

✠ 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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December 25, 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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**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 24<sup>th</sup>**

- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

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

- 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

### **MONDAY, December 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **TUESDAY, December 27<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, December 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, December 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **SATURDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, January 1<sup>st</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 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

### **Monday – December 26<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. Stephen, first martyr***

7:00 a.m. Divine Mercy Parishioners

### **Tuesday – December 27<sup>th</sup> ~ *St. John, apostle and evangelist***

5:30 p.m. +Richard Wawro ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – His Wife Barbara, Daughters & Family

### **Wednesday – December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ *The Holy Innocents, martyrs***

7:00 a.m. +Florence Ziembra – Her Family & Friends

+Ernest & Eva Bernard – Alice & Tom Losaw

### **Thursday – December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ *The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas – St. Thomas***

*Becket, bishop and martyr*

7:00 a.m. +Lorraine Milewski – Josephine Jurczyk

### **Friday – December 30<sup>th</sup> ~ *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph***

7:00 a.m. +Rev. Robert Ceckowski ~ 14<sup>th</sup> Anniv.– Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

### **Saturday – December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ *The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas – St. Sylvester I, pope***

7:00 a.m. +Germaine Morin – Barbara Miskiewicz

4:00 p.m. +Norman Lowell ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – His Wife Sue & Son Mark

5:15 p.m. +Ann Houle – Robert Cole

+Gerry Morin – Claire & Susan Rebello

### **Sunday – JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> ~ *The Octave Day of the Nativity of The Lord Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***

8:00 a.m. +Deceased Members of Dudkiewicz Family – Sophie Walulak

9:30 a.m. +Florence Ziembra – Her Family & Friends

~~ **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 the Gospel of the Mass for Christmas Day, John 1: "He came to what was his own, but his own people did not accept him."

2000 years later, some of His own are no longer accepting that His image and likeness is in each human life from its very beginnings and for all eternity.

# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> ~ FREE Movie Night at 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Hall



### 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.



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



AT DIVINE MERCY ~ FEATURING  
"Despicable Me"

The Sts. Peter and Paul Men's guild is sponsoring a Movie Night on **Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. The movie will be Despicable Me. There is no admission charge, and free food (hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn) and beverages will also be available. A great opportunity for a family night out after the Holidays! All are invited!



**THANK YOU!** To Miss Liane Martin, Miss MaryAnne Wostena and Mr. Michael Wostena for decorating our Church so beautifully. They did a wonderful job in preparing our Church to celebrate the birth of our Lord.



## ~~ 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.

**EXCITING NEWS!** Join us as Cathedral High School’s PREMIER Hockey Team plays at Frozen Fenway Park **January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:30 p.m.** Don’t miss the Panthers take on Mt. St. Charles in front of the GREEN MONSTER. Get your tickets TODAY by going to [www.Cathedralhigh.org](http://www.Cathedralhigh.org) or call 413-782-5285 for more information.

**DEVOTED PRO-LIFERS** will once again journey to Washington, D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in raising their voices and spreading the word that abortion is the taking of a human life! Please join the 39th annual March for Life on **January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**. The cost of the trip is \$48.00 per person or \$30.00 per student. Please call the office at 413-583-5034 to check availability. Please send payment to Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens For Life, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, MA. 01056-0096. Payment is due at time of reservation. Donations toward the crusade are greatly appreciated, especially for the numerous young people in attendance.

**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](mailto:held5@charter.net) or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



*Wishes for a most blessed Merry Christmas  
May the joy of this special time  
Be held in everyone’s heart.*

## 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)

### **#21 ~ How many swings of the thurible are used for incensation?**

Three swings for the Blessed Sacrament, a relic of the Cross, images of the Lord, the offerings, the altar cross, the Book of the Gospels, the paschal candle, the Priest, and the people; two swings for relics and images of the Saints exposed for public veneration.

### **#22 ~ When the Gospel is proclaimed, is there a gesture with "The Lord be with you."**

No. this is the one time in the Mass when "The Lord be with you" is said without extending the hands.

