

+ 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 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Fifth 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 May

Sun., May 10th

Happy Mother's Day!

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

Mon., May 11th

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

Wed., May 13th

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

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

Thurs., May 14th

HOLIDAY of OBLIGATION: ASCENSION of OUR LORD ~ please refer to Masses on next page

Sat., May 16th

PARISH TAG SALE, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.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 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 będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!
Laudetur Iesus Christus!*

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 / Dzis, Nabozenstwa nie bedzie

11. Monday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. +Lorraine Hunter – int. of Barbara & Fred Orszulak

12. Tuesday ~ Saints Nereus & Achilleus; Pancras, martyrs

5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Stanislaus Kryczka – int. of Teresa Sucharski & family

13. Wednesday ~ Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 a.m. +Helen Dyl – int. of John & Irene Dyl

14. Thursday ~ ASCENSION of OUR LORD / HOLYDAY of OBLIGATION

7:00 a.m. +Josephine Cioch – int. of her daughter & grandchildren

7:00 p.m. for the parishioners

15. Friday ~ Saint Isidore the farmer

7:00 a.m. +Alice Rudnick – int. of her family

16. Saturday ~ Easter feria

7:00 a.m. +Anna & Walter Kowalczyk – int. of their family

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Josephine Slozak – int. of Barbara Wise
+John & Sophie Mastalerz – int. of daughter Ruth & family
5:15 p.m. +Marian & Stanislaw Wasiuk – int. of sister Leokadja
+deceased members of the Hallez family – int. of the family

17. Sunday ~ SEVENTH SUNDAY of EASTER

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Genevieve Vaz – od daughter Lori
9:30 a.m. +Edward & Bernice Tenczar – int. of their daughter-in-law Jeannette
+Jan & Zofia – int. of their daughter-in-law

2:00 p.m. May Devotions today / Majowe Nabozenstwo

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. Daniel Pal, OFM.C	Fr. Gary Dailey	Fr. John Touhey	All Marian priests
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Michael Twohig	Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI	Fr. John Sullivan	

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*

Religious Education Classes have concluded for 2014-2015. Now comes the CHALLENGE, students and parents. Do you live your faith *only a few months through the year? Do you pray daily? Is God and eternal life with Him important to you, above all the other things that occupy daily life?* Think about.....rather, **PRAY ABOUT** these questions. Ask Our Blessed Mother to assist you to find the right answers.

As Catholics, we are obliged to attend Holy Mass every Sunday (or Saturday Vigil). Come together as a family. Some may tell you, *"It doesn't matter to God whether I'm in church or not."* You may reply, ***"God does care, and I know I'm pleasing Him when I come to worship and thank Him at Mass."***

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!*

Happy Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and those special ladies who are like mothers to us! / **May the good Lord grant eternal rest** to all our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and those who were like mothers to us, who have died. May they rejoice in eternal happiness with Him for ever.

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

To the General Fund ~

In loving memory of +Sophie Holbrook – \$100 from Ladies of St. Anne Sodality

THIRD ANNUAL PARISH TAG SALE

Our parish's 3rd Annual TAG SALE will be held next 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.).

Persons needed to unpack, 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.

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*") began this past Lent. Contribution forms were mailed to parishioners. **If you have not yet done so, please consider making a donation for this worthy cause.** No amount is too little. The ACA provides services for so many diocesan programs and persons of genuine need. *Thanks and God bless you!*

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.

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.

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

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!*

ST. MARY'S 31st ANNUAL CARNIVAL, Ware

St. Mary's Parish, Ware will hold its **31st Annual Carnival** on the grounds of St. Mary's School, from **Thurs., June 11th to Sat., June 13th**. Polish food sold all three days. **Entertainment:** Thurs., Donna Lee, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; Fri., Maestro's Men, 6:30-10:30 p.m.; Sat., Raider Eddie & Skeletones, 6:30-10:30 p.m. *Free admission! All are welcome!*

