

✠ Divine Mercy Parish ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk, Pastor

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March 20, 2011

LENTEN SEASON



~ Remember...That you are dust and into dust you shall...return ~

**“Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self,
take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps.”
(Luke 9:23)**

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: [stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com](mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com).

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

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**



#### **SATURDAY, March 19<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 ~ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 6:00 p.m.**

#### **SUNDAY, March 20<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, March 21<sup>st</sup>**

#### **TUESDAY, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

#### **WEDNESDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

#### **THURSDAY, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

#### **FRIDAY, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 6:00 P.M. - Stations of the Cross followed by Mass

#### **SATURDAY, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

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

#### **SUNDAY, March 27<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



**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday – March 19<sup>th</sup> *St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary***

7:00 a.m. – +Lucien Tremblay – Joanne Stolar and Family

4:00 p.m. - +Donald Perry ~Months Mind Mass~ Sue and Claire Rebello  
+Tadeusz Nowak – His Wife and Son

5:15 p.m. – +Anthony Putz ~3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv.~ His Wife and Family  
Living and Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Society

**Sunday – March 20<sup>th</sup> *Second Sunday of Lent***

8:00 a.m. - +Kazimierz i Jozefa Wasiuk od corki Leokadia z rodzina

9:30 a.m. - +Andrew Milewski – Jane Pelski  
+Sophie Wojtowicz – Her Sons Stanley & Paul

**2:00 p.m. – GORZKIE ZALE ~ BITTER LAMENTATIONS & BENEDICTION**

**Monday – March 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Tuesday – March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – +Daryl Tyburski – Mom, Dad, Betty, Raymond & Tommy

**Wednesday – March 23<sup>rd</sup> *St. Toribio de Mogrovejo, bishop***

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

**Thursday – March 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Bertha Toton – William Rogers & Family  
+Genevieve Orszulak – Her Daughters Joyce & Janice

**Friday – March 25<sup>th</sup> *The Annunciation of the Lord***

7:00 a.m. – +Dorothy Smola – Maria Fillion  
+William Watson~8<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – His Wife & Children

**6:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross and Mass**

+Victoria Jablonski – Pat Godek

**Saturday – March 26<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Julia & Julian Toczec – M/M Edward Toczec

4:00 p.m. - +Michael & Theresa Szwed – Their Family  
+Stanley Jamrog – His Wife Ruth & Children

5:15 p.m. – +Grace Kulpa – Her Family  
+Reggie Flaherty – Her Family

**Sunday – March 27<sup>th</sup> *Third Sunday of Lent***

8:00 a.m. - +Wieslaw, Helena and Stanislaw Wytrwal

9:30 a.m. - +Milton, Catherine & Regina Gula – Their Family

**2:00 p.m. – GORZKIE ZALE ~ BITTER LAMENTATIONS & BENEDICTION**

~~ **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 [www.wwlp.com](http://www.wwlp.com).

Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> Living Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 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:**

**“JESUS SAYS WHOEVER IS WITHOUT SIN CAN CAST THE FIRST STONE”**

**HOW MANY STONES WILL I CAST TODAY????**

**“WHOEVER SAYS THEY ARE WITHOUT SIN CALLS JESUS A LIAR!”**



**PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

How blest with happiness are those who know they need God. Blest too are those who respond to God’s invitation to announce His Good News as a priest, brother or sister. If you think God is calling you to that, call Fr. Gary Dailey at (413) 452-0811 or write [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org)  
Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com)

~~ DONATIONS ~~

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



~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – Men’s Guild ~ Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass



**Star 2010 – 2011** Your **March** 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](http://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!*

**CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER –**

The Men’s Guild will be hosting a  
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
with the social hour starting at 6:00 p.m. and dinner  
following at 6:30 p.m.  
Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

**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.



**~ ~ 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.

**DR. WALTER PRESZ, JR.** of Flodesign Wind Turbine Corporation of Wilbraham, MA to speak  
about the newest in Wind Power at the Society of Polish American Culture on Monday, **March  
21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Location is the Chicopee Lodge of Elks on 431 Granby Rd in Chicopee.

**PRE-CANA SESSIONS** for couples planning marriage will be held at St. Patrick’s Columbia Hall, 19  
Green St. in Monson on **Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (This includes 4:00  
p.m. Mass). Fee \$35 per couple. Check-In/Registration at 8:15 a.m. (This includes light  
refreshments, lunch and materials). Contact Peter & Elizabeth Matrow at 267-3910 or the  
Rectory at 267-3622. Email pre-registration to [pmatrow@verizon.net](mailto:pmatrow@verizon.net) and include name, contact  
information, wedding date and parish.

