

+ Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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Baptisms & Marriages: Please contact the rectory to make arrangements

Schedule of Holy Masses:

The Lord's Day ---

Vigil on Sat., 4:00, 5:15 p.m.

Sun., 8:00 a.m. (Polish), 9:30 a.m.

Daily (except Tues.), 7:00 a.m.

Tues., 5:30 p.m. with B.V.M. Novena

Holydays: as announced

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wed., 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thurs. & Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sat., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sick calls: anytime

New, But Rich in Tradition:

A Brief Overview of Divine Mercy Parish

Sts. Peter & Paul Parish was founded in 1905 to serve the needs of Polish immigrants. **St. Adalbert Parish**, Bondsville, began as a mission of Sts. Peter & Paul in 1910, was erected a parish in its own right in 1917, and closed in 2004. **St. Anne Parish** was founded in 1882 to serve the needs of French Canadian immigrants. By a decree of the Bishop of Springfield issued on Nov. 23, 2009, Sts. Peter & Paul and St. Anne were merged to form **Divine Mercy Parish**. With its combination of a typical New England exterior and a beautiful Baroque interior, Sts. Peter & Paul Church is the designated worship place for Divine Mercy.

January 4, 2015

Epiphany of Our Lord (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Most Holy Name of Jesus (Roman Rite, extraordinary form)

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The **Parish Bulletin** is currently in transition. Some issues, or parts, may not be available online until further notice. *Thank you for your understanding.* Items should be submitted **two weeks** before publication in the bulletin (e.g., items for Dec. 21 should be submitted by Dec. 7). *Thank you!* All submitted items are subject to editorial discretion and may or may not be used.

The Most Blessed Sacrament ~ ~ ~

The Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved in our church, located in the tabernacle on the High Altar, beneath the statues of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. We ask that you maintain a respectful silence when you are in the church. This is especially important before and after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Your reverent attitude is not only an example for all, but is respectful of those who are praying. *Thank you!*

Parish Events This Week in January 2015

Sun., Jan. 4th

EPIPHANY of OUR LORD observed: Swieto Trzech Kroli / Feast of the THREE KINGS; blessed chalk & incense is available for your home use.

Religious Education classes, grades 6-10 – 10:30 a.m., parish hall.

Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations, 4:00 p.m., church

Mon., Jan. 5th

Rosary for World Peace, 4:00 p.m., church

Wed., Jan. 7th

Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:00 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe room.

Sat., Jan. 10th

Religious Education classes, grades K-5, 9:00 a.m., parish hall.

Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church

Mother of Mary Prayer Force

If anyone would like their intentions prayed for by a dedicated group of parishioners, please email them to jmjdrsr2007@yahoo.com . We have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for you.

Apostles of Prayer

If you're requesting prayers for anyone or you'd like to join the Prayer Line, please call Cindy Leveillee @ 283-7836.

Palmer Food Share

Please continue to assist with your donations to the Food Share program. You may drop off donations in the baskets located in the church. *Thank you for your generosity!*

NEW PARISHIONERS

If you have questions, or are considering joining our parish, ***you are most welcome!*** Please see Father after Mass or contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Masses & Devotions This Week

*Praised be Jesus Christ! Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!
Laudetur Iesus Christus!*

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. for the parishioners

5:15 p.m. +Edna Burns – int. of her family

+George & Nellie Motyka – int. of Janice Kucewicz

4. Sunday ~ Epiphany of Our Lord / “Święto Trzech Króli”

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Sophie Gladkowski – od rodziny

za d.sp. Jan i Marya Safianek – od corki i zięcia

9:30 a.m. +Emily & Frank Prouty, Jr. – int. Cindy & Andrew Leveille

5. Monday ~ St. John Neumann, bishop

7:00 a.m. +Cecelia Matera – int. of Peter Warakomski & family

6. Tuesday ~ St. Andre Bessette, religious

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Genevieve Vaz – int. of her daughter Lori

7. Wednesday ~ St. Raymond of Penyafort, priest

7:00 a.m. +Stefan & Sallie Rosinski – int. of Tom & Judy Ozahowski & sons

8. Thursday ~ Christmas feria

7:00 a.m. +Stanley Dyl – int. of Cecelia Misiaszek

9. Friday ~ Christmas feria

7:00 a.m. +Antoinette Tenczar – int. of William & Betty Morrison

10. Saturday ~ Christmas feria

7:00 a.m. +Most Rev. Joseph F. Maguire – int. of parish & pastor

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +John & Anna, sons Stanley & John Nowakowski – int. of Mary Silva & family

+Walter Swiatlowski, 2nd anniversary – int. of wife & family

5:15 p.m. –for the parishioners

11. Sunday ~ Baptism of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Edward Prusik – od zony Barbary z dziećmi

9:30 a.m. +Mitchell Kecki – int. of the Forkey family

PRAY FOR PRIESTS/DEACONS ~ Each day of the month is set aside to pray for a specific priest or deacon. *Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Bishop Mitchell Rozanski	All Bishops	Fr. Daniel Boyle	Fr. John Brennan
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. John Dean	Fr. Peter Gregory	Fr. Fedoryshyn	

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Please refer to the front cover for the hours of Adoration.