OUR LADY of the CROSS PARISH, Holyoke

Our Lady of the Cross Parish (the merged Holy Cross and Mater Dolorosa Parishes), 23 Sycamore St., **Holyoke** will have a **Tag Sale on Sat., May 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** **Rain or shine!** There will be beverages, pastries, and many treasures! If anyone is interested in setting up his own table & tent on the front lawn, there are spaces available for \$25. Please call Linnea the parish office @ (413) 532-5661, ext. 200 (no later than May 21st). *All are welcome!*

IRISH CULTURAL CENTER, Chicopee

Pass on the Heritage: Celtic Adventures for Kids is a week long program designed to give youngsters in Grades 1-9 an introduction to the richness of Irish culture, through the auspices of the Irish Cultural Center at Elms College, Chicopee. The program takes place **July 27th-July 31st from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.** with introduction to Irish language, music, dance, and much more. To enroll or receive more information, contact the Irish Cultural Center @ (413) 265-2537 or log on to the website: www.ElmsIrishCenter.org



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April 27, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

On the morning of April 25, a devastating magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal near Kathmandu. The earthquake affected nearby parts of India and caused major avalanches in the Himalayas, including on Mount Everest.

There is catastrophic structural damage in Kathmandu and people are trapped in collapsed buildings. The death toll is climbing at an alarming rate as survivors dig through the rubble frantically trying to free loved ones and neighbors. Thousands are dead and injured, and thousands of survivors are expected to need disaster relief assistance in Kathmandu and the many smaller villages throughout Nepal. With no electricity and the constant threat of powerful quake after-shocks, many are forced to stay outdoors, spending the night in the chilled rainy conditions.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) has made an initial commitment of \$725,000 toward relief efforts in Nepal and surrounding countries where the powerful earthquake caused widespread damage. A dozen CRS emergency specialists are on the way to Nepal to provide critical on the ground assistance. CRS and its Caritas partners have begun procuring emergency relief materials such as tarpaulins/shelter kits and water, sanitation and hygiene materials, as well as blankets. **But CRS urgently needs our help. Our donations will help immediate emergency response efforts and allow CRS to reach affected families to provide critically needed assistance.**

I ask that a special collection for *Catholic Relief Service Nepal Earthquake Relief* be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of May 9th and 10th. We offer our prayers for the victims and their families that God, whose love knows no bounds, will ease their suffering and grant them His comfort and peace.

In Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Bishop of Springfield

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 13

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

90. Did the Incarnate Son of God have a soul with human knowledge?

The Son of God assumed a body animated by a rational human soul. **With His human intellect Jesus learned many things by way of experience; but also as man the Son of God had an intimate and immediate knowledge of God His Father.** He likewise understood people's secret thoughts and He knew fully the eternal plans which He had come to reveal.

92. Did Christ have a true human body?

Christ assumed a true human body by means of which the invisible God became visible. This is the reason why Christ can be represented and venerated in sacred images.

93. What does the Heart of Jesus exemplify?

Jesus knew us and loved us with a human heart. **His Heart, pierced for our salvation, is the symbol of that infinite love with which He loves the Father and each one of us.**

94. What is the meaning of the expression "conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit...?"

The Virgin Mary conceived the eternal Son in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit without cooperation of a man. The angel told her at the Annunciation that "the Holy Spirit will overshadow you" (Luke 1:35).

95. "...Born of the Virgin Mary": Why is Mary truly the Mother of God?

Mary is truly the *Mother of God* because she is the Mother of Jesus (John 2:1, John 19:25). The One Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and became truly her Son is actually the eternal Son of God the Father. He is God Himself.

96. What does the "Immaculate Conception" mean?

God freely chose Mary from all eternity to be the Mother of His Son. In order to carry out her mission **she herself was *conceived immaculate*.** This means that, thanks to the grace of God and in anticipation of the merits of Jesus Christ, **Mary was preserved from original sin** from the first instant of her conception.

97. How does Mary cooperate in the divine plan of salvation?

By the grace of God **Mary was kept free from every personal sin her whole life long. She is the one who is "full of grace"** (Luke 1:28), "the all holy." When the angel announced to her that she would give birth to "the Son of the Most High" (Luke 1:32), she freely gave her consent with "the obedience of faith" (Romans 1:5). Mary thus gave herself entirely to the person and work of her Son Jesus, espousing wholeheartedly the divine will regarding salvation.