

# ✠ 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**

Rectory: 2267 Main Street (413) 283-6030

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**April 17, 2011**

## *Palm Sunday*



**"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see."**

**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).

Director of Religious Education: Jean Brigham (283-4232)  
Parish Secretaries: Lydia McKee & Debra Ingalls  
Choir Director & Organist: Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (583-5220)

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**



### **SATURDAY, April 16th**

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



### **SUNDAY, April 17th - Palm Sunday**

- Passion of Our Lord portrayed by the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students at the 9:30 Mass
- NO CCD Classes for Grades 6-9
- Sts. Peter & Paul Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast after the 9:30 Mass
- 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, April 18th**

### **TUESDAY, April 19th**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, April 20th**

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

### **THURSDAY, April 21st - HOLY THURSDAY**

### **FRIDAY, April 22nd - GOOD FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY, April 23rd - HOLY SATURDAY**

- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.



### **SUNDAY, April 24th EASTER SUNDAY**

- 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 Grade10 in the Kolbe Room



## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m. – +Matthew Jemoila – Sonny & Diana Roth  
4:00 p.m. - +Bernice Wawrzonek – Barbara Wawro & Daughters  
+Eleanor Starzyk – Her Sister Vera Gilbert  
5:15 p.m. – +Genowefa & Zenon Pietrusinski – The Pietrusinski Family  
+Michael & Theresa Szwed – Their Family



### **Sunday – April 17<sup>th</sup> *PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION***

- 8:00 a.m. - +Veronica Kloczkowska & Irena Lewandowska od rodziny  
9:30 a.m. - +John Yurkunas, Sr. – His Wife & Family  
+Deceased members of Szlosek, Schultz and Ferry Families – Their Family  
**2:00 p.m. – GORZKIE ZALE ~ BITTER LAMENTATIONS & BENEDICTION**

### **Monday – April 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **Tuesday – April 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 5:30 p.m. – Intentions of Pope Benedict XVI on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his Election  
+Victor Bukowski – His Wife & Family

### **Wednesday – April 20<sup>th</sup>**

- 7:00 a.m. – +Bertha Toton – Patricia Godek

### **Thursday – April 21<sup>st</sup> *HOLY THURSDAY***

- 6:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lords Supper - Deceased Priests of our Parish

### **Friday – April 22<sup>nd</sup> *GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORDS' PASSION***

- 7:00 a.m. – No Mass  
3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross  
6:00 p.m. – Liturgical Celebration of the Lords Passion & Death

### **Saturday – April 23<sup>rd</sup> *HOLY SATURDAY***

- 7:00 a.m. – No Mass  
8:00 p.m. – The Great Easter Vigil – Night Watch of the Lord's Resurrection for Parishioners



### **Sunday – April 24<sup>th</sup> *EASTER SUNDAY – THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD***

- 7:00 a.m. - +Veronica Olbrych – M/M Ronald Izyk  
9:30 a.m. - +Peter and Alice Kulis – Their Family  
+Theodore Koziol, Sr. ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. - His Wife & Family

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

Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Passion of Our Lord in mime at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

NO CCD for grades 6-9 only

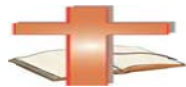
Saturday & Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> – NO CCD ~ Easter Break

Saturday & Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Final Classes for the school year from 10-11 a.m.

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

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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!”**



~~ **DIVINE MERCY NEWS** ~~

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass  
Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> – Divine Mercy Devotion and Procession at 3:00 p.m.  
Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> – Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 2:00 p.m.



**Star 2010 – 2011** Your **April** 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.churchofdivinemercury.org](http://www.churchofdivinemercury.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.

**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!*



**FRIENDS OF MILLIE JANULEWICZ**, for those not aware of Millie's move and new address, it is 3855 Dartmouth College Highway, Room 168 N. Haberville, NH 03774-4909. I am sure she would like to hear from all of us.



