

+ Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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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. Miraculous Medal 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.

February 1, 2015

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

Septuagesima Sunday (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 February

Sun., Feb. 1st

Blessings of Throats (intercession of St. Blaise) after Holy Masses.

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., Feb. 2nd

Candlemas Day: Presentation of the Lord/Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Wed., Feb. 4th

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament resumes, church.

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

Fri., Feb. 6th

First Friday of the Month in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus/Pierwszy Piątek

Sat., Feb. 7th

First Saturday: Holy Rosary Sodality meeting after 7 a.m. Mass, St. Maximilian Kolbe room.

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

Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church

Men's Guild Meatloaf Dinner: social, 6:00 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 jmjdrs2007@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!*

Masses & Devotions This Week

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

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

2. Monday ~ Candlemas Day: Presentation of the Lord/Purification of the B.V.M.

7:00 a.m. +John Mastalerz – int. of his family

3 Tuesday ~ St. Blaise, bishop & martyr; St. Ansgar, bishop

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +William Petraszewicz – int. of his family

4. Wednesday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Stanley Izyk – int. of his brother John & Irene

5. Thursday ~ St. Agatha, virgin & martyr

7:00 a.m. +Nora Rondeau – int. of her family

6. First Friday ~ Sts. Paul Miki & companions, martyrs

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

7. First Saturday ~ Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. for the living & +deceased member of the Sts. Peter & Paul
 Rosary Sodality, group of Lynn Riendeau

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. for the parishioners / za parafian
 5:15 p.m. +Adrian & Beatrice Paquette – int. of their family
 +Elayne Frank – int. of Irwin & Lydia Tanne

Feb. 8. Sunday ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sexagesima Sunday

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Zofia i Piotr Kielbowski; Stanisława i Aleksander,
 Stanisław i Helena Czarnczy od Barbary Prusik
 9:30 a.m. +Hedy Workum – int. of Cindy Leveillee

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	Fr. Jeffrey Ballou	Fr. William Wallis	Fr. David Caron
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Timothy Keating, CSsR	Fr. William Tourigny	Fr. Michael Zielke, OFM.Conv.	

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. 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!

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD NEWS

Men's Guild will host a **Meatloaf Dinner next 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.

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.

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).

A Scout is Reverent

Cub, Boy and Venture Scouts along with adult leaders are asked to celebrate **Boy Scout Sunday on Sun., Feb. 8th** (the date of Boy Scouts' founding on Feb. 8, 1910 by Lord Baden Powell in England) **at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Boy Scout law says that a "**Scout is Reverent**" and scouts of all ages promise to do their "Duty to God." Scouts and scouters who participate are asked to meet in the sacristy at 9:10 a.m. For more information, please contact Pam Kosnicki @ 283-3242 or pamdkos@verizon.net.

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.

ON EQUALITY

The Church does not promise that complete equality which other proclaim; because she knows that the human community always and necessarily produces a scale of degrees and differences in physical and intellectual qualities, in inward dispositions and tendencies, in occupation and responsibilities. But at the same time, she does guarantee full equality in human dignity.

*Address of Venerable Pope Pius XII,
October 31, 1948*

Protecting Our Children

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

Palmer United Booster Club

The Palmer United Booster Club is having its Fourth Annual Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip on **Sat., March 28th** departing Palmer High School at approximately 2:30 p.m., with return to PHS at 11:30 p.m. We will be at the casino from 4 to 10 p.m. Cost: \$30 per person, inc. bus trip with \$15 food voucher & \$15 betting voucher provided upon arrival at the casino. Food & beverages allowed on the bus. You must be 21 and over to attend. Please contact Kris Methe @ (413) 537-4240 to reserve a seat early. Please make check payable to: Palmer United Boosters Club (or PUB Club) and mail to Kris Methe, 65 Shearer St., Palmer, MA 01069.

Pro-Life News: the March for Life

January saw pro-lifers throughout the country stand up to witness to the sanctity of human life. 500,00-plus attended the **March for Life** in Washington, D.C.; 50,000 attended the **Walk for Life West Coast** in San Francisco, and many others throughout the country remembered the lives of the 56 million babies that have been sacrificed on the "altar of Choice" since the *Roe v. Wade* decision on Jan. 22, 1973. Pro-lifers, gathered in Arkansas, Birmingham, AL, Chicago, Dallas, Denver, Raleigh, NC, Santa Fe, NM, St. Augustine, FL, Victorville, CA and Washington state. Thank God for all these powerful witnesses to LIFE! (many of these events can be seen on YouTube.)

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

Do You Remember a Time When.....

