

† Divine Mercy Parish †

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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June 12, 2011

Pentecost
Sunday



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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## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### **SATURDAY, June 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.
- Men's Guild Hamburger & Hot Dog Cookout - Parish Hall grounds starting after the 4:00 p.m.
- Mass. The STAR Drawing for \$500 and \$1000 will take place at the cookout also.

### **SUNDAY, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **MONDAY, June 13<sup>th</sup>**

- Pierogi Filling & Pinching at 8:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall

### **TUESDAY, June 14<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director
- Men's Guild Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Kolbe Room

### **WEDNESDAY, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, June 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, June 17<sup>th</sup>**

### **SATURDAY, June 18<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, June 19<sup>th</sup>**

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



## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday – June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Barnabas, apostle* ~ *Vigil: Pentecost***

7:00 a.m. – +Constantine Cioch – Daughter & Grandchildren

4:00 p.m. - +Alexander & Bertha Niemiec – Their Daughter Irene & Carl

+Alice Marhelewicz – Gloria Nowak

5:15 p.m. - +Franciszek Syper – Daughters

+Jean Bigos ~ 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Her Husband & Family



### **Sunday – June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ *PENTECOST SUNDAY***

8:00 a.m. – +Jacqueline Janosz – M/M James Boyko

9:30 a.m. - +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – His Wife & Family

+Anne McGrath – Her Family

### **Monday – June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church***

7:00 a.m. – NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

### **Tuesday – June 14<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

### **Wednesday – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

### **Thursday – June 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

### **Friday – June 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

### **Saturday – June 18<sup>th</sup> ~ *Blessed Virgin Mary***

7:00 a.m. – NOVENA FOR LIVING AND DECEASED FATHERS

4:00 p.m. - +Joseph Slozak – His Wife and Children

+Deceased members of the Les & Olearczyk Families – The Family

5:15 p.m. - +Margaret & Thomas Brigham – Their Daughter Jean

+M/M Louis McLaughlin – Their Family

+M/M Raymond Church – Their Family

### **Sunday – June 19<sup>th</sup> ~ *The Most Holy Trinity* - *Father's Day***

8:00 a.m. – +Dominick Machnik – M/M Fred Orszulak

9:30 a.m. - +Joseph & Stella Topor – Their Son's Joseph & Chester

+Bertha Toton – Her Daughter Josephine Fitzgerald

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

Classes have ended for the summer. Please remember to attend Mass as a Family. This is our Lords request as stated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment... *"and it will please Him so much!"* Parents are the first teachers of their children. Teach your child their prayers; then pray with them. Your own example in living our faith is the best way to do that!



~~ **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:**

“We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean.  
But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.”

**MOTHER THERESA OF CALCUTTA**



**Pro-Life Reflection**

2nd Reading of the Day of Pentecost ~ "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."

Those who are inspired to work for the respect of human life, know that you do so for the unity of Christ's body, the church

~~ **DIVINE MERCY NEWS** ~~

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Guild Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Annual Picnic

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STAR DRAWING – The drawing for the \$500 & \$1000 will take place on **June 11th** at the Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout that is being sponsored by the Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild.

"NEW" STAR PROGRAM 2011 - 2012 starts this month. The new coupon books have been mailed. If you are interested in participating in the STAR program and did not receive coupons please call the Rectory. Drawing dates will take place in December of 2011 and June of 2012. Your **June** 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 drawings.

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

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!*



MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE

Anyone who would like their intentions prayed for may EMAIL to Diana @ stjoseph1955@msn.com we have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for your intentions etc.



On **Saturday, June 11th**, the Sts. Peter and Paul Men's Guild will be hosting a **Hamburger and Hot Dog Cookout** outside the Parish Hall. The cookout will be served after the conclusion of the 4:00 PM Mass and will continue until after the conclusion of the 5:15 Mass. Cost is just \$1.00 per person and includes food and beverages. All are invited! Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy our beautiful grounds and (hopefully!) weather that evening with your families!



The Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild will hold their June meeting on **Tuesday, June 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kolbe Room. This will be the last meeting until September. All current and prospective members are cordially invited to attend.



DIVINE MERCY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – The Parish Council will be holding their next meeting on **Tuesday, June 21st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Kolbe Room. All members are urged to attend. As usual parishioners are invited to observe their Parish Council.



