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Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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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

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.

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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, September 21st

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

SUNDAY, September 22nd

- -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, September 23rd

TUESDAY, September 24th

- Choir Rehearsal - check with Mark Narreau, Director

WEDNESDAY, September 25th

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

THURSDAY, September 26th

FRIDAY, September 27th

SATURDAY, September 28th

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

SUNDAY, September 29th

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



Mass Intentions



Saturday - September 21st ~ St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

7:00 a.m. +Boguslaw Grzywna – His Family

4:00 p.m. +Emily & Frank Prouty, Jr. & Walter Swiatlowski - Andrew & Cindy Leveillee

5:15 p.m. +Tommy and Thomas McLaughlin – Wife and Daughter

Sunday -~ September 22nd ~ Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Josephine Slozak – The Rosary Sodality

9:30 a.m. +James Lafond, Jr. - His Uncle Andrew

Monday - September 23rd ~ Pio, Priest of Pietreicina

7:00 a.m. +Ernest Bernard - Tom & Alice Losaw

Tuesday - September 24th

5:30 p.m. +Joseph Socha – Anna Stefanowich & Barbara Miskiewicz

Wednesday - September 25th

7:00 a.m. +Josephine Slozak - Chris Wheeler

Thursday - September 26th ~ Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

7:00 a.m. +Lucy Desmarais - Ladies of St. Anne Sodality

<u>Friday</u> – September 27th ~ St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00 a.m. +Arthur Moriarty - Stephanie Moriarty

<u>Saturday</u> – September 28th ~ St. Wenceslaus, Martyr; St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs; Blessed Virgin Mary

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

4:00 p.m. +Francis Dyl - Cecelia Misiaszek

+Henry Jacek~ Anniv. - His Son Fred & Daughter-in-law Joyce

5:15 p.m. Special Blessings for the Andre, Ingalls, Doane & Gasbarino Families

Sunday -~ September 29th ~ Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. +Matthew Walulak - His Wife & Family

9:30 a.m. +Andrew & Alice Smart - Their Son Andrew

~~ <u>DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS</u> ~~

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.

We are so blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed for 18 yrs. now. The Blessed Sacrament can't be exposed unless a person is willing to sacrifice 1 hour. Will you be that person??? If you can substitute or commit to a specific hour, for information please contact Diana Roth @ 283-8709. We need your help! God will not be outdone in generosity!

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

For Reflection:

"We better get used to each other's faults, Because, we never know who our neighbor will be in heaven.



PRO LIFE REFLECTION

1st Reading, Amos:" Never will I forget the things they have done."

Our God judges us on how we treat one another.

~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

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.

THE APOSTLES OF PRAYER ~ If you would like prayers for anyone or would like to join the prayer line, please call Cindy Leveillee at 283-7836.

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.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!*

STAR 2012-2013- Your September 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 that will take place by the end of September.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – At the meeting that took place Tuesday evening, September 17th new members were welcomed. Amongst other items, the subject of the St. Anne property was discussed. The members were informed by Father Stefan that there is an interested party that would like to purchase the property. All members discussed the matter and took a vote and approved the sale of the property. Another item of discussion was that a new President for the Parish Council needs to be appointed. It was decided that a new President would be elected at the next meeting.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN - The Diocese of Springfield's Office of Counseling, Prevention and Victim Services was established to fulfill the U.S. conference of Catholic Bishops commitment to victims, survivors and family members of those who have suffered from sexual abuse by clergy or anyone working in the Catholic Church. Our promise and pledge to protect and to heal includes measures to insure accountability, promote healing and reconciliation, and prevent future acts of abuse. To report abuse or more information, call the diocesan office at 413-452-0624 or the confidential hotline at 800-842-9055. State law also requires abuse and or neglect of a minor must be reported to Mass Dept. of Social Services at 800-792-5200 or through your local police. Divine Mercy's Advocated is Jean Brigham and she can be reached at 283-4232. Anti-Bullying internet resources for children and caring adults are www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids/ www.stopbullies.com www.stopbullies.com www.s

~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

ST. MARY'S CHURCH 60 South Street, Ware, MA will be holding a Dinner/Dance on **Saturday, September 21**st **from 6:15 to 10:30 p.m.** Please come join us for an evening of dinner and dancing to the swing band "Heritage Pops". The cost is \$17 per person and you can get your tickets by calling St. Mary's Rectory at 413-967-5913.

