

✠ 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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December 30, 2012



...And unto us a Child is born.

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 29<sup>th</sup>

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

#### SUNDAY, December 30<sup>th</sup>

- 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

#### MONDAY, December 31<sup>st</sup>

#### TUESDAY, January 1<sup>st</sup>



- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

#### WEDNESDAY, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

#### THURSDAY, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### FRIDAY, January 4<sup>th</sup>

#### SATURDAY, January 5<sup>th</sup>

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

#### SUNDAY, January 6<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

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday – December 29<sup>th</sup> ~ The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr**

7:00 a.m. - God's Blessings for Gabriella Diana Gasbarino – Her Loving Family

4:00 p.m. – +Frances Bukowski – Frank & Ann Karakla  
+Stanley Orluk – His Wife Irene & Family

5:15 p.m. – +Richard Wawro ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv. – His Wife, Daughters and Family

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

8:00 a.m. – +Rev. Robert Ceckowski ~ 15<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – The Wostena Family

9:30 a.m. – +Edward Mincy – His Wife Donna Mincy  
+Eleanor Skowronek – Frederika Roszko & Family

### **Monday – December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ St. Sylvester I, Pope ~New Year's Eve~**

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

6:00 p.m. – Mass of Thanksgiving for the Year 2012

### **Tuesday – January 1<sup>st</sup> ~ The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God ~New Year's Day~**

8:00 a.m. - +Milton & Nellie Kokoszka – Their Family

9:30 a.m. – God's Blessing for the New Year 2013

### **Wednesday – January 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ St. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church**

7:00 a.m. – +Catherine White – William & Frances White

### **Thursday – January 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus**

7:00 a.m. – +Murielle Moon – Her Niece

### **Friday – January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious**

7:00 a.m. - +Stanley Wostena – His Family

### **Saturday – January 5<sup>th</sup> ~ St. John Neumann, Bishop**

7:00 a.m. **For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality Group of Beverly Glabicki**

4:00 p.m. – +Emily Prouoty – Her Family  
+George & Nellie Motyka – Janice Kucewicz

5:15 p.m. – +Deceased Members of the Frydryk & Pelczarski Families – Their Family  
+Josephine Yurkunas – Fryderiyka Jaworek

### **Sunday – January 6<sup>th</sup> ~ The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. – +Sophie Valtelhas – Janina i Zygmunt Wytrwal

9:30 a.m. – +Julia Pikul – Nancy Wheeler  
+Katarzyna Salamon – Her Daughter

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

**NO CCD CLASSES DECEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup>**

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 2: ***“When his parents saw him, they were astonished...”***

By "choice" many will never experience that wonder and astonishment of their child.

## ~~ 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.



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.



PARISH WEB-SITE - 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!*



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.

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LOTTERY CALENDARS The sale of these calendars is open to the public. You can still purchase these calendars through January 2013. You are eligible to win right through to the end of January. If you know of anyone that would like to purchase one or if you yourself would like to purchase more, they are available after Masses on the weekends or by calling the Rectory.



ROSARY MASS AND BREAKFAST on Saturday, January 5th. Special speakers will be Scott and John Roth discussing their experience bringing donated items to the victims of Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island and New Jersey. Hope to see you.

~ TO ALL ~

WISHES FOR A
BLESSED NEW YEAR

~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

14-DAY IRELAND & SCOTLAND HERITAGE TOUR In 2013 The Irish Cultural Center at Elms College will be heading off on a "New" grand tour for a magical 14-day journey through Ireland and Scotland. The tour will include breathtaking countryside, fascinating historical sites and vibrant cities such as Dublin, Belfast and Edinburgh. Highlights of the tour include a visit to the new \$124.4 million Titanic Belfast Experience Center that recently opened in April 2012 for the 100th Anniversary and Scotland's most spectacular event that takes place in August, the "Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo". The summer tour is scheduled for August 15-28, 2012 and includes stays in Dingle, Killarney, Kinsale, Dublin, Belfast, Edinburgh and Glasgow. An Information Session will take place on **Sunday, January 13, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.** in Dooley Campus Center at Elms College on 291 Springfield Street in Chicopee. A \$400 deposit is requested to reserve space on the tour and the tour is limited to only 45 passengers. For more information please contact Kathy Gallivan at [\(413\) 536-9709](tel:4135369709) or visit www.ElmsIrishCenter.org.

