

# † 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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May 8, 2011

## HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



### May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**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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Web-site Editor: Paul Brozek

### WEEKLY CALENDAR



#### SATURDAY, May 7<sup>th</sup>

- CCD Classes for Grades K-5 from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (note time change)**
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

Happy  
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#### SUNDAY, May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ MOTHER'S DAY

- CCD Classes for Grades 6-9 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

- **Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 2:00 p.m.**



#### MONDAY, 9<sup>th</sup>

#### TUESDAY, 10<sup>th</sup>

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director
- **The Men's Guild will hold their May meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center**

#### WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup>

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

#### THURSDAY, 12<sup>th</sup>

#### FRIDAY, 13<sup>th</sup>

#### SATURDAY, 14<sup>th</sup>

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, May 15<sup>th</sup>

- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

- **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass





## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday – May 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality Group of Regina Janosz  
4:00 p.m. - +Robert Graveline ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. – His Family  
                  +Frank, Mary and Sister Josephine Falk – The Family  
5:15 p.m. - +Deceased Members of the Hallez Family – The Family

### **Sunday – May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ *THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MOTHER'S DAY***

8:00 a.m. - +Jan i Maria Safianek – Janina i Waclaw Pryga  
9:30 a.m. - +Jan & Zofia Lebida – Their Daughter-in-law  
                  +Ernest Charland ~ 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. Ernie & Pearl Charland  
                  +Sue Haarlinski ~ 1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv. – Ernie & Pearl Chaland

### **Monday – May 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Parishioners

### **Tuesday – May 10<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Damien Joseph de Veuster of Moloka' i, priest***

5:30 p.m. – +George Flynn – His Daughter and Family  
                  +Stanislaw Kryczka – Teresa Sucharski

### **Wednesday – May 11<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Josephine Cioch – Her Daughter and Grandchildren

### **Thursday – May 12<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Nereus and St. Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr***

7:00 a.m. – +Pierre Laflamme – Duanne Pasquini

### **Friday – May 13<sup>th</sup> ~ *Our Lady of Fatima***

7:00 a.m. – +Helen Dyl – Her Son John and Daughter-in-law Irene Dyl

### **Saturday – May 14<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Matthais, apostle***

7:00 a.m. – +Genevieve Vaz – Her Daughter Lori  
4:00 p.m. - +Arlene Britt – Her Sisters  
                  +Sister M.E. Wielkiswicz – Gloria Nowak  
5:15 p.m. - +Emilia Bergeron – Norman and Janet Charette  
                  +Pierre Laflamme, Paul & Mary Laflamme

### **Sunday – May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ *Fourth Sunday of Easter***

8:00 a.m. - +Za rodzina Klockowski i Wytrwal od rodziny  
9:30 a.m. - +Edward and Bernice Tenczar – Their Daughter-in-law and Family  
  
9:30 a.m. - **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

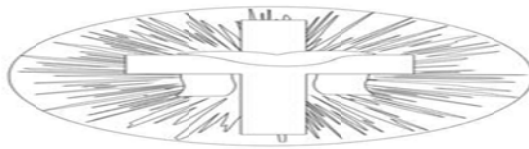
~~ **DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS** ~~

Saturday & Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Final Classes for the school year from 10-11 a.m.  
on Saturday and 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday

Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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!”**



UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 2:00 p.m.**

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

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**Star 2010 – 2011** Your **May** 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. **The final drawings for the 2010 – 2011 STAR Program will take place in June (date to be determined). Please make sure your payments are up to date so your name will be included in the drawings.**

**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!*

**ANNUAL PICNIC NEWS** – The date for the picnic will be July 24<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to donate to the “Special Raffle” please call Fred Orszulak at 283-7400, the Rectory at 283-6030 or Lydia McKee at 283-6865. ~ We are looking for someone to volunteer to run the “Kiddy Land” booth this year. If you are interested please call the Rectory. ~ The picnic is a success every year because of the great help we get from our parishioners. We are asking again for your help and we especially are reaching out to our younger people. This Parish is your future and you will fill the footprints of the generation before you, so please consider giving a couple hours of your time for your parish. We have a great time planning and preparing for this annual event with lots of laughs and fun along the way and everyone is treated like a family member. So make a commitment give us a call and experience what it feels like to be an active member of your parish.

