

✠ 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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*'Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus.'*

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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**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, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **SUNDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

- CCD Classes for Grades 6-10 ~ 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
- CCD Classes for Grade 11 ~ 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 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **TUESDAY, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**

### **SATURDAY, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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



*Christmas*

### **SUNDAY, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

- **NO CCD Classes for Grades 6-10**
- **NO CCD Classes for Grade 11**
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the Church



## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

4:00 p.m. +Frank Augustine – Florence Ziemba Family

+Henry & Sophie Jacek – Their Son Fred and Daughter-in-law Joyce

5:15 p.m. +Clarence Pikul – His Wife Theresa and Family

+Deceased Members of the Milewski Family – Their Family

### **Sunday – December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. +Walerian I Sabina Zwyrbla od syna Stanley & Joyce Zwyrbla

9:30 a.m. +Zygmunt Salamon – His Daughter

+John Olearczyk – From His Wife & Family

### **Monday – December 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Parishioners

### **Tuesday – December 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. +Stanley & Mary Milewski – Their Daughter Julie

### **Wednesday – December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Peter Canisius, priest and doctor of the Church**

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

### **Thursday – December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. +Arlene Olejarz – The Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers

### **Friday – December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ St. John of Kanty, priest**

7:00 a.m. +Helena, Stanislaw Wytrwal od rodziny

### **Saturday – December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**



7:00 a.m. +Bertha Toton~1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – Her Children John, Thomas and Josephine

4:00 p.m. +Stanley Giza – His Family

+Deceased Members of Frank Jamrog Family – The Family

MIDNIGHT MASS ~ All Divine Mercy Parishioners



### **Sunday – December 25<sup>th</sup> ~ THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS DAY**

9:00 a.m. +Stanley and Mildred Robak – Their Son Ralph and Family

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



**NO CCD – December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup>**

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 ~ 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???”



**Pro-Life Reflection**

From today's Gospel, Luke 1: "May it be done to me according to your word."

Too often the words given to young women with crisis pregnancies are not of angelic intent. They are desperate for hope and validation.

# ~~ 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 [stjoseph1955@msn.com](mailto:stjoseph1955@msn.com). 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.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!*



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.



**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.



**OPLATKI "THE CHRISTMAS WAFER"** is available for purchase at the Rectory during office hours and/or after the weekend masses. (\$2.00 for a package of 4 wafers)



The CCD students of Divine Mercy Parish will be performing The Pageant on **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**, prior to the 4:00 pm Mass. Students from Grades 4 through 9 will be participating, in portraying the Nativity of Jesus.



## ~~ 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.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COOKIE SALE – December 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>** 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 21<sup>st</sup> after 1:00 p.m. or on December 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES OFFERED AT ELMS COLLEGE IN JANUARY - CHICOPEE, Mass.** — The Irish Cultural Center, in cooperation with Elms Colleges, is pleased to announce that Irish Language courses will be offered in the spring semester beginning on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>**. For further information, call the Irish Cultural Center at 413-265-2537, or Tom Moriarty at 413-592-6951. The Irish Cultural Center at Elms College offers programs in art, music, literature that promote the Irish language in order to "keep the Irish arts alive."

**MARRIAGE HELP** - Retrouvaille is a Catholic program for couples who are experiencing marital difficulty. Retrouvaille offers tools to help couples heal and renew their marriage. Retrouvaille has helped tens of thousands of couples and can help you too! For confidential information or to register for the January program beginning with a weekend January 20th-22nd, please call 1-800-470-2230, send an email to held5@charter.net or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### ~~~~~ CHRISTIANS EVERYWHERE ~~~~~

Want to have some fun this CHRISTMAS? Send the ACLU a Christmas card this year. For those of you who aren't aware, the ACLU, (the American Civil Liberties Union) is the one suing the U.S. Government to take God, Christmas or anything religious away from us. They represent the atheists and others in this war. Help put Christ back in Christmas! As they are working so very hard to get rid of the CHRISTMAS part of this holiday, we should all send them a nice, card to brighten up their dark, sad, little world. Make sure it says "Merry Christmas" on it. Here's the address, **just don't be rude or crude:** ACLU

125 Broad Street, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

So spend 44 cents and tell the ACLU to leave Christmas alone. Also tell them that there is no such thing as a "Holiday Tree". It's always been called a CHRISTMAS TREE! What do you have to lose but 44 cents, what do you have to gain --- more than you may ever know possible.

# 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.

(Continued from last week)

### THE COLLECT

#### #15 ~ Why do we pause for silence after the "Let us pray"?

The pause is to allow the faithful to be made aware of being in God's presence and to call to mind their intentions.

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### #16 ~ What should the priest be doing during the readings?

It should be apparent that the priest and the ministers are listening intently to the Word of God as it is proclaimed.

#### #17 ~ Should periods of silence be observed in the Liturgy of the Word?

Sacred silence is observed throughout the celebration of the Mass: "...For in the Penitential Act and again after invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him. Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed in the church, in the sacristy, in the vesting room, and in adjacent areas, so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner."

