

✠ 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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May 20, 2012



God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.

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, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, May 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

### **MONDAY, May 21<sup>st</sup>**

### **TUESDAY, May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

### **THURSDAY, May 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **FRIDAY, May 25<sup>th</sup>**

### **SATURDAY, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, May 27<sup>th</sup>**

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



## **Mass Intentions**



### **Saturday – May 19<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Alexander Lemanski – His Niece Lori Vaz  
4:00 p.m. – +Arline Britt – Her Sisters  
          +Sister Wielkiewicz – Gloria Nowak  
5:15 p.m. – +Louis & Alice Amell – Their Niece Janice  
          +Deceased Members of the Hallez Family – The Family

### **Sunday – May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. – +Sophie & Michael Pisarczyk – Their Daughter Blanche and Family  
          +Jerzy Kafinski od Syna z Rodzina  
9:30 a.m. – +Marilyn Astin – Her Family  
          +Jan, Zofia Lebida – Daughter-in-law  
**2:00 p.m. MAY DEVOTIONS**

### **Monday – May 21<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, & Companions, Matyrs**

7:00 a.m. – Divine Mercy Parishioners  
          A get well mass for Louise Fontaine – Her Aunt Lou

### **Tuesday – May 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ St. Rita of Cascia, Religious**

5:30 p.m. – +Tomasz i Maria Wielkewicz – Daughter Mary  
          +Audrey Gula – Janet & Mary Wilga

### **Wednesday – May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Walter Lech – Fredyrika Jaworek

### **Thursday – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Walter Lech, Jr. – The Yurkunas Family

### **Friday – May 25<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church;           St. Gregory VII, Pope; St. Mary Magdalena de Pazzi, Virgin**

7:00 a.m. – +Ann Zieminski – Robert Cole

### **Saturday – May 26<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Philip Neri, Priest**

7:00 a.m. – +Walter Smola ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv – His Wife Alice and Family  
4:00 p.m. – +Julia & Peter Karcz – Their Family  
          +Alexander & Bertha Niemiec – Their Daughter Irene & Carl  
5:15 p.m. +Stanley Bigda – His Wife and Family  
          +Whitney Houston – Lydia Tanne & Linda Haskell

### **Sunday – May 27<sup>th</sup> ~ Pentecost Sunday**

8:00 a.m. – +Jan Wasuik od zani Leokadia z rodzina  
9:30 a.m. – +Edward & Bernice Tenczar – Their Daughter-in-law Jeannette  
**2:00 p.m. MAY DEVOTIONS**

~~ DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS ~~



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 whether a Priest should marry?

A better question to meditate on “Was Jesus married???”



**PRO-LIFE REFLECTION**

From today's 2nd Reading, 1 John 4: "Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us and His love is brought to perfection in us."

By taking the life of another, we remove that part of God's life and love from our world as well as any perfection it would have evoked in us.

# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ Father Daniel Cymer Celebrates 1<sup>st</sup> Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup> ~ Men's Guild - Bronx Zoo Trip

Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Divine Mercy Parish Annual Picnic



**MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE** - Anyone who would like their intentions prayed for please **Email** them to [jmjdrrs2007@yahoo.com](mailto:jmjdrrs2007@yahoo.com) We have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for your intentions, etc.



**STS. PETER & PAUL PRAYER LINE** - Prayer Intentions, call Cindy Leveille at 283-7836.



**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Nominations have been tabulated and we are planning an election for five adult openings. There we're three youth names submitted for nomination and per the instruction of Father Stefan, all three will be automatically elected to the Parish Council. Election ballots will be available on **Saturday, May 26th and Sunday, May 27th** at all the Masses. Ballots will be located at the back and front of the church and may be deposited in the collection basket that weekend or the following weekend. Ballots can also be mailed to the Rectory during the week of May 28th. No ballots will be accepted after Sunday, June 3rd. In order to prevent multiple ballots from any individual, or non-parishioners, it is requested that the person submitting the ballot write their name at the bottom of the ballot. Confidentiality is assured, however; should anyone have concerns, ballots may be returned to the Rectory in person. It is requested that only parishioners cast ballots. Ballots that are obviously copied will automatically be disqualified.



