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Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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December 4, 2011



"I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit"

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: <a href="mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com">stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com</a>.

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**Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish**  $\sim$  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, December 3rd

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

# **SUNDAY**, December 4<sup>th</sup>

- CCD Classes for Grades 6-10  $\sim$  10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- CCD Classes for Grade  $11 \sim 6:30$  p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
- Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations 4:00 p.m. in the Church

# MONDAY, December 5th

# TUESDAY, December 6th

- Choir Rehearsal - check with Mark Narreau, Director

# WEDNESDAY, December 7th

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

## THURSDAY, December 8th

## FRIDAY, December 9th

## SATURDAY, December 10th

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

# SUNDAY, December 11th

- CCD Classes for Grades  $6-10 \sim 10:30$  a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- CCD Classes for Grade  $11 \sim 6:30$  p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
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# **Mass Intentions**

# Saturday - December 3rd ~ St. Francis Xavier, priest

7:00 a.m. For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality Group of Beverly Glabicki 4:00 p.m. +Deceased Members of the Opielowski Family – Irene & Carl

+Evelyn Jakimczyk - The Pietrewicz Family

5:15 p.m. +Edward Zerdecki – His Wife and Family +Mario & Maria Sorgy – Lydia Tanne

# **Sunday** - December 4th ~ Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. +James & Joseph Kempesty – Mother and Family 9:30 a.m. +Shirley Wachta ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Her Husband +Richard (Bonhomme) Dulude – His Wife & Children

# **Monday** - December 5th

7:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Parishioners

# Tuesday - December 6th ~ St. Nicholas, bishop

5:30 p.m. +Beverly Flynn Zemba - Her Sister and Family

# Wednesday - December 7th ~ St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. +Stephanie Putz – Lynn Riendeau

# Thursday - December 8th ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

+Gene & Helen Charette - Brother Normand and Family

## <u>Friday</u> - December 9th ~ St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

7:00 a.m. +Henry Giza, Jr. - M/M Edward Forkey

## **Saturday** - December 10<sup>th</sup>

7:00~a.m. +Joseph Swist – His Daughter Irene and Son-in-law John Dyl

4:00 p.m. +Donald Rooney - Andy & Cindy Leveillee

+Deceased member of Frank Kargol Family - Cis Misiaszek

5:15 p.m. +Lillian & George Currie – Their Family

+Jacqueline Janosz ~ 1st Anniv. – Her Sister Sophie Cuzzone

# Sunday - December 11th ~ Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. +Fred Mastalerz - Julie & Carol

9:30 a.m. +Deceased Members of Antonio & Agata Frydryk Family - Their Family

+Stanley Wojtowicz - Stanley & Paul

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



# NO CCD - December 24th & 25th and December 31st & January 1st

CCD Classes for Grades K-5 ~ Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CCD Classes for Grades 6-10 ~ Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CCD Classes for Grade  $11 \sim$  Sunday's 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. Any questions or concerns call Jean Brigham, CCD Coordinator 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

"Attitude ~ We cannot control the wind, but we can adjust our sails."

# For Reflection:

"When people question about weather a Priest should marry?

A better question to meditate on "Was Jesus married???"



From today's 1st Reading, Isaiah 40: "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God."

Be the instrument for those who have defiled life so that their guilt may be expiated.

# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ Men's Guild Pork Loin Dinner



# **MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE**

Anyone who would like their intentions prayed for please EMAIL them to <a href="mailto:stjoseph1955@msn.com">stjoseph1955@msn.com</a>. We have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for your intentions etc.

**STAR PROGRAM 2011 - 2012** Your **December** 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.

PARISH WEB-SITE – www.churchofdivinemercy.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!* 

Substituted teachers are needed for CCD, especially for Sunday morning. If interested please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232 or call the Rectory during office hours and leave your name and telephone number.

MANY THANKS again to all who participated in the recent Rosary Sodality Craft Fair, our 26<sup>th</sup>. To Father Stefan, John Dziedzic for setting up and taking down, the venders, raffle ticket sellers, Carole and Richard Lavigne for their, as excellent advertising and Cheryl Kozlik and her cooks and all our bakers for the excellent food that all enjoyed as the kitchen window had a steady stream of people. Several of the venders said our Craft Fair Venders were like family and that was a compliment to us all too.

"AND THE WINNER IS!! The STAR Program \$500 drawing took place at the Men's Guild "prime Rib Dinner" last Saturday, November 26th. We are happy to announce that the winner of the drawing is Mr. Tony Silva. Congratulations to you and thanks for participating in the STAR Program. Are next drawing for \$500 as well as \$1000 will take place in May of 2012.

