

+ 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.

June 21, 2015

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (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 June

Sun., June 21st

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

Mon., June 22nd

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

Tues., June 23rd

Parish Picnic Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe room.

Wed., June 24th

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

Sat., June 27th

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. +John & Genevieve Janosz – int. of their family
+deceased members of Felix Misiaszek family – int. of Cecelia Misiaszek & family
5:15 p.m. +Edna Burns – int. of her family
+Francis Quinn – int. of Patricia Woffenden

21. Sunday ~ TWELFTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Blanche Wostena – od Parish Religious Education teachers
9:30 a.m. *Father's Day Novena: for living & +deceased fathers*

22. Monday ~ St. Paulinus of Nola, bishop; Sts. John Fisher, bishop & Thomas

More (patron of lawyers), martyrs

7:00 a.m. for living & +deceased members of Pietryka family – int. of Tom & Jane Kubacki

23. Tuesday ~ feria

5:30 p.m. Novena Mass: +Stephanie Putz – int. of her family
+Vera Gilbert – int. of George Motyka

24. Wednesday ~ NATIVITY of SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST

7:00 a.m. +Constantine Cioch – int. of his daughter & grandchildren

25. Thursday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Bertha Godek – int. of her family

26. Friday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. for the parishioners

27. Saturday ~ St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor of the Church

7:00 a.m. +Sophie Bastek – int. of her husband Nanci

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Sophie Cuzzone & Jacqueline Janosz – int. of their family
+Joseph Misiaszek – int. of his wife Cecelia & family
5:15 p.m. +Doris Lynn – int. of her husband
+John Mastalerz, 10th anniversary – int. of his wife & family

28. Sunday ~ THIRTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Francis Wozniakowski – od Betty Ann Halgas
9:30 a.m. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr., 10th anniversary – int. of his wife & 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
Fr. Piotr Calik	Fr. Tomasz Parzynski	Fr. Frank Lawlor	Fr. Ryan Rooney
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Jonathan Reardon	Fr. Michael Lillipp	Fr. Quynh Dinh Tran	

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??*

We are grateful that Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament continues in our parish.

DEO GRATIAS! Currently all Adoration Hours have been filled.

Thanks you and God bless all who have volunteered.

Others are still encouraged to join us. It would be ideal if two (2) persons per hour were regularly scheduled. This would cover any emergency absence.

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*

Students and parents since Religious Education Classes have concluded, now comes the CHALLENGE. 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

In preparation for 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!*

New Parish Offertory Envelopes

The Parish Offertory Envelopes for 2015-2016 will begin on Sun., July 5, 2015. *Please be sure to take yours home.* If you cannot find yours, please contact the rectory office. *Thank you for supporting our parish spiritually and financially!*

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

To the General Fund ~

~ \$50 in loving memory of Mildred Skaza from Roger Gula

~\$20 in loving memory of Josephine Sowa from Elizabeth Dorsey

To the Seminarian Fund ~

~ \$10 in loving memory of Albina Ziobrowski from the Bates family

To the School/Parish Hall new roof Fund ~

~ \$1000 from Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality / \$50 from Debra & Clifford Ingalls

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC Sunday, July 26th

PARISH PICNIC CASH DONATIONS ~~~~

\$50 from Anna Stefanowich / \$50 from Barbara Miskiewicz / \$10 from Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Oldenburg / One pair healthy sandals & one hour massage therapy donated by Denise Heywood, LMT

PARISH PICNIC NEWS/UPDATES ~~~~

1---**Thee Boutique** is looking for donations: gently used and new purses, jewelry, scarves, jewelry boxes, men's neckties, cuff links and most accessories. Please leave items in the sacristy or call Cheryl Kozlik @ 283-2773 to arrange pickup. *Thank you!*

2---**Basket Raffle**: In need of donations, or please create a basket of your choice. Please contact Debbie O'Connor for more information @ (413) 284-1939. You may leave your donations and/or basket creation in the sacristy.

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. **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. **LATEST PARISH UPDATE**: \$13,074.00 collected from 218 donors. *Thanks and God bless you!*

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

ST. JOSEPH BASILICA, Webster

St. Joseph Basilica Parish, 47 Whitcomb St., Webster: **42nd Annual Polish Festival** on the parish grounds, concludes today, **Sun., June 21st** featuring: Barbecue chicken dinner, Noon-1:30 p.m. (\$10...advanced tickets required, call (508) 943-0467); D.J. Polka music, Noon-4 p.m. / Polish food, including cheese & cabbage pierogi, Polish Platter / Talent show / Games of chance / Country baskets / Crafts / Pastry Booth / Kids' games & fun / Inflatable amusements / Dice wheel / Black Jack / All raffles announced on Sunday starting at 4 p.m. / *Free admission and free parking! All are welcome!*

