

+ 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.

May 3, 2015

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Fourth 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 & May

Sun., May 3rd

First Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Mass. God bless our First Holy Communicants!

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

Mon., May 4th

Tag Sale drop-off, 10 a.m.-Noon; 6:00-8:00 p.m., parish hall.

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

Wed., May 6th

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

Thurs., May 7th

Tag Sale drop-off, 6:00-8:00 p.m., parish hall.

Sat., May 9th

Tag Sale drop-off, 10 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 jmjdrrs2007@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. +Sister M. Eucharica Wielkiewicz, F.S.S.J.; +Arline Britt – int. of Gloria Nowak
5:15 p.m. +Stephen & Sophie Kosmider – int. of their son Stephen & family
+Stanley & Celia Swiatlowski – int. of Ron, Jane, David, & Natalie

3. Sunday ~ FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER {POLISH CONSTITUTION DAY}

8:00 a.m. za parafian / for the parishioners

9:30 a.m. – intentions of the First Holy Communion class

- for Leokadia Wasiuk – int. of her children Teresa & John

+Walter & Joanna Rudek – int. of their daughter Barbara & family

2:00 p.m. Coronation of the Blessed Mother / Koronacja Najsw. Maryi Panny

4. Monday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

5. Tuesday ~ Easter feria

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: ***for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

6. Wednesday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

7. Thursday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

8. Friday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

9. Saturday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Corinne Raymond – int. of Tom & Loretta Madden

+deceased members of Falk family – int. of Peter & Frances Misiaszek

5:15 p.m. **25th Wedding Anniversary: Karl & Karen Oliveira**

10. Sunday ~ SIXTH SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Cecylia Matera – od Mr. & Mrs. Waclaw Pryga

9:30 a.m. ***Novena for living & +deceased mothers of our parish***

2:00 p.m. No Devotions today / Dzisiaj, Nabozenstwa nie bedzie

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. John Lessard	Fr. Richard Turner	Fr. Lucian Krolkowski	Bishop Mitchell Rozanski
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Merle Lavoie	Fr. Matthew O'Connor	Fr. Ronald Sadlowski	

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??*

Please pray for/welcome our new Adoration Coordinator Joanne Stolar. *We thank Joanne for volunteering for this ministry! We are grateful that Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament continues in our parish.*

Hours still needing volunteer adorers:

Thursday, 2:00-3:00 p.m. / Fridays, 1:00-2:00 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 @ 283-4651. God is never outdone in generosity!

School of Religious Education *NEWS*

First Holy Communion is this Sun., **May 3rd** at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. **We sincerely thank Mrs. Margaret Brozek**, 2nd grade teacher, and Mrs. Vida Thornhill, & Mrs. Cheryl Kozlik for all their assistance in preparing the children for this most special day.

Congratulations to: Athan Bates, Andrew Jacques, Jr., Ryan King, Morgan MacKenzie, Brayden Mega, Ariana Messier, Donovan Rayleonard, Mya Welch.

May God bless our First Holy Communicants, their parents and families!

Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary takes place this Sun., **May 3rd at 2:00 p.m.** May Queen is Amanda Baldyga. Please join us as we show our love to our Blessed Mother Mary in her special month (*and support our Junior Rosary members!*)

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 General Fund ~

In loving memory of +Blanche Wostena – \$25 from Barbara Miskiewicz

In loving memory of +William Bigda – \$100 from Aunt Sophie Bigda; \$50 from Leo Gelineau, Jr.; \$30 from David & Todd Matera; \$25 from Jim & Ursula St.Amand; \$20 from Chris & Karl Nauman; \$10 from Ruth Jamrog

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: Mon., May 4, 10 a.m.-Noon; 6:00-8 p.m.; Thurs., May 7, 6:00-8 p.m.; Sat., May 9, 10 a.m.-Noon.

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.

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD

The Men's Guild will hold its May meeting on Wed., May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. All current members are urged to attend, and any prospective members are invited to join. Membership is open to all men of the parish, including young men. *Come and be a part of this vibrant and uplifting parish organization!*

FRIENDS OF THE PALMER SENIOR CENTER

On Tues., May 19, Krazy Jake's Restaurant, 2537 Boston Road, Wilbraham will be donating 20% of all food & beverage bills for customers who present a coupon to their server to benefit the *Friends of the Palmer Senior Center*. Coupons available at the Senior Center on in the senior newsletter.

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/girl 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 (*not from a relative*). **Application deadline: Fri., May 8, 2015.**

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

RIGHT TO LIFE ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY DINNER

Sun., May 10th 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 Mail checks to Virginia Wade, chairwoman, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, MA 01056.

SOCIETY OF POLISH AMERICAN CULTURE

The Society of Polish American Culture will host a **festive meatloaf party on Mon., May 18 at 6 p.m.**, downstairs dining room, Chicopee Lodge of Elks. *It will be an enjoyable way to end the 2014-2015 season!* **Noah Lis of Palmer** will provide singing of some classics and "oldies." Blake Shelton has coached Noah as he performed on the Voice. Dinner cost: \$10, incl. coffee, tea & dessert. Co-president Eugene Kirekczyk is donating a money tree for raffle. Members & guests are requested to donate new items (worth at least \$10). Prizes may be brought on day of event. **Tickets must be purchased in advance by May 11th. Call (413) 592-0227. No tickets at the door.** Checks payable to: Society of Polish American Culture. *The public is welcome to join in this gala affair!*

"RUN FASTER WITH THE PASTOR"

St. Mary's School, **5K FUN RUN "Run Faster with the Pastor"** takes place at the school, Charles St., Ware **next 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. Contact: kjurczyk369@gmail.com or call (413) 237-3539. Register at www.runreg.com/run-faster-with-a-pastor.

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.

St. Joseph Polish Society / Polski Towarzystwo Sw. Jozefa

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

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Blessed Sacrament leads massive pro-life march in Tijuana

Mexico City, Mexico, Mar 12, 2015 / ([EWTN News](#))



Eucharistic Adoration. Credit: Elisa Pires via JMJ Rio 2013/Flickr (CC BY-NC-SA 2.0).

On Sunday, March 8, the Archdiocese of Tijuana, Mexico, held its 15th March for Life, Peace and Justice. Some 35,000 people participated under the motto: *“Whoever seeks justice attains peace, whoever attains peace defends life.”*

The march began at 9 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m. with Mass. All during the march, the Blessed Sacrament preceded the thousands of citizens that Archbishop Rafael Romo Munoz had called together.

Attendees carried a cross, drove floats, and carried banners with a pro-life message.

“I thank all of you for being here. You are a very strong group with beautiful floats showing your joyful participation in this 15th annual march. It is a hymn to life, to peace, to justice,” the archbishop said in his welcome address.

The archdiocese reported that Archbishop Romo also took the opportunity to greet all the women present for International Women’s Day. He especially praised single mothers for raising their children, even without being able to count on the support of the fathers.

The coordinator of the march responsible for pastoral education, Father Benigno Medrano Flores, emphasized the presence of Catholic schools, stressing the importance of promoting the value of life among children.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 12

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

79. What is the Good News for humanity?

It is the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the “Son of the living God” (Matthew 16:16), Who died and rose from the dead.

80. How is the Good News spread?

From the very beginning the first disciples burned with the desire to proclaim Jesus Christ in order to lead all to faith in Him. Even today, from the loving knowledge of Christ **there springs up in the believer the desire to evangelize and catechize**, that is, to reveal in the Person of Christ the entire design of God and to put humanity in communion with Him.

81. What is the meaning of the name “Jesus”?

Given by the angel at the time of the Annunciation, **the name “Jesus” means “God saves.”** The name expresses His identity and His mission “because He will save His people from their sins” (Matthew 1:21). Peter proclaimed that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

82. Why is Jesus called “Christ”?

“Christ” in Greek, “Messiah” in Hebrew, means the “anointed one.” Jesus is the Christ because He is consecrated by God and anointed by the Holy Spirit for His redeeming mission. He is the Messiah awaited by Israel, sent into the world by the Father.

83. In what sense is Jesus the Only Begotten Son of God?

Jesus is the Son of God in a unique and perfect way. At the time of His Baptism and His Transfiguration, the voice of the Father designated Jesus as His “beloved Son.” In presenting Himself as the Son Who “knows the Father” (Matthew 11:27), Jesus affirmed His singular and eternal relationship with God His Father. **He is “the Only Begotten Son of God” (I John 4:9), the second Person of the Blessed Trinity.** He is the central figure of apostolic preaching. The Apostles saw “His glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father” (John 1:14).

87. In what way is Jesus Christ true God and true man?

Jesus is inseparably true God and true man in the unity of His divine Person. As the Son of God, Who is “begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father,” He was made true man, our brother, without ceasing to be God, our Lord.

89. How does the Church set forth the Mystery of the Incarnation?

The Church confesses that **Jesus Christ is true God and true man with two natures, a divine nature and a human nature, not confused with each other but united in the Person of the Word.** Therefore, in the humanity of Jesus all things---His miracles, His suffering, and His death---must be attributed to His divine Person which acts by means of His assumed human nature.