Around the Area...continued

**MOSTLY BAROQUE** - On **Saturday, March 26**, at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel at Saint Michael's Cathedral an evening of mostly Baroque music will be performed. There will be arias, cantatas and sonatas by Buxtehude, Handel, Mozart and others. Performing will be Courtney Sylvan, a well-known and appreciated soprano from the area. Ms. Sylvan is currently engaged in productions with Valley Light Opera in Amherst and the Greater Worcester Opera Company. Violins will be played by Carol Hutter from the Springfield Symphony and Kavan Rambukwelle of the Community Music School. The harpsichord and organ will be played by Ladislav Pfeifer. Donations will be graciously accepted to defray the cost of the evening. For more information please contact (413) 452-0839.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND BREAKFAST** to be held Sunday, **March 27<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 12-noon. St. Stanislaus Polish Lyceum on 2114 Main St. in Three Rivers. Eggs, home fries, sausage, bacon, french toast, fruit, danish's, juices, coffee, tea and milk will be served. \$6/Adults \$3/Children 5-12 and Children under 5 are free. To benefit the Scholarship fund – Applications available at Palmer High School, Pathfinder and St. Stanislaus Polish Hall.

**OPEN HOUSE**: St. John the Baptist School, 217 Hubbard St., Ludlow, will be holding an Open House for prospective parents on **Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00 – 7:30pm. Staff will be present and tours will be available. Limited openings are available in Grades K to 8. Please consider joining us...you'll be glad you did! St. John the Baptist School is a fully accredited Catholic elementary school serving students in Nursery through Grade 8. We are dedicated to nurturing and challenging our students to grow in spirit, mind and body.

**WIN A TRIP FOR TWO !!** - Attention students in Grades 10 - 12. Win a trip for two to the National Right to Life Convention where you will compete for cash prizes. Enter the Dr Mildred F. Jefferson Oratory Contest sponsored by Massachusetts Citizens for Life. Judging for the Massachusetts winners will take place on **April 9<sup>th</sup>** at the MCFL Convention and Youth Conference. Get your information at [www.masscitizensforlife.org](http://www.masscitizensforlife.org).

**THE POLISH HERITAGE COMMITTEE** of Northampton is sponsoring its *Annual Ham Dinner* On **Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** at the former St. John Cantius Parish Hall on Hawley Street. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. with doors opening at noon. Door prizes, raffles and Easter gifts will be awarded. Proceeds will help defray expenses incurred on the Pulaski Day Parade and Celebration held in October. Tickets are available from committee members or by contacting Bob Gibowicz at 586-1079.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY** Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the year 2011 Scholarship Program. A total of \$2000 is available for qualified applicants. Deadline for submitting applications is **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. To be eligible you must complete high school in 2011, have a GPA of 2.8 entering an accredited college and meet all other participation requirements specified by the St. Joseph Society. You must be a son or daughter of a member in good standing. For questions call Joeseph Siok 967-3830, Stanley Siok 283-3570 or Peter Warakowski 283-8189.







## Listening for the Voice of Jesus

In the Transfiguration account (cf.: **Matthew 17:1-9**), we hear Jesus speaking twice. Undoubtedly He spoke more, but the Gospel writer chose to include just two specific instances. First, after the miraculous apparition, He tells Peter, James, and John, **“Rise, and do not be afraid.”** We can only imagine what an overwhelming experience it must have been for those three chosen Apostles. It had to be at once, both terrifying and magnificent. They were witnessing not only Jesus in His glorious divinity, but they were also privileged to hear the voice of God the Father: **“This is My beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”** This harkens back to the scene of Jesus’ Baptism in the Jordan at the start of His ministry when the Father’s voice is heard in similar words, while the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove flies overhead.

The second words of Our Lord to the Apostles are reassurance. First, He touches them, perhaps to confirm that He is as real as He has been, and no mere ghost or vision. Then He enjoins them not to tell anyone about what they witnessed until after He had risen from the dead.