Since 1996, our parish has been blessed to have the Blessed Sacrament exposed for the Adoration of the faithful. However, the Blessed Sacrament cannot be exposed in the monstrance on the altar unless one is willing to sacrifice one (1) hour. *Will you be that person?? Time spent with God is never time wasted!* If you would like to substitute or commit to a specific hour in this important ministry of prayer, please contact Diana Roth @ 283-8709. We need your help. *God is never outdone in generosity!*

School of Religious Education *NEWS*

Regular classes meet each Saturday and Sunday morning. Refer to page 2 for details.

CANCELLATION REMINDER: Now that winter is here, please check WWLP, Channel 22 or www.wwlp.com for announcements in case of cancellation of CCD classes.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY ON MONDAYS

The **Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality** continues to pray the **Rosary on each Monday at 4:00 p.m.** in church (until further notice). Please come and pray for world peace and the protection for our citizens and nation. *All are welcome! Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, pray for us!*

Sign of Peace This is an *optional* gesture at every Mass. The Congregation for Divine Worship has recently called for the congregation to act with simplicity and more restraint when exchanging peace. For example, a handshake is not obligatory. In these cold months, it's also more practical to **prevent the spread of cold and other germs** with a simple and sufficient nod of the head, a smile or a whispered "peace to you."

Bishop Rozanski's Tour to World Youth Day 2016

Accompanied by Fr. Piotr Calik, Bishop Rozanski will lead a tour to World Youth Day departing on July 22, 2016 and returning on Aug. 3. The tour will include visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Zakopane....several sites that were important in the life of Pope Saint John Paul II. An information session will be held on **Wed., Feb. 11, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Bishop Marshall Center, Springfield. For more details, call Stacy Dibbern @ (413) 452-0670 or email stacy.dibbern@diospringfield.org

In Case of Snow

Perhaps we might be spared of many snowstorms this year (!), but in the event of such events, we ask that you park your vehicles in the parking lot, rather than on the street. This will make plowing easier.

Donations to the Parish

*The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donation: **Bog Zaplac!**
\$230 in loving memory of +Josephine Chmura from FM Global Foundation*

Feast of Epiphany: The Three Kings / Swieto Trzech Kroli

We invite you to take home with you a packet containing grains of incense and chalk. On this observance of the **Epiphany of Our Lord**, recalling the visit of the Magi to the Infant Jesus, please continue to custom of asking for the intercession of the Three Wise Men during this new year. In an incense burner or other fire proof container, burn some of the incense over charcoal. Then the head of the house may mark the main door posts of your home (or other building) with the chalk: **+20+K+M+B+15+** This will be a reminder throughout the year that you have asked God to watch over you through the assistance of Kaspar, Melchior and Balthazar.

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild News

The Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild will have a **meeting on Wed., Jan. 14th at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. All current members are urged to attend, and any prospective members are invited to join. **Membership is open to all men of the parish, including young men.** Come and be part of a vibrant and uplifting organization.

The **next Men's Guild dinner will be on Sat., Jan. 17th** in the parish hall. ~ Menu: **Ham & Beans.** Social begins at 6 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. **Cost:** \$10 for adults; \$5.00 for children under 12. For tickets, call Fred Orszulak @ 283-5620 or (413) 427-9266, or Tom Losaw @ 283-4688.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS ITEMS FOR BULLETIN

As we prepare for more transitions with our weekly *Parish Bulletin*, we ask that any items for publication be submitted **TWO WEEKS before the desired Sunday date.** In this day and age of high technology, and in order that items be included and printing occurs on a timely basis, this is something we will have to adapt to.

For example, if you would like an item to appear in the January 25th issue, please submit your item no later than January 11th.

Your understanding and assistance is greatly appreciated!

((((((((("EVENTS/NOTICES AROUND TOWN"))))))))

Irish Cultural Center

The Irish Cultural Center is sponsoring a new 10 day *Spring Time Tour to Ireland, May 5-14, 2015*. Please join us for an information session on **Sat., Jan. 10th at 2:00 p.m.** in the Dooley Campus Center at Elms College, room 207. Tour is limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, please call Rose Baker @ (413) 519-2135 or visit ICC website at www.elmsirishcenter.org.

Casino Night

A **Casino Night bus trip** will take place on **Sat., Feb. 28, 2015** to Mohegan Sun in Connecticut. Cost: \$35 (for each passenger over age 21; players club card needed for package – sign up for one on arrival, if needed), includes \$15 meal coupon and \$15 in free bets at the Big 6 wheel! Departure: 3:00 p.m. from Holyoke Catholic High School (HCHS), Springfield St., Chicopee. Arrive at casino, 4:30 p.m. Depart from casino, 10:30 p.m. Arrive at HCHS: 11:55 p.m. **Check made payable to HCHS Booster Club** and mailed to Liz Cassidy, P.O. Box 860, Belchertown, MA 01007.