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 next program beginning with a weekend **January 18th-20th**, please call [1-800-470-2230](tel:18004702230), send an email to Kathy and Russ Held at held5@charter.net or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

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. 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@pvmcfl.org Web: www.pvmcfl.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!



Always remember...
Show respect to the Lord.
Genuflect as you are able,
But, do it with your heart



BIBLE WORD SEARCH ~ Kings

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!

M A N A S S E H
Z M H J H J A I
I O D A O I A R
M N L S K A V M
R E I E L E S O
I A D I D U P H
H E Z E K I A H
Z N O M O L O S

SEARCH WORDS Amon, Elah, Hezekiah, Joash, Josiah, Manasseh, Omri, Pekah, Saul, Solomon, Zedekiah, Zimri

~~ DONATIONS ~~

GENERAL FUND ~ In loving memory of **Josephine Yurkunas** ~ \$25 from Pathfinder Sunshine Club, \$10 from Patricia Godek

SEMINARIAN EDUCATIONAL FUND ~ In memory of **Grandfather Thomas McLaughlin** ~ \$35 from His Grandson Tommy Walker.

In memory of **Josephine Yurkunas** ~ \$50 from Josephine Slozak, \$50 from June Slozak

SINCERE THANKS

For your generosity and 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. 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. 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. +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. For thanksgiving to Jesus for the many blessings received & a full time job. 1. God's blessing & good health for my son – Mom. 1, God's blessing & good health for Gloria Hughes – L.W.. 1. Thank you, Jesus, for continued blessings received – Pauline & Eddie. 1. God's blessings & health for our son & daughter-in-law – Pauline & Eddie. 1. God's guidance for our grandson. 1. God's blessings & health for Julie & Carol Mastalerz in 2013 – love, Pat. 1. +Louis Zglobiicki – wife & family. 1. +Lewis Kapinos – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife Edna & family. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Charlie & Eleanor. 1. +Bernard, Mary & Stan Skowronek – love, Skowronek family. 1. +Fran & Stan Pietryka, Sophie Les, Alice Baj Kulig missing you – love Lori Skowronek & family. 1. +Josephine Yurkinas – Connie & Chick Wlodyka. 1. +Stanley P. & Mary Jasak – Connie, Chick & family. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +Frank & Ray Kapinos – family. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. God's blessings & good health for Ron & a full time job. 1. +Ted & Virginia Gumula – love, family. 1. +Josephine Yurkinas – Lil Petraszewicz. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. In thanksgiving for prayers answered – AKM. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Joseph Slozak – your family misses you more than words can say. 1. Mom may 2013 find you blessed with good health – love, June & Richard. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – sending you Christmas wishes from the heart – love, Josie & June. 1. Wishing Richard a new year blessed with good health of body & mind – love Mom & June. 1. +Jane & Ed Swiderski – Donna & Ken Martin & family. 1. +Roger Martin – Donna & Ken Martin & family. 1. Employment for son – D.. 1. +John Miarecki - wife. 1. God's blessings for Todd & Madeline. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God's help & guidance for my son. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Barbara Wawro. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – love, Pat. 1. Zsp. Josephine Yurkunas – John & Irene Dyl. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. In thanksgiving for blessings received in “2012” – Barbara. 1. Blessings for Josie & June Slozak – with appreciation – Barbara & Anna. 1. Blessings for my mother – Barbara. 1. Thank you Dear Lord & Blessed Mother for blessings received throughout 2012. 1. +Matthew Ratelle – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Mary Conant. 1. +Roger Desmarais – wife Monica. 1. +Chester Godek – godchild Leslie & Susie Bonneville. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. +Jane Swiderski – Julie Strempek. 1. +Eric Wolchek.