MEN'S GUILD ~ PORK LOIN DINNER The Men's Guild will be hosting a Pork Loin Dinner on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> with a social at 6:00 p.m. and dinner following at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The public is invited.

As a reminder to the members of the Men's Guild. They are looking for donations for the Sleigh Raffle. Tickets and information at the next meeting.

# ~~ 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.

THE PALMER, MASSACHUSETTS ROTARY CLUB is hosting a "Holiday Concert" with the "Old Post Road Orchestra", Juli Sansoucy, conducting. To be held on **Sunday, December 4**th at 1:30 p.m. at the Palmer High School Auditorium. Free and open to the public. Refreshments offered by The Palmer Interact Club (Junior Rotary). Concert is underwritten by Crimmins/Graveline Insurance, Turley Publications and Country Bank. Donations for Palmer Food Share will be accepted.

**ST. STANISLAUS CHURCH CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** to be held **Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** on 2270 Main Street in West Warren, MA - Polish Food (take out available), Bake Sale – Crafts – Raffles. Come join us for a day of fun!!

**WQOM 1060 AM** is excited to announce a one-day Advent conference that will take place on **Saturday**, **December 10, 2011** at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium to celebrate the first anniversary of Catholic radio being on the air in the greater New England area. Special discounted tickets are available through the month of October for \$30, or \$40 with lunch. During the month of November, ticket prices are \$39, or \$49 with lunch. No lunch tickets will be sold after December 1st. Admission at the door will be \$39. Call for group rates. For more details go to www.wqom.org or call 877-888-6279.

<u>OPERATION FRIENDSHIP</u> of will hold and returnable can and bottle drive on **Saturday, December 10**<sup>th</sup> 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.

**CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE EXAM** for prospective 8th grade students will be held **Saturday, December 10, 2011** at Cathedral's temporary location, 310 Main Street, Wilbraham MA. Cathedral has a rich history of providing a rigorous quality Catholic college preparatory education for all students! Completed Cathedral application and \$25 exam fee needed for registration! **Don't Delay; Call Today to Reserve Your Seat!** Call the Admission office at 413-782-5285 or visit our website <a href="https://www.cathedralhigh.org">www.cathedralhigh.org</a> for more information!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – December 21st & 22nd Large Box is \$7.00 and Small Box is \$4.00. Orders over 2 boxes have to be prepaid. Orders can be picked up on December 21st after 1:00 p.m. or on December 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call and place your orders at the Palmer Council of Aging on 1029 Central Street in Palmer 283-2670.

They make GREAT GIFTS and are homemade. Thank you and Merry Christmas. This fundraiser is sponsored by the Friends of the Palmer Senior Center, Inc.

# FIFTY QUESTIONS ON THE ORDER OF MASS

A Brief Examination of Practice

These brief reflections are about developing good habits. Habits of fidelity to the liturgical books of the Roman Rite. They are based upon a conviction that only through fidelity to the Church's liturgical texts and rites can we bring about an effective *Ars Celebrandi*, an art of celebrating the sacred liturgy with authenticity.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

# #1 ~ Should the Priest sing during the Entrance Procession

According to the Bishops of the United States, "The importance of the priest's participation in the Liturgy, especially by singing, cannot be overemphasized," and the priest should encourage others to sing is "by his own example, joining in the congregational song."

# #2 ~ Should the priest sing into the microphone?

The priest should never sing into the microphone, drowning out the rest of the Church. Thus, the Bishops advise that "while the assembly sings, the priest should step back from a microphone, or, if he is using a wireless microphone, he should turn it off."

# #3 ~ If there's a tabernacle behind the Altar, do we genuflect or bow?

If there's a tabernacle in the sanctuary the bow to the Altar is replaced by a genuflection upon arriving at and departing from the sanctuary.

#### #4 ~ Can I make both a bow and a genuflection?

No. If the tabernacle is in the sanctuary, the priest and ministers genuflect. If there is no tabernacle in the sanctuary, they bow. They never do both.

## #5 ~ If a tabernacle is located in the sanctuary, is it reverenced during the rest of the Mass?

A genuflection is made as the procession approaches and departs from the altar, "but not during the celebration of Mass itself."

## #6 ~ Can the priest do the introductory rites from the Altar?

No, after he venerates the altar the priest goes to the chair.

