

✠ Divine Mercy Parish ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 2910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk, Pastor

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July 4, 2010



Independence Day

Vigil of Sunday – 4:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. - **Sunday** – 8:00 a.m.(Polish) and 9:30 a.m.

Daily Masses – 7:00 a.m. (except Tuesday) - Tuesday – Novena & Mass 5:30 p.m.

Holy Day Masses – Refer to Mass Schedule

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**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** – Saturday 3:00 p.m. First Friday at 6:30 p.m.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM & HOLY MATRIMONY** – Contact Rectory to make arrangements

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK (ANOINTING)** – Contact Rectory when the need arises

**SICK CALLS** – Anytime

All items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m. in order for it to be printed in the upcoming weekend bulletin (please include your name & phone #). You may email your item, drop it off at the Rectory or mail it. Note there is editorial discretion on all items. Email: [stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com](mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com).

Co-Directors of Religious Education: Jean Brigham (283-4232) & Michael Wostena  
Parish Secretaries: Lydia McKee & Debra Ingalls  
Choir Director & Organist: Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (596-2727)

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

#### **SATURDAY, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

#### **MONDAY, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

#### **TUESDAY, July 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

**- Gołabki preparing process in the Parish Hall at 7:00 a.m.**

#### **WEDNESDAY, July 7<sup>th</sup>**

- Alcoholic Anonymous – 7:00 p.m. – St. Maximilian Kolbe Room

- Gołabki making process in the Parish Hall at 5:00 p.m.

#### **THURSDAY, July 8<sup>th</sup>**

#### **FRIDAY, July 9<sup>th</sup>**

#### **SATURDAY, July 10<sup>th</sup>**

- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY, July 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Thomas, apostle**

7:00 a.m. – For Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Rosary Sodality Group of Del McClosky

4:00 p.m. - +Vera & Stanley Jasak – The Family  
+Frank Zabawa – Waclaw & Jenina Pryga

5:15 p.m. - +Michael & Theresa Szwed – The Family

### **Sunday – July 4<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. - +Stanislaw, Maria & Krystyna Fitowicz – Waclawa & Janina Pryga

9:30 a.m. – +Frederick Piechota – John & Barbara Yurkunas

### **Monday – July 5<sup>th</sup> St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest**

7:00 a.m. – All Parishioners of Divine Mercy

### **Tuesday – July 6<sup>th</sup> St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr**

5:30 a.m. – +Helena Grzywna 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv. – The Family  
+Louis Janulewicz – Ed & Lee Nadolski

### **Wednesday – July 7<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Peter & Agnes Slozak – Josie & June Slozak & Family

### **Thursday – July 8<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Alice Marhelewicz – Lynne Riendeau

### **Friday – July 9<sup>th</sup> St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & martyr & his companions, martyrs**

7:00 a.m. - +John Styspect – Ronald & Marilyn Lemanski

### **Saturday – July 10<sup>th</sup> Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:00 a.m. – +Stanislaw Kryczka – Janet & Teresa Sucharski

4:00 p.m. - +Stanley Skowronek 10<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – His Son Michael & Family

5:15 p.m. - +Veronica Koziol – Her Sister Sophie Gladkowski & Family

### **Sunday – July 11<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. – +Frank & Raymond Kapinos – The Family

9:30 a.m. - +Ronald Gordiski – Fred & Betty Brozek  
Tomasz Parzynski

~~ **DIVINE MERCY SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS** ~~

**VACATION TIME**

It is our hope that our students and their families enjoy a wonderful vacation time. Vacations are beneficial. They help us change our routine, permit us to experience new places and people while continuing to grow and appreciate the natural beauty of God. WE CAN BE VERY GRATEFUL THAT THE ONE WHO NEVER GOES ON VACATION IS GOD! He never has a "busy signal" or transfers us to voice mail. In appreciation, it's only right that we should not forget God during vacation time. We must go to Mass each Sunday, and that includes when we are away from home. The Holy Eucharist is what makes us Catholic, and gives us the spiritual strength we need. Let's be proud of, and always want to live our Catholic faith!

~~ **ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT** ~~

Wednesday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday – 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday – 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*If you can give one hour, or substitute, please call Diana Roth @ 283-8709*

**Forgiveness**

**“No one heals himself by wounding another.”**

**St. John Chrysostom**

**For Reflection:**

**“We should be careful of what we allow to rent space in our heads!”**

*Something to think about !*

**PRIESTLY & RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS**

.....If you feel God may be calling you to a religious vocation in His Church, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0816 or email: [g.dailey@diospringfield.org](mailto:g.dailey@diospringfield.org). Website: [www.myvocation.com](http://www.myvocation.com).