With His Transfiguration and these words, Jesus has prepared the Apostles for the end result of His impending suffering. Both were a reminder and encouragement that everything wouldn’t end with His death on the cross. He had been preparing the Twelve for this during His entire public ministry. He had come to fulfill the Scriptures. He would be victorious over death, even with the **seemingly insurmountable** passion He would endure by drinking from the **“chalice of suffering.”** (cf.: **Matthew 26:39-42**)

Don’t we have moments like these throughout our lives? Those days (or weeks) when everything is going wrong, when it appears that nothing or nobody is on our side? This relentless winter-----*extraordinary even by “typical New England winter” standards (and those who refuse to admit as much are simply ignoring the truth)*----has been a test for so many of us: storm after storm, frigid temperatures, gloomy days, gigantic mounds of snow, collapsing roofs, water leaks, dangerous roads, hazardous driving conditions. We can’t even count on good weather to bring us some cheer when the tasks of the day are tedious, or nerve-wracking, or....**seemingly insurmountable!**

Perhaps Matthew only includes only two verbal exchanges from Jesus with His Apostles because it’s not *how much* Jesus says, but *what* He says to us that *is* important. **Pope Benedict XVI** says, **“The Transfiguration is a prayer event.”** (*Angelus*, Feb. 17, 2008) Instead of always babbling in prayer to Him about what we want or need, we must *listen* for His voice in prayer. When we are overwhelmed with life’s challenges and difficulties, we need to hear again those words: **“Do not be afraid.”**

Lent is an ideal time to listen. When we truly hear Jesus, worries and woes won’t all cease. As our Holy Father continues in that same address cited above: **“the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death.”** We will **“pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God.”** But we will reach it precisely in listening to God’s voice, trusting Him without fear.

## 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. 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 blessing for daughter & family. 1. Healing for Lorraine P. - LJF. 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. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. Eugene Beauchemin for a quick recovery – Ernie & Pearl Charland. 1. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. Good health for Jon – Babci & Dziadziu.1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. God's blessings & healing for Jon J. – Cioci Connie & Uncle Chick. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. St. Anthony, thank you for prayers answered. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. Irene Dyl – God's blessings for a speedy recovery – Paulee & Eddie. 1. God's blessings for Beth – Mom & Dad. 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. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – love, Deb & Pete. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Edward Kargol – sister. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & famly. 1. For a full time job for M. with blessings. 1. God's blessings & a safe trip to Florida for 3 people. 1. God's blessings & good health for our families. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. Health for my son – Mom. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughters & son & their families. 1. God's healing & strength for Lilly – Babci & Dziadziu. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife. 1. Zsp. Kazimierza I Jozefe Wasiuk – od corki Leokadiu z rodzina. 1. For

Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Anna. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz (anniv.) – Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara.. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. +Peter McClosky – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. – brother Ted & sister-in-law Del. 1. Successful surgery for Chester Brozek – sister Veronica. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. To St. Philomena for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. Pope Benedict XVI, Bishops, and Priests. 1. for those most in need of God's mercy. 1. God's blessings – Mickalina. 1. healing, strength, & protection. 1. God's blessings Al & Annette 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniv. – love Dad & Mom. 1. +Alfred L. Jasnocha, Sr. 10<sup>th</sup> anniv. – Charlie & Genie & family. 1. Health & God's blessing for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. `1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. Successful surgery for Joanne. 1. St. Joseph Birthday Blessings to Lori. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. St. Anne blessings on son. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. Gene Maestrone – S.. 1. Pat Therrien – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S.. 1. Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. For a Blessed Holy Lent for Father Stefan- L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For sonna S. & her intentions – L.R.. 1. For the souls of those who have died recently in disasters & tragedies – L.R.. 1. For all those affected by the earthquake in Japan – L.R...1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. +Gerry Patten – Roger & Carol. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God's blessings & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. +Genevieve Skutnik Kusek – 2<sup>nd</sup> anniv. – Donna Skutnik Rivest. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. St. Lucy - E.. 1. God's blessings & a quick recovery for Loretta M. – Barbara Miskiewicz. 1. Miracle of strength for little Ben. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan - S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. God's blessing & good health for Carol Lavigne – A. Kempesty. 1. +Mary Roman – Adele Kempesty. 1. +Joseph Kempesty & Sons – wife & family. 1. Blessings & complete recovery for Ronnie Ziemba – Josephine Yurkunas.

~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE~~



**WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?**

I dreamt that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, "This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received."

I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world.

Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them."

I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.



Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor

we stopped at the door of a very small station.

To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section," my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed.

"How is it that there is no work going on here?" I asked.

"So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments."

"How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked.

"Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "**Thank you, Lord.**"