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Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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December 16, 2012

Third Sunday of Advent



Vigil of Sunday – 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - **Sunday** – 8:00 a.m.(Polish) and 9:30 a.m. **Daily Masses** – 7:00 a.m. (except Tuesday) - Tuesday – Novena & Mass 5:30 p.m. **Holy Day Masses** – Refer to Mass Schedule

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Friday at 6:30 p.m. **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY** – Contact Rectory to make arrangements **SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)** – Contact Rectory when the need arises **SICK CALLS** – Anytime

Items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Editorial discretion on all items. Email: <a href="mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com">stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com</a>.

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**Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish** ~ 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 15<sup>TH</sup>

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

## **SUNDAY, December 16**<sup>TH</sup>

- CCD Classes for Grades 6-10 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
- Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations 4:00 p.m. in the church

## MONDAY, December 17<sup>TH</sup>

#### TUESDAY, December 18<sup>TH</sup>

- Choir Rehearsal - check with Mark Narreau, Director

#### WEDNESDAY, December 19<sup>TH</sup>

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

#### THURSDAY, December 20<sup>TH</sup>

#### FRIDAY, December 21st

#### SATURDAY, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, December 23rd

- NO CCD Classes for Grades 6-10 from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.
- Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations 4:00 p.m. in the church

# **Mass Intentions**

## Saturday - December 15th

7:00 a.m. - +Deceased members of the Morin Family - The Family

4:00 p.m. - +Jane Swiderski - Sally Olearczyk & Family

+Frank Kargol Family - The Family

5:15 p.m. - +Stanely Orluk - His Brother Adolph

+Frances Bukowski - Susanne & Daniel Cole

## Sunday - December 16th Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. – +Bogdan Fitowicz od Wacław i Janina Pryga

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

+Stanley Wojtowicz – His Son's Paul and Stanley

## Monday - December 17th

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

### Tuesday - December 18th

5:30 p.m. - + Mary Walulak - Sts. Peter & Paul Prayer Line

+Constantine & Josephine Cioch - Their Daughter and Grandchildren

## Wednesday - December 19th

 $7:00 \text{ a.m.} - + \text{Josephine Cioch} \sim 13^{\text{th}} \text{ Anniv.} - \text{Her Daughter & Grandchildren}$ 

## Thursday - December 20th

7:00 a.m. – +Alice & Anita Fortier – Their Family

+Juanita Gralinski – Three Rivers Polish Women's Club

## Friday - December 21st ~ St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. - +William Watson - His Wife & Children

## Saturday - December 22nd

7:00 a.m. - +Mary Rusiecki – Maryann & Gene Grzywna

4:00 p.m. - +Deceased Members of the Frank Jamrog Family - The Family

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

5:15 p.m. – +Jozef Sucharski – His Wife & Family

+Joseph Majka – C. Bukowski & Family

## **Sunday** - December 23<sup>rd</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. – +Helena i Stanislaw Wytrwal od Rodziny

+Charles & Edna Graveline - The Graveline Family

9:30 a.m. - +John Olearczyk - His Wife & Family

+Joseph Halgas - His Wife & Family

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



CCD Classes for Grades K-5  $\sim$  Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. CCD Classes for Grades 6-10  $\sim$  Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

# NO CCD CLASSES DECEMBER 22ND & 23RD NO CCD CLASSES DECEMBER 29TH & 30TH

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

"Looking for a good GPS? God Provides Salvation, He gives the right direction."

#### For Reflection:

"We better get used to each others faults, because we never know who our neighbor will be in heaven.



#### PRO-LIFE REFLECTION

From today's Gospel, Luke 3: "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none."

There are no qualifications set for the recipient, only non-judgmental love of the giver.

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# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE Anyone who would like their intentions prayed for please EMAIL them to jmjdrsr2007@yahoo.com. We have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for your intentions etc.

<u>BLESSINGS AT COMMUNION TIME</u> 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.

PARISH WEB-SITE – www.churchofdivinemercy.org. Paul Brozek is the person that updates the web-site; if you have any comments or would maybe like to see something added, please contact the Rectory. Weekly bulletin can be viewed there.

FOOD SHARE – Please continue to assist with your donations to the Food Share program. All non-perishable items are accepted, including crackers, Jell-O, condiments, coffee, tea, jams, jellies, cake mixes, etc. Drop off donations in the box at church. *Thank you for your help!*

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

HAVE YOU EVER GIVEN THOUGHT TO BECOMING A LECTOR (reader at Mass)? The rewards of serving God are far more than words can say. There is no special training for this and anyone who has the desire; even high school age students are eligible. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Diane Baldyga at 283-8608.

STAR 2012-2013- 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 next drawing.

LOTTERY CALENDARS we're sent to all our parishioners a few weeks ago. The sale of these calendars is open to the public. If you know of anyone that would like to purchase one or if you yourself would like to purchase more to give as gifts for Christmas, birthdays, or as a show of gratitude to someone, they are available after Masses on the weekends or by calling the Rectory.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS The Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild has generously donated the "Keep Christ in Christmas" magnets to all Divine Mercy Parishioners. If you would like to help spread a simple message, please take one, they are available as you enter the church. Since 2005 the display of this Nativity Scene has helped quietly affirm the true meaning of Christmas, the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. The Men's Guild purchased just enough so that each parishioner could have a magnet for their car, so please only take one if you plan to display it on your vehicle.

Sonny & Diana Roth would like to thank Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality, The Men's Guild, Stolar Insurance Agency & all who generously gave to help the Sandy storm victims, and a special thanks to Father Stefan for all his help. God Bless All, Jesus is the reason for the season.

THE MEN'S GUILD is still in need of donations to fill the sleigh for their Annual Sleigh Raffle. Anybody who wishes to donate items for this raffle can drop off their donations at the Rectory by **Saturday, December 22**. The drawing for the raffle will be done on the 22nd as well. Anybody wishing to purchase tickets for the raffle should see any Men's Guild member.



~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

CANDLELIGHT FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS The 13th Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, a celebration of light, will be presented by The Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults on **Saturday**, **December 15th**, **at 7:30 p.m**. at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, Springfield, MA. Lessons and Carols is a service of alternating Scripture and song that dates back to the late 19th century. This popular holiday tradition begins in candlelight and will include the cathedral strings, percussion, hand bells and organ. As the official musicians of the Dioceses of Springfield, the choir preserves and promotes the highest artistic standards of cathedral choral traditions from around the world. The choir cultivates excellence in the boys of the choir through education in music theory and is the only boy and adult choir in the region. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, please contact Office of Divine Worship at (413)452-0839 or worship@diospringfield.org.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES The Irish Cultural Center in Chicopee, Ma in cooperation with Elms College, is pleased to announce that several Irish Language courses will be offered in the second semester beginning on **January 23rd**. For the third year in a row, an Irish Language Fulbright Teacher, Ciara Cosgrove, will play a key role in the offerings. The other teachers are Tom Moriarty and Chip Costello. For further information, call the Irish Culture Center at 413-265-2537, or Tom Moriarty at 413-592-6951.

JOIN THOUSANDS OF YOUR PRO-LIFE FRIENDS in Washington DC on Friday, January 25th to PRAY, LOBBY, and MARCH to peacefully protest the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal through ALL NINE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY! PRAY: For the conversion of our legislators at the Youth Rally or Basilica Mass LOBBY: Our Senators John Kerry and Elizabeth Warren and Congressmen Richard Neal and Jim McGovern MARCH: 400,000+ strong from all across the country to say "Every Human Life Is Precious and Deserves To Be protected including the Unborn!" Buses leave the Chicopee area on Thursday, January 24th at 11:00 pm, and return at approximately 2:00 am Saturday, January 26th. It's a challenging trip that will change your life! Please contact the P.V. Mass. Citizens for Life office at (413)583-5034, Susie Lopes at (413)592-6015 or Walter James at (413)733-4580. Make your reservations early. Call with questions. Tickets: \$ 48.00 per person / \$ 25.00 for students. Payment is due at time of reservation. Donations toward the crusade are greatly appreciated, especially for the numerous young people in attendance. Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens for Life P.O. Box 96, 109 Center Street, Ludlow, Ma. 01056 (413) 583-5034 Fax (413) 547-6279 Email: info@pymcfl.org

Web: www.pymcfl.org

2013 SJBS LOTTERY CALENDARS: St. John the Baptist School is now selling its 2013 Lottery Calendars. Each Lottery Calendar gives you **365 chances to win over \$15,000 in cash prizes during 2013**. The Calendars can be purchased through the students of our school or at the Rectory for **\$20**. **each (\$18. for seniors 65 and over)** and all the proceeds will support SJBS' mission to "Nurture and Challenge our Students in Spirit, Mind and Body". We are grateful for your support!



<u>Divine Mercy Parish Council Meeting - November 20, 2012 Minutes</u>

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Stefan

Attendance: 18 Present; 2 Absent (T. Smola, C. Mastalarz); 5 Excused (J. Brozek, B.

Gallagher, McDougal, L. McKee, T. Schultz)

Minutes of previous meeting (April 17) were read and accepted.

<u>**OLD BUSINESS**</u>: The roof on the grotto has not been repaired (it is not leaking). The Communion Breakfast, with guest speaker on Question 2, was a success. The speaker was excellent. Diane Baldyga received no new volunteers for lectoring. Luke Roberts is working on plaques with the English text for the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Deb Ingalls published a list of the parish council members in the bulletin, as well our last minutes. STAR raffle response is not as great as last year, but it is still a good fundraiser. Lotto Calendars have already gone out. There will be another election for Parish council in the spring. Volunteers were sought to have their terms end, and to re-run in the Spring. Donald Frydryk, Diane Baldyga, Fred Orszulak and Paul Laflamme volunteered. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 3, unless something important comes up before then.

NEW BUSINESS: The high school CCD class would like to put on a breakfast to benefit the Covenant House, as well as a student from the class who is planning to go to Haiti on school vacation with a diocesan youth ministry organization. A parishioner complained about the sidewalk aside the Church, and how there is a 'lip' that is a trip hazard. Father will ask a contractor if it can be addressed. However, with change in temperature, the sidewalk sections rise and fall. The issue of lighting outside the school, after events, was addressed. There are lights, but not everyone knows how to turn them on and off. Fred suggested aiming a light between the school and the parking lot. The sign from St. Anne's has been put in the parking lot, but nothing has been put on it. Father will take care of that. John Yurkunas suggested posting in the bulletin the reason why Catholics should genuflect before the altar, perhaps under a heading "The ABC's of Being Catholic". A discussion was held about Adult Education, and the reception of Communion at the altar (and not taking the host back to your pew).

Motion was made to adjourn - seconded and passed.

Closing prayer was led by Father Stefan.

~~ <u>DONATIONS</u> ~~

GENERAL FUND \sim In loving memory of Mom & Nana \sim \$20 from Jayne, Conrad & Alexis

\$1000 for Christmas Flowers from the Rosary Sodality

SINCERE THANKS
For your generosity and 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 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!

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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 & sisterin-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 – LJF. 1. Mike L. healing – LJF.1. Healing for Dennis M. – LJF. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1... +Anna Zieminski – Larry Zieminski & Terry & Stephanie Cole. 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. Z sp. John I Michael Boronski – J.R., 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F., 1. +Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. +Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Dee Bigos – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessing & good health for Camden Lee – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessings for my son to get his interview for the job he applied for – G.N... 1. God's intervention for Kevin. 1. Thank you Jesus, for prayers answered & blessings received - Pauline & Eddie. 1. +Barnard Lajzer – brother Francis Lajzer. 1. +John Lajzer, Jr. – brother Francis Lajzer. 1. +Robert Lajzer, Sr. – uncle Francis Lajzer. 1. +Christine Lajzer – husband Francis Lajzer. 1. Armand Madelle for good health & happiness – Francis Lajzer. 1. +Stanley Lajzer – brother Francis Lajzer. 1. +Anna Lajzer – son Francis Lajzer. 1. +Faustyn Lajzer – son Francis Lajzer. 1. +Elizabeth Luppi – brother Francis Lajzer. 1. +Joseph Siok – grandson Francis Lajzer. 1. +Roselyn Siok – grandson- Francis Lajzer. 1. +Father Henry Siok – nephew Francis Lajzer. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P., 1. God's blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. - M.P.. 1. In loving memory of Fran & Vic Bukowski - Cathie & Ron. 1. Good interview for job for son – D.. 1. +Walter P. Lech, Jr. – Kathryn. 1. God's blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Health & blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. +Sophie Socha – Anna. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. St. Lucy - E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony - E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. - wife Edna & family. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Stanley P. & Mary Jasak - Connie, Chick &

family. 1. +George & Irene Rebello – family. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +John Frydryk - Monica D., 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" protection, health & strength. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. God's blessings & good health, please improve my health. 1. God's blessings, good health & a fulltime job for M.. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. May Richard's guardian angels protect & bless him with good health during the holiday season, love, Mom & June. 1. May God continue to watch over Michael & restore him to good health - love, Aunt Josie & June. 1. +Adolph S. Jurczyk - Gloria Nowak. 1. +John Frydryk – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Stanley J. Kusek – Gloria Nowak. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. +Lewis Kapinos – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. Birthday blessings for Father Stefan – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing for KDJ. 1. Birthday blessings – Father Stefan. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. For St. Christophers protection & guidance for Father Stefan in his travels either around the block or around the world – L.R.. 1.+Gary Peterson – L.R.. 1. For courage & strength for all Pro-Life people in our government – L.R.. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Blessigns – Walter & Helen Swiatlowski. 1. +Chester Lemanski – Lori. 1. Living & deceased members of the Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Julia A. Machnik & +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Gene Maestrone & Mary Silva – S.. 1. +Doris Magiera & +Hedy Workum – S.. 1. Michael Lemanski family & Lori Vaz & Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Konkel family & Joanne Lemanski – S.. 1. +Alexander Lemanski +Jennie Vaz - S.. 1. +Frances Bukowski - Millie D.. 1. +Joseph Dominik - wife & son. 1. Family health & God's blessing.1. To St. Martin de Porres for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. - wife & children. 1. +Grace Kulpa - husband Ed. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God's blessings for Todd & Madeline. 1. God's help & guidance for my son. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. +Jeanne Edelman & Bea Llakel - Rose Tyburski. 1. +Stanley Rys -Sophie Lebida. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings for our family. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – wife & family. 1. Happy 17th birthday to our grandson C. Bryant - R.K.&D.K.. 1. +Jaunita Gralinski - Trudy Mercier. 1. God's blessings for husband. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family.. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. Thank you Lord for safely bringing my great-niece, Gabriella Diana Gasbarino into the world on 12/12/12, please bless her life with love and health – Great-aunt Debbie Ingalls.



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Mystery Answer is Highly Favored