~~ DONATIONS ~~

***SINCERE THANKS for your generosity & support of our parish - God Bless All***

**GENERAL FUND** - \$20 in memory of Edna Miskiewicz from Vera Gilbert  
- \$25 in memory of Victor Bukowski from Bradley & Kathryn

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**BURSE FUND** - In memory of Arthur Charron - \$20 from Josie & June Slozak, \$100 from John & Marion Handzel

**CASH DONATIONS TO OFFSET MONEY RAFFLE -**

\$25 from Mr. & Mrs. Jose Cardenales                      \$25 from Mr. & Mrs. John Dyl  
\$25 from Carol Holden                                              \$25 from Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Marhelewicz  
\$20 from Alice Smola  
\$100 In Memory of Lawrence & Marie Roberts

**DUNK TANK FOR PICNIC** donated by Janice & Phil Lachut

~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup> – Divine Mercy Annual Parish Picnic

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“SIGN IT” - DIVINE MERCY When writing a check out to the church, please make it out to **“Divine Mercy Parish”**.

FOOD SHARE – Please continue to assist with your donations to the Food Share program. All non-perishable items are accepted, including crackers, Jell-O, condiments, coffee, tea, jams, jellies, cake mixes, etc. Drop off donations in the box at church. *Thank you for your help!*

WEB-SITE UPDATE – Please visit our church web-site www.churchofdivinemeracy.org. Paul Brozek is the person that updates the web site; if you have any comments or would maybe like to see something added, please contact the Rectory. Weekly bulletin can be viewed there.

STAR 2010-2011- The program will run from June of this year through May of 2011. Participants will have the month of June to purchase the entire year for \$100. This will be a savings of \$20. We hope that many of our parishioners will choose to participate. If you are planning on paying on a monthly basis then your **JUNE** contributions to the STAR Program may be deposited in the weekly collection basket or may be mailed to the Rectory. Please make your check payable to Divine Mercy Parish and include the applicable coupon so you will be properly credited and entered in the next drawing. (Divine Mercy News...continued)

DIVINE MERCY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, July 25th

We are still taking donations to the "Special Raffle," please call Fred Orszulak at 283-7400, the Rectory at 283-6030 or Lydia McKee at 283-6865. *Thank You.*

The Picnic Committee welcomes new assistance. Volunteers are also welcome and needed to make this year's Parish Picnic another success. *Please consider giving a couple hours of your time!*

Gołąbki TIME !!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

Anyone that would like to help make gołąbki for the picnic can join us on the following dates:

Tuesday, July 6th at 7:00 a.m. This session will be for the preparing process

Wednesday, July 7th at 5:00 p.m. This session will be for the making process

Monday, July 12th at 7:00 a.m. This session will be for the preparing process

Tuesday, July 13th at 7:00 a.m. This session will be for the making process

The more people we have to help the faster the job gets done. So, come lend us a hand, meet new people, make new friends and learn how to make gołąbki if you don't already know how! No experience necessary!!

(Divine Mercy News...continued)

ARTS & CRAFTS ITEMS

We have a great need for Arts & Crafts items.

Everyone has a talent and we need YOUR help!

What can you contribute this year?

Call Carol at 283-7222 with your generous reply and may God Bless you abundantly.

STAR DRAWING: The drawing for the \$1,000 and \$500 dollar prizes was held Saturday evening at the hot dog & hamburger roast. **Congratulations to Kevin Roche as the winner of the grand prize of \$1,000.00.**

Congratulations also the \$500.00 prize winners, Claire & Susan Rebello.

NEW WEEKLY DONATION ENVELOPES

You should have already picked up your new Box of donation envelopes that we're on the tables as you entered the church.

PLEASE START USING THESE ENVELOPES THIS WEEKEND.

If you have not yet picked up your envelopes, please do so. If you can't find your box of envelopes, please contact Lydia or Debbie at the Rectory at 283-6030.



ST. JOSEPH POLISH SOCIETY, INC. - 2010 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Joseph E. Kareta Alexandra Tyburski
Amanda M. Kozlik Kyle A. Simard

~~ AROUND THE AREA ~~

BBQ FOR A CURE -

Friday, July 9th from 3:00 to 11:00 p.m.

at the Ludlow Fish & Game Club.

Serving Picnic-style food

from 5-9 p.m.,

50/50 & Chinese Raffle,

Door Prizes, Food & Fun!

Tickets are \$10 at the door.

The event will be in memory of Christine LaCoille and will be hosted by Lindsay LaCoille & Aly Terlik for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for a Cure Breast Cancer Fund.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH OF INDIAN ORCHARD cordially invites you to its 30th Annual Dozