

+ 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. 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.

March 22, 2015

Fifth Sunday in Lent (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Passion 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 March

Sun., March 22nd

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., March 23rd

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

Tues., March 24th

Parish TAG SALE meeting, 6:15 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe room (?).

Wed., March 25th

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

Fri., March 27th

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

Sat., March 28th

Religious Education classes, grades K-5, 9:00 a.m., parish hall.
Confessions, beginning at 2:00 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 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 Leveille @ 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 bedzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!
Laudetur Iesus Christus!

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Thaddeus Nowak – int. of his wife & family
+Stanley Jamrog – int. of his wife Ruth & family
5:15 p.m. for the parishioners

22. Sunday ~ FIFTH SUNDAY in LENT (PASSION SUNDAY)

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Louis, Andrew, & Lorraine Milewski – int. of their sister
za d.sp. Julia & Julian Toczec – int. of their daughter Jane & family
9:30 a.m. +Emily & Frank Prouty, Jr. – int. of Andrew & Cindy Leveillee
+Joseph, Emily, & Francis Smola – int. of their sister
2:00 p.m. **Gorzkie Zale / Bitter Lamentations & Benediction**

23. Monday ~ St. Turibius of Mongrovejo, bishop

7:00 a.m. +Edward Rudnick – int. of his family

24. Tuesday ~ Lenten feria

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Frederick Swiderski – int. of niece Lorri & great-nephew Peyton
+Vera Gilbert – int. of Henry & Kathleen Koziol

25. Wednesday ~ The ANNUNCIATION of OUR LORD

7:00 a.m. +William Watson, 12th anniversary – int. of his wife & children

26. Thursday ~ Lenten feria

7:00 a.m. +Stella Machnik – int. of her family

27. Friday ~ Lenten feria

7:00 a.m. +Antonio Silva – int. of the Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers
6p.m. Stations of the Cross, & Mass: +Msgr. Zdzislaw Peszkowski

28. Saturday ~ Lenten feria

7:00 a.m. +Dennis Moran – int. of Andrew & Cindy Leveillee

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +William, Josephine & Boleslaus Kulis – int. of daughter
+Joseph Slozak – int. of June & Richard
5:15 p.m. +Nicholas Haskell & +Gavagnin family – int. of Lydia Tanne
+Reggie Flaherty, 6th anniversary – int. of his family

29. Sunday ~ PALM SUNDAY of the LORD'S PASSION

8:00 a.m. za parafian / for the parishioners
9:30 a.m. +John Styspeck & +John Pisarski, Jr. – int. of wife Roslyn
+deceased members of Szlosek, Schultz, & Ferry family
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
Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC	Fr. William Hamilton	Fr. William Pomerleau	Fr. John McDonagh
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. James McAndrews	Fr. Noel Danielewicz, OFM.Conv.	Fr. Kenneth Dos Santos, MIC	

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??*

****IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF ADORATION!****

We are seeking a **new Adoration Coordinator** to replace Diana Roth, whose final day as coordinator will be May 1st, 2015.

Here is an opportunity for parishioners to step forward and put their faith into practice. It would be tragic if our parish would have to close Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament after two decades!

If you are willing to take on this awesome responsibility in order to keep the Most Holy Eucharist exposed for Adoration, please contact Diana @ 283-8709.

~WHERE ARE ALL THE PARISHIONERS FROM TWO COMBINED PARISHES???~

As you can see below, we are in need of MANY volunteers to spend time with Our Lord for the following days and hours:

Wednesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Fridays, 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Thursdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

1:00-2:00 p.m.

12:00-1:00 p.m.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

2:00-3:00 p.m.

Saturdays, 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Time spent with God is never time wasted! He may be calling YOU! To substitute or commit to an hour in this ministry of prayer, please contact Diana Roth @ 283-8709. ***God is never outdone in generosity!***

School of Religious Education **NEWS**

Regular classes meet each Saturday and Sunday morning.

Please refer to calendar on page 2 for times and location.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY ON MONDAYS

Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality continues to pray the **Rosary on each Monday at 4:00 p.m.** in church. 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!***

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.** *Your understanding is greatly appreciated!*

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

For Easter Flowers - \$100 from Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality

In loving memory of +Theresa Pikul ~~~

To the General Fund – \$100 from the Henry Archambault family;

\$50 from Rachel Dusza, and Elizabeth & Peter Matrow;

\$30 from John & Rosemary Lukaskiewicz;

\$25 each from: Stephen & Lorraine Hall/ Michael & Claudia O'Connor/ Eugene & Joyce

Piechota / \$20 from Claire & Susan Rebello / \$10 from Sophie Bigda

In loving memory of +Blanche Wostena ~~~

To the General Fund - \$25 from Richard & Eileen Chrzan, Enfield, Conn.

ST. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD ANNUAL MASS & COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild will attend the **9:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, March 29**, followed by the **annual Communion Breakfast** in the parish hall. Members should gather in the back vestibule (near the St. Maximilian Room) at 9:15 a.m. to process into church. *Any member planning to attend should contact John Fox @ 284-0234 before Wed., March 26th* so that an accurate number can be gathered. *Thank you!*

THIRD ANNUAL PARISH TAG SALE

Our parish's 3rd Annual TAG SALE will be held on **Sat., May 16**. Please save any usable or slightly used items. ***Drop off times will be announced soon!*** A **meeting** for anyone interested in helping will be on **Tues., March 24** around 6:15 p.m. (we'll need people to pack, set-up items, help at drop off times, and on the day of the sale). *Your help will be greatly appreciated!* We hope to repeat this year the successful Tag Sales from the past.

Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers

The Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers (PWCTR) is pleased to announce that **applications for the 2015 scholarship program are now being accepted**. Applicant shall be a high school senior, in good scholastic standing, entering an accredited college, and must be a child or grandchild of a PWCTR member. **Deadline for submitting applications: May 8, 2015. FOR APPLICATIONS**, please contact Margaret Brozek @ (413) 323-8236.

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

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.

St. Mary's Academy, Longmeadow

St. Mary's Academy will host the **11th Anniversary ACE Auction next Sat., March 28th** at the Storrowtown Carriage House, West Springfield. Tickets: \$50 at the school or call (413) 567-0907. Reserve your tickets for an evening of bidding, food, D.J., dancing, a mystery raffle, silent & exciting live auction items for your enjoyment or to give as gifts. Proceeds will benefit St. Mary's Academy student education. Contact Gina Moore at gina.mo1974@gmail.com for more information. *Thanks for your support!*

Palmer United Booster Club

Palmer United Booster Club is having its 4th Annual Mohegan Sun Casino Bus Trip **next Sat., March 28th** 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. Check payable to: Palmer United Boosters Club (or PUB Club); mail: Kris Methe, 65 Shearer St., Palmer, MA 01069.

Monastic Experience Weekends for Women

Each year, the Benedictine Nuns of St. Scholastic Priory in Petersham, Mass. Hold **Monastic Experience Weekends** in order that **young women** may see their life "from the inside," and gain useful knowledge of **how to discern a vocation**. Women participate in the daily balance of prayer, work and study, and have opportunity to speak to others who have been called to the **contemplative way of life**.

Weekends are offered to women ages 18-40, and this year will be held on **March 13-15, June 19-21, and October 9-11**. For more information, please contact: Sister Mary Frances, OSB, St. Scholastica Priory, 271 North Main St., Petersham, MA 01366; smfwynn@aol.com / www.stscholasticapriory.org. / (978)-724-3213.

+Sister Mary Rosaline (Igielski), F.S.S.J.

Sister Mary Rosaline, F.S.S.J., died on March 4, 2015 at the age of 100 and in her 81st year of religious life, at the Colette Hilbert Care Community in Hamburg, N.Y.

The former Sophie Igielski was born in Holyoke on June 3, 1914 and entered the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph in 1931. She professed her final vows as Sister Mary Rosaline on July 16, 1936. Sister was a teacher for thirty-four years, and **she taught at Sts. Peter & Paul School, Three Rivers from 1950-1952.** In 1976, she coordinated the religious education program at Holy Cross Parish, Springfield. In 1986 she returned to Immaculata Academy, Hamburg, N.Y. where she served as CCD Coordinator and community Vocations Director. She retired in 2005. Her Funeral was held on March 9 at the Motherhouse Chapel in Hamburg, followed by burial at St. Stanislaus Cemetery, Cheektowaga, N.Y. in the F.S.S.J. section. *Please remember Sister M. Rosaline in your prayers.*

PRAYER AGAINST STORMS

[At each "+", make the Sign of the Cross]

Jesus Christ, King of Glory has come in Peace. + God became man, + and the Word was made flesh. + Christ was born of a Virgin. + Christ suffered. + Christ was crucified. + Christ die. + Christ rose from the dead. + Christ ascended into Heaven. + Christ conquers. + Christ reigns. + Christ orders. + May Christ protect us from all storms and lightning. + Christ went through their midst in peace, + and the Word was made flesh. + Christ is with us with Mary. + Flee you enemy spirits because the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has won. + Holy God! + Holy Powerful God! + Holy Immortal God! + Have mercy on us. Amen.

~ God's Grace in the Midst of Busy-ness ~

From the moment we open our eyes in the morning after sleep to the moment we close them again for the night we are surrounded by a succession of activities, which follow one another and leave no moment empty, provided always we keep attention in ourselves and are not sick with laziness and negligence.

God helps those who show their zeal to do all things rightly, by sending them His grace and by granting them the protection of angels and the prayers of the saints.

~Father Lorenzo Scupoli (+1610), a Theatine priest from Italy and a spiritual author

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 7

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

SECTION TWO: THE PROFESSION OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH THE SYMBOLS OF FAITH

34. What are the most ancient symbols (profession) of faith?

The most ancient symbols of faith are the *baptismal creeds*. Because Baptism is conferred “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” (Matthew 28:19), the truths of faith professed at Baptism are articulated in reference to the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity.

35. What are the most important symbols of the faith?

They are the *Apostles Creed* which is the ancient baptismal symbol of the Church of Rome **and the *Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed*** which stems from the first two ecumenical Councils, that of Nicea (325 A.D.) and that of Constantinople (381 A.D.) and which even to this day are common to all the great Churches of the East and the West.

36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”?

The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?

Belief in the one God is professed because He has revealed Himself to the people of Israel as the only One when He said, “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD” (Deuteronomy 6:4) and “there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus Himself confirmed that God is “the one Lord” (Mark 12:29). **To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.**

38. With what name does God reveal Himself?

God revealed Himself to Moses as the living God, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6). **God also revealed to Moses His mysterious name, “I Am Who I Am (YHWH).”** Already in Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title *Lord*. Thus **in the New Testament, Jesus Who was called *Lord* is seen as true God.**

39. Is God the only One Who “is”?

Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, **only God Himself is the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is “He Who is” without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that He bears the divine name “I AM”** (John 8:28).