

✠ 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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August 14, 2011



Vigil of Sunday – 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - **Sunday** – 8:00 a.m.(Polish) and 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses – 7:00 a.m. (except Tuesday) - Tuesday – Novena & Mass 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses – Refer to Mass Schedule

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY** – Contact Rectory to make arrangements

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)** – Contact Rectory when the need arises

**SICK CALLS** – Anytime

Items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Editorial discretion on all items. Email: [stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com](mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com).

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Parish Secretaries - Lydia McKee & Debra Ingalls  
Choir Director & Organist - Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
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Web-site Editor - Paul Brozek

**Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish** ~ We are pleased to have you present today and extend to you the warmest of welcomes. It is fitting that we should celebrate the Holy Mass together at our Parish, the center of our spiritual life. We ask everyone gathered here to remember this is a holy place. It is a place where the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord present among us, is kept in the tabernacle. It is also a sacred place for prayer. Therefore, please maintain a respectful silence in the Church out of consideration for the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are praying. Thank you for your understanding.



## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### SATURDAY, August 13<sup>th</sup>

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### MONDAY, August 15<sup>th</sup>

### TUESDAY, August 16<sup>th</sup>

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### WEDNESDAY, August 17<sup>th</sup>

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

### THURSDAY, August 18<sup>th</sup>

### FRIDAY, August 19<sup>th</sup>

### SATURDAY, August 20<sup>th</sup>

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, August 21<sup>st</sup>

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



## **Mass Intentions**



### **Saturday – August 13<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Pontian, pope and martyr, and St. Hippolytus, priest and martyr; BVM**

7:00 a.m. – +Maria Jan Kloczkowski

4:00 p.m. - +Frank & Ray Kapinos – Their Family

+Felix, Catherine, Phyllis & Joseph Misiaszek – Peter & Family

5:15 p.m. - +Souls in Purgatory – Lydia Tanne

+Michael & Theresa Szwed – Their Family

### **Sunday – August 14<sup>th</sup> ~ Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. – +Betty Bielaska – Her Sister Vera Gilbert

9:30 a.m. - +Roman Orszulak – His Wife and Children

### **Monday – August 15<sup>th</sup> ~ The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Parishioners

+Mary Wojnilowicz ~ 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv. –Her Son Michael and Family

### **Tuesday – August 16<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Stephen of Hungary**

5:30 p.m. – +Jozef Sucharski – His Wife Teresa and Family

### **Wednesday – August 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Frank and Mary Sawicki – Their Family

### **Thursday – August 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Julian and Julia Toczek – Mrs. Gustav Olearczyk

### **Friday – August 19<sup>th</sup> ~ St. John Eudes, priest**

7:00 a.m. – +Jennie Kareta – Her Husband

### **Saturday – August 20<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church**

7:00 a.m. – +Stephanie Handzel – Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality

4:00 p.m. - +Helen & Walter Nowak – Their Family

+Stephen & Walter Janulewicz – Their Family

5:15 p.m. - +Chester Majka – Genevieve Bates

+Deceased members of the Peter Frydryk Family – The Family

### **Sunday – August ~ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. – +Jozef Dziedzic od Janina i Waclaw Pryga

9:30 a.m. - +Earl & Sophie Schultz – Their Son Thomas & Family

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



**Registration for the 2011-2012 School Year**

Saturday, August 20th and Sunday, August 21st  
Saturday, September 3rd and Sunday, September 4th.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per child /\$45.00 per family.



**CCD starts on September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>**

~~ **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**

From the Gospel of the Vigil of the Feast of The Assumption, Luke 11: "Blessed is the womb that carried you..."

Blessed are the womb of the mothers that observe the gift of life.

~~ **DIVINE MERCY NEWS** ~~

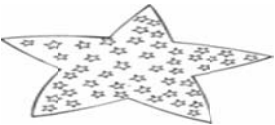
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Appreciation Gathering at 6:00 p.m.  
August 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> ~ Divine Mercy Family Campout



**MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE**

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



**STAR PROGRAM 2011 - 2012** Your **August** 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](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.



**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!*

~~ 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.

