help call Natasha Dymnicki (413)786-4004.

#### **Sacredness of Marriage & Life**

Those who are trying to distort the true meaning of marriage between one man and one woman often use the argument that this institution was merely an *invention along the road of human history*, and thus can be altered or re-defined with the changing times. This serves the purpose for the so-called "homosexual marriage" agenda, which plays on people's emotions and sympathies while ignoring right reason. Re-defining marriage also serves those who think a family can be properly raised without marriage. That line of reasoning leaves open the door for the justification of persons who cohabitate (engaging in sexual intercourse). The divine intimacy rightfully reserved for husband and wife within marriage is thus reduced from the outward, selfless giving of oneself to the other, to an inward, selfish desire of "what I can get of out this."

"Matrimony was not instituted or restored by man, but by God." ("Casti Connubii"#6, Pope Pius XI, December 31, 1930)

**Pope Pius XI** (reigned: 1922-1939), wrote his encyclical referenced above on Christian marriage, and also addressed various other life issues associated with it. In the very first sentence, the Holy Father affirmed the inherent holiness of marriage (because it was created by God) by describing it as "**chaste wedlock.**" How little is the duty of the spouses to remain faithful and respectful of each other mentioned, or even practiced in some cases today? Pius XI also recognized dangers that threatened marriage and what would happen to society if that institution continued to be attacked and eroded.

We may think that the increase in the divorce rate, the shocking numbers of persons living together (not in chastity), and out-of-wedlock births are relatively recent trends. Yet even at the end of the third decade of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Pius XI was aware that marriage was under assault. His words that many "entirely ignore or shamelessly deny the great sanctity of Christian wedlock, or relying on the false principles of a new and utterly perverse morality, too often trample it [marriage] underfoot" (#3) seem as if they were written for our times, rather than eighty years ago.

Those engaging in sexual activity (e.g., the unmarried, adulterers, homosexuals not living chaste lives, prostitutes) have become almost commonplace. Unmarried partners (sometimes married, as well), often chiefly concerned with their own needs and satisfactions, aren't always open to the possibility of new life and the propagation of the human race. "Amongst the blessings of marriage, the child holds the first place." (#11) Contraceptive methods (e.g., the "pill," condoms, vasectomies) are employed, and if they fail, there is always abortion. Of the latter, Pius XI declared: "No one has the power, not even the public authority, to destroy it [life]." (#64)

It's a hideous "domino effect": marriage is wounded; raising children is postponed, or ignored, or discarded; the family unit's stability is weakened; the very underpinnings of civilized society are eroded. Respect for life in general is lost. Sadly, Pope Pius XI was correct. Anti-life forces continue unrelentingly their attacks on traditional marriage. This will eventually affect us all. What are we doing to counter-act those forces? The sacredness of marriage and every stage of life must be preserved.

# **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. +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. 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. 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. healing & strength. 1. God's blessings - Mickalina K.. 1. +Emily Palmero sister Mary. 1. +Veronica Wojnilowicz – sister Mary. 1. God's blessings & health for Natalie Boryczka – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Birthday blessings – Mr. Kubacki. 1. The Lemanski family - S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne - S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz - S.. 1. Lori Vaz - S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik - S.. 1. Gale Benoit - S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone - S.. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina - S.. 1. Susan L.K. - S.. 1. +Mary Lemanski – family. 1. +Agnes Szado – family. 1. +Joseph Szado – 31st anniv. – family. 1. Thanksgiving & God bless Joe & Tommy Roberts – JBY. 1. +Henrietta Wieczorek – S. Rosinski. 1. +John Wieczorek – S. Rosinski. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – wife 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. God's healing & strength for Lilly - Babci & Dziadziu. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E., 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. Continued prayers for a complete recovery, Mom – love, June. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings on our family. 1. +husband & son – love – A. Pietrewicz. 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. +Richie Wawro - R.C., 1. For Mom & Dad's health- TKNE. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. +John Ligus – wife Helen. 1. Birthday blessings for Aunt Toni, love, Jack, Reg. & family. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. Blessed Mother my son needs your help - Mom. 1. God's blessings & good health in 2011 for all our families. 1. Thank you for blessings. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Speedy recovery for Ronnie Karcz – Helen & Walter. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family, 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families, 1. Blessings & a speedy recovery for Lilly W. - Ciocia Sally. 1. Birthday blessings for Denisse W. - Ciocia Sally. 1. +Michael Jusko – family. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. Zsp. Jan Safianek – od corki Janiny P.. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God's blessings & return to good health for Alice Smola - Rich. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich -Anna. 1. +Sophie Socha – Barbara & Anna. 1. +Joseph Socha – birthday remembrance – Barbara & Anna. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz - Barbara. 1. God's blessings & good health for Bill -Mark & Susan. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich - od corki. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Lucy for special intentions. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. - wife & children. 1. Holy Mother thank you for blessings received. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. +Eustachy Zebrowski – T&T Kulig. 1. +Mary Pallotta – T&T Kulig.1. In memory of Kathy Vigneux – Mark & Susan. 1. Health & God's blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Kelly – TS & CS special intentions. 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben - Pat & Linda. 1. Please Lord, help Austin graduate on time – love Luanne. 1. For peace, strength & good health for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For a special intention for Emmett Henning – L.R.. 1. +Maureen Poulin – L.R.. 1. For belated birthday greetings to Diane R. – L.R.. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** – Please remember in your prayers the soul of Katherine Dupre. May she rest in peace.



#### ~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE~~

# **A Little Church Humor**

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly,

"I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy...." the young boy replied excitedly,

" It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: "I have good news and bad news.

The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program.

The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets."

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage.

The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor,

attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign...

"Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass.

Caution: Do not step in exhaust."

A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend.

The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him.

Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump. "Reverend," said the young man, "I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip."

The minister chuckled, "I know what you mean. It's the same in my business."