

# ✠ 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**

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February 5, 2012



“...He went to their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons...”

**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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Choir Director & Organist - Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
Organist - Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher  
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, February 4<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-10
- CCD Classes from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Grade 11
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

### **MONDAY, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

### **TUESDAY, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, February 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

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

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

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

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-10
- CCD Classes from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for Grade 11



## **Mass Intentions**



### **Saturday - February 4<sup>th</sup> ~ Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. - +For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary sodality Group of Theresa Sousa

4:00 p.m. - +Ovila & Dorothy Narreau – Paul & Pat Narreau

+Lorraine Perry – Leslie & Susan Bonneville

5:15 p.m. - +Germaine Morin – Robert Cole

+Alvin & Nora Rondeau – Their Son James & Family

### **Sunday - February 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - +Stephanie Putz – The Rosary Sodality

9:30 a.m. – +Edward Skura ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – His Wife Marge and Family

### **Monday - February 6<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00 a.m. – All Parishioners of Divine Mercy

+Mary Roman ~ 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – Her Family

### **Tuesday - February 7<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 p.m. – +Milton & Nellie Kokoszka – Their Family

### **Wednesday - February 8<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

7:00 a.m. – +Jennie Kareta – Lil Petraszewicz

### **Thursday - February 9<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Florence Ziemba – Her Family and Friends

### **Friday - February 10<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Scholastica, Virgin**

7:00 a.m. - +Martha Wozniakowski – Her Family

### **Saturday - February 11<sup>th</sup> ~ Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. - +Bertha Walukiewicz – Her Family

4:00 p.m. – +Catherine Giza ~ 6<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Her Family

+Edward Marhelewicz ~ 40<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – His Family

5:15 p.m. – +Robert, Roger, Richard & Ronald Bigos – Paul Bigos and Family

+Lorraine Milewski – Julie Strempek

### **Sunday - February 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. – +Edward Gula ~ 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniv. – His Wife & Son

+Joseph & Anna Nikodem & All Deceased Members of the Gula & Nikodem Families – Their Family

9:30 a.m. – +Mildred Robak – M/M Peter Karcz & Son

+Stephen Lebida – His Wife & Family

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



**NO CCD ON FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> & 19<sup>TH</sup> ~ SCHOOL VACATION**

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 from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Any questions please call Jean Brigham 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 2nd Reading, 1 Corinthians 9: "I have become all things to all, to save at least some."

The successful pro-life person understands the woman who has had: repeat abortions, children by several partners, or victimized by men; in order to share in the gospel.

## ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> ~ First Reconciliation at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ First Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass



**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.



**BLESSINGS AT COMMUNION TIME** If anyone cannot or does not wish to partake of the Eucharist, **you may come forward in Father Stefan's line** with your arms crossed on your chest to receive a blessing.



**STAR 2010-2011**- Your **February** 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 next drawing.



**BOY SCOUT SUNDAY** The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910, based on the program started by Lord Baden Powell in England on August 1, 1907. Scout Sunday was added to the Scout celebration in the middle 1940s. Scout Sunday this year will be celebrated on **February 5th**. The Boy Scout Law says that a "Scout is Reverent" and Scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God". These values strengthen youth character in their family, community and faith. Cub, Boy, and Venture Scouts along with Adult Leaders are asked to help celebrate Boy Scout Sunday by participating in the 9:30 Mass. Please contact Pam Kosnicki @ 283-3242 or [pamdkos@verizon.net](mailto:pamdkos@verizon.net). Scouts (in uniform) are asked to meet in the sacristy @ 9:00.



**CONGRATULATIONS:** We have several scouts receiving their religious medals at the **9:30 Mass on February 5th**. Adam Rice, Matt Sychtysz, and Dominic Sychtysz will be receiving the Pope Pius Award; Aidan Day, Harrison Lavoie, and Colin Doktor will be receiving the Light of Christ. We will also have scouts participating in the Mass who are working on receiving their religious medals. Make sure you congratulate these scouts the next time you see them and let them know how proud we are that they are members of the Boy Scouts as well as doing the extra to earn their religious emblems.