**EWTN TO OFFER EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011.** Join Fr. Mark and Doug Barry of "Life on the Rock" as we bring you coverage of WYD in Madrid, **August 16-21.** Coverage will include on-location broadcasts that will keep viewers up-to-date on the events and activities of WYD, as well as interviews with young people attending. For more information go to [www.ewtn.com/wyd2011](http://www.ewtn.com/wyd2011). Go to [ewtn.com](http://ewtn.com) and click on "Channel Finder" to locate the television providers that carry EWTN in your area.

**FRIENDS "HAWAIIAN" FEST** **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Pulaski Park in Three Rivers. Sweet & Sour Pork, Teriyaki Chicken, Shrimp Egg Roll, Rice, Stir Fried Vegetables, Coleslaw with Pineapple and Dessert. Entertainment by the "Steel Accent Band" ~ Friends of the Palmer Senior Center Fundraiser raffles, prizes and surprises! Please purchase tickets by August 15<sup>th</sup>, they will be \$15 for adults and kids under 10 are \$10. Free Parking and please, no pets allowed. Hawaiian attire optional. Tickets are available at the Palmer Senior Center Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 283-2670.

**BUCK A BAG SALE** ~ There will be a 'Buck A Bag' sale on **Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at St. Patrick's Parish in Monson at their parish center, Columbia Hall. This is open to the public. All proceeds will go to the Tornado Relief Fund.

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH POLISH PICNIC** – Come and Join St. Joseph Church in Gardner, MA at the P.A.C.C. Polish Picnic on **Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m.** There will be Polish and American food, music, raffles, children's activities and more. Come join in the fun! Any questions please call Father Tom Tokarz at 978-632-0375.

**POLISH DAY** **Sunday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.** National Shrine of The North American Martyrs at Auriesville, N.Y. Religious services beginning at 2:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross ~ Recitation of The Rosary ~ Confessions in Polish and English from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. ~ Concelebrated Mass in Coliseum at 4:00 p.m. ~ Commemorating the Beatification of Pope John Paul II ~ Main Celebrant and Homilist Rev. Lucien Urbanik. Sponsored by Polish American Congress Central Division of New York State.

(The answer is "Heavens")



**Pro-Life Fundraiser – A Spaghetti and Meatball Supper to Benefit Pioneer Valley Region Mass Citizens for Life and the Chicopee Chapter of MCFL** will be held **Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 4:30PM – 6:30PM** at the Knights of Columbus Elder Council 69, 460 Granby Rd. in Chicopee. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students, and children under 5 are free. Everyone is encouraged to bring baked goods to be sold at the dinner as we will get the total profits from this. For tickets please make checks out to: K of C #69 and send to Monica Butler 419 Rogers Ave. West Springfield, MA 01089. If you have any questions or wish to purchase tickets please call Monica at 746-0655 or Pat at 536-1811.

**A MONTE CARLO WHIST CARD PARTY** will be held at the Belchertown Senior Center, 60 State St. (Rt. 202) Belchertown on **Friday, Sept. 9 at 6:30 pm**. The cost is \$2.00 and food will be served. Tickets are available at the Senior Center, 323-0420, Loretta 323-4166 or Ann 323-5409. There is limited seating available. Practice sessions will be Aug. 26 at 1 pm and Sept. 9 at 5:45 pm. Please call 323-0420 to reserve your seat for practice session on August 26.

**22nd ANNUAL CATHEDRAL GOLF CLASSIC** to benefit the students of Cathedral High School will be held on **Friday September 9, 2011** at Franconia Golf Course and Veteran's Memorial Golf Course. Entry fee: \$125.00 per golfer. Reception to follow at the Elk's Lodge #61, 440 Tiffany Street, Springfield. For more information please contact Ellen Mastroianni Gallivan '65 at Cathedral High School-782-5285 ext 4115.

**HOLYOKE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** Presents our 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Musical "Hello Dolly" **September 9, 10, 16 & 17 2011**. All performances are at 7:30 p.m. Veritas Auditorium, Berchaman Hall at Elms College in Chicopee, MA. Tickets are available in advance by calling Karen at 737-4942. Ticket prices are \$10 students/seniors and \$14 adults.

