

+ 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. 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.

April 5, 2015

Easter Sunday: the Resurrection of the Lord

(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 EASTER WEEK in April

Easter Sun., April 5th

Happy Easter to all!

No Religious Education classes, grades 6-10 ...Easter break...

Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations, 4:00 p.m., church

Mon., April 6th

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

Wed., April 8th

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

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

Sat., April 11th

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

Diocesan Youth Concert of Faith, grades 6-10, 7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Parish, Ludlow

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!*

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!*

Great Easter Vigil ~April 4

7:30 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil: for the parishioners

5. EASTER SUNDAY of the RESURRECTION of the LORD

7:30 a.m. Resurrection Procession & Mass: za parafian / for the parishioners

9:30 a.m. +Brian McGuire – int. of Patricia & Mark Bogacz

+Earl Noble, 1st anniversary – int. of Natalie, Tracy, & Robyn

6. EASTER MONDAY

7:00 a.m. +Earl McKee – int. of his wife Lydia

7. EASTER TUESDAY

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Blanche Wostena – int. of the Apostles of Prayer

8. EASTER WEDNESDAY

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

9. EASTER THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. +Stefan & Sallie Rosinki – int. of William & Jan Banks

10. EASTER FRIDAY

7:00 a.m. +Enid Sczepanek – int. of Lynn Riendeau

11. EASTER SATURDAY

7:00 a.m. +Jozefa & Tadeusz Pecak – int. of their family

4:00 p.m. +Veronica MacKay, Yola Deveaux, & Dee Bigos – int. of Gloria Nowak

+Deceased members of Niemiec family – int. of Carl & Irene

5:15 p.m. +Rev. Sylvio Levesque – int. of Lydia Tanne

+William & Mary Lemanski – int. of their son & family

12. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Barney & Mary Skowronek – int. of grandson Michael & family

9:30 a.m. +Cecelia Matera – int. of Chester & Helen Jackanowski

+Gerald Jaworek & Franciszek Syper – int. of the 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
Pope Francis	Fr. John Lessard	Fr. James McCurry	Fr. Julian LaFlamme
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Robert Vennetti	Fr. David Stopyra	Fr. Guiseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR	

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 happy to welcome Joanne Stolar as the new Adoration Coordinator who will succeed Diana Roth after May 1st. *We thank Joanne for volunteering for this ministry! It would have been unfortunate if our parish had to close Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament after two decades!*

Hours still needing volunteer adorers:

Thursday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; 9:00-10:00 a.m. / Fridays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m.; 2:00-3:00 p.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*

*No Religious Education Classes on this Palm Sunday, March 29th or next week, Easter Sunday, April 5th. No classes on Holy Saturday, April 4th. Regular classes resume the weekend of April 11 & 12. *Youth Concert* will take the place of classes on Sun., April 12. **Final classes** are a week later, April 18 & 19.

First Holy Communion is Sun., May 3rd at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Grade 2 will have classes on Sat., April 25th and Sat., May 2nd.

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!

In loving memory of +Blanche Wostena ~~~

To the Seminarian Fund –

\$50 from son Michael and daughter Maryann

In loving memory of +Sophie & Henry Jacek ~~~

To the General Fund –

\$100 from son Fred & daughter-in-law Joyce

In loving memory of +Stanley & Anna Socha ~~~

To the General Fund – \$20 from their daughter Dotty

In loving memory of +Antonio Silva ~~~

To the General Fund – \$20 from Sophie Starzyk

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD NEWS

1/ **Monthly meeting** will be held this **Wed., April 8 at 6:30 p.m.** in the parish hall. All members urged to attend; new members are welcome, including young men.

2/ Men's Guild **Prime Rib Dinner on Sat., April 18 is SOLD OUT.**

3/ **Scholarship Applications** for graduating high school students, awarded by the Men's Guild on behalf of the parish and **in memory of +Father Robert J. Ceckowski**, are available in the sacristy before/after Masses beginning March 28. **Application deadline: May 2.** Applicants must plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college, and have been of service to our parish. For any questions, please contact John Fox @ 284-0234

THIRD ANNUAL PARISH TAG SALE

Our parish's **3rd Annual TAG SALE** will be held on **Sat., May 16, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the parish hall. **Bake Sale / Light lunch available for sale / Free coffee all day /** Please save any usable or slightly used items (please, NO electronics, TVs, etc.).

Drop off times: Tues., April 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 25, 9 a.m.-Noon; Sun., April 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Wed., April 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; more dates to follow.

We 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!* Any questions, please contact Ruth Curtain @ 283-2450 or Diane Marhelewicz @ 283-9039.

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.

EASTER GREETINGS 2015

Wszystkim Parafianom składamy serdecznie życzenia na Święta Zmartwychstania Pana Jezusa. Niech was obdarza Błogosławieństwem i łaskami. *Wesołego Alleluja!*

Rejoice, for the Lord is risen! It is our sincere wish that the glorious Easter Season will bring every blessing and joy to each family in our parish. Easter is the triumph of God over every earthly evil. The death from which our Savior arose assures us that we shall conquer sin. His rising reassures us that we, too, shall rise from the dead to reap the reward of that conquest. *A Happy & Blessed Easter!*

Father Stefan and the parish staff:

John Yurkunas, Jean Brigham, Mark Narreau, Mary Besko, Lydia McKee, Michael Wostena, Maryann Wostena, John Dziedzic.

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

United Polish–American Organization Council (UPACOC) Scholarship

2015 UPAOC Scholarship applications are now available in the sacristy. Feel free to stop by and pick one up. **Eligibility criteria** for this annual scholarship:

A Any boy or girls of Polish descent or legally adopted by Polish parents (*at least one parent of Polish origin*); **B** Applicant or parent must hold membership in a Palmer Polish-American organization or be a member of Divine Mercy Parish; **C** Graduate of high school or recognized academy; **D** Accepted (or about to be accepted) at a college, university, or institution of higher learning; **E** Transcripts from high school or recognized academy; **F** Letter of recommendation (*no recommendations from a relative*). **Application deadline: Friday, May 8, 2015.**

St. Joseph Polish Society / Polski Towarzystwo Sw. Jozefa

St. Joseph Society Scholarship Committee announced it is now **accepting applications** for the year 2015 program. A total of \$2000 is available for qualified applicants. **Application deadline: May 10.** To be eligible, a student must complete high school in 2015, have a GPA of 2.8 entering an accredited college, and meet other requirements specified by St. Joseph Society. The applicant must be son or daughter of a society member (male/female) in good standing. For more information, contact Joseph Siok @ 967-3830, Stanley Siok @ 283-3570 or Peter Warakowski @ 283-8189.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 9

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

53. Why was the world created?

The world was created for the glory of God Who wished to show forth and communicate His goodness, truth, and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might be “all in all” (I Corinthians 15:28) for His glory and for our happiness.

“The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God.”

(Saint Irenaeus)

54. How did God create the universe?

God created the universe freely with wisdom and love. **The world is not the result of any necessity, nor of blind fate, nor of chance. God created “out of nothing” (*ex nihilo*) (II Maccabees 7:28) a world which is ordered and good and which He infinitely transcends.** God preserves His creation in being and sustains it, giving it the capacity to act and leading it toward its fulfillment through His Son and the Holy Spirit.

55. What is Divine Providence?

Divine Providence consists in the dispositions with which God leads His creatures toward their ultimate end. **God is the sovereign Master of His own plan. To carry it out, however, He also makes use of the cooperation of His creatures.** For God grants His creatures the dignity of acting on their own and of being causes for each other.

57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?

God is not in any way---directly or indirectly---the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in His Son Jesus Christ Who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.

58. Why does God permit evil?

Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit evil if He did not cause a good to come from that very evil. This was realized in a wondrous way by God in the death and resurrection of Christ. In fact, from the greatest of all moral evils (the murder of His Son) He has brought forth the greatest of all goods (the glorification of Christ and our redemption).

59. What did God create?

The Church in her profession of faith proclaims that **God is the Creator of everything, visible and invisible, of all spiritual and corporeal beings,** that is, of angels and of the visible world and, in a special way, of man.

Use for April 5 before or after Catechism #9

With the release of Pope Francis' first encyclical, what is an encyclical, and how many encyclicals do popes generally write?

"According to its etymology, an encyclical is nothing more than a circular letter," according to The Catholic Encyclopedia.

Pope Francis' first encyclical, *Lumen Fidei* (*The Light of Faith*) was started by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and finished by Francis. Pope Francis signed it on June 29, 2013, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, although it was not released until July 5, 2013, the same day he announced that Popes John XXIII and John Paul II would be canonized. Francis himself acknowledged that *Lumen Fidei* was the

first papal encyclical "written by four hands," and he also stated that most of the work on the encyclical should be credited to Benedict.

The number of encyclicals written by a Pontiff varies. In the first half of the twentieth century, Popes typically wrote fifty or more of the letters.

Pope Benedict wrote three encyclicals during his pontificate: *Deus Caritas Est* (*God is Love*), 2005; *Spe Salvi* (*Saved in Hope*), 2007; and *Caritas in Veritate* (*Charity in Truth*), 2009.

Pope St. John Paul II wrote 14 encyclicals over his quarter-century pontificate, including *Redemptor Hominis*, *Dives in Misericordia*, *Veritatis Splendor*, and *Fides et Ratio*. **Pope Blessed Paul VI** wrote seven encyclicals (including *Mysterium Fidei*, *Populorum Progressio*, and *Humanae Vitae*), while his predecessor **Pope St. John XXIII** wrote eight of them (including *Mater et Magister* and *Pacem in Terris*).

THE WORK OF DIVINE JUSTICE always presupposes the work of mercy; and is founded thereon.

~St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae*, I, 214, 1272