ANNUAL PICNIC NEWS – The date for the picnic will be July 24th. 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.



IT'S TIME TO MAKE THE PIEROGI ~ If you are interested in helping to make the pierogi for the annual picnic please come join us. We welcome anyone with experience or wishing to learn. Monday, June 13th at 8:30 a.m. Filling & Pinching.



We are trying a new booth at the parish picnic!

It' the Jewelry boutique. Spring is here and its time to clean out your unwanted accessories. We are looking for gently used jewelry, hats, scarves, purses and any other accessories. Please donate your items and we will resell them. We can happily take your donations in the Sacristy, rectory or they can be given to Cheryl Kozlik after Sunday 9:30 masses. Thank you.



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.



It's picnic time and the Arts & Craft booth is looking for hand-crafted items. We need your talent and help. Please call Carol Lavigne at 283-7222 with your generous reply.



THE DIVINE MERCY PARISH SCHOLARSHIPS given by the Sts Peter and Paul Men's Guild in memory of Rev. Robert Ceckowski (Father Bob) have been awarded. Congratulations to our recipients: **Zachary Bombard and Julia Kozlik**. May God Bless all of our graduates and continue to guide them as they begin their new journeys.

~~ DONATIONS ~~

GENERAL FUND - \$10 in memory of Alphonse Roszko from Gloria Nowak

CASH DONATIONS TO OFFSET MONEY RAFFLE - \$25 from M/M Jack Lacey, \$20 from M/M Thomas Madden, \$35 from Gloria Nowak

DONATIONS TO SPECIAL RAFFLE - \$150 Gas Certificate from Dr. William Vigneux, \$200 Gas Certificate from June Slozak

SINCERE THANKS

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



~~ 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 PARISH IN WARE will conduct its 27th Annual Carnival on the grounds of St. Mary’s School, South & Charles Steets in Ware on **June 10th to June 12th**. Entertainment on Friday evening: Eddie Forman Band, Saturday evening: Mark VI Band. On Sunday there will be local entertainment and starting at 3:00 p.m. Maestro Men will play until 8:00 p.m. Polish food will be available Friday through Sunday.

IRISH CULTURAL CENTER AT ELMS COLLEGE is accepting registrations for its 11th Annual Celtic Adventures for Kids, July 25-29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children from grades 1-9 take part in several classes daily: the Maguire Center swimming pool is available for daily use. We introduce children to the Irish language, culture and heritage.” Cost is \$200 per child: \$20 discount for Irish Cultural Center members: \$20 discount for each additional child from the same family: \$50 non-refundable deposit with registration is due **June 13, 2011: balance is due by July 11, 2011**. Email: irishcenter@elms.edu or call 413 265-2537 for further information and/or a registration form. Check out our web site: www.irish-cairde.org

“REVEIL”--WAKING UP FRENCH HERITAGE. The French Heritage Center Committee kick-off event titled “Réveil” will take place on **Sunday, June 12th at 2:00 p.m.** at the Holyoke Country Club, 2 Country Club Rd., Holyoke, off route 5. Reveil provides an opportunity for people to connect to their French roots, to enrich their lives with French fiddle music, or to learn about French culture. The event will include a cultural display, a French themed basket raffle, baked goods, and other surprises. French Canadian fiddler Donna Hebert, who has played with Josee Vachon, will be featured. A \$5.00 donation is requested at the door. Come celebrate the “Joie de Vivre” spirit and help keep French culture alive!

OPERATION FRIENDSHIP invites students from the Converse Middle School to attend a dance at Divine Mercy Parish Center on **Friday, June 17th** from 7–9 p.m. Thanks for your support and have a great summer vacation!

ST. JOSEPH BASILICA PARISH IN WEBSTER, MA is holding their 38th Annual Polish Festival on **Friday, June 17th–19th** on the parish grounds on Whitcomb St. Polish and American food, games, raffles, baskets, kiddie land and rides, chicken BBQ at noon on Sunday. Music by Dennis Polisky and The Maestro’s Men on Friday and Saturday evening. The children of St. Joseph School and the Piast Polish Folk Group will perform on Saturday. Local band “Sudden Urge” will perform on Sunday from 1-4 p.m. The festival benefits St. Joseph School. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate the arrival of summer with us.

