

# + Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

*Jesus, I Trust in You!*

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**Three Rivers, Mass.**

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**Confessions:** Sat, 3:00 p.m. (also before daily Mass)

**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.

**May 17, 2015**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter* (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

*Sunday after the Ascension* (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 17<sup>th</sup>**

Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 2:00 p.m., church  
Chalice of Strength Prayers for Priests & Vocations, 4:00 p.m., church

**Mon., May 18<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Wed., May 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Sat., May 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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](mailto: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. +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 (*without Benediction*) / Majowe Nabozenstwo.**

### **18. Monday ~ Saint John I, pope & martyr**

- 7:00 a.m. +Sophie Boczar – int. of friends

### **19. Tuesday ~ Easter feria**

- 5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Thomas & Mary Wielkiewicz – int. of daughter Mary

### **20. Wednesday ~ Saint Bernadine of Siena, priest**

- 7:00 a.m. +Janet Charette – int. of Lynn Riendeau

### **21. Thursday ~ Saints Christopher Magallanes & companions, martyrs**

- 7:00 a.m. +John S. Kos – int. of Veronica Karcz

### **22. Friday ~ Saint Rita of Cascia, religious**

- 7:00 a.m. +Antonio Silva – int. of Sophie Lemanski

### **23. Saturday ~ Easter feria**

- 7:00 a.m. +Frank & Sabina Lachowski – int. of their family

### ***Vigil of Sunday***

- 4:00 p.m. for the parishioners  
5:15 p.m. +Joseph Burns – int. of his family  
+Louis & Alice Amell – int. of Janice Kucewicz

### **24. Sunday ~ PENTECOST SUNDAY**

- 8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Vera Gilbert – int. of Sally Mastalerz  
9:30 a.m. +Susan Cichon Haley – int. of Marcia Cichon

**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. Marek Stybor, OFM.Conv	Fr. John Roach	Fr. John Lis	Fr. Thomas Lisowski
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Tomasz Ryba, OFM.Conv	Fr. Kenneth Tatro	Fr. Martin Rzeszutek, 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??*

**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. 25<sup>th</sup> issue, should be submitted no later than Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>). 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!*

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Memorial Day will be observed this year on Mon., **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Holy Mass for deceased servicemen & women, and all our beloved dead will be offered, weather permitting, at 10 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cemetery. **Due to the Memorial Day weekend holiday,** there will be no May Devotions on Sun., May 24<sup>th</sup>.

## Donations to the Parish

*The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!*

**To the Seminarian Fund ~ \$100,**

from Mr. & Mrs. Edward Forkey

**To the General Fund ~ \$100,**

**God's blessings upon Karl & Karen Oliveira on their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary; Sto Lat!**

## May Devotions in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**May Devotions in honor of our Blessed Mother Mary** will take place **this Sun., May 17<sup>th</sup>** at **2:00 p.m.** The format will be slightly altered, as there will be no Exposition or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Instead, in the presence of Our Lord in the tabernacle, hymns to Our Lady will be sung, along with the Litany of Loreto.

**Due to the Memorial Day weekend (Memorial Day is observed on May 25<sup>th</sup> this year, not the traditional May 30<sup>th</sup>), there will be no May Devotions next Sun., May 24.**

## *Pro Life Rose Sale*

**Sincere** thanks to all who helped make our **Pro Life Rose Sale** a success on Mother's Day. Thanks particularly to Cindy Leveille, Anne Stolar, Julie Hayes, Margo Huber, Irene Grzywna, Joanne Stolar, and Lynne Riendeau. A little over \$300 was raised for the unborn. ***God bless you all! Continue to pray for an end to abortion!***

## 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!*

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CARNIVAL, Ware**

**St. Mary's Parish, Ware** will hold its **31<sup>st</sup> Annual Carnival** on the grounds of St. Mary's School, from **Thurs., June 11<sup>th</sup> to Sat., June 13<sup>th</sup>**. 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>). *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 27<sup>th</sup>-July 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.ElmsIrishCenter.org)

# A Country Founded by Geniuses but Run by Idiots

By Jeff Foxworthy

If plastic water bottles are okay, but plastic bags are banned,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots. (*We do live in such a country!*)

If you can be arrested for hunting or fishing without a license, but not for  
entering and remaining in the country illegally,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

If you have to get your parents' permission to go on a field trip or to take an  
aspirin in school, but not to have an abortion,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

If you MUST show your identification to board an airplane, cash a check, buy  
liquor, or check out a library book and rent a video, but not to vote for who runs  
the government,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

If, in the nation's largest city, you can purchase two 16 ounce sodas, but not one  
24 ounce soda because 24 ounces of a sugary drink might make you fat,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

If an 80-year-old woman who is confined to a wheelchair or a three-year-old girl  
can be strip-searched by the TSA at the airport, but a woman in a burka or hijab  
is only subject to having her neck and head searched,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

If your government believes that the best way to eradicate trillions of dollars of  
debt is to spend trillions more,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by  
idiots.

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If a seven-year-old boy can be thrown out of school for saying his teacher is “cute,” but hosting a sexual exploration or diversity class in grade school is perfectly acceptable,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If hard work and success are met with higher taxes and more government regulation and intrusion, while *not working* is rewarded with food stamps, WIC checks, Medicaid benefits, subsidized housing and free cell phones,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If you pay your mortgage faithfully, denying yourself the newest big screen TV, while your neighbor buys iPhones, time shares, a wall-sized do-it-all plasma TV and new cars, and the government forgives his debt when he defaults on his mortgage,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

If being stripped of your constitutional right to defend yourself makes you more “safe” according to the government,  
you might live in a nation (state) that was founded by geniuses but is run by idiots.

**Think carefully before you VOTE in all upcoming elections.** Most of the idiots running this country say one thing and do the opposite, knowing that people who voted them in do NOT pay attention to what they *do*, but *only what they say*.

### Listening for God

**We are no longer able to hear God**---there are too many different frequencies filling our ears. What is said about God strikes us as pre-scientific, no longer suited to our age. Along with this hardness of hearing or outright deafness where God is concerned, we naturally lose our ability to speak with Him and to Him.

Is it true that everything goes as usual when God no longer is a part of our lives and world?

Let us ask the Lord with all our hearts to speak anew His “Ephphatha,” to heal our hardness of hearing for God’s presence, activity, and Word, and to give us sight and hearing.

**Pope Benedict XVI** (reigned, 2005-2013)