**TO ALL LECTORS** at the 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Saturday Masses; Please pick up your new schedules in the Sacristy unless it was Emailed to you.



**THE STS. PETER AND PAUL MEN'S GUILD** will hold their February meeting on **Tuesday, February 14, at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Hall. All current members are urged to attend, and any and all prospective members are cordially invited to come as well.



**THE MEN'S GUILD** is hosting a stuffed chicken breast dinner on **Saturday, February 18**. There will be social time with hors d'oeuvres from 6:00 - 6:30, and dinner following at 6:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The public is invited. These dinners are a perfect way for families and individuals to get out, socialize, and have a satisfying meal at a minimal expense. If you haven't been to one yet, come on out and give it a try!

## ~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

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**THE DIOCESAN OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION** in collaboration with the leaders of this fall's Alpha Program will be hosting a series of videos as an adult faith formation program for Lent. The series entitled Catholicism has been produced by Father Robert Barron and has recently aired on Public Television in many areas. Location: Marshall Center located on Elliot St. behind St. Michael's Cathedral – Time: Thursday evenings during Lent from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. – Date: **February 23<sup>rd</sup> and running every Thursday until March 29<sup>th</sup>** [Feb. 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29]. This Lent we will break open 3 of the 10 videos: Happy Are We: The Teachings of Jesus – Union of Christ and the Church – The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist. The program will be facilitated by Sr. Paula Robillard, Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of Springfield and will include prayer, a 30-minute viewing of the video, group discussion or quiet reflection (participant's choice) and light refreshments. There is no charge. A free will donation will be gladly accepted. Contact the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation at 452-0812, 452-0841.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SCHOOL** is now accepting applications for students wishing to enroll in the fall of 2012 in Grades K to 7. We are also announcing that we have full time openings (5 days a week) and part-time openings (5 half-day mornings) available in our Nursery School program. Students need to be 4 years old by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you are interested in a Principal's tour of the school or would like more information, please call us at 583-8550 or go to our website ([www.diospringfield.org/sjbschool](http://www.diospringfield.org/sjbschool)) and click on Registration/Tuition to print off a copy of the application.

St. John the Baptist School is a Catholic elementary school serving students in Nursery through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. We are dedicated to nurturing and challenging our students in spirit, mind and body.

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR THE CHILDREN OF POLAND!** The nonprofit organization Global Volunteers, based in St. Paul, Minn., is seeking compassionate short-term volunteers to share their English skills with students in eastern Poland. No experience is required, just an open mind, flexible attitude and a willingness to serve! Experience first-hand the rich culture and warm hospitality of Poland while you lend a helping hand to its next generation of leaders. Global Volunteers was founded by a Catholic couple in 1984 and for the past 21 years they have sent volunteers to Poland. Volunteers pay a service program fee (tax-deductible for U.S. tax payers) that covers all lodging, all meals, project expenses, the services of Polish staff, program expenses and administrative costs. Airfare is extra. Call 800-487-1074 for details or visit [www.globalvolunteers.org](http://www.globalvolunteers.org). via U.S. mail: Global Volunteers, 375 E. Little Canada Road, St. Paul, MN 55117. The Children of Poland say, Thank you