Pro-Life News for January 4th

Most of us are familiar with the Christmas classic film *"It's A Wonderful Life."* This same idea is vividly present in the video, *Mitosis*. In this 14 minute video, a mother sees the future of her unborn child and the awesome impact he would have had on the world as she undergoes an abortion. To see this video, go to YouTube and search Mitosis/Short Film 2014. *May God bless us all in this new year!*

MEDITATIONS

The notion that one gains freedom by rebelling against God has been a popular illusion since Eden.

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Someone asked Mother Teresa of Calcutta: *"What are the most important things to be changed in the Church?"*

Mother Teresa replied: *"There are two important things to change in the Church: **you and me.**"*

BAPTISMS IN DIVINE MERCY PARISH ~ YEAR 2014

February

Hunter James Moynahan

March

Julia Gabriela Watracz

April

Nina Michele Rosetti

Linda Susan Blackburn

May

Brennan Michael O'Connor

Julien Mathew Serrano

Jackson Miller Delaney

June

Maximilian Nathan Guberow

Layla Faye Martin

Logan Irving Crochiere

Zoe Grace Crochiere

September

Karina Mari Gibadlo

October

Brady Clark Przybycien

Connor Stephen Przybycien

Maxwell Henry Cadieux

November

Daniella Pootoolal

Lily Rose Morrison

Annika Marie Mason

Madilyn Theresa Mason

Alex Blake Chapin

The YEAR of CONSECRATED LIFE

Following the customs of his predecessors, most recently **Pope Benedict XVI** who declared the *Year of St. Paul, the Year for Priests, and the Year of Faith* during his pontificate, **Pope Francis** has declared a *Year of Consecrated Life*. This special time, running **from Nov. 29, 2014 to Feb. 2, 2016**, will occur mostly in 2015, which is the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council. The *Year of Consecrated Life* celebrates the contributions made to the Church and the world by the various men's and women's religious Orders, congregations, and institutes throughout the world. Although religious life among older, established communities is on the decline, there are signs of renewal with the birth of newer communities and *authentic* renewal among some "senior" congregations (e.g., Sisters of Life, Dominicans Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Nashville Dominicans, Redemptorists), proving that consecrated life will always have a place in the Church. Consecrated life is a sign for all God's faithful of the life of the world to come in eternity.

SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS

THE SACRAMENT OF CHARITY

Part 13 – Continuing our series of excerpts from *the post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS* (Feb. 22, 2007) by **Pope Benedict XVI**. These inspired words can be a source of meditation in preparation for Holy Mass, and/or as a thanksgiving after Holy Mass.

SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS... from **Part III:**

#81. **The relationship of the Eucharist to the various ecclesial vocations is seen in a particularly vivid way in “the prophetic witness of consecrated men and women....”** (*Propositio 39*) Though they provide many services in...human formation and care for the poor, education, and health care, consecrated men and women know that the principle purpose of their lives is “the contemplation of things divine and constant union with God in prayer.” (Code of Canon Law 663, 1) **The essential contribution that the Church expects from consecrated persons is much more in the order of being than of doing. Here I wish to reaffirm the importance of the witness of virginity, precisely in the relation to the mystery of the Eucharist.....**the Eucharistic mystery also has an intrinsic relationship to consecrated virginity, inasmuch as the latter is an expression of the Church’s exclusive devotion to Christ, whom she accepts as her Bridegroom.....Consecrated life becomes an objective sign and foreshadowing of the “*wedding-feast of the Lamb*” (cf.: Rev. 19:7-9).

#82. In discovering the beauty of the Eucharistic form of the Christian life, we are also led to reflect on the moral energy it provides for sustaining the authentic freedom of the children of God..... **‘worship’ itself, Eucharistic communion, includes both the reality of being loved and of loving others in turn.**

#83. **Worship pleasing to God can never be a purely private matter.....it demands a public witness to our faith.....it is especially incumbent upon those who, by virtue of their social or political position, must make decisions regarding fundamental values, such as respect for human life, its defense from conception to natural death, the family built upon marriage between a man and a woman, the freedom to educate one’s children and the promotion of the common good in all its forms. These values are not negotiable.** Consequently, Catholic politicians and legislators.....must feel particularly bound, on the basis of a properly formed conscience, to introduce and support laws inspired by values grounded in human nature.....**Bishops are bound to reaffirm constantly these value as part of their responsibility** to the flock entrusted to them. (*Propositio 46*)

#84. **The love that we celebrate in the Sacrament** is not something we can keep to ourselves. By its very nature it **demands to be shared with all. What the world needs is God’s love; it needs to encounter Christ and to believe in Him.** The Eucharist is thus the source and summit not only of the Church’s life, but also of her mission. (*Propositio 42*)