

+ 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 11, 2015

Baptism of Our Lord (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

The Holy Family (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*

Sun., Jan. 11th

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. 12th

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

Wed., Jan. 14th

Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild Meeting, 6:30 p.m., parish hall

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

Sat., Jan. 17th

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

Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church

Men's Guild HAM & BEANS Dinner: social, 6 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., parish hall.

Mother of Mary Prayer Force

If anyone would like their intentions prayed for by a dedicated group of parishioners, please email them to jmjdrrs2007@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. +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 dziecmi
9:30 a.m. +Mitchell Kecki – int. of the Forkey family

12. Monday ~ Ordinary Time after Epiphany begins

7:00 a.m. intentions of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

13. Tuesday ~ St. Hilary, bishop & doctor of the Church

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Thaddeus Guzik – int. of Theresa & Alan Aubin

14. Wednesday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Stanley Dyl – int. of Anna Stefanowich

15. Thursday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Paul Sawicki – int. of Henrietta Wieczorek

16. Friday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Claire Ramadan – int. of Steve & Diane

17. Saturday ~ St. Anthony, abbot

7:00 a.m. +Rev. Leonard F. Chrobot – int. of St. Mary's College, Class of 1979

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +deceased members of the Kargol family – int. of the family
5:15 p.m. +Edward Godek – int. of wife Pat, son Tom & daughter-in-law Lisa

18. Sunday ~ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. za parafian / for the parishioners
9:30 a.m. +Nora & Alvin Rondeau – int. of their son James & 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
Msgr. Juan Garcia	Fr. Alfred Cournoyer	Fr. James Joyce	Military chaplains
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Christopher Malatesta	Fr. Wayne Biernat	Fr. John Connors	

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!

To the General Fund -

\$50 in loving memory of +Sabina Lachowski from Harold & Judith Isaksen

To the Seminarian Fund –

\$25 in loving memory of +Mary Jones from Genevieve Bates

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.

DINNER ~ Sts. Peter & Paul MEN'S GUILD

The Men's Guild will be hosting a **DINNER next Sat., Jan. 17** in the parish hall. Social begins at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. **Menu:** Ham and beans. Cost: **\$10.00, adults; \$5.00, children under 12.** For tickets, please contact Fred Orszulak @ 283-5620 or (413) 427-9266 ~or~ Tom Losaw @ 283-4688.

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in ways to communicate ideas about God.

"God is like BAYER aspirin. He works miracles."

"God is like a FORD. He's got a better idea."

"God is like COKE. He's the real thing."

"God is like HALLMARK. He cares enough to send His very best."

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"))))))))

St. Cecilia Women's Club, Wilbraham

The St. Cecilia Women's Club is sponsoring a **CARD & GAME PARTY** on **Thurs., Jan. 29** at St. Cecilia Parish Center, 42 Main St., Wilbraham. Come and play any game of your choice (bridge, Canasta, Whist, Scrabble, dominoes, etc.) and enjoy a delicious luncheon. Donation: \$7.00. **Check in begins at 11:30 a.m. with lunch at noon.** Also a raffle for many prizes and gift certificates. Proceeds to fund scholarships and donations to other needy area organizations. For reservations, call Sue Agnew @ 596-9480.

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 11th

Please open your Bible to the **Acts of the Apostles**, chapter 10:34-38 (Second Reading for the *Feast of the Baptism of the Lord*, Year B)~~~

"In truth I see that God shows no partiality." **Nor should we!**

ANY MORE NEWS??????????????????

+ NECROLOGY ~ YEAR 2014 +
[Parishioners of Divine Mercy & non-parishionres]

January

Stacia Sieczkowski
Elizabeth Lejman
Mary Wyngowski
Irene Mozden
Stephanie Clark
Anna Tyburski
Doris Lynn
Sabina (Bidga) Lachowski

February

Josephine Chmura
Edmund Lizak
W. Brian Donovan
Mary Bolow

March

Sallie Rosinski
Marjorie Marciniac
Christine Zelazo
Janet Charette
Harry A. Lombardi, Jr.

April

Genevieve Lopata
Sophie Nowak Sheppard
Mary Harnois
Mildred Janulewicz
Lucienne Giboleau
Barbara Koprek

*May their souls and all the souls
of the faithful departed, through
the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

May

Mitchell Dobek
Veronica Gilbert
Frances Golas
Sandra Kopecki

June

Frederick Black
Corinne Raymond
Denise Goodreau
Joanne Muniec

July

Thaddeus Guzik
Wanda Ziembra
Stephanie Graveline

August

Louise Tippet
Mary Lague

September

Cecelia Matera
Gabriella Niedziela
Robert Olender

October

Antoinette Tenczar
Alice Goddu
Joseph Zarenko
Frank Marciniac

December

Raymond Tyburski
Mary Jones

SACRAMENTUM CARITATIS

THE SACRAMENT OF CHARITY

Part 14 – 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:**

#85. The first....mission that we receive from the sacred mysteries we celebrate is that of bearing witness by our lives.....**Witness could be described as the means by which the truth of God’s love comes to men and women in history.....**The Christian who offers his life in martyrdom enters into full communion with the Pasch of Jesus Christ.....Today, too, the Church does not lack martyrs who offer the supreme witness to God’s love.

#87. **In not a few parts of the world, simply going to church represents a heroic witness that can result in marginalization and violence.....**Wherever religious freedom is lacking, people lack the most meaningful freedom of all, since **it is through faith that men and women express their deepest decision about the ultimate meaning of their lives. Let us pray, therefore, for greater religious freedom in every nation,** so that Christians, as well as followers of other religions, can freely express their convictions, both as individuals and as communities.

#88. Each celebration of the Eucharist makes sacramentally present the gift that the crucified Lord made of His life, for us and for the whole world.

#89. “Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom He gives Himself. **I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to Him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, His own.**” (*Encyclical of Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, #14*).....**It is not the proper task of the Church to engage in the political work** of bringing about the most just society possible; **nonetheless she cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the struggle for justice.** The Church “has to play her part through rational argument...to reawaken the spiritual energy without which justice....cannot prevail and prosper.” (*Encyclical of Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est, #284*)

“All who partake of the Eucharist must commit themselves to peacemaking in our world scarred by violence and war, and today in particular, by terrorism, economic corruption and sexual exploitation.” (*Propositio 48*)

#90. We must denounce those who squander the earth’s riches, provoking inequalities that cry out to heaven (cf.: James 5:4).

The food of truth demands that we denounce inhumane situations in which people starve to death because of injustice and exploitation.....**From the beginning, Christians were concerned to share their goods** (cf.: Acts 4:32) **and to help the poor** (cf.: Romans 15:26). The alms collected in our liturgical assemblies are an eloquent reminder of this, and they are also necessary for meeting today’s needs.