Since our first year was such a success, we are going to have "**thee boutique**" again at the **Parish Picnic**. It's time to spring clean. We are accepting donations of gently used purses, jewelry, hats, scarves and any other accessories. Please leave them in the sacristy after Mass. Any questions see or call Cheryl Kozlik @ 413-283-2773. Thank You!



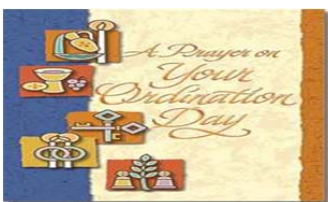
**ANNUAL PICNIC NEWS** ~The date for this years picnic will be **Sunday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Anyone wishing to donate to the "**Special Raffle**" please call Fred Orszulak at 283-7400, the Rectory at 283-6030 or Lydia McKee at 283-6865.



**MEMORIAL DAY CEMETERY MASS** will be held at St. Anne's Cemetery on **Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** There will be no 7:00 a.m. Mass in church on this day. If it rains, the Mass will be celebrated at Divine Mercy Parish.



**BRONX ZOO TRIP** – On **June 30<sup>th</sup>**, the Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild will sponsor a trip to the Bronx Zoo. The bus will depart Divine Mercy Parish parking lot at 7:30 a.m., and depart the Bronx Zoo at 5:00 p.m., with a stop for supper at the Danbury Mall; and return approximately at 9:15 to 9:30 p.m. The cost is \$62 for adults and \$58 for Children 12 and under and includes the bus fare and the Total Experience Ticket to the zoo. The zoo ticket covers the General Admission, Zoo Shuttle, Bengali Express Monorail, Children's Zoo, World of Darkness, World of Reptiles, Jungle World and Congo Gorilla Forest (excluding camel rides). Wear comfortable shoes as there is lots of walking on this tour, and of course, dress for the weather. Payment is due at time of reservation and must be paid before June 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Tom Losaw at 283-4688 or Steve Nowak at 283-9889. Include cell phone number for contact at the zoo.



On **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Deacon Daniel A. Cymer will be ordained into priesthood at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield. On **Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>**, Father Daniel A. Cymer will celebrate his first Mass at Divine Mercy Parish during the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Immediately following Mass there will be a buffet reception in the Parish Hall for Father Daniel. All are invited to attend and share your congratulations and good wishes for Father Daniel.



**ATTENTION CRAFTERS:** We need your help for the Craft Booth at the Annual Parish Picnic. If you have any hand made items that you wish to donate, please call Carol Lavigne @283-7222. God Bless you for your generosity.

**CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION ~ MAY 19<sup>TH</sup> & 20<sup>TH</sup>** Our diocesan Catholic Communications ministry and the national CCC office help to ensure an ongoing Catholic presence in today's media by educating, entertaining, inspiring and informing the faithful. This is a costly enterprise and this upcoming annual collection in support of Catholic Communications is crucial to the continuation of these evangelization and outreach efforts. Your support helps to bring a message of hope to countless people. This will be especially important in the coming months as we confront a number of issues for which our Church sponsored communication endeavors will be perhaps our only reliable means of reaching out to explain our positions and concerns. I strongly encourage you to support the annual Catholic Communications Campaign collection.



To the following students that made their  
First Holy Communion  
at Divine Mercy Parish on  
Sunday, May 6, 2012

Madisyn Auclair  
Robert Burke  
Roman Cardenales  
Aidan Day  
Colin Doktor  
Kylie Huse  
Krystian Kotowski  
John Lacey  
Logan LaMadeleine  
Harrison Lavoie

Miyah Mega  
Dylan Pinto  
Corin Przybycien  
Gina Richards  
Jayce Riel  
Derrick Smola  
Thomas Traugh  
Alexis Troche  
Logan Welch  
Paige Williams



## ~~ 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.

**OPERATION FRIENDSHIP OF PALMER** will be having a Refundable Can and Bottle Drive from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>**, at the Three Rivers Fire Station. For more information or to arrange pick up please call Lisa at 413-283-8598.