### **#23 ~ In a concelebration, does the Deacon bring the book of the Gospels to the priest to kiss and give a blessing?**

If the celebrant is a priest, the deacon alone kisses the book of the Gospels. If the celebrant is a bishop, the deacon may bring the Book of the Gospels to him so that the Bishop can kiss and give a blessing with it.

## THE HOMILY

### **#24 ~ From where can the homily be given?**

A priest may preach standing at the chair (only a Bishop may preach while seated) or at the ambo or at another worthy place.

### **#25 ~ At the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man" who should bow?**

All bow during these words.

### **#26 ~ Can the Apostles Creed be used instead of the Nicene Creed?**

Yes. Either creed may be used.

### **#27 ~ Is a bow required during the Nicene Creed?**

Yes. During the words "and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man," the priest and people make a profound bow.

to be continued next week...



## ~~ DONATIONS ~~

### GENERAL FUND

\$35 in loving memory of **Mary & Lawrence Lasota**, Sister Fran Pietryka, Brothers Al, Ted, John and Walt from Mary Lasota

**In loving memory of Mildred Hopkins** ~ \$500 from Brother, John Augustine, \$50 from Alice Pietrewicz, \$10 from Irene Augustyn, \$10 from George Motyka, \$5 from Genevieve Bates, \$25 from John & Marion Hanzel, \$20 from Adele Castonguay  
\$50 in memory of **Rev. Thomas Flower** from Ken, Donna, Martin & Family

### BURSE FUND

\$35 in thanksgiving for **Baptism of Kyle Nicole Burns** from Great-aunt Kathy Burns  
\$25 in loving memory of **Edna Burns** from daughter Kathy  
\$25 in loving memory of **Joseph & Stanley Geslock** from Sister Janet Brown

### *SINCERE THANKS*

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

### VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 1. Zsp. Joseph & Frances Swist – daughter. 1.+Earl McKee – wife Lydia.  
1.+Frank & Mary Falk – daughter & son-in-law. 1.+Felix & Catherine Misiaszek – son Peter & daughter-in-law.  
1.+Phyllis Misiaszek – brother Peter & sister-in-law. 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 & Aunt Alice. 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. **7 Votive lamps from the Rosary Sodality** 1. God's blessings & good health for all members. 1. Souls of deceased members. 1. Blessings for our pastor, Fr. Stefan; 1. Blessings for Fr. Jeff Ballou; 1. Successful Eucharistic Adoration in our parish; 1. Vocations to the priesthood & religious life; 1. Deceased priest & sister who served our parish. 1. +John Eurkus – family. 1. Rose Ann. 1. +Mary Stolgitis. 1. Lori Skinner. 1.+Herb Vogel 1. God's blessings & Merry Christmas, Sue – love Mom. 1. +Richard & Joan Taylor – David. 1. +Stanley & Celia Swiatlowski – David & Natalie. 1. +Joseph W. Topor – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Stella T. Topor – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Joseph Hendynski –

Joseph & Chester. 1. +Zofia Dziukala Hendynski – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Wladyslaw Topor – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Jadwiga Wrzesien Topor – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Mary Pelczarski – Joseph & Chester. 1. +Joseph Kempesty & Sons – wife & family. 1. Carol Lavigne God's blessings and good health – A. Kempesty. 1. +LT Leonard Kaster – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Stanley Sekula – wife. 1. +Julie & Dominik Machnik – Lisa & Tom. 1. +Stephen & Anna Koziol – Pat Godek. 1. Christmas blessings for Julie Mastalerz – Pat Godek. 1. Christmas blessings for Angie Tatro – Pat Godek. 1. Christmas blessings for Paula Allen – Pat Godek. 1. Mom, may God bless you with good health & much happiness in 2012 – love, June. 1. God's blessings for Lynne Riendeau – Jack & Reg Janosz. 1. God's blessings for Rita Brodeur – Jack & Reg Janosz. 1. God's blessings for Rachel Whitten – Jack & Reg Janosz. 1. For the deceased members of the Joseph Szado family – Ted & Del. 1. Christmas & New Year blessings for Ron & Cathie Izyk – love Barbara. 1. +Helen & Stanley Izyk – daughter and family. 1. +Richard Wawro – **1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.** – love, wife & family. 1. Christmas & New Year blessings for Pat Godek – love, Barbara Wawro. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. +Walter & Victoria Janulewicz & deceased children – Nancy Morris. 1. +Milly Hopkins – Nancy Morris. 1. +Leo Garceau – wife Connie. 1. +Tom Marciniec – family. Love, wife & family. 1. +husband & son – love, A. Pietrewicz. 1. +Sophie Fijal & John Fijal – daughter Mary. 1. +John Miarecki – wife Mary. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & Family. 1. God's blessings & complete healing for Matthew Ziemian – J.S. 1. Special blessings for my son-in-law. 1. +Antoni & Karoline Galica – daughter, Jane & family. 1. +Elizabeth "Ela" Swiderski – Ron, Katalyn, Lindsey & family. 1. +Edward Swiderski – wife & family. In loving memory of Genevieve – John Janosz. 1. +Alfred L. Jasnocha, Jr. & Sr. – Jack & Reg Janosz & family. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – warm remembrances & Christmas blessings & Josie & June. 1. +Christmas blessings, Tom Godek – Josie & June. 1. +Christmas blessings, Dad; we miss you – love Josie & June. 1. +Remembrances at Christmas & always for Millie – love, Josie & June. 1. God's blessings & good health for Eddie Koss – Stanley & Mary. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – Fred & Joyce Jacek. 1. Josephine & William Kulis – Grandson Fred & Joyce. 1. Blessings and return to good health for Pauline Pisarski – sister Janet Brown. 1. +Stanley & Mary Jasak – daughter Sally & family. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife Edna & family. 1. St. Lucy – E. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E. 1. +Ernest & Lena Sabourin – daughter-in-law Edna. 1. +Henry & Sophie Jacek – sister Edna. 1. +William & Josephine Kulis – daughter Edna. 1. +Bronislaw & Alex Kulis – sister Edna. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Mildred Hopkins – Sally Mastalerz. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of health & strength. 1. Merry Christmas – Tom, Kristy, Emily & Nick – God Bless. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Sophie & John Strycharz – the family. 1. +Edward Jusko – the family. 1. +Mary, Stanley & Tom Zglobicki – the family. 1. +Mom and Dad Jusko – the family. 1. +Alice Roberts, miss you – Sophie Roberts. 1. +Sophie Noga – missing you – Sophie Roberts. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Ann Snyder – Stephen Noga. 1. +Albert & Caroline Czepiel – Stephen Noga. 1. God's blessings and good health for Anna Stefanowich – Emily Izyk. 1. +Mildred Hopkins – Emily Izyk. 1. To St. Lucy for a special intention – M. 1. God's blessings & good health to all our families. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Blessings & good health for Eddie Koss – C. Misiaszek. 1. +Felix Misiaszek family – C. Misiaszek. 1. +Tadeusz Muniec family – granddaughter. 1. +Frank Kargol family – daughter. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +John & Sophie Mastalerz – daughter Ruth & grandchildren. 1. Family of Frank Jamrog – Ruth Jamrog & children. 1. +Stanley "Sam" Jamrog – wife Ruth & Marybeth & Michael. 1. +Arlene Olejarz – Jane. 1. +Ray Pelski – wife. 1. +John & Cora Zelazo – daughter. 1. +Bertha Godek – Chet & Helen. 1. +Andrew and Victoria Jackanowski – Chet & Helen. 1. +Stella Quink – Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers. 1. +Mildred Hopkins – Tony & Mary Silva. 1. +John & Anne Nowakowski & sons – Mary & Tony Silva. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. +Joseph Majka – Chris & Alice 1. +Chester Majka – Chris & Alice. 1. +Victor Bukowski – Chris & Alice. 1. +Walter Pease – Emily Izyk. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. C.B. special intentions – C.S. & T.S. 1. Zsp Rodzicow Witkowskich – od