POLISH DAY – NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE DIVINE MERCY – STOCKBRIDGE, MA \sim A pilgrimage to the Shrine is being organized by St. Mary's Parish is Ware, MA on **Sunday**, **September 22, 2013.** The bus will be leaving St. Mary's Church at 10:00 a.m. and returning approximately at 7:00 p.m. If anyone from Divine Mercy Parish wishes to go then the bus will pick you up in the parking lot at Divine Mercy. The cost is \$25 per person. For more information please call Mr. John Trela at 413-967-0258 or Father Piotr at 413-967-5913.



INVITING ALL CHRISTIAN SCOUTS - ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT - SEPTEMBER 27-29th **2013 - CAMP HOLY CROSS, GOSHEN, MA. -** The annual retreat is for all Christian scouts 6 - 12th grade, regardless of religious affiliation, --Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Venture Scouts (*individual or with troop*), and adult leaders or parents to join us for an assortment of activities including theme related games, campfire program, skits, living

rosary, scavenger hunt, and new this year a "Quidditch Match" as well as a few surprises. There will also be opportunities for scouts to work on/learn about the religious emblems programs available for their faith. The sleeping facilities are provided in cabins or you can bring tents if you prefer. The registration fee includes program, four meals, two crackerbarrels, cabin/camp fee and retreat Patch - all for \$30.00 per person. Information/Fr. Eugene Plasse 413-283-5091 or Pam Kosnicki 413-283-3242 pamdkos@verizon.net This year's retreat will have a "TREK" up cliffs and ledges to accentuate aspects of our response to the Theme question --"Seeds of Faith" --What Do You Sow?

ST. LAWRENCE LITERARY SOCIETY'S 7TH ANNUAL POLISH PICNIC – Saturday, September 28th from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. Located on the beautiful grounds of the Masonic Temple located at 70 Topsfield Road in Ipswich. We will be offering Polish delicacies, grilled foods, a variety of desserts and a cash bar. We will have Polish polkas provided by a live band. For the children, there will be games and face painting. Raffles and more!

<u>Married Couples--Renew your Romance</u>—Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills will be hosting Date Nights for Catholic Couples on the 3rd Friday of the month beginning Friday, September 20th from 7-9:15. The evening is a fun night that also allows you to nurture your relationship. For information or to register, please contact Jean Raczkowski atj.raczkowski@sacredheartfeedinghills.org

LIVING CATHOLICISM - Roles and Relationships for a Contemporary World. **October 3rd Lecture.** To be held at Boston College - The Church in the 21st Century Center. 1-617-552-0470. bc.edu/c21 **church21@bc.edu**. Presenter: Fr. Michael Himes. Location/Time: Gasson Hall, Room 100, 5:30 p.m. Sponsors: C21 Center and Theology Department.

3RD ANNUAL RETREAT – ST. ELIZABETH PARISH – Living Our Catholic Faith in a Secular World. To be held Saturday, October 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at the St. John the Baptist Pastoral Center in Ludlow, followed by 4:00 p.m. Mass in the Church. Retreat facilitators and speakers are Lay Ministers of St. Elizabeth Parish. Presentations will be based on the ideas put forth in the book, Rediscover Catholicism by best-selling Catholic author, Matthew Kelly. No registration is necessary, all are welcome and free of charge. Bring your own brown bag lunch. Coffee, tea and water will be provided. 413-583-3700 for info.

<u>LIVING EVERY DAY WITH PASSION AND PURPOSE</u> ~ Belchertown, MA - October 4, <u>2014</u>. Passion & Purpose Live Event - St. Francis of Assisi Parish 24 Jabish St. Belchertown, MA 01007 - October 4, 2014 7PM-10:45PM \$39 PER TICKET.

MASSACHUSETTS CITIZENS FOR LIFE invites you to its annual Fundraising Banquet on **Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 6 PM** at the Four Points by Sheraton in Norwood, MA. This year's keynote address will be given by Lila Rose, the 25-year-old president of Live Action, who has courageously exposed abuses in abortion centers across the country with her undercover stings since she was 18. Seating is limited, so call 617-242-4199 ext. 221 to reserve your tickets or table. Tickets are \$60 ea, \$500/a table of 10 or \$600 for a table of 12.