## #7 ~ When the priest greets the people, is there a gesture?

Yes, when he greets the people he extends his hands.

# #8 ~ Can the priest introduce the Mass with a few words after the greeting?

Yes. "The Priest, or a Deacon, or another minister, may very briefly introduce the faithful to the Mass of the day." It should be noted that these words are very brief.

to be continued...

# ~~ DONATIONS ~~

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

Bible Word Search: John

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*. The answer is on the back page, but no peeking!!!

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## **SEARCH WORDS**

Angel, Antipas, Baptism, Beheaded, Believe, Confess, Countryside, Desert, Disciple, Dove, Elizabeth, Fast, Forerunner, Gabriel, Herodias, Hope, Jordan, Kingdom, Messenger, Ministry, Mission, Moral, Nazirite, News, Preacher, Preparation, Prophet, Reformer, Repent, Righteous, River, Sandals, Symbol, Tetrarch, Wilderness, Witness, Zacharias

# **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-inlaw. 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. 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. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. God's blessings & recovery for my sister Dee - Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessing & good health for Camden Lee - Gloria Nowak. 1. +Wally & Sabina Zwyrbla. 1. God's blessing & complete healing for Grant – love Uncle Tom & Aunty Alice. 1. Thank you, Jesus, for prayers answered & continued blessings - Pauline & Ed. 1. Blessings for Del & Ted on their anniversary - Edna S.. 1. For good test results for my granddaughter – Gramma. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. - wife & family. 1. St. Lucy - E., 1. +Fred Mastalerz - love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother - blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Stanley & Mary Jasak anniv. - daughter Connie & Family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Eddie Koss - Stanley & Mary. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God's blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P., 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C., 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family, 1. God's blessings & speedy recovery for Ed Koss - Ted & Del. 1. +husband & son - love - A. Pietrewicz. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. God's blessings to overcome depression. 1. God's blessing & good health for all our families. 1. God's blessings for full time job close to home. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. +Stanley P & Mary Jasak – Sally & family. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. God's blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. God's blessings & good health for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie.

1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter Susie & son-in-law Leslie. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. God's blessings & good health for Tom Kubacki – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. God's blessings for Eva - Jane. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. God's blessings & good health for Tom Kubacki -Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. God's blessings & good health for Ed Koss – Lydia McKee. 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. 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniv. blessings for Jack & Regie – love you, Genie & Charlie & family. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessings & good health for KDJ. 1. +Dolores Hanson – V. Gilbert. 1. For a blessed, peace filled, healthy & joyful birthday & year for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line & Mother of Mercy prayer force – L.R., 1. For a blessed marriage & life for granddaughter Rebecca & new husband James & congratulations on their recent marriage – Grammie. 1. For the souls of those souls who rarely received the Holy Sacraments – L.R.. 1. For a Holy, Spiritual Advent for all my family & friends – L.R.. 1. +Edward Godek – Lisa & Tom & family. 1. +Julia F. Machnik - Lisa, Tom & Family. 1. +Dominick Machnik - birthday remembrance - Lisa, Tom & family. 1. Family health & God's blessing 1. +Joseph Dominik wife & son. 1. Thank you Jesus for answered prayers for Mom – love Genie & Charlie. 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. +Boleslaw Lemanski – Lori. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. God's blessings - Gale Benoit. 1. God's blessings - Deacon Daniel Cymer. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. Ben L – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne & SKL – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz - S.. 1. Lori Vaz - S.. 1. Gale Benoit - S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik - S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Successful eye surgery for Mary Desjardans – Gloria Nowak. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. +Dominick Machnik – Pat Godek. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S., 1. +Edward Rudnick – family, 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – wife & family. 1. Sam – successful surgery. 1. Herb.



# ~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE ~~

# WE'RE ALL GETTING OLD

Two elderly ladies had been friends for many decades. Over the years, they had shared all kinds of activities and adventures. Lately, their activities had been limited to meeting a few times a week to play cards.

One day, they were playing cards when one looked at the other and said, "Now don't get mad at me. I know we've been friends for a long time, but I just can't think of your name! I've thought and thought, but I can't remember it. Please tell me what your name is."

Her friend glared at her for at least three minutes; she just stared and glared at her. Finally she said, "How soon do you need to know?"

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Three sisters, ages 92, 94 and 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters, 'Was I getting in or out of the bath?'

The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses, 'Was I going up the stairs or down?'

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea listening to her sisters, she shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood.' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'



Mystery Answer is "Testify"