**2011 POLISH GENEALOGICAL CONFERENCE** You are cordially invited to attend the 2011 Genealogy Conference to learn the strategies for tracing your Polish-American and Eastern European roots. Come learn how to fill in the missing pieces of your family history! To be held Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The location will be Central Connecticut State University-Student Center on 1615 Stanley St. in New Britain, CT. The fee if postmarked by September 10<sup>th</sup> is \$70 for both days or \$55/Saturday only, \$25 Friday only. The conference will include a Polish-American buffet lunch on Saturday only. For more information visit [www.pgscetne.org](http://www.pgscetne.org) and click on Events/Conferences. Or email Diane Szepanski at [Szepanski3@cox.net](mailto:Szepanski3@cox.net).

**IRISH LANGUAGE OPPORTUNITIES AT ELMS COLLEGE** In cooperation with Elms College, the Irish Cultural Center will offer Irish language courses in the fall semester of 2011. "Novice Irish 1" will be held Monday, Wed., Friday 11:30 a.m. –12:20 p.m. September 7<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ "Intermediate Irish" Advanced Practice will be held Wednesdays from 6:40 p.m. to 9:10 p.m. from September 7<sup>th</sup> to December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ "Introduction to Irish" will be held Tuesday's from 6:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. from September 13<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup>. For questions call 413-592-6951, 413-265-2537. [irishcenter@elms.edu](mailto:irishcenter@elms.edu) [www.irish-cairde.org](http://www.irish-cairde.org)

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

### Jesus Christ is My Friend

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and circle or highlight it. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*.

(Answer is on page 6.....but no peeking!)

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### SEARCH WORDS

Altar, Animals, Ararat, Ark, Balsam, Bird, Clouds, Covenant, Creatures, Decks, Descendants, Destroy, Door, Earth, Float, Floodgates, Floodwaters, Food, Forty days, Forty nights, Fruitful, Genesis, Ham, Japheth, Judgment, Livestock, Mankind, Mate, Mountains, Multiply, Nephilim, Noah, Rainbow, Righteous, Shem, Sin, Violence, Wickedness



~~ DONATIONS ~~

**GENERAL FUND** - \$50 in memory of Stephanie Putz from Better View Landscaping

***SINCERE THANKS***

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

**AND THE WINNERS ARE !!!!**

**DIVINE MERCY ~ ANNUAL PICNIC  
~ SPECIAL RAFFLE ~ WINNERS**

TV - Rudy Majka  
Storm Door - John Frydryk  
Storm Door - Joyce Sizer  
\$200 Gas Certificate - Brenda Fidalgo  
Weslo Slim Down - Ron Lemanski  
Set of Drills - Laura Boelke  
\$150 Gas Certificate - Theresa Kulig  
Food Chopper - Marge Skura  
Pocket Rocket Electric Motorcycle - Tinkerbell Doane  
Hand Painted Pitcher & Glasses - Sophie Lebida  
Toaster Oven - Bill Chachol  
Foot Spa - Justin Kania  
Handmade Quilt - Rick Frydryk  
Emeril Bakeware - Mitchell Dobek  
Vacuum - Sonny Roth

**CONGRATULATIONS TO 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. 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. 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 blessing & good health for Baby Camden Lee – Gloria Nowak. 1. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. God's blessings – health for Arlene Olejarz – Pauline & Ed. 1. +Alice Roberts – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Carol Turner – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Richard Wawro - love, wife Barbara. 1. +Bernice Lagrant – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. Birthday remembrance for +Bernice Lagrant – Anna. 1. Happy anniv. blessings for Paulee & Eddie Koss – Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. +Mary slowick – 8<sup>th</sup> anniv. – family. 1. +Victoria Alicki – 1<sup>st</sup> anniv. – nephew Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. Arlene Olejarz – Jane. 1. +Albert Conant, Jr. – Uncle Michael. 1. Blessed Mother I need your help – M.K.. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Stefan Rosinski – Sallie. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. God's blessing & good health for Kevin Slozak – love, Aunt Josie & June. 1. God's blessing for a safe trip for Richard & Taryn – love, Mom & June. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & get well soon Mildred Robak – love, Josie & June. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. +Robert Bishop – L.T.. 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. God's blessings for