1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1 +Henry Stafanowich – Anna. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. +Josephine Starzyk. 1. +Agnes Gilbert. 1. +Lawrence Starzyk. 1. to St. Polycarp for special intentions. 1. To Our Lady of Lourdes for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. Zsp. Rev. Robert Ceckowski, 15th anniv. – the Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Josephine Yurkunas – Blanche Wostena & children. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. For a blessed peaceful & healthy 2013 for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. For the soul of Charlotte Bacon & peace & comfort for her family – L.R.. 1. Happy New Year to all & to all a Blessed Peaceful 2013 – L.R.. 1. +P. J. Jamilowski – Pat & Paula. 1. +Peter Godek – Pat Godek. 1. +Nell Kowalec – Pat Godek. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. +Milton & Eleanor Kaczowka – family. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of protection, health & strength. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. +Hedy Workum & +Doris Magiera – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik +Stelal Maestron, the 6 yrs. Odl shot in Newton & teachers – S.. 1. Michael Lemanski family & Joanne – S.. 1. +Alexander Lemanski +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Konikel family & Lori Vaz & Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Christa Bressette – Charlie & Genie Bates & family. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Mary Besko. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Veronica Kokloszka. 1. Cole B. special intentions – C.S.& T.S.. 1. Cheryll S. health – T.S.. 1. God’s intervention for Kevin. 1. +Alphonse Roszko – wife & family. 1. +Veronica Goodreau – sister & family. 1. +Walter P. Lech, Jr. Merry Christmas Dad – Kathryn. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. +Swiatlowski & Walega families. 1. +Frank & sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God’s blessings for our family in the New Year. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. God’s blessing at Christmas for the Wawro, Kubacki, Williams 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. +Helen & Stanley Izyk – Ron & Cathie. 1. In loving memory at Christmas for Fran & Vic Bukowski – Cathie & Ron. 1. Health & blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 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. +Dad Richard Warwo – Deb & Pete. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Walter Galinski – from family. 1. +Josephine Yurkunas – Rosalie Kokoszka. 1. +Alexander & Bertha Niemiec, 1, +Stanislaw & Marianna Niemiec. 1. +Joseph & Josephine Opielowski. 1. +Monty Sikorski – love, Dotty & Debbie. 1. +Edward & Helen Magiera – love, Dotty & Debbie. 1. Birthday blessings for Mary Russed – love, Julie & Carol. 7. Votive lamps from the Rosary Sodality, Christmas 2012: 1. God’s blessings & good health for all members, 2. Souls of deceased members; 3. Blessings for our pastor, Fr. Stefan; 4. Blessings for Fr. Jeff Ballou; 5. Successful Eucharistic Adoration in our parish; 6. Vocations to the priesthood & religious life; 7. Deceased priests & sisters who served our parish.

IN LOVING MEMORY – Please remember in your prayers the souls of Helen Smola & Christa Bressette. May they rest in peace.

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When four of Santa's elves got sick, the trainee elves did not produce toys as fast as the regular ones, and Santa began to feel the Pre-Christmas pressure. Then Mrs. Claus told Santa her Mother was coming to visit, which stressed Santa even more. When he went to harness the reindeer, he found that three of them were about to give birth and two others had jumped the fence and were out, Heaven knows where. Then when he began to load the sleigh, one of the floorboards cracked, the toy bag fell to the ground and all the toys were scattered. Frustrated, Santa went in the house for a cup of apple cider and a shot of rum. When he went to the cupboard, he discovered the elves had drunk all the cider and hidden the liquor. In his frustration, he accidentally dropped the cider jug, and it broke into hundreds of little glass pieces all over the kitchen floor. He went to get the broom and found the mice had eaten all the straw off the end of the broom. Just then the doorbell rang, and an irritated Santa marched to the door, yanked it open, and there stood a little angel with a great big Christmas tree. The angel said very cheerfully, 'Merry Christmas, Santa. Isn't this a lovely day? I have a beautiful tree for you. Where would you like me to stick it?'

And thus began the tradition of the little angel on top of the Christmas tree. Not very many people know this!



The Mystery Answer is David