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**THE STS. PETER AND PAUL MEN'S GUILD** will have its annual Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast on **April 17 after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Guild members who will be attending should meet in the back vestibule of the Church (on the Parish Hall side) at 9:15 for the procession into Mass. After attending Mass, we will break bread together at a breakfast in the Parish Center. Any Men's Guild member who will be attending should call John Fox at (413) 284-0234 or (508) 527-3943 before Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup> (or let him know at the Guild meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>) so that an accurate count of attendees can be gathered beforehand.



**ANNUAL PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING** - It's time to start planning for this year's picnic. The first meeting will be held on **Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Kolbe Room. If you would like to help, please join us at the meeting and bring your enthusiasm and ideas that will benefit our parish. All are welcome.



**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.



**THE POLISH WOMEN'S CLUB OF THREE RIVERS** is pleased to announce that applications for the 2011 scholarship program are now being accepted. The applicant shall be a high school senior, in good scholastic standing, entering an accredited college, and must be a child or grandchild of a member of the Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers. Deadline for submitting applications is **May 10, 2011**. Please contact Margaret Brozek at 323-8236 for an application.



**DIVINE MERCY PARISH SCHOLARSHIP** applications are now available in the Sacristy or at the Rectory. All graduating seniors who are parishioners of Divine Mercy are welcome to apply for this scholarship. Applicants must be planning on attending either a four-year or two-year accredited college. Of prime consideration is the applicant's weekly attendance at Mass and involvement with the Church. All applications must be received by **May 15, 2011**.

~~ **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 Fr. Tomasz Parzynski’s Parish.

**LIVE LENT WITH FR. WARREN SAVAGE** as he offers weekly reflections for the Lenten season based on his book Mindful Meditations of Everyday of Lent. These reflections air each day on CatholicTV right before the evening rosary at 6:30pm and other times throughout the day. Watch on Charter 101, Comcast 268, Verizon FiOS 296 and CatholicTV.com

**PALMER HIGH LIFE SMARTS TEAM** is having a fundraiser Italian and Polish Dinner at St. Thomas Parish Center on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** starting at 5 p.m. Tickets are available from any team member or call 283-7979 for tickets. Italian--meatballs and spaghetti, \$7 for adults, \$4 for kids 10 and under. Polish Plate \$10 includes salads, dinner, drink and dessert. Event will also have sports memorabilia for sale, raffle, lotto calendars, and chair massages. Magic tricks will be shown table to table as well. This dinner will be lots of fun! Please help our team attend and compete in the National LifeSmarts Challenge in California in April. For more information about the challenge go to [www.lifesmarts.org](http://www.lifesmarts.org) or call Matt Sychtysz at 289-1969.

**TENEBRAE SERVICE** - The Traditional Good Friday service of Tenebrae will be held at St. Michael’s Cathedral on **April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** This solemn service commemorates the passion and death of Christ. It will include chants, spirituals and choral music. The event is free and open to the public.

**SOCIETY OF POLISH AMERICAN CULTURE** presents Mr. Mario Enzler, Former Swiss Guard under Pope John Paul II, featured speaker at their monthly meeting. Topic of speech is “I Served A Saint”. **Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.** at the Chicopee Lodge of Elks on 431 Granby Road in Chicopee. The Public is Welcome!! Light refreshments will be served.

**ST. MARY’S DINNER DANCE** –St. Mary’s Parish on 60 South St. in Ware will be holding their next Dinner Dance on **Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** with music by Eddie Forman. 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.

**OPERATION FRIENDSHIP** is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Cost of trip is \$45/person (tip included). Bus will leave Converse Middle School at 7:00 AM with drop off in the city. Return trip to start at 7:00 PM with pick up in the Times Square area. Seats are reserved when payment is received. Payment in full **MUST** be received by **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. For information contact: Lisa at 283-8598.