successful surgery & a speedy recovery for Marcia Topor, love, Jack, Reg & family. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Alice Roberts – C. Misiaszek. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. God’s blessings & speedy recovery for Jessica – Emily Izyk. 1. God’s blessings & good health for all our families. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Blessings & good recovery for Barbara O. – Ursula & Jim. 1. Please Jesus help us all overcome depression, stress & down in the sadness. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. God’s help for a dear friend. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God’s blessings & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessing for our family. 1. For a safe trip for our loved ones. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – wife. 1. RIP navy seals – thank you for paying the ultimate price for me. – Luanne. 1. Blessings & complete recovery for Ryan – Josephine Yurkunas. 1. +Stanley Karcz – Josephine Yurkunas. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. Birthday blessings & good health for Alice Gula – son Edwin. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Good health & God’s blessing for my grandson – Babci. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. God’s help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. God’s blessings – Father Stefan. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Alice Roberts – Lydia McKee. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. +Stanley Karcz – S.. 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. Gail Benoit – S.. 1. Susan L.K. – S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. God’s blessings – Cheryl & Mickalina. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KNJ. 1. God’s blessing & good health for Lillian Olearczyk – Vera Gilbert. 1. To St. Joseph for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. For Br. Paschal Kolodziej, OFM. Conv., 35<sup>th</sup> anniv. of religious profession – The Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. For a blessed, holy & peace filled Feast Day & year for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For the prayer line & Mother of Mercy prayers force – L.R.. 1. For healing & peace for Peter of EWTN & for his family – L.R.. 1. +Lupe H. Stranahan – L.R.. 1. For complete healing & recovery for Jessica – L.R.. 1. For peace & God’s will for Chester P. – L.R.. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. God’s blessings & health for Julie Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. +Thomas Zabawa – mother. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – love Deb & Pete. 1. +husband & son – love – A. Pietrewicz.

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



## ~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE ~~

Once there were three trees on a hill in the woods. They were discussing their hopes and dreams when the first tree said, 'Someday I hope to be a treasure chest. I could be filled with gold, silver and precious gems. I could be decorated with intricate carving and everyone would see the beauty.' Then the second tree said, 'Someday I will be a mighty ship. I will take Kings and queens across the waters and sail to the corners of the world. Everyone will feel safe in me because of the strength of my hull.' Finally the third tree said, 'I want to grow to be the tallest and straightest Tree in the forest. People will see me on top of the hill and look up to my branches, and think of the heavens and God and how close to them I am reaching. I will be the greatest tree of all time and people will always remember me.'

After a few years of praying that their dreams would come true, a group of woodsmen came upon the trees. When one came to the first tree he said, 'This looks like a strong tree, I think I should be able to sell the wood to a carpenter, 'and he began cutting it down. The tree was happy, because he knew that the carpenter would make him into a treasure chest. At the second tree the woodsman said, 'This looks like a strong tree. I should be able to sell it to the shipyard.' The second tree was happy because he knew he was on his way to becoming a mighty ship. When the woodsmen came upon the third tree, the tree was frightened because he knew that if they cut him down his dreams would not come true. One of the woodsmen said, 'I don't need anything special from my tree, I'll take this one,' and he cut it down.

When the first tree arrived at the carpenters, he was made into a feed box for animals. He was then placed in a barn and filled with hay. This was not at all what he had prayed for. The second tree was cut and made into a small fishing boat. His dreams of being a mighty ship and carrying kings had come to an end. The third tree was cut into large pieces, and left alone in the dark.

The years went by, and the trees forgot about their dreams. Then one day, a man and woman came to the barn. She gave birth and they placed the baby in the hay in the feed box that was made from the first tree. The man wished that he could have made a crib for the baby, but this manger would have to do. The tree could feel the importance of this event and knew that it had held the greatest treasure of all time. Years later, a group of men got in the fishing boat made from the second tree. One of them was tired and went to sleep. While they were out on the water, a great storm arose and the tree didn't think it was strong enough to keep the men safe. The men woke the sleeping man, and He stood and said 'Peace' and the storm stopped. At this time, the tree knew that it had carried the King of Kings in its boat. Finally, someone came and got the third tree. It was carried through the streets as the people mocked the man who was carrying it. When they came to a stop, the man was nailed to the tree and raised in the air to die at the top of a hill. When Sunday came, the tree came to realize that it was strong enough to stand at the top of the hill and be as close to God as was possible, because Jesus had been crucified on it.

The moral of this story is that when things don't seem to be going your way, always know that God has a plan for you. If you place your trust in Him, God will give you great gifts. Each of the trees got what they wanted, just not in the way they had imagined. We don't always know what God's plans are for us. We

just know that His Ways are not our ways, but His ways are always best.