**CAMP HOLY CROSS** is a licensed traditional residential camp for students 8-15 years old. We offer a fun and exciting program which includes recreation and waterfront activities, arts and faith based activities. Camp Holy Cross offers a safe and well supervised program which benefits its campers. Counselor in training program offered for students 14-15 years old. Our facility includes cabins, full gymnasium and game room, dining hall and chapel. Staff includes nursing services. Camp will sell out. Please visit [www.campholycross.org](http://www.campholycross.org) or call 413-684-0125 for more info. Session I is July 8-13<sup>th</sup> and Session II is July 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>.

**CAMP HOLY CROSS ~ ANNUAL ALTAR SERVER OUTING** (All youth ministries invited [praise band, student lectors, etc.]) **Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 – 4:00 p.m.** Day will include individual and group activities field and waterfront activities. Private changing rooms and showers available. Packing list should include bathing suit, shorts, sunscreen & bug spray. Food and beverages will be provided. 10:30-4:00 p.m. Indoor & outdoor basketball, volleyball, pool, ping pong, shuffleboard, boating and swimming. 12:00-1:30 p.m. lunch and free time. 1:30-2:30 p.m. Parish Altar Server Recognition Awards, Parish Competitions at Main Field, Egg Toss. 2:30-4:00 p.m. free time to enjoy the camp. Cost is \$10 per person. Must register with your Parish. Chaperones required at no charge, Siblings welcome. Sponsored by Camp Holy Cross, Knights of Columbus and Diocesan Office of Vocations. Chaperones must be CORI checked by parishes prior to working with parish youth.

**THE IRISH CULTURAL CENTER AT ELMS COLLEGE** is accepting registrations for its twelfth annual Celtic Adventures for Kids, **July 23-27, 2012** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children from grades 1-9 take part in several classes daily: the Maguire Center swimming pool is also available for daily use. Coordinated by Mary Ellen O'Brien the classes include: Irish dancing, music (including singing Irish tunes, playing the tin whistle and the bodhran), Irish language, storytelling/literature, and arts and crafts. Cost is \$200 per child: \$20 discount for Irish Cultural Center members: \$20 discount for each additional child from the same family: \$50 non-refundable deposit with registration is due **June 11, 2011**: balance is due by July 11, 2011. Email: [irishcenter@elms.edu](mailto:irishcenter@elms.edu) or call 413 265-2537 for further information and/or a registration form. Check out our web site: [www.irish-cairde.org](http://www.irish-cairde.org)



~~ DONATIONS ~~

SINCERE THANKS

For your generosity and support of our parish  
God Bless All



**BIBLE WORD SEARCH** ~ Because He Lives I Can Live

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and highlight it. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters in the correct order to form the *mystery answer*. You can find the answer on the back page...but no peeking!



**SEARCH WORDS** ~ Abraham, Angels, Baptism, Bethesda, Betrayal, Blessed, Calvary, Counselor, Deliverer, Devil, Elizabeth, Father, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Jesus, Jordan, Joseph, Lord, Love, Mary, Passover, Redeemer, Redemption, Revelation, Risen, Sacrifice, Salvation, Savior, Servant, Sin, Tabernacle, Temple, The Light, The Truth, The Way, The Word, Trinity

*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. 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 – L.J.F. 1. Mike L. healing – L.J.F. 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. . +Anna Ziemiński – Larry Ziemiński & Terry & Stephanie Cole. 1. Zsp. Franciszka 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. Z sp. John I Michael Boronski – J.R.. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F.. . 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Deceased members of the Wilga family – M.W. 1. God's blessings & good health for son & daughter-in-law – Mom & Sister. 1. Sacred Heart of Jesus for favor received. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1.. +Walter P. Lech, Jr. – Kathryn.. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. Blessed Mother blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. God's blessings & good health for Ashley – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. God's blessing & good health John – love, Cioci Ruth. 1. God's blessings & special intentions for Rachel – Grammy. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. God's blessings & good health for Polly Koss – Cis Misiaszek. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. Laurie Tozer may you rest in peace – Vicki & Art. 1. St. Pio special intention. 1. Health for my son – Mom. 1. +Agnes Lechowicz – daughter. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Alexander & Bertha Niemiec. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Mary Miarecki on her birthday – daughter Vicki & son-in-law Art. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. Happy & healthy birthday Rita Brodeur – Emily Izyk. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Blessings & prayers for Jennie Lopata – sisters Irene & Rose. 1. Thank you for our son's safe return home – love, Dad & Mom. 1. +Alfred L. Jasnocha, Sr., Happy Birthday, Dad – Jack, Reg & family. 1. +Helen & Fred Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1.

+Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Frank & Edna Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. God’s blessings for Elizabeth Janasiewicz on her First Communion – Grandpa & Grammy. 1. For full time employment, Jesus I Trust In You. 1. +Wanda Kwasnik – Brother Michael. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God’s help & guidance for my son. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 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. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. Zsp. Jozefe Wasiuk – od corki Leokadii z rodzina. 1. Zsp. Floriany Wasiuk – od synowej Leokadii z rodzina. 1. God’s blessings & health for J.D. – T. & TS. 1. Cheryll S. health – T.S.. 1. Cole B. special intentions – C.D.&T.S.. 1. Thank you, Jesus for blessings received – Pauline & Eddie. 1. God’s blessings & health for Carol Mastalerz – Pat. 1. God’s blessings for our 8 grandchildren – Pauline & Eddie. 1. +Alfred L. Jasnocha – birthday remembrance – Charlie & Genie with love. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. In petition to Our Lady of Fatima for protection, guidance & care for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For all to realize the best gift we can give ourselves is the gift of forgiveness – L.R.. 1. +Melissa Rogers – L.R.. 1. In thanksgiving to Sally Mastalerz, Mary Ann Wostena & Diana Roth for helping in the Mothers Day, Pro Life Rose sale – L.R.. 1. For the souls of those who abandoned their children – L.R.. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KNJ. 1. God’s blessings – health for Zygmunt Wytrwal – Pauline & Eddie. 1. God’s blessings – health for our son – Mom & Dad. 1. Graduation blessings – Ben. 1. God’s blessings – students receiving their confirmation. 1. Frank & Terry Kulina – S.. 1. +Hedy Workum – S.. 1. Jay & Susan Konkel – S & family. 1. Michael Lemanski & family – S.. 1. Lori Vaz & Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik & Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. +Alexander Lemanski & Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. Continued healing for John P. – Deb & Pete. 1. To St. Philomena for special intentions. 1. Zsp. Sister M. Lucentia (Cecilia) Nadolski, F.S.S.J., 29<sup>th</sup> anniv. – Michael & Maryann Wostena. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Sophie Pisarczyk, 39<sup>th</sup> anniv. – daughter Blanche & family. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. +Helen Kaczowka – daughter. 1. +Helena Dominik – 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. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. Blessings & Happy Birthday June Slozak – love you – Josephine Yurkunas. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family protection, health & strength. 1. +Helen Magiera – love, Trudy, Pam & Lisa. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan - S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family.



### Mama's Bible

Four brothers left home for college, and they became successful doctors and lawyers.

One evening, they chatted after having dinner together. They discussed the 95th birthday gifts they were able to give their elderly mother who moved to Florida.

The first said, "You know I had a big house built for Mama."

The second said, "And I had a large theater built in the house."

The third said, "And I had my Mercedes dealer deliver an SL600 to her."

The fourth said, "You know how Mama loved reading the Bible and you know she can't read anymore because she can't see very well. I met this preacher who told me about a parrot who could recite the entire Bible. It took ten preachers almost 8 years to teach him. I had to pledge to contribute \$50,000 a year for five years to the church, but it was worth it Mama only has to name the chapter and verse, and the parrot will recite it."

The other brothers were impressed. After the celebration Mama sent out her "Thank You" notes.

She wrote: Milton, the house you built is so huge that I live in only one room, but I have to clean the whole house. Thanks anyway."

"Marvin, I am too old to travel. I stay home; I have my groceries delivered, so I never use the Mercedes. The thought was good. Thanks."

"Michael, you gave me an expensive theater with Dolby sound and it can hold 50 people, but all of my friends are dead, I've lost my hearing, and I'm nearly blind. I'll never use it. Thank you for the gesture just the same."

"Dearest Melvin, you were the only son to have the good sense to give a little thought to your gift. The chicken was delicious Thank you so much."



Love, Mama



**Mystery Answer: Awesome God**