

# + Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

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**Three Rivers, Mass.**

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**Confessions:** Sat, 3:00 p.m. (also before daily Mass)

**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. 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 22, 2015**

*First Sunday in Lent*

**(Roman Rite, ordinary & extraordinary forms)**

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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. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Religious Education classes, grades 6-10, 10:30 a.m., parish hall  
Gorzkie Zale / Lenten Lamentations & Benediction – 2:00 p.m., church  
Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations, 4:00 p.m., church

**Mon., Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Rosary for World Peace, 4:00 p.m., church (*weather permitting, as this winter goes!*)

**Wed., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Fri., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>**

Stations of the Cross – 6:00 p.m., followed by Holy Mass.

**Sat., Feb. 28<sup>st</sup>**

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](mailto: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. +Victor Rivard – int. of his family  
+Hedy Workum – int. of Gloria Nowak  
5:15 p.m. +Nancy Michaud, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary – int. of her family  
+Joseph & Constance Kucewicz – int. of their daughter Janice

### **Feb. 22. Sunday ~ FIRST SUNDAY in LENT**

8:00 a.m. za parafian / for the parishioners  
9:30 a.m. +Marilyn Astin – int. of her family  
2:00 p.m. **Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations & Benediction**

### **23. Monday ~ Lenten feria (St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr)**

7:00 a.m. +Julia Pikul – int. of her daughter Diane

### **24. Tuesday ~ Lenten feria**

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Vera Gilbert – int. of Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Silva

### **25. Wednesday ~ Lenten feria**

7:00 a.m. +Sophie Bastek, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary – int. of her daughter Nanci

### **26. Thursday ~ Lenten feria**

7:00 a.m. +Constantine Cioch – int. of his daughter & grandchildren

### **27. Friday ~ Lenten feria**

7:00 a.m. +Frances Czech – int. of Three Rivers Polish Women's Club  
6p.m. **Stations of the Cross, & Mass:** healing of Nicole Nina – int. of Mimi & friend

### **28. Saturday ~ Lenten feria**

7:00 a.m. +Mary Jones – int. of Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality

### ***Vigil of Sunday***

4:00 p.m. +Mary Bolow – int. of her son Randy  
+Shirley Morton – int. of Claire & Sue Robello  
5:15 p.m. +deceased members of the Monat family – int. of the family  
+Robert, Donald, Roger, Richard & Ronald Bigos – int. of the family

### **March 1 Sunday ~ SECOND SUNDAY in LENT**

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Wiel, Ks. Leonard Chrobot – od Michael i Maryann Wostena  
9:30 a.m. for the parishioners  
2:00 p.m. **Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations & Benediction**

**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
Pope Francis	Fr. Robert Thrasher	Fr. Michael Bernier	Fr. Daniel Foley
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. George Zina	Msgr. Christopher Connelly	Fr. Galadima Goni	

## 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](http://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 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. 25<sup>th</sup> issue, should be submitted no later than Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>). Likewise for **Mass intentions: *Please be considerate and plan the date you would like a Mass offered well in advance. Your understanding is greatly appreciated!***

## Donations to the Parish

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

**In loving memory of +Josephine Slozak ~~~**

**To the Seminarian Fund – \$35 from Ruth Lech**

## STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD NEWS

**Dinner:** The Men's Guild will host a Corned Beef & Cabbage dinner on **Sat., March 7<sup>th</sup>** in the parish hall. Social at 6 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$10, adults; \$5, children under 12. For tickets, contact Fred Orszulak @ 283-5620 or (413) 427-9266, or Tom Losaw @ 283-4688.

**Meeting:** The Men's Guild will hold its monthly meeting on **Wed., March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. Current members are urged to attend; prospective members are invited. Membership is open to all men of the parish, including young men. *Come, be a part of this vibrant and uplifting organization.*

## 2015 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The **Annual Catholic Appeal** (ACA), the annual exercise in charity of the Diocese of Springfield since 1959 (previously known as "*Catholic Charities*" and "*Catholic Stewardship Appeal*" has begun, as in the last few years, with the Lenten Season. Contribution forms have been mailed to parishioners. Please be generous to the ACA which provides services for so many diocesan programs and persons of genuine need.

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

## Trip to Ireland

Rev. Gary Dailey & Rev. Matthew Alcombright are leading a trip to Ireland, **Aug. 7-18, 2015**. This 12 day pilgrimage will take you to castles, cathedrals, stunning cliffs and landscapes, abbeys, horse and carriage rides through Killarney National Park, Guinness Storehouse, fine Irish whiskey, Inis Mor Island cruise, Marian shrine of Knock & more. Cost: \$3295. **Information night: Wed., Mar. 4** at 6 p.m., Holy Spirit Chapel at St. Michael's Cathedral, 254 State St., Springfield. For more information, contact Stacy Dibbern @ (413) 452-0670 or visit [www.johnpaultours.com/springfield](http://www.johnpaultours.com/springfield).

~ Faith ~

*"What is meant by faith? It is to feel in good earnest that we are creatures of God; it is a practical perception of the unseen world; it is to understand that this world is not enough for our happiness, to look beyond it on towards God, to realize His presence, to wait upon Him, to endeavor to learn and to do His will, and to seek our good from Him."*

**-Blessed John Henry Newman** (1801-1890), beatified in 2010 by Pope Benedict XVI

*from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*

## The Transmission of Divine Revelation

### 11. Why and in what way is divine revelation transmitted?

**God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth”** (I Timothy 2:4), that is, of Jesus Christ. For this reason, Christ must be proclaimed to all according to His own command, “Go forth and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19). And this is brought about by Apostolic Tradition.

### 12. What is Apostolic Tradition?

**Apostolic Tradition is the transmission of the message of Christ, brought about from the very beginnings of Christianity** by means of preaching, bearing witness, institutions, worship, and inspired writings. The Apostles transmitted all they received from Christ and learned from the Holy Spirit to their successors, the bishops, and through them to all generations until the end of the world.

### 13. In what ways does Apostolic Tradition occur?

**Apostolic Tradition occurs in two ways: through the living transmission of the word of God (also simply called Tradition) and through Sacred Scripture** which is the same proclamation of salvation in written form.

### 14. What is the relationship between Tradition and Sacred Scripture?

**Tradition and Sacred Scripture** are bound closely together and communicate one with the other. Each of them makes present and fruitful in the Church the mystery of Christ. They flow out of the same divine well-spring and **together make up one sacred deposit of faith** from which the Church derives her certainty about revelation.

### 15. To whom is the deposit of faith entrusted?

**The Apostles entrusted the deposit of faith to the whole of the Church.** Thanks to her supernatural sense of faith the people of God as a whole, assisted by the Holy Spirit and guided by the Magisterium of the Church, never ceases to welcome, to perpetuate more deeply and to live more fully from the gift of divine revelation.

### 16. To whom is given the task of authentically interpreting the deposit of faith?

**The task of giving an authentic interpretation of the deposit of faith has been entrusted to the living teaching office of the Church alone, that is, to the successor of Peter, the Bishop of Rome, and to the bishops in communion with him.** To this Magisterium, which in the service of the Word of God enjoys the certain charism of truth, belongs also the task of defining dogmas which are formulations of the truths contained in divine Revelation. This authority of the Magisterium also extends to those truths necessarily connected with Revelation.

## Random Thoughts as We Age

Wouldn't it be great if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, come out wrinkle-free and three size smaller?

Last year I joined a support group for procrastinators. *We haven't met yet....*

I don't trip over things, **I do random gravity checks!**

Old age is coming at a really bad time!

When I was a child I thought nap time was a punishment. Now as a grown-up, it just feels like a small vacation!

The biggest lie I tell myself: ***"I don't need to write that down; I'll remember it."***

I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights"; I'm just very wise.

**My people skills are just fine. *It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.***

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

The kids text me "PLZ" which is short for "please." ***I text back "NO" which is shorter than "YES."***

Why do I have to press "one for English" when I'm just going to be transferred to someone who whom I can't understand anyway?"

Of course I talk to myself: ***sometimes I need expert advice.***

Chocolate comes from cocoa, which is a tree. That makes it a plant, which means that chocolate is salad!

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

**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.

**Palmer United Booster Club**

Palmer United Booster Club is having its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip on **Sat., March 28<sup>th</sup>** departing Palmer High School at approx. 2:30 p.m.; return to PHS at 11:30 p.m. 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.

Contact Kris Methe @ (413) 537-4240 to reserve a seat early. Check payable to: Palmer United Boosters Club (or PUB Club); mail: Kris Methe, 65 Shearer St., Palmer, MA 01069.

**Fasting and Abstinence ~ Regulations for the Season of Lent**

The Church has specified certain forms of penance, both to ensure that the Catholic will do something, as required by divine law, while making it easy for Catholics to fulfill the obligation. Thus, the 1983 Code of Canon Law specifies the obligations of Latin Rite Catholics [Easter Rite Catholics have their own penitential practices as specified by the Code of Canons for the Eastern Churches].

- Canon 1250 ~ All Fridays through the year and the time of Lent are penitential days and times throughout the entire Church.
- Canon 1251 ~ Abstinence from eating meat or another food according to the prescriptions of the conferences of bishops is to be observed on Fridays throughout the year unless they are solemnities; abstinence and fast are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and on the Friday of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Abstinence** – The law of abstinence requires a **Catholic, 14 years of age until death**, to **abstain from eating meat on Fridays** in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. **All the Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence** as decreed by the U.S. Conf. of Catholic Bishops [Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, and shellfish are permitted, as are animal derived products, e.g., margarine and gelatin which don't have meat taste.]

**Fasting** – The law of fasting requires a **Catholic from the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday (Canon 97) to the 59<sup>th</sup> birthday** (i.e., the beginning of the 60<sup>th</sup> year), a year which will be completed on the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday)