

+ 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.

July 5, 2015

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

Sixth 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 July

***N.B.:** in case of a Picnic Committee meeting this week,
Bulletin went to print before notification.

Sun., July 5th

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

Mon., July 6th

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

Wed., July 8th

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

Sat., July 11th

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 Leveille @ 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. +Edna Hallez – int. of her family

+Patricia Yurkunas – int. of Lori Vaz

5. Sunday ~ FOURTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Blanche (Bronislaw) Wostena – od Lydia McKee

9:30 a.m. +Victoria Kusek – int. of Sophie Lebida

+Henry & Vivian Trespas – int. of their family

6. Monday ~ Saint Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr

7:00 a.m. for health & intentions of Sophie Lebida – int. of St. Cecilia Choir

7. Tuesday ~ feria

5:30 p.m. Novena Mass: +Blanche Wostena – int. of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Forkey

8. Wednesday ~ feria

7:00 a.m. +Albina Ziobrowski – int. of Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality

9. Thursday ~ Saints Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs

7:00 a.m. +Mildred Skaza – int. of Anna Stefanowich

10. Friday ~ feria

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

11. Saturday ~ Saint Benedict, abbot

7:00 a.m. +Patricia Yurkunas – int. of Fryderika Jaworek

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Helen & Walter Nowak – int. of Gloria & family

+Madeleine & Cecile Camerlin – int. of Carl & Irene

5:15 p.m. for the parishioners

12. Sunday ~ FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Thaddeus Guzik, 1 rocznica, od zony Ireny z rodzina

9:30 a.m. +Albina Ziobrowski – int. of Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kulig

+Johanna (Janik) Muniec – int. of her 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. Earl Hebert	Fr. Francis Kennedy	Pope Francis	Fr. Timothy Murphy
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Vitor Oliveira	Fr. Stanley Sokol	All Benedictine Priests	

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!**

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!**

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

To the General Fund ~

~ in loving memory of John Augustine: \$20 from from Gloria Nowak

To the School/Parish Hall new roof Fund ~

~ \$50,000 – in thanksgiving for God’s blessings & graces received from **Mr. & Mrs. Peter & Frances Misiaszek**

\$200 from Luke & Lisa Roberts / \$100 from Ted & Adele McClosky /

\$100 from Stephen & Diane Marhelewicz

God bless you and sincere thanks to all! Any other donations may be made to the General or Seminarian funds!

On the U.S. Supreme Court legalizing same-sex “marriage”

The *Springfield Republican* headline on Sat., June 27, 2017 proclaimed: “*Love has won*”

The ***more accurate*** headline should have been: “**LIES & DISTORTIONS HAVE WON**”

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, called the Supreme Court decision on June 26, 2015, “**a tragic error.**” Referring also to the 1973 Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion, the archbishop said: “**Neither decision is rooted in the truth, and as a result, both will eventually fail.**” Archbishop Kurtz urged us who believe in the truth taught by Our Lord Jesus to **move forward in faith, “in the unchanging truth about marriage between one man and one woman.”**

Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen wisely stated: “***A lie is a lie, no matter how many people say it’s true. And the truth is the truth, even if nobody believes it.***”

St. Pio of Pietrelcina advises: “***Pray, hope, & don’t worry. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.***”

Sts. Peter & Paul Men’s Guild Scholarship Recipients

The Men’s Guild recently awarded **\$3250 in scholarships** to the following parishioners: **Noah Berard, Joseph Brozek, Meghan Salisbury, and Dominic Sychtysz.** ***Congratulations! May God continue to bless and guide you as you begin your new pathway in life!***

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC SUNDAY, JULY 26TH

We sure can use your help!

Our annual Parish Picnic is only a month away! This is the major fundraiser for the parish and comes in handy when expenses occur (like our new roof on the parish hall/school). We hope to see you on July 26th. Meanwhile, in preparation, there are many ways you can help as you will see as you read on. *Thank you in advance!*

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.

3---Special Raffle / Cash to offset Money Raffle: Please call Fred Orszulak (283-5620) or Lydia McKee (283-6865) or the rectory (283-6030) to donate items or cash.

4---Arts & Crafts / Bake Sale: We need your arts and crafts, as well as delicious baked goods to make these two areas a success!

5---Kitchen / Various booths (including ice cream) / 50-50: We need folks in these important areas. Please contact Mary Majka (323-4556) or Fred Orszulak (283-5620).

6---Set-up & Clean-up: the days in the week leading to the picnic (July 20-25) and the day after the picnic (July 27), we need help in setting up and taking down the picnic area.

We especially ask for our young parishioners’ help to set up and clean up!

7---Chicken Barbecue: 12 noon-2 p.m.; \$10.00; *tickets will be on sale soon!*

Whatever way you can assist us will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Picnic Chairman Fred Orszulak (283-5620).