Around the Area...continued

**READY FOR EASTER ?** Help carry your Cross. Check out the 2011 Lenten Guide. Also, find a time and place for Confession; spend some time with the Lord through Adoration; locate a Lenten Mission and a place to pray the Stations of the Cross throughout the Diocese. Find all of this and weekly Catholic trivia at [www.thecatholicnotice.com](http://www.thecatholicnotice.com).

**PIONEER VALLEY MASS CITIZENS FOR LIFE'S** 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Mother's Day Dinner will be **Thursday, May 5<sup>TH</sup>** at Chez Josef in Agawam. The event will start with a social hour at 5:45 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:45 p.m. Tickets are \$45 for adults and \$25 for students. The speaker will be Dr. Alveda C. King, Pastoral Associate and Director of African-American Outreach for Priests for Life and Gospel of Life Ministries. Dr. King grew up during the civil rights movement led by her uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King understands the pain and tragedy of abortion personally, as she herself had two abortions which she now regrets. To purchase tickets, please call Monica at 413-746-0655.

**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.

**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE** – **July 11<sup>th</sup> to July 15<sup>th</sup>** to St. Joseph's Oratory (Brother Andre's Shrine) in Montreal, Our Lady of the Cape in Three Rivers and St. Anne de Beaupre's near Quebec City. Home base is the Hotel Madonna at the Lady of the Cape. For more info and reservations call John Sexton 786-0035, Henry & Linda Sansouci 310-7380 or Val & Shirley Hebert 736-3406.

**THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL** - Thank you to all who have answered the call from the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. Your donation will be used to fund many worthwhile services in western Massachusetts. Every donation matters so please send yours in today.



## **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 ~~**

**GENERAL FUND** - \$100 for Easter Flowers from the Rosary Sodality

**BURSE FUND** -

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** - In memory of Genevieve Kareta - \$20 from Josephine Zglobicki, \$10 from George Motyka, \$100 from Edward & Louise Kareta

### ***SINCERE THANKS***

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



### ***Holy Week Schedule***

**Holy Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** ~ 6:00 p.m. Mass of the Lords Supper (no a.m. Mass)

**Good Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>** ~ 3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (no a.m. Mass)

6:00 p.m. Liturgical Celebration of the Lords Passion & Death

**Holy Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** ~ 8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil Night Watch of the Lord's Resurrection for Parishioners (no a.m. Mass)

**Easter Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** ~ 7:00 a.m. Mass - The Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m. Mass - Easter Sunday Celebration

## 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. 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. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. Good health for Jon – Babci & Dziadziu. 1. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. For granddaughter Krystal & fiancée Brian as they begin their married life this Saturday – L.R. (grammie) 1. Belated birthday blessings for Anna Stefanowich – L.R. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Burke Family. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for my family – M.S. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. God's healing, strength & confidence for Lilly – Babci & Dziadziu. 1. +Raymond Sabourin – wife & family. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E. 1. St. Lucy – E. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. Health for my sister-in-law – M.K. 1. Health & God's blessing for Hedy Workum – Mary Lague. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. Help our families overcome stress & depression. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. God's blessings – Father Stefan. 1. God's blessings – “Sister Lydia”. 1. +Helen Magiera – love, Trudy, Pam & Lisa. 1. +Irene McLaughlin – Lori Vaz. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Stella Maestroni – S. 1. +Chester Majka – S. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina – S. 1. Gail Benoit – S. 1. Susan L.K. – S. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S. 1. Lori Vaz – S. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S. 1. The Lemanski family – S. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. 50<sup>th</sup> anniv. blessings – Walter & Lorraine Dobek – Lori. 1. God's blessings – Michalina. 1. +Mary & Manuel Vaz; Joseph & Stelal Maestroni. 1. +Mary & William Lamanski; Barney & Daisy Lemanski. 1. +Ida, Mary, Joseph Lemanski; Julia A. Machnik. 1.