corki. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. God's blessings & good health for Mrs. Workum – Mark & Susan. 1. +Stanley Marcinkiewicz – Genevieve Bates. 1. +Jerry & Evelyn Colozzi, Joseph & Stella Maestrone. 1. +Mary & Manuel Vaz, Priscilla Silva. 1. +Barney & Daisy Lemanski, Mary & William Lemanski. 1. +Joseph, Mary, Ida Lemanski; Julia A. Machnik. 1. +Stanley, Walter, Chester Lemanski. 1. +Elvira & Justinao Vaz. 1. +Boleslaw & Alexandra Lemanski. 1. +Genieve Vaz – Lori. 1. God's blessing & good health for Richard Forbes – V. Gilbert. 1. +Bernice Heminski – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Edward Heminski – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Lawrence Whelihan, Sr. – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Lawrence Whelihan, Jr. – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Stella Whelihan – Francis Lajzer. 1. +James Pappadellis – Francis Lajzer. 1. Zsp. Sister Mary of the Pure Heart, O.P. – The Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Adam & Stella Soltys – The Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Rudy Pisarczyk, Sr. – sister Blanche & family. 1. Zsp. Joseph & Helen Wostena, Sr. – daughter-in-law & grandchildren. 1. Zsp. Michael & Sophie Pisarczyk – daughter Blanche and grandchildren. 1. To St. Lucy for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I in thanksgiving for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. Good health & God's blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. God's blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. God's help in finding employment – S. 1. Do Dzieciatka Jezus w pewnej intencji – L.W. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Agnes Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. +Lawrence Starzyk. 1. +Josephine Starcyk. 1. +Charles Starzyk. 1. +Helen Koziara Starzyk. 1. +Joseph Wyngowski. 1. For a Blessed Holy, joy filled Feast Day for Father Stefan – L.R. 1. For the intentions of the Prayer Line & Mother of Mercy Prayer Lines – L.R. 1. For proper diagnosis & complete healing for Louise G. – L.R. 1. For healing & complete recovery for Del Mc. – L.R. 1. For a Holy, Blessed & joyful Christmas for all my friends and relatives – L.R. 1. For the souls of those who died without forgiving others – L.R. 1.J. & Joanne – S.S.K.L. – S. 1. The Lemanski family – S. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S. 1. Lori Vaz – S. 1. Gale Benoit – S. 1. Terry & Frank J +Kulina – S. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S. 1. God's blessings – PJA, Tommy & family. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. Christmas blessings – Gale Benoit, Terry & Frank Kulina. 1. Christmas blessings – Hedy Workum. 1. Christmas blessings – Tom & Jane Kubacki. 1. Christmas blessings – A.J., Joanne, Sophie Lemanski. 1. God's blessings & health for the Bukowski, Kubacki, Williams, Izyk & Wawro families at Christmas. 1. +In loving memory of Richard Wawro on his **1<sup>st</sup> anniv.** – Ron & Cathie. 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. +Wilfred & Helen Bonneville – son & daughter-in-law. 1. God's blessings & good health for Camden Lee – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessings & continued good health for my sister Dee – Gloria Nowak. 1. Christmas blessings for good health for Hedy Workum & family – Gloria Nowak. 1. Christmas blessings & good health for Helen & Tony Wielkiewicz – Gloria Nowak. 1. Belated birthday blessings for Father Stefan – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Timothy F. Sullivan **47<sup>th</sup> anniv.** – family. 1. +Eileen C. Gula – **32<sup>nd</sup> anniv.** – family. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Deceased members of Swiatlowski & Welega families. 1. +Fr. Robert Cechowki – Louise Tippett. 1. +Thaddeus **18<sup>th</sup> Anniv.** & Stephanie Misiaszek – family. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Hedy Workum – Sally Olearczyk. 1. Birthday blessings and good health for Carolyn on her Christmas Day birthday – sister Connie & family. 1. +William & Mary Lemanski – family. 1. Thank you Jesus for negative test results. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Deceased members of Wojnilowicz family. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. Christmas blessings for Tom & Jane Kubacki – Anna. 1. +The Krol family – Anna. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. +Frank & Edna Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara.



### Christmas Adventure with Grandma

I remember my first Christmas adventure with Grandma. I was just a kid. I remember tearing across town on my bike to visit her on the day my big sister dropped the bomb: "There is no Santa Claus," she jeered. "Even dummies know that!" My Grandma was not the gushy kind, never had been. I fled to her that day because I knew she would be straight with me. I knew Grandma always told the truth, and I knew that the truth always went down a whole lot easier when swallowed with one of her "world-famous" cinnamon buns. I knew they were world-famous, because Grandma said so. It had to be true. Grandma was home, and the buns were still warm. Between bites, I told her everything. She was ready for me. "No Santa Claus?" she snorted.... "Ridiculous! Don't believe it. That rumor has been going around for years, and it makes me mad, plain mad!! Now, put on your coat, and let's go." "Go? Go where, Grandma?" I asked. I hadn't even finished my second world-famous cinnamon bun. "Where" turned out to be Kerby's General Store, the one store in town that had a little bit of just about everything. As we walked through its doors, Grandma handed me ten dollars. That was a bundle in those days. "Take this money," she said, "and buy something for someone who needs it. I'll wait for you in the car." Then she turned and walked out of Kerby's.

I was only eight years old. I'd often gone shopping with my mother, but never had I shopped for anything all by myself. The store seemed big and crowded, full of people scrambling to finish their Christmas shopping. For a few moments I just stood there, confused, clutching that ten-dollar bill, wondering what to buy, and who on earth to buy it for. I thought of everybody I knew: my family, my friends, my neighbors, the kids at school, the people who went to my church.

I was just about thought out, when I suddenly thought of Bobby Decker. He was a kid with bad breath and messy hair, and he sat right behind me in Mrs. Pollock's grade-two class. Bobby Decker didn't have a coat. I knew that because he never went out to recess during the winter. His mother always wrote a note, telling the teacher that he had a cough, but all we kids knew that Bobby Decker didn't have a cough; he didn't have a good coat. I fingered the ten-dollar bill with growing excitement. I would buy Bobby Decker a coat!

I settled on a red corduroy one that had a hood to it. It looked real warm, and he would like that. "Is this a Christmas present for someone?" the lady behind the counter asked kindly, as I laid my ten dollars down. "Yes, ma'am," I replied shyly. "It's for Bobby." The nice lady smiled at me, as I told her about how Bobby really needed a good winter coat. I didn't get any change, but she put the coat in a bag, smiled again, and wished me a Merry Christmas. That evening, Grandma helped me wrap the coat (a little tag fell out of the coat, and Grandma tucked it in her Bible) in Christmas paper and ribbons and wrote, "To Bobby, From Santa Claus" on it. Grandma said that Santa always insisted on secrecy. Then she drove me over to Bobby Decker's house, explaining as we went that I was now and forever officially, one of Santa's helpers. Grandma parked down the street from Bobby's house, and she and I crept noiselessly and hid in the bushes by his front walk. Then Grandma gave me a nudge. "All right, Santa Claus," she whispered, "get going." I took a deep breath, dashed for his front door, threw the present down on his step, pounded his door and flew back to the safety of the bushes and Grandma. Together we waited breathlessly in the darkness for the front door to open. Finally it did, and there stood Bobby.

Fifty years haven't dimmed the thrill of those moments spent shivering, beside my Grandma, in Bobby Decker's bushes. That night, I realized that those awful rumors about Santa Claus were just what Grandma said they were -- ridiculous. Santa was alive and well, and we were on his team.

I still have the Bible, with the coat tag tucked inside: \$19.95.