Thanks and God bless you!

PARISH PICNIC CASH DONATIONS ~~~~

Thank you!

\$100 – Ted & Adele McClosky / \$50 – Susan J. Smith / \$25 – Romuald Wosik /

\$25 – Stephen & Diane Marhelewicz /

Special Raffle Donation: 32” LED RCA TV from Lydia McKee

JULY ~ THE MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

Precious Blood of Jesus, *save us!*

Pope Francis wants Vatican liturgy chief to continue the work of Benedict XVI
June 3, 2015 ~ from EWTN News/CNA

Continued from last week....

[Cardinal Robert Sarah, prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship] cited in particular [Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's] apostolic exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, on the Eucharist, and his motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, which made it easier for all priests to celebrate the liturgy as it had been done prior to the reform which followed Vatican II.

"I ask you.....that the Sacred Liturgy as it is celebrated and lived today may lose nothing of the estimable riches of the Church's liturgical tradition, whilst always being open to legitimate development." The cardinal noted earlier in his letter that **"we must do everything we can to put the Sacred Liturgy back at the very heart of the relationship between God and man."**

Cardinal Sarah....suggested "two critical areas in which authentic liturgical renewal in the twenty-first century can be furthered": by making clear that liturgy is the worship of God, and by promoting "sound liturgical formation."

He urged that we "never underestimate" the importance of liturgy as worship of God, adding that "the liturgy is not some social occasion or meeting ... where what is important is that we express our identity. No: God comes first."

[He recalled] that **the liturgy "is given to us in tradition; it is not for us to make up the rites we celebrate or to change them to suit ourselves ... beyond legitimate options permitted."**

"We must celebrate the Sacred Liturgy faithfully, with...reverence and awe."

Turning to the importance of sound liturgical formation, Cardinal Sarah referred to the text of *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, Vatican II's constitution on the liturgy, and said that "we cannot truly participate in the Sacred Liturgy, we cannot drink deeply from the source of Christian life, if we have not been formed in the spirit and power of the liturgy ... I hope and I pray that the different initiatives of Sacra Liturgia can do much to meet this urgent and crucial need."

Cardinal Sarah's letter also referred twice to non-papal writings of Benedict XVI, quoting from his *Collected Works: The Theology of the Liturgy* and *The Spirit of the Liturgy*.

The Sacra Liturgia conference was launched in Rome in 2013, has a different location each year [2016 conference will be in London], and includes presentations of academic papers as well as Mass and Vespers, in both the ordinary and extraordinary forms of the Roman rite.

The 2015 conference included an opening address by Cardinal Raymond Burke, and presentations on the importance of beauty in the liturgy. **Other speakers included Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone,** Dr. Lauren Pristas, Dr. Jennifer Donelson, and Fr. Phillip Anderson, OSB.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 20

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

165. In what way is the Church *holy*?

The Church is holy insofar as the Most High God is her author. Christ has given Himself for her to sanctify her and make her a source of sanctification. The Holy Spirit gives her life with charity. **In the Church one finds the fullness of the means of salvation. Holiness is the vocation of each of her members and the purpose of all her activities.** The Church counts among her members the Virgin Mary and the numerous Saints who are her models and intercessors. The holiness of the Church is the fountain of sanctification for her children who here on earth recognize themselves as sinners ever in need of conversion and purification.

166. Why is the Church called "*Catholic*"?

The Church is *catholic*, that is *universal*, insofar as Christ is present in her: "Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch). The Church proclaims the fullness and the totality of the faith; she bears and administers the fullness of the means of salvation; she is sent by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race.

167. Is the particular Church catholic?

Every *particular Church* (that is, a *diocese* or *eparchy*) is catholic. It is formed by a community of Christians who are in communion of faith and of the sacraments both with their bishop, who is ordained in apostolic succession, and with the Church of Rome which "presides in charity" (Saint Ignatius of Antioch).

168. Who belongs to the Catholic Church?

All human beings in various ways belong or are ordered to the Catholic unity of the people of God. **Fully incorporated into the Catholic Church are those who, possessing the Spirit of Christ, are joined to the Church by the bonds of the profession of faith, the sacraments, ecclesiastical government and communion.** The baptized who do not enjoy full Catholic unity are in a certain, although imperfect, communion with the Catholic Church.

169. What is the relationship of the Catholic Church with the Jewish people?

The Catholic Church recognizes a particular link with the Jewish people. In the fact that God chose them before all others to receive His Word. To the Jewish people belong "the sonship, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, the promises, and the patriarchs; and of their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ" (Romans 9:4,5). **The Jewish faith, unlike other non-Christian religions, is already a response to the revelation of God in the Old Covenant.**