RETURNABLE CAN AND BOTTLE DRIVE– sponsored by Operation Friendship on **Saturday, June 18th** at the Three Rivers Fire Station from 9 – 11 a.m. Please call Belinda at 283-2269 or email OFofPalmer@comcast.net for more information or to arrange pick up.

AMVETS POST 74 LADIES AUXILIARY will be holding a Father's Day Breakfast Buffet on **Sunday, June 19th** from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Adults - \$7.00, Veterans - \$5.00 and Children under 5 free. To be held at Amvets Post 74, Main Street, Three Rivers.

WING HOSPICE MEMORIAL SERVICE will be holding it's 23rd Annual Service at Pulaski Park Pavilion on Belchertown Road in Three Rivers on **Saturday, June 25th** at 11:00 a.m. Refreshments will be served and please bring your own lawn chair.

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH IN LUDLOW ~ 26TH ANNUAL PICNIC on June 26th from 12:00 noon – 9:00 p.m. Polish Kitchen with pierogi, golumbki, kapusta and kielbasa; and an American Kitchen with hot dogs, hamburgers, fried dough, fries and grinders. Also raffles, games of chance, ice cream booth and a pastry and bake sale. Music by "John Stevens Doubleshot" from 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m. and "Lenny Gomulka & Chicago Push" from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Open to the public with free admission and free parking.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be held at Mary, Mother of Hope Church on 840 Page Blvd. in Springfield. The vigil opens with Mass at **9:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1st** and concludes on Saturday, July 2nd with a Mass at 7:00 a.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place throughout the night along with recitation of the rosary, litanies, hymns and other devotions. Refreshments will be available and the public is invited to attend.

2ND ANNUAL MICHAEL H. DESLAURIERS SCHOLARSHIP SUMMER BLAST "Fun for All"

To be held on **Saturday, July 30th** from 4 to 10 p.m. (rain or shine). Adults \$5 and children 12 and under are free. K of C Pavilion West Main St. (Rte.9) Ware, MA. Music by Dennis Polisky's "The Maestro's Men" from 6 to 10 p.m. Also a special appearance by Jerome Riley a former lead singer of the Platters. Food and Beverage available. Please no BYOB or BYOF.



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most ancient feasts of the Church. It is the 50th day after Easter (if Easter and Pentecost are counted). The Acts of the Apostles recounts the story of the original Pentecost as well. Jews from all over were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish feast. On that Sunday, ten days after our Lord's Ascension, the Apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary were gathered in the Upper Room, where they had seen Christ after His Resurrection, and suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a mighty wind coming, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they began to speak with divers tongues, according as the Holy Ghost gave them to speak. [Acts 2:2-4] Christ had promised His Apostles that He would send His Holy Spirit, and, on Pentecost, they were granted the gifts of the Spirit. The Apostles began to preach the Gospel in all of the languages that the Jews who were gathered there spoke, and about 3,000 people were converted and baptized that day. That is why Pentecost is often called "the birthday of the Church." On this day, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christ's mission is completed, and the New Covenant is inaugurated.

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. 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. 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.+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. +Chester Majka – Al/Maureen Minns. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. +Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. +Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's help for our grandson. 1.+Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. Frank & Terry Kulina – S.. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. God's blessings – Mickalina. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Lydia McKee. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Barbara Marcinkiewicz. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Lori Vaz. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Stanley, Walter, Chester Lemanski. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. healing & strength. 1. God's blessings, Father Stefan. 1. God's blessing & good health for my grandson – Babci. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God's blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. to St. Philomena for special intentions. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Charles & Genie Bates. 1. Return to good health – Veronica Gilbert – Genevieve Bates. 1. Good health returned for Vera Borowik – prayers from Genie Bates. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. Zsp. Isabelle Zarod – Blanche Wostena & family. 1. Z sp. Isabelle Zarod – brother Ted & sister-