<u>3RD ANNUAL - VT CHRISTIAN ROCK-TOBERFEST</u> featuring award winning Christian artists Plumb, MIKESCHAIR, and Josh Wilson on their "NEED YOU NOW" fall tour. This event will be **Saturday October 12, 2013 -- 7PM** at Memorial Auditorium in Burlington, VT. Tickets are \$20, \$25, \$30. Tickets and information available online at www.VTChristianMusic.com.

IRISH CULTURAL CENTER ANNUAL BRUNCH - Tickets for the Irish Cultural Center's Brunch are now on sale. The event will be held at the Yankee Pedlar in Holyoke on **Sunday, October 13 at 10 am**. Springfield native, Sr. Mary Johnson SND will be the keynote speaker. Sr. Mary will speak on the "West of Ireland and Western Massachusetts: The Culture of Community." Call or email the Center to purchase a ticket. The cost is the same as last year, \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. www.elmsirishc=enter.org.

PULASKI DAY PARADE ~ The growing Pulaski Day Parade, which will be held in Northampton on Monday, October 14, is a celebration of Polish culture and heritage, and we are inviting your parish to join us in the line of march. The parade, sponsored by the Polish Heritage Committee, has an important priority – the continuation of Polish history, culture, and pride –and we need your help in bringing an awareness of Polish heritage to the people of our region and to our future generations. The parade will include Polish groups and organizations from throughout the region and will begin at 11 a.m. If you have any questions or want further information about the parade, please contact Jerry Budgar Coordinator, Pulaski Day Parade gbudgar@rcn.com - 584-2964.

<u>VIVA ITALIA! OCTOBER 19TH, 7:30 PM</u>, Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel. Viva Italia! a festival of Italian choral and instrumental music with the Cathedral Choir of Boys & Adults with strings, trumpet, and oboe. Music will include Vivaldi's Concerto for four violins, Concerto for oboe, and the Vivaldi's famous Gloria in D. In addition, the program will include Pergolesi's Magnificant, and trumpet sonatas of Gabrielli. It is a performance not to be missed. Donations accepted.

~~ DONATIONS ~~

GENERAL FUND ~

<u>SEMINARIAN FUND</u> ~

SINCERE THANKS For your generosity and support of our parish \sim God Bless All

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#### **BIBLE WORD SEARCH** ~ Books of the Bible

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**: Acts, Amos, Chronicles, Colossians, Corinthians, Daniel, Deuteronomy, Ecclesiastes, Ephesians, Ezekiel, Ezra, Galatians, Genesis, Habakkuk, Haggai, Hebrews, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jonah, Jude, Lamentations, Leviticus, Mark, Matthew, Nehemiah, Obadiah, Philemon, Philippians, Proverbs, Revelation, Song of Songs, Zechariah, Zephaniah

### **VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS**

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.+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.+Edward Godek – wife Pat. 1. Health & God's blessings for Irene Orluk – Sophie. 1.+Kowalczyk family – family. 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. N. 1. God's blessing & good health for my son - Mom. 1. Zsp.Franciszke I Wojciecha Frydryk – Syn. 1. Z sp. 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. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. In memory of Anna Socha – daughter Dorothy. 1. God's blessings – return to good health – our grandson, Michael. 1. God's blessing & good health for Kevin. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for Kyle M. on his 14th birthday – Cioci Connie & Uncle Chick.1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Alice Cichon - Marcia & Phil. 1. +C. J. - Marcia & Phil. 1. +Roger Desmarais – 13th anniv. – Monica. 1. God's blessings & good health for Emily Izyk – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessings & good health for Dick Desjardin – Gloria Nowak. 1. Divine Mercy for everyone suffering. Jesus I Trust In You. 1. God's blessings & healing for Andy – love, wife. 1. Divine Mercy for Fr. Tomasz Gorny – for healing, strength & complete recovery – The Apostles of Prayer. 1. God's blessings for Lois Prew – birthday – Cindy & Andy L. 1. God's blessings for Emily on her 6th birthday & through the school year – love, Grammy & Grampy. 1. God's blessings for Yvonne – birthday – love brother & sister-inlaw.1. In petition to St. Luke for helping to keep Father Stefan healthy throughout the fall & winter – L.R..1. For strength & guidance for my grandson Nicholas as he begins college in Colorado this fall – L.R. 1. For all those affected by natures fury recently – L.R.. 1. For successful surgery for Sue – L.R., 1. +Lewis Kapinos – love, Julie & Carol, 1. God's blessings & Happy 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday Pat G. – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. Blessings for Molly on her 7th birthday – Memere.1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – Edna & family. 1. St.Lucy - E.. 1. St.Jude & St. Anthony - E.. 1. May God bless Carol M. not only on her birthday but throughout the coming year - June. 1. Birthday blessings to Pat G. who

