

+ Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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Three Rivers, Mass.

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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 25, 2015

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Third Sunday after Epiphany (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. 25th

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. 26th

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

Wed., Jan. 28th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes, church.

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

Sat., Jan. 24th

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 jmjrdrsr2007@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. +Thomas & Margaret Brigham – int. of their daughter Jean
 +Doris Lynn – int. of her family
 5:15 p.m. +Jan Wasiuk – int. of his wife & family
 +Louis Fontaine, 2nd anniversary – int. of friends

25. Sunday ~ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Third after Epiphany

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Vera Gilbert – od Jean Ciukaj
 9:30 a.m. for the parishioners

26. Monday ~ Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops

7:00 a.m. +Stanley Bigda – int. of his family

27. Tuesday ~ St. Angela Merici, virgin

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Alice Rudnick – int. of her family

28. Wednesday ~ St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. +Mary Jones – int. of John & Barbara Yurkunas

29. Thursday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Mary Tobiasz – int. of her family

30. Friday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Mary Rozenbajgier – int. of John & Irene Dyl

31. Saturday ~ St. John Bosco, priest

7:00 a.m. +Anna Wilga – int. of her family

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Robert & Julia Hayes – int. of Julie Hayes
 +Louise Tippett – int. of Blanche, Michael & Maryann Wostena
 5:15 p.m. +Alexander Matera – int. of Jim & Carol Roy
 +Norman Geoffroy, 20th anniversary – int. of his family

Feb. 1. Sunday ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Septuagesima Sunday

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Tadeusz Guzik od Steve, Helen i Carrie Kutt
 9:30 a.m. +Rev. John Ayers – int. of the Rudnick 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
All Paulist priests	Fr. Eugene Plasse	Fr. Frank Lawlor	Fr. Brian McGrath
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. William Cyr	Fr. Jaime Ahern	All Salesian priests	

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!***

Adoration Notice

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the monstrance is suspended until Jan. 28.
Thank you for your understanding!

School of Religious Education *NEWS*

Regular classes meet each Saturday and Sunday morning. Details on page 2.

CANCELLATION REMINDER: Please check WWLP, Channel 22 or www.wwlp.com for announcements in case of winter weather 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."

MASSES, 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**. (e.g., an item desired to appear in a Jan. 25th issue, should be submitted no later than Jan. 11th).

Likewise for **Mass intentions: *Please be considerate and plan the date you would like a Mass offered well in advance.*** Most people book Masses well in advance, and we are grateful. However, ***is it fair to ask for a Mass to be added at the last moment? Often it's impossible because the bulletin has already been prepared for print.***
Your understanding and assistance is greatly appreciated!

Donations to the Parish

*The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donation: **Bog Zaplac!***

To the Seminarian Fund –

\$20 in loving memory of +Walter Lopata from Charlie & Genie Bates

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD NEWS

Men's Guild meeting on Wed., Feb. 11th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All members are urged to attend, and any prospective members are welcome. Membership is open to all men of the parish, including young men.

Men's Guild will host a **Meatloaf Dinner on Sat., Feb. 7th** with social at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. **Cost:** \$10, adults; \$5, children under 12. For tickets, contact Fred Orszulak @ 283-5620 or (413) 427-9266, or Tom Losaw @ 283-4688.

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

Children's answers on a test....

Problem: Briefly explain what hard water is.

Answer: Ice.

Question: Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

Answer: At the bottom.

Problem: Explain the phrase "free press":

Answer: WHEN YOUR MOM IRONS YOUR TROUSERS FOR YOU.

Question: What is the meaning of the word "varicose"?

Answer: Close by.

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

St. John the Baptist School Open House

An "Open House for Parents, Grandparents & Friends" is scheduled for **Tues., Jan. 27 from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at St. John the Baptist, 217 Hubbard St., Ludlow. Come and visit the school; bring anyone interested in enrolling their children (nursery school through Grade 8). **Registration** information – Kindergarten (please call, 583-8550); Nursery school (please call, 589-7531), Feb. 2-13, 9-11:30 a.m. (\$25 registration fee).

Lector Schedules

For **Lectors at the 4:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m. Saturday Vigil Masses**: A new schedule is available in the sacristy (unless it was emailed to you).