**THE STS. PETER AND PAUL MEN'S GUILD** will hold their May meeting on **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All current and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.



**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.



### **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.



**THE DIVINE MERCY PARISH SCHOLARSHIP** given by the Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Guild on behalf of the Parish in memory of Father Robert J. Ceckowski 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.

**ST. MARY’S DINNER DANCE** –St. Mary’s Parish on 60 South St. in Ware will be holding their next Dinner Dance on **Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>** with music by Mark VII. Dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. sharp. For more information, call 967-5913.

**PIONEER VALLEY MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE** will again conduct its Mother’s Day Rose Drive on **May 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>** after all Masses. A donation would be greatly appreciated to support our efforts in defense of a human life.

**ST. JOSEPH’S SOCIETY** Scholarship Committee is 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.

**SPRING FLING** The Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults at St. Michael’s Cathedral, Springfield, will present an evening of choral and instrumental music on **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.** The featured work, Pergolesi’s *Magnificat*, will be performed as well as three Mozart pieces and ancient and modern motets. The Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults preserves and promotes the high artistic standards of cathedral choral traditions from around the world. It is the only boy & adult choir in the region.

**AMVETS POST 74 LADIES AUXILIARY** will be holding a Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Adults - \$7.00 Veterans - \$5.00 Children under 5 free. To be held at Amvets Post 74, Main Street, Three Rivers

**UPOC SCHOLARSHIP** – The United Polish-American Organizations Council is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for 2011 Scholarships. Deadline for submitting an application is **Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>**. Eligibility requirements can be found on the scholarship applications that can now be obtained in the sacristy.

**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.



***Hail! Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,  
our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor  
banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs,  
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, O most  
gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us; and after this  
our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O  
clement! O loving! O sweet virgin Mary! Pray for us, O holy Mother  
of God, that we may be made worthy of the  
promises of Christ.***



~~ DONATIONS ~~

**GENERAL FUND** - \$10 from Stephanie Moriarty in memory of Frank Augustine

**BURSE FUND** – \$100 from M/M Edward Forkey  
\$10 from Gloria Nowak in memory of Frank Augustine

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** –

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



**VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS**

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 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. 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. Health & God’s blessing for daughter & family. 1. Blessings for our daughter Brenda Fidalgo – Janet & Bob Brown. 1. +Joseph Jambora – sister Ethel & family. 1. +Raymond Bisnette – daughter Lori & family. 1. Happy Mother’s Day prayer for Helen Magiera – daughter Evie & family. 1. Happy Mother’s Day prayer for Trudy Mercier – from sister Evie. 1. Happy Mother’s Day prayer for Dottie Sikorski – from sister Evie. 1. +Irene McLaughlin – Evie Reim. 1. Thank you prayer for successful surgery/recovery – HER. 1. Thank you, Jesus, for prayers answered & many blessings – Pauline & Ed. 1. God’s blessing & health for Stanley Skaza on his birthday – Vera Borowik. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. God’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. St. Anne blessings on son. 1. Zsp. Jozefa Wasiuk – od corki Leokadi z rodzina. 1. Zsp. Floriane Wasiuk – od synowej Leokadi z rodzina. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. Good health & God’s blessing for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. Frank & Terry Kulina – S. 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. +Stellal Maestrone – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S. 1. God’s blessings & health for Julie Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. +Anna Koziol – Pat Godek. 1. Edward Heminski – Francis Lajzer. 1. James Pappadellis – Francis Lajzer. 1. Lawrence Whelilan, Jr. – Francis Lajzer. 1. Stella Whelihan – Francis Lajzer. 1. Lawrence Whelilan, Sr. – Francis Lajzer. 1. Henry Siok – nephew Francis Lajzer. 1. Roselyn Siok – Francis Lajzer. 1. Joseph Siok – Francis Lajzer. 1. Elizabeth Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Christine Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Robert Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. John Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Bernard Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Stanley Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Anna Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. Faustyn Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God’s help & guidance for my son – D. 1. +Frank Augustine – Vera Gilbert. 1. +Raymond Bisnette – Barbara Miskiewicz. 1. +Frank Augustine – Barbara Miskiewicz. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Anna. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Alexandra Lemanski & Elvira Vaz. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. God’s blessings for Fred & Betty Brozek celebrating their **50<sup>th</sup>** wedding anniv. – Lydia McKee. 1. God’s blessings – Mickalina. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. Zsp. Michael Pisarczyk, **30<sup>th</sup>** anniv. – daughter Blanche & family. 1. To St. Polycarp for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children.1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Happy Mother’s Day Mom, God’s blessings & good health – love Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. Good health for all our families. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Happy Mother’s Day in our families. 1. +Marguerite Burke – M/M Ronald Burke. 1. +Doris Fairbrother – M/M Robert Burke. 1. God’s blessing for Sallie Rosinski on her **96<sup>th</sup>** birthday – Connie. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski – wife Sallie. 1. God’s blessings & good health or Kevin M. on his birthday – Connie & Chick. 1. God’s blessings & good health for

Edziu on his birthday – Connie & Chick. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Ed Masse – Tony Wielkiewicz. 1. +Ann & Frances Nedeau – Helen & Walter.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. Birthday blessings for Kevin – Mom. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. Birthday blessings for Edziu J. – Sally & family. 1. John Mastalerz – wife Sally & family. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Anna Nowakowski – Mary Silva & family. 1. +Helen Izyk – daughter & family. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Bertha Godek – Chet & Helen. 1. +Victoria Jackanowski – Chet & Helen. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. +Husband & son – love A. Pietrewicz. 1. God’s blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. Gods’ blessings for our family. 1. +Helen Magiera, love, Dotty & Debbie. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 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. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. St. Anthony, please help me. 1. +Emilia Jusko – the family. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. God’s blessing for a successful procedure & results. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Joseph & Stella Topor – sons Joseph & Chester. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** – Please remember in your prayers the soul of Joseph P. Jambora. May he rest in peace.



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Writing Letters Home to Mom

Redneck Style!

Dear Son,

I'm writing this slow 'cause I know you can't read fast. We don't live where we did when you left. Your dad read in the paper that most accidents happen within twenty miles of home, so we moved.



Won't be able to send you the address as the last Arkansas family that lived here took the numbers with 'em for their house, so they wouldn't have to change their address.

This place has a washing machine. The first day I put four shirts in it, pulled the chain and haven't seen 'em since.

It only rained twice this week, three days the first time and four days the second time. The coat you wanted me to send to you, Aunt Sue said it would be a little too heavy to send in the mail with them heavy buttons, so we cut them off and put them in the pockets. We got a bill from the funeral home, and it said if we didn't make the final payment on Grandma's funeral bill, up she comes.

About your sister, she had a baby this morning. I haven't found out whether if it is a boy or a girl so don't know if you are an Aunt or Uncle.

Your Uncle John fell in the whiskey vat. Some men tried to get him out, but he fought them off playfully, so he drowned. We cremated him, and he burned for three days.

Three of your friends went off the bridge in a pickup. One was driving and the other two were in the back. The driver got out. He rolled down the window and swam to safety. The other 2 drowned. They couldn't get the tailgate down.

Not much more news this time. Nothing much happened. If you don't get this letter, please let me know and I will send another one.

Love,  
Mom

P.S. I was going to send you some money, but the envelope was already sealed.