

+ 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 19, 2015

Third Sunday of Easter (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Second Sunday after Easter (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 April

Sun., April 19th

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., April 20th

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

Tues., April 21st

Tag Sale drop-off, 6:30-7:30 p.m., parish hall.

Wed., April 22nd

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

Sat., April 25th

Religious Education First Holy Communion class, grade 2, 9:00 a.m., parish hall

Tag Sale drop-off, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, 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 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!*

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. for the parishioners

5:15 p.m. +Victor Bukowski – int. of his daughter, sons, & family
+Brian Donovan – int. of his family

19. Sunday ~ THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Thaddeus Guzik – od Zofii Starzyk

9:30 a.m. +Martin Anderson – int. of his family
+John & Josephine Yurkunas – int. of their son John & family

20. Monday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. +Kazimierz, Michal, & Augustyn Niemczyk

21. Tuesday ~ St. Anselm, bishop & doctor

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Antonio Silva – int. of Lori Vaz
+Vera Gilbert – int. of Alice Bukowski

22. Wednesday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. +Marian & Victoria Wilk

23. Thursday ~ St. George, martyr; St. Adalbert, bishop & martyr

7:00 a.m. +Henryk Kepa – int. of his family

24. Friday ~ St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr

7:00 a.m. +Chester Pikul – int. of his daughter Diane
+Walter J. Kusek – int. of his wife

25. Saturday ~ St. Mark, evangelist

7:00 a.m. +deceased members of Sondej & Niemczyk families

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Walter Frydryk – int. of his wife & family
+deceased members of the Muniec family – int. of the family

5:15 p.m. for the parishioners

26. Sunday ~ FOURTH SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Zygmunt, Marianna i Jan Szulc od rodziny Gurzynski

9:30 a.m. +Edward & Alice Rudnick – int. of their family
+Alice & Andrew Smart – int. of their son Andrew & daughter-in-law Cindy Leveille

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. Mark Glover | Fr. Robert Gentile | Fr. Anthony Gramlich | Fr. Donald VanAlstyne |
| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| Fr. Joseph Benicewicz, OFM.C. Fr. Roy Duquette | | Fr. Dennis Grumsey, 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??*

****ADORATION CONTINUES IN OUR PARISH****

Please pray for/welcome our new Adoration Coordinator Joanne Stolar (as of April 15th). *We thank Joanne for volunteering for this ministry! After two decades, Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament will continue in our parish.*

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 Joanne Stolar @ 283-4651. *God is never outdone in generosity!*

School of Religious Education *NEWS*

* **Final classes** for 2014-2015 take place **this weekend**, April 18 & 19.

STUDENTS & PARENTS: *Please remember that religious education is not just for eight or nine months of the year. Rather, we continue to learn about our Faith each day. One of the best ways to do so, is to attend Sunday Mass regularly and faithfully!*

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.

Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality

The Rosary Sodality will have a **catered breakfast on Sat., May 2nd** in the parish hall. Ladies of the parish are invited to come, including any members who we haven't been able to reach. **If you plan to attend, please contact Marion @ 283-6029.**

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!***

To the Seminarian Fund - \$200 in thanksgiving for a favor received

To the General Fund ~

In loving memory of +Mary Wilga –

\$25 from S.P. & L.M. Skaza / \$20 from Matthew & Diane Roberts

In loving memory of + William Bigda -

\$100 from Joe & Chris Miarecki / \$25 from Carolyn & Francis Zobka

In loving memory of + Stanley Geslock - \$50 from his daughter Katrina

In loving memory of + Francis Wozniakowski –

\$20 from Peter Warakowski / \$20 from Leon & Connie Wlodyka

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD SCHOLARSHIPS

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.).

===TAG SALE MEETING: Tues., April 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

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.

Persons needed to pack, set-up items at drop off times, and on Tag Sale day. *Your help will be appreciated!* Contact Ruth Curtain @ 283-2450/Diane Marhelewicz @ 283-9039.

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Annual Mother's Day Dinner, **Sun., May 7th** at Chez Josef, Agawam, sponsored by Mass. Citizens for Life, Pioneer Valley region. Speaker: Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life committee. Tickets: \$50 (\$25, students). Tickets online at www.masscitizensforlife.org. or call (413) 583-5034 Checks may be mailed to Virginia Wade, chairwoman, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, MA 01056

Additional "THANK YOU"

Thanks to **Vida Thornhill** for her assistance, especially with the 1st Holy Communion Class.

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

SOCIETY of POLISH AMERICAN CULTURE

The Society of Polish American Culture will host Stephen Jendrysik, local historian, at the monthly meeting on **Mon., April 20th at 7 p.m.** at the **Chicopee Lodge of Elks, 431 Granby Road, Chicopee.** His topic will be famous local Polish immigrant entrepreneurs. Mr. Jendrysik, a retired high school teacher, is the author of several books about the Chicopee Polish community. **The public is invited and there is no charge.** Tickets for the May 18 meat loaf supper will be on sale at this meeting.