in-law Irene Guzik. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. Zsp. Piotr Wojciechowski – Corka. 1. +Stanley Sekula – wife. 1. +Edward Magiera – Don & Evie & family. 1. +Walt Galinski – Don & Evie. 1. +Monty Sikorski – Don & Evie. 1. +Louie Mercier – Don & Evie. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Sally Mastalerz. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. +Mary Bzdula – Barbara Wawro. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +husband & son – 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. +Deceased members of the Wilga family – M.W.. 1. God's blessings for full time employment. 1. God's blessings & health for Mildred Skaza – Ted & Del. 1. God's blessings & health for Vera Borowik – Ted & Del. 1. +Michael Strempek – Julie. 1. Do SW. Antoniego podziękowanie za wszystkie otrzymane laski – L.W.. 1. God's blessing & health for Vera Gilbert – Pat Godek. 1. +James Berube – Pat Godek. 1. +Stephanie Handzel – Sally Olearczyk. 1. +Al Roszko – F. Zabawa. 1. +Anthony Ziemiński – wife & family. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. For health for the family – Pearl Coyer. 1. Thanksgiving to God for my parents RIP Dad love you Mom – Susan & Paul. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. God's blessings & speedy recovery for Ed Nietupski. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. God's blessings & healing for my granddaughter. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – S.C.L. 1. To Divine Mercy – birthday blessings for Carol Lavigne – Barbara & Anna. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Miracle of strength for little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. For all God's Holy Angels to cover Father Stefan with their strength & protection – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line and Mercy of God prayer line – L.R.. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – L.R.. 1. For the souls of those who have recently perished due to the weather – L.R.. 1. +Laurie Kusek – L.R.. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Edward Wytas – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Vera Gilbert – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. Thanksgiving for blessings received – J.. 1. +Nellie & Edward Kawalec – Chet & Helen. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You". 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. +Edward Strempek – Julie. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Helen & Fred Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee.

IN LOVING MEMORY – Please remember in your prayers the souls of Joseph Geslock and Miss Frances Fogarty. May they rest in peace.



~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE ~~

This is wonderful and a good reminder to always be kind because everyone has something going on in their lives at some point that we're not aware of.

The Cab Ride

I arrived at the address and honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes I walked to the door and knocked. 'Just a minute', answered a frail, elderly voice. I could hear something being dragged across the floor. After a long pause, the door opened. A small woman in her 90's stood before me. She was wearing a print dress and a pillbox hat with a veil pinned on it, like somebody out of a 1940's movie.

By her side was a small nylon suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets.

'Would you carry my bag out to the car?' she said. I took the suitcase to the cab and returned to assist the woman. She took my arm and we walked slowly toward the curb. She kept thanking me for my kindness. 'It's nothing', I told her. 'I just try to treat my passengers the way I would want my mother to be treated.' 'Oh, you're such a good boy, she said.

When we got in the cab, she gave me an address and then asked, 'Could you drive through downtown?' 'It's not the shortest way,' I answered quickly. 'Oh, I don't mind,' she said. 'I'm in no hurry. I'm on my way to a hospice. I looked in the rear-view mirror. Her eyes were glistening. 'I don't have any family left,' she continued in a soft voice. 'The doctor says I don't have very long.' I quietly reached over and shut off the meter.

'What route would you like me to take?' I asked. For the next two hours, we drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived when they were newlyweds. Sometimes she'd ask me to slow in front of a particular building or corner and would sit staring into the darkness, saying nothing.

As the first hint of sun was creasing the horizon, she suddenly said, 'I'm tired. Let's go now'. We drove in silence to the address she had given me. Two orderlies came out to the cab as soon as we pulled up. They were intent, watching her every move. They must have been expecting her. I opened the trunk and took the small suitcase to the door. The woman was already seated in a wheelchair. 'How much do I owe you?' She asked, reaching into her purse. 'Nothing,' I said 'You have to make a living,' she answered. 'There are other passengers,' I responded. Almost without thinking, I bent and gave her a hug. She held onto me tightly. 'You gave an old woman a little moment of joy,' she said. 'Thank you.' I squeezed her hand, and then walked into the dim morning light. Behind me, a door shut. It was the sound of the closing of a life. I didn't pick up any more passengers that shift. I drove aimlessly lost in thought. For the rest of that day, I could hardly talk. What if that woman had gotten an angry driver, or one who was impatient to end his shift? What if I had refused to take the run, or had honked once, then driven away? On a quick review, I don't think that I have done anything more important in my life.

PEOPLE MAY NOT REMEMBER EXACTLY WHAT YOU DID, OR WHAT YOU SAID ~BUT~THEY WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW YOU MADE THEM FEEL.



Often it is the random acts of kindness that most benefit all of us.