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## 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. 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. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for my son – Mom. 1. God's blessings & good health for Gloria Hughes – Lodzia Wasiuk. 1. St. Jude please intercede for employment and strength during this difficult time – C.D.. 1. For a healthy pregnancy & safe delivery for granddaughter & new great granddaughter G.&GG – L.R.. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. Father Stefan – S.L.. 1. Susan K.L. & family Michael & family – S. 1. +Julia A. Machnik, +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Anthony Repsys – Josie & Chet. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. Thank you St. Rita for favors – Josephine Y. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr – wife Edna & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Hedy Workum – Jane Swiderski. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Jean (Lech) Anderson – rest in peace – love, Josie & June. 1. God's blessings & a safe trip for Jeff also a full time job. 1. For heavenly strength, good health & peace for the next 25 years for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line & Mother of Mercy Prayer Force – L.R.. 1. For the souls who resisted every grace for conversion in their life time – L.R.. 1. For peace, forgiveness & heling for Captain Francisco Schettino – L.R.. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. God's blessings & good health for Mary Smola – Emily Izyk. 1. God's blessings for all our families. 1. God's blessings for Father Stefan on his 25<sup>th</sup> anniv. of his priesthood. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God please be at my sons side as he takes this journey. 1. God's blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God's blessings & health for my grandson – Babci. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – C. Misiaszek. 1. God's blessings – A.J.L. & Gale Benoit. 1. Living & deceased members of the Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. healing, strength & protection. 1. God's blessings – A.J. Lemanski – T&JK. 1. A. J. & Joanne – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings of good health & strength. 1. Safe return for our Son – love, Dad & Mom. 1. God's blessing & get well soon for John Petrashewicz – love, Josie & June. 1. Thank you, Carol Lavigne, Lynne Riendeau, Joanne Stolar – Barbara Miskiewicz. 1. A special intention for "BJ" – Barbara. 1. Thank you, Dick Kelleher & the staff at Ludlow Printing – Barara Miskiewicz. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. =Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Walter Lech, Jack & Reg Janosz. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters &

granddaughters. 1. Birthday blessings & good health for Lilly on her **12<sup>th</sup>** birthday – Babci & Dziadziu. 1. Thank you for favors received. 1. To Divine Mercy blessings for Fr. Stefan on his **25<sup>th</sup>** ordination anniv. – Mary Smola. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Ashley – love Julie & Carol. 1. +Nancy A. Cavanaugh – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – Gloria Nowak. 1. Birthday blessings for Hedy Workum Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Gloria Nowak. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Father Stefan – Gloria Nowak. 1. God’s blessing & return to good health for Hedy Workum – Nancy Morris. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Sophie & Steve Noga, thanks for favor received for Grandson Jeff – daughter Sophie. 1. God’s blessings & health for Pat Harrington – Sally Olearczyk. 1. St. Padre Pio help special intentions. 1. To St. Anthony for prayers answered – ABM 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. Happy Birthday – blessings for Cathy – Mom. 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.E.J. – M.P.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. Congratulations & God’s blessings for Fr. Stefan – Anna Stefanowich. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. God’s blessing & good health for Richard Forbes – V. Gilbert. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Stanley Lajzer – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Mertha Mikus – Pat Godek. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – Pat Godek. 1. God’s blessings for a successful surgery for my daughter. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Lucy for special intentions. 1. God’s blessings upon Michael Wojnilowicz on his **75<sup>th</sup>** birthday – The Wostenas. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Hedy Workum – Mark & Susan. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – T. & T. Kulig. 1. Cheryl S. special intentions – T.S. 1. Belated birthday blessings for Mary Desjardin – Gloria Nowak. 1. +nancy Cavanaugh – Barbara Marcinkiewicz. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. O zdrowi I Boze bogoslawnienstwo z okazji urodzin dla Malgorzaty Piaseckiej – od rodziny Wasiuk. 1. Blessings for successful surgery for Mary – Rose T. 1. +Dorothy Miskiewicz – Rose T.. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. Zsp. Veronika Stala – **33<sup>rd</sup>** anniv. – grandson John & family. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – Ruth Jamrog.

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### **GOOD SAMARITAN**

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up.."

### **DID NOAH FISH?**

A Sunday school teacher asked, "Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?" "No," replied Johnny. "How could he, with just two worms."

### **THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD**

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23 . She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Rick was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line. On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Ricky was so nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to know."

### **BEING THANKFUL**

A Rabbi said to a precocious six-year-old boy, "So your mother says your prayers for you each night? That's very commendable. What does she say?" The little boy replied, "Thank God he's in bed!"

### **SAY A PRAYER**

Little Johnny and his family were having Sunday dinner at his Grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Little Johnny received his plate, he started eating right away. "Johnny! Please wait until we say our prayer." said his mother. "I don't need to," the boy replied. "Of course, you do "his mother insisted. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house." "That's at our house." Johnny explained. "But this is Grandma's house and she knows how to cook.

**Mystery Answer - HOLY GARMENT**