Protecting Our Children

The Diocese of Springfield's **Office of Counseling, Prevention & 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 heal includes measures to insure accountability, promote healing and reconciliation, and prevent future acts of abuse. To report any abuse or for more information, call the Diocesan Office @ (413) 452-0624 or the confidential hotline @ (800) 842-9055. State laws require that abuse and/or neglect of a minor be reported to the Mass. Dept. of Social Services @ (800) 792-5200 or through the local police (i.e., Palmer Police Dept., 283-8792). Our parish advocate if Jean Brigham and she may be reached @ 283-4232. Anti-bullying internet resources for children and caring adults: www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov/kids / www.thatsnotcool.com / www.childprevention.com / www.bullie2bullies.com

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St. Cecilia Women's Club, Wilbraham

The St. Cecilia Women's Club is sponsoring a **CARD & GAME PARTY** this **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.

Socks of Love for Our Neighbors in Need!

During the **month of January**, St. John the Baptist School, Ludlow will organize a service project named "**Socks of Love**" during the weeklong celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, collecting new socks (all colors & sizes), toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo & conditioner, soap, deodorant. Students, families, & staff of St. John's will be filling the socks with daily essentials collected. If you can help, either monetarily or with supplies, please contact Nancy Richter @ (413) 262-7570 or fsa@sjbludlow.org.

Irish Cultural Center

Irish language classes from the Irish Cultural Center and Elms College start the week of Jan. 19, including a brand new beginner's class with no prior study required. Also offered are second semester introduction and intermediate classes, as well as a Novice class for credit. For class times, cost & more information on enrolling, call Ellen Gallivan @ (413) 265-2537 or visit www.ElmsIrishCenter.org

The Seven Deadly Sins

The **Catechism of the Catholic Church** also refers to these sins as “capital sins” and explains why they are the most dangerous. “Vices can be classified according to the virtues they oppose, or also be linked to capital sins which Christians experience has distinguished, following St. John Cassian and St. Gregory the Great. They are called “capital” because they engender other sins, other vices. They are pride, avarice [greed], envy, wrath, lust, gluttony, and sloth” (#1866).

- 1. PRIDE: an excessive love of self or the desire to be better or more important than others.**

“Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that everyone should look upon his neighbor (without exception) as ‘another self,’ above all bearing in mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity” (#1931)

- 2. LUST: an intense desire, usually for sexual pleasure, but also for money, power, or fame.**

“The God of promises always warned man against seduction by what from the beginning has seemed ‘good for food...a delight to the eyes...to be desired to make one wise” (#2541).

- 3. GLUTTONY: overconsumption, usually of food or drink.**

“The virtue of temperance disposes us to avoid every kind of excess: the abuse of food, alcohol, tobacco or medicine” (#2290).

- 4. GREED: the desire for and love of possessions**

“Sin...is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods” (#1849).

- 5. SLOTH (or ACEDIA): physical laziness, also disinterest in spiritual matters or neglecting spiritual growth.**

“Acedia or spiritual sloth goes so far as to refuse the joy that comes from God and to be repelled by divine goodness” (#2094).

- 6. ANGER or WRATH: uncontrolled feelings of hatred or revenge.**

“Anger is a desire for revenge...The Lord says, ‘Everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment” (#2302).

- 7. ENVY: sadness or desire for the possessions, happiness, talents or abilities of another.**

“Envy can lead to the worst crimes. ‘Through the devil’s envy death entered into the world” (#2553).

The Magic Bank Account

[This "lesson" was reportedly found in the billfold of Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant of the University of Alabama after his death in 1982.]

Imagine that you had won the following PRIZE in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use.

However, this PRIZE has rules which are:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning. At any time it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know,

because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

Actually, THIS GAME IS REAL. *Shocked?*
..... YES!

Each of us is already a winner of this PRIZE. We just can't seem to see it. The PRIZE is **TIME**.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive **86,400 seconds as a gift of life.**
2. When you go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.
3. What we've not used up for that day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING.

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SO, what will **YOU** do with your daily **86,400 seconds**? Those seconds are worth so much more than the same amount in dollars!