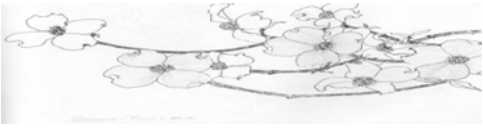
+Stanley, Walter, Chester Lemanski. 1. +Elvira & Justinao Vaz. 1. +Boleslaw & Alexandra Lemanski. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Mary Conant. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. +husband & son – love, A. Pietrewicz. 1. +Edward Swiderski – wife & family. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Health & God’s blessing for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Helen Gula – 37<sup>th</sup> anniv. – family. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Kowalczyk family. 1. +Rosalie Carey – Vera Gilbert. 1. Thanksgiving for favor received. 1. +Zsp. Tadeusz Dziedzic – 26<sup>th</sup> anniv. – son John & family. 1. Safe travel for Al, Annette Avery Ashton & Athan love & God’s blessings – Gram & Boopa. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. God’s blessings Sophie Lebida – Lydia McKee. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. +Joseph Dominik – wife & son. 1. St. Anne blessings on son. 1. Birthday blessings Anna Stefanowich – Tom & Jane. 1. God’s blessings of health for Irene Pietryka – Tom & Jane. 1, “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. To Pope John Paul II for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Lucy for special intentions. 1. God’s blessing for Pope Benedict on the 6<sup>th</sup> anniv. of his election – Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – love Deb & Pete. 1. For Jom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family, 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. For a peaceful, blessed & special Holy Week for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For those Pro Life defenders in government to remain strong in their effort to protect the unborn. – L.R.. 1. For a special intention – L.R. 1. +Stephen Gaitley – L.R.. 1. Blessings & good health for Alice Piechota – Josephine Yurkunas. 1. +Michael Darling – a friend. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. Kaitlin Rivest – D.K.. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Martin & Bertha Muniec – family. 1. Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday Mary Skowronek – love your Mom & Dad & Lauren. 1. +Victor Bukowski – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. & 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – wife Frances & family. 1. +Victor Bukowski – 1<sup>st</sup> aniv. – Kathie & Ron. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P. 1. God’s blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P.

**7 Votive Lamps from Rosary Sodality: God’s blessings & good health for all members.**

**Souls of deceased members. Blessings for our pastor, Fr. Stefan. Blessings for Fr. Jeff Ballou. Successful Eucharistic Adoration in our parish. Vocations to the priesthood & religious life. Deceased priests & sisters who served our parish.**

1.+Victoria Jablonski – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz. 1. +Joseph Michonski – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz. 1. +Marcel Toplek – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz. 1. +Justine Tonplet – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz. 1. +Joseph Mastalerz – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz. 1. +Bertha Mastalerz – Joe & Patricia Mastalerz.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** – Please remember in your prayers the souls of Rosalie Carey and Claire Riel. May they rest in peace.



## Legend of the Dogwood Tree

Two thousand years ago, many trees grew in the Middle East. However, one type of tree was valued above all the others for its thick trunk and fine, strong wood. When the Romans came to rule over Jerusalem, their government used this same timber to build their crosses for executing criminals.

One day, the wood gatherers received a special request. A Roman officer came and said, "The King of Jews is to be put to death. Deliver an extra-large cross made from your finest wood."

So, a fresh tree was cut from the forest and the trees with thick trunks and fine, strong wood. Because of its firmness and strength it was the one selected as the timber for the Cross. But to be put to such a cruel use greatly distressed the tree.

Sensing this, the crucified Jesus in his gentle pity for the tree said to it, "Because of your sorrow and pity for My sufferings, never again will another dogwood tree grow large enough to be used as a Cross. Henceforth, all dogwoods will be slender, bent and twisted.



"Their blossoms will be in the form of a cross – two long and two short petals. In the center of the outer edge of each petal there will be nail prints brown with rust and stained with red and in the center of each flower will be a crown of thorns. In this way all who see this will remember."

The legend of the dogwood reminds us that there are tokens of God's love, which remind us of His care for us, all around us!