CHRIST THE KING PARISH, Ludlow

Christ the King Parish, Ludlow, will hold its **30th Annual Picnic** on the parish grounds, Warsaw Ave. **next Sun., June 28th from Noon until 9:00 p.m.** Featuring: Polish & American food / (take-out orders available) / Bake sale / Ice Cream booth / games, raffles / Music and much more. *Free admission and free parking! All are welcome!*

MARCH FOR LIFE ~ MASS. CITIZENS FOR LIFE

The Mass. Citizens for Life Inc. (MCFL) **MARCH FOR LIFE next Sun., June 28** on Boston Common. Rally: 1:00 p.m.; March: 2:30 p.m. *Walk to Aid Mothers & Children* sponsored by MCFL for nearly 30 years. Fund raising this year for beneficiary groups; focus expanded to a *March for Life*. **Since 1973, over 1.2 million babies in Mass. have died from abortion.** *We must give witness!* Rally speakers include legislators, post-abortive women, clergy, youth, and many others, all led by Lift Ministries music. *Please come to raise public awareness.* More info., posters, etc.: (617) 242-4199 or www.masscitizensforlife.org

Summer Concert Series ~ Irish Cultural Center

The **Irish Cultural Center** at Elms College, Chicopee is proud to showcase **traditional Celtic music this summer** with a **series of concerts**. Highly acclaimed performers representing the best of the Celtic music world – **Searson, July 11; House of Maill, July 19; Matt Molloy, Aug. 9.** Tickets available online @ www.ElmsIrishCenter.org or by calling the center @ (413) 265-2537.

Bishop Rozanski's Tour to World Youth Day 2016

Accompanied by Fr. Piotr Calik, associate pastor at St. Mary's, Ware, Bishop Rozanski will lead a tour to **World Youth Day** departing on **July 22, 2016** and returning on Aug. 3. The tour will include visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Zakopane....several sites that were important in the life of Pope Saint John Paul II. For more details, call Stacy Dibbern @ (413) 452-0670 or email stacy.dibbern@diospringfield.org

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ORGAN CONCERT at ST. MICHAEL CATHEDRAL

Internationally renowned organist, artist and young rising star Christopher Houlihan will perform a gala concert on the magnificent St. Michael's Cathedral organ of over 6,600 pipes: **Sun., June 28th at 8:00 p.m., Cathedral of St. Michael, 260 State St., Springfield.** Chris, a native of Somer, Conn., presents concerts across the U.S., Europe and beyond to standing ovations and superlative reviews. The concert marks the opening of the Organ Historical Society's convention being held in Western Mass. And is co-sponsored by the American Guild of Organists. The event is open to the public. Donations will be accepted.

FATHER'S DAY ~ SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2015



A sincere *Happy Father's Day* to all fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, those who are like fathers to us on their special day.

May the example of Good Saint Joseph continue to guide all your actions and decisions to assist you in your most noble vocation.

We ask the Lord to grant eternal rest upon our deceased fathers, grandfathers, godfathers, uncles, and all men who were like fathers to us.

May the souls of all our beloved fathers, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen!

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Have mercy on us!*

JUNE ~ THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 18

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

154. What are the characteristics of the people of God?

One becomes a member of this people through faith in Christ and Baptism. This people has for its *origin* God the Father; for its *head* Jesus Christ; for its *hallmark* the dignity and freedom of the sons of God; for its *law* the new commandment of love; for its *mission* to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; and for its *destiny* the Kingdom of God, already begun on earth.

155. In what way does the people of God share in the three functions of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King?

The people of God participate in Christ's *priestly* office insofar as the baptized are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. They share in Christ's *prophetic* office when with a supernatural sense of faith they adhere unflinchingly to that faith and deepen their understanding and witness to it. The people of God share in His *kingly* office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ Who as King of the universe made Himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.

156. In what way is the Church the body of Christ?

The risen Christ unites His faithful people to Himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in **Christ, in as much as they are close to Him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church**, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.

157. Who is the Head of this body?

Christ "is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18). The Church lives from Him, in Him and for Him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (Saint Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (Saint Thomas Aquinas).

158. Why is the Church called the "Bride of Christ"?

She is called the "Bride of Christ" because the Lord Himself called Himself her "Spouse" (Mark 2:19). The Lord loved the Church and has joined her to Himself in an everlasting covenant. He has given Himself up for her in order to purify her with His blood and "sanctify her" (Ephesians 5:26), making her the fruitful mother of all the children of God. While the term "body" expresses the unity of the "head" with the members, the term "bride" emphasizes the distinction of the two in their personal relationship.