gives so much to others – June. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. +Joe Misiaszek - Cis & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. God's blessings & good health for "M" & full time work. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. +Walter Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Joseph Socha (10<sup>th</sup> anniv.) – Barbara & Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich - Anna. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha - Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz -Barbara. 1. Betty Koss, may God Bless You for your kindness - Barbara & Anna. 1. God's blessings for Todd, Madeline & their family. 1. God's blessings & guidance for my son & his famil. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa - daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa - husband Ed. 1. +Walter & Alice Smola – your loving children Rich, Kathy & Chris. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Mary Slowick – 10<sup>th</sup> anniv. – family. 1. Healing, strength, protection. 1. Living & deceased members of the Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. +Hedy Workum & +Phyllis Misiaszek – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. +Alexander Lemanski & +Jennie Vaz - S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik & +Gale L. Benoit - S.. 1. Michael Lemanski family & Joanne – S.. 1. Konkel family & Gene Maestrone – S.. 1. +Louis Zglobicki - wife & family. 1. For the health of Chester Brozek - Lillian Olearczyk & family. 1. "Jesus I Trust In You" family blessings. 1. +Joseph Slozak - Pat Godek. 1. Health & healing for Paul Koziol – Pat & Paula. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. A man refuse a job contract that can put him in danger – Dad & Mom. 1. Thanksgiving to St. Philomena - Sonny & Diana. 1. Thanksgiving good test results for Scott – Dad & Mom. 1. Thanksgiving prayers answered concerning Syria - Sonny & Diana. 1. Thanksgiving to St. Joseph – Sonny & Diana. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Alice & Edward Rudnick - family. 1. +Dan Reil - rest in peace. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. Michele C. – C.S.&T.S.. 1. Paul S. – C.S.&T.S.. 1. Kelley S. – C.S.&T.S.. 1. Cheryll S. – T.S.. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena - children. 1. To St. Anthony for special intentions. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 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. +Stephen & Sophie Noga - son Stephen. 1. +Walter P.Lech, Jr. - Kathryn, Happy Birthday, Dad. 1. +Chester & Julia Pikul – daughter Diane.

#### ~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE ~~

JOKES PRINTED ON THIS PAGE ARE ONLY MEANT AS A FORM OF HUMOR AND ARE NEVER INTENDED TO OFFEND ANYONE.

Meet life's disappointments with the comfort that God is doing what is best for us, even if we cannot see the logic at the time. We must trust that God knows what's best for us.

**A Story** --- A little boy is telling his Grandma how "everything" is going wrong: school, problems with friends, etc. Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which, of course, he does. "Here, have some cooking oil." "Yuck!" says the boy. "Would you like a couple raw eggs?" "Gross, Grandma!" "Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?" "Grandma, those are all yucky!" Grandma replies, "Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves, but when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!"



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Grandma told her grandson, "God works the same way." Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful! (The story's origin is unknown.).

We cannot judge a good event from a bad event at a perspective of less than 1,000 years. In other words, we will never see the full picture while here on earth. Only when we are in Heaven will we be able to see all the reasons behind God's plan. For example, an early death may have saved that person from a fate far worse than death.

Next time you are going through a difficult time, try to accept it by telling God, "Even though I cannot see the logic now, I trust that this is the best thing that can happen to me at this time." See how much better this will make you feel.

Mystery Answer is Word of God