"RUN FASTER WITH THE PASTOR"

St. Mary's School, **5K FUN RUN "Run Faster with the Pastor"** will take place at the school, Charles St., Ware on **Sat., May 9.** Registration & Number Pick-up: 7:30-8:30 a.m. / 9:00 a.m. 5K / 9:10 a.m. 2 Mile Walk / 10:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run/Obstacle Course (Free) / St. Mary's students \$10 / Racers/Walkers \$25. For more information contact: kjurczyk369@gmail.com or call (413) 237-3539. Register at www.runreg.com/run-faster-with-a-pastor.

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 Warakomski @ 283-8189.

Tenth Anniversary of Election to the Supreme Pontificate
POPE BENEDICT XVI

On April 19, 2005, the College of Cardinals chose the successor to the saintly and great **Pope John Paul II**. In the days leading to that conclave, we wondered who could possibly follow in the footsteps of such a giant. The Holy Spirit led those gathered to select the *best choice* in the person of **Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger**, dean of the College of Cardinals and Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

From the announcement of his election and revelation of his papal name, it was evident that **Benedict**

XVI would never try to imitate his predecessor. Aware of his personal weaknesses and strengths, he would be as pope what he had been all of his life: *himself, a child of God, and a loyal son of the Church.*

It would be regrettable and a grave injustice if Pope Benedict XVI should only be remembered as the first pontiff to resign the papal office in some six centuries. His unprecedented renunciation on Feb. 11, 2013, while a shock and sorrow for most of us, was but another example of his genuine humility. At his final Wednesday audience (Feb. 27, 2013) he said that **from the moment of his election he was “engaged always and forever by the Lord” and his decision to resign did “not revoke this....I am not abandoning the Cross, but remaining in a new way at the side of the crucified Lord.”**

Beginning with his Inaugural Mass on April 22, 2005 he was the humble, prolific teacher of the Faith, shepherding the Church over the next eight years, presenting **Catholicism** as it truly **is: a joyful encounter with Christ. Benedict XVI helped us to rediscover the centrality of the Sacred Liturgy.** He led by example with his reverent and uplifting celebrations of the Holy Mass, Vespers, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and other devotions. He reminded us that **the Second Vatican Council was not a rupture with the past, but represented a continuity with the sacred deposit of the Faith.** Our gentle **“Pontiff Emeritus” continues his service to the Church,** albeit in a different way, **“in the service of prayer....in the enclosure of Saint Peter”** (Gen. Aud., Feb. 27, 2013). *Someday he will surely be named a Doctor of the Church.*

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 11

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

71. What relationship has God established between man and woman?

Man and woman have been created by God in equal dignity insofar as they are human persons. **At the same time, they have been created in a reciprocal complementarity** insofar as they are masculine and feminine. God has willed them one *for* the other to form a communion of persons. **They are also called to transmit human life by forming in matrimony “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).** They are likewise called to subdue the earth as “stewards” of God.

74. What was the fall of the angels?

This expression indicates that **Satan and the other demons, about which Sacred Scripture and the Tradition of the Church speak, were angels, created good by God. They were, however, transformed into evil because with a free and irrevocable choice they rejected God and His Kingdom, thus giving rise to the existence of hell.** They try to associate human beings with their revolt against God. However, God has wrought in Christ a sure victory over the Evil One.

75. What was the first human sin?

When tempted by the devil, the first man and woman allowed trust in their Creator to die in their hearts. In their disobedience they **wished to become “like God”** but without God and not in accordance with God (Genesis 3:5). Thus, Adam and Eve immediately lost for themselves and for all their descendants the original grace of holiness and justice.

76. What is original sin?

Original sin, in which all human beings are born, is the state of deprivation of original holiness and justice. It is a sin “contracted” by us not “committed”; it is a state of birth and not a personal act. Because of the original unity of all human beings, it is transmitted to the descendants of Adam, “not by imitation, but by propagation.” This transmission remains a mystery which we cannot fully understand.

77. What other consequences derive from original sin?

In consequence of original sin human nature, without being totally corrupted, is wounded in its natural powers. It is subject to ignorance, to suffering, and to the dominion of death and is inclined toward sin. This inclination is called *concupiscence*.

78. After the first sin, what did God do?

After the first sin the world was inundated with sin but God did not abandon man to the power of death. Rather, He foretold in a mysterious way in the “Protoevangelium” (Genesis 3:15) that evil would be conquered and that man would be lifted up from his fall. This was the first proclamation of the Messiah and Redeemer. Therefore, **the fall would be called in the future a “happy fault” because it gained for us so great a Redeemer**” (Liturgy of the Easter Vigil).