#### #18 ~ If, in a concelebration, the priest proclaims the Gospel, does he ask for the blessing?

The priest does not ask for the blessing from another priest. In the presence of a Bishop, he asks for the blessing from the Bishop.

#### #19 ~ When the priest imposes incense, does he bless it?

Each time the priest imposes incense he blesses it with a silent sign of the cross.

#### #20 ~ Does the priest bow before he incenses?

"A profound bow is made to the person or object that is incensed, except for the altar and the offerings for the Sacrifice of the Mass."



~~ **DONATIONS** ~~

**GENERAL FUND** ~ \$25 in memory of Florence Ziemba from Josephine Slozak

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

**Bible Word Search: The Holy Conception**

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!!!



**SEARCH WORDS**

Archelaus, Bethlehem, Chief priests, Dream, Egypt, Elizabeth, Father, Firstborn son, Fruit, Fulfilled, Gifts, Gold, Great mourning, Holy Spirit, Israel, Jerusalem, Joseph, Judea, King Herod, Lamentation, Mary, Nazarene, Nazareth, Pregnant, Saluted, Star, Three wisemen, Virgin birth, Weeping, Worship, Young child, 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-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. 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 & Auntie Alice. 1. Thank you, Jesus, for prayers answered & continued blessings – Pauline & Ed. 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. For Peace and Love for all members of the Jasak, Wlodyka & Mastalerz families this Christmas Season. 1. Belated 53<sup>rd</sup> anniv. blessings for Reggie & John Janosz – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessings Betty Jo – get well soon – love Josie & June. 1. God's blessings & good health for Eddie Koss – Stanley & Mary. 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. +Leo Garceau – wife Connie. 1. +Tom Marciniak – family. 1. For our Blessed Mother & her Savior son be with Fr. Stefan with extra strength, care, good health & protection during this Holy Season – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the Prayer Line & Mother of Mercy Prayer Force – L.R.. 1. For the souls of those who died a disgraceful or tragic death – L.R. 1. For complete healing & discernment for Louise G. – L.R.. 1. For St. Frances intervention regarding Claudene – L.R.. 1. For a blessed & Holy Christmas Season for my relatives & friends – L.R.. 1. +Henry Macuga – Josie. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. Special intentions for M.. 1. God's blessings & good health for Cindy & Andy Leveillee – Emily Izyk. 1. God's blessings & good health for Hedy Workum – Emily Izyk. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. +Germaine Morin – Emily Izyk. 1. God's blessings & healing for Tom Kubacki – Emily Izyk. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. God's blessings & good health for Mary Smola – Emily Izyk. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health

for daughter & son & their families. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family.. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Gerry Morin – Edna Sabourin. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne SKL – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik, +Stella Maestrone, Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +husband & son - love – A. Pietrewicz. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. God’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God’s blessings & good health for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Birthday & Christmas blessings – Father Stefan. 1. Special member of family C.S.&T.S.. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings, good health & Merry Christmas Mom – love, Carol. 1. god’s blessings, good health & Merry Christmas, Pat – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Edward Godek – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Nancy Szostek – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Alice Marhelewicz – love Julie & Carol. 1. Living & deceased members of Mastalerz & Kapinos families – love Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings, good health & Merry Christmas Edna Czapla – love, Julie & Carol. 1. Happy Birthday, Jesus. 1. God’s blessings – Gale Benoit. 1. God’s blessings – Tammy & family. 1. +Chester Lemanski – Lori. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. God’s blessing & good health for Carole – V. Gilbert. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & health for KDJ. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. +Lt. Leonard Haster – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Philip Peckham – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Francis Mushenski – Francis Lajzer. 1. +William Zobka – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Roselyn Siok– Francis Lajzer. 1. +Joseph Siok – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Father Henry Siok – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Stephanie Kozlik – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Lawrence Kozlik – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Christine Lajzer – Frank Lajzer. 1. To St. Joseph for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. Good health for Tom Kubacki – Rosalie Kokoszka. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessing for our family. 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. David Wytas get well – Mom. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Rita Brodeur - Donna Wasiuk. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. +Ann (Kubik) Frydryk – St. Cecelia’s Choir. 1. +Stanley Marcinkiewicz – St. Cecelia’s Choir. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – wife & children. 1. God’s blessing & good health for my granddaughter Sadie & her Mom - Babcia Donna. 1. God’s blessing & good health for my family, my son’s Daniel & David – Mom. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Horace Tippet – wife & daughter. 1. +Mildred Hopkins – Gloria Nowak.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** – Please remember in your prayers the soul of Mildred (Augustine) Hopkins. May she rest in peace.



### The Pony

(It's All In How You Look At It)

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the t.v. was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom & gloom pessimist. Just to see what would happen, on the twins' birthday their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse manure.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all of these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken," answered the pessimist twin.



Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the pile of manure. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "With all this manure, there's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"

*Mystery Answer is "Highly Favored"*