- ...Decisions were made by going *'eeny-meeny-miney-moe?*
- ...Mistakes were corrected by simply exclaiming, *'Do it over!?*
- ...Race issue' meant arguing about who ran the fastest?
- ...Catching the fireflies could happily occupy an entire evening?
- ...Having a weapon in school meant being caught with a slingshot?
- ...Spinning around, getting dizzy, and falling down was cause for giggles?
- ...The worst embarrassment was being picked last for a team?
- ...War was a card game?
- ...Baseball cards in the spokes transformed any bicycle into a motorcycle?
- ..."Beatles" lived in gardens and "Monkees" lived in trees?
- ...Taking aspirins meant orange-flavored chewable aspirin?
- ...Water balloons were the ultimate weapon?
- ...We'd never heard of microwaves, or telephones in cars?
- ...Pumping iron got wrinkles out, and "gay" meant fancy-free?
- ...Microchips were what was left at the bottom of the bag?
- ...Hardware was a box of nails, and "bytes" came from a flea?
- ...Middle-aged was 35 and old was forty-three?
- ...There were no golden arches, nor Perrier to chill?
- ...Babies might be bottle-fed, but they were never grown in jars?
- ...We had no patterned pantyhose or Lipton Herbal Tea?
- ...Only girls wore earrings, and three was one too many?
- ...They made a movie, and they never made it twice?
- ...Dorms were never co-ed?
- ...We hadn't experienced enough of jets to talk about the lag?

So now we face a brave new world in slightly larger jeans, and wonder why they're using smaller print in magazines. And we tell our children's children of the way it used to be, long ago and far away in the Land that made me, *me*.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 1

from: COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

1.What is the plan of God for man?

God, infinitely perfect and blessed in Himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in His own blessed life. In the fullness of time, God the Father sent His Son as the Redeemer and Savior of mankind, fallen into sin, thus calling all into His Church and, through the work of the Holy Spirit, making them adopted children and heirs of His eternal happiness.

2.Why does man have a desire for God?

God Himself, in creating man in His own image, has written upon his heart the desire to see Him. Even if this desire is often ignored, God never ceases to draw man to Himself because only in God will he find and live the fullness of truth and happiness for which he never stops searching. By nature and by vocation, therefore, man is a religious being, capable of entering into communion with God. This intimate and vital bond with God confers on man his fundamental dignity.

3.How is it possible to know God with only the light of human reason?

Starting from creation, that is from the world and from the human person, through reason alone one can know God with certainty as the origin and end of the universe, as the highest good and as infinite truth and beauty.

4.Is the light of reason alone sufficient to know the mystery of God?

In coming to a knowledge of God by the light of reason alone man experiences many difficulties. Indeed, on his own he is unable to enter into the intimacy of the divine mystery. This is why he stands in need of being enlightened by God's revelation, not only about those things that exceed his understandings, but also about those religious and moral truths which of themselves are not beyond the grasp of human reason, so that even in the present condition of the human race, they can be known by all with ease, with firm certainty and with no admixture of error.

5.How can we speak about God?

By taking as our starting point the perfections of man and of the other creatures which are a reflection, albeit a limited one, of the infinite perfection of God, we are able to speak about God with all people. We must, however, continually purify our language insofar as it is image-bound and imperfect, realizing that we can never fully express the infinite mystery of God.

6.What does God reveal to man?

God in His goodness and wisdom reveals Himself. With deeds and words, He reveals Himself and His plan of loving goodness which He decreed from all eternity in Christ. According to this plan, all people by the grace of the Holy Spirit are to share in the divine life as adopted "sons" in the only begotten Son of God.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 2

from: COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

7.What are the first stages of God’s Revelation?

From the very beginning, God manifested Himself to our first parents, Adam and Eve, and invited them to intimate communion with Himself. After their fall, He did not cease His revelation to them but promised salvation for all their descendants. After the flood, He made a covenant with Noah, a covenant between Himself and all living beings.

8.What are the next stages of God’s Revelation?

God chose Abram, calling him out of his country, making him “the father of a multitude of nations” (Genesis 17:5), and promising to bless in him “all the families of the earth” (Genesis 12:3). **The people descended from Abraham would be the trustee of the divine promise made to the patriarchs. God formed Israel as His chosen people,** freeing them from slavery in Egypt, establishing with them the covenant of Mount Sinai, and, through Moses, giving them His law. The prophets proclaimed a radical redemption of the people and a salvation which would include all nations in a new and everlasting covenant. **From the people of Israel and from the house of King David, would be born the Messiah, Jesus.**

9.What is the full and definitive stage of God’s Revelation?

The full and definitive stage of God’s revelation is accomplished in His Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, the mediator and fullness of Revelation. He, being the only-begotten Son of God made man, is the perfect and definitive Word of the Father. **In the sending of the Son and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Revelation is now fully complete,** although the faith of the Church must gradually grasp its full significance over the course of centuries.

“In giving us His Son, His only and definitive Word, God spoke everything to us at once in this sole Word, and He has not more to say.” (Saint John of the Cross)

10.What is the value of private revelation?

While not belonging to the deposit of faith, private revelations may help a person to live the faith as long as they lead us to Christ. The Magisterium of the Church, which has the duty of evaluating such private revelations, cannot accept those which claim to surpass or correct that definitive Revelation which is Christ.

Use this for Feb. 15, 2015.....

Catholic Witness

“It is imperative that the entire Catholic community in the United States come to realize the grave threats to the Church’s public moral witness presented by a radical secularism which finds increasing expression in the political and cultural spheres.”

Pope Benedict XVI, visit to Washington, D.C., April 2008

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.

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

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.

For Jan. 25, Feb. 1 & 8

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Pro-Life News for January 18th

Please open your Bible to the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians (6:13c-15a) (Second Reading for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B)~~~

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you...." Do we respect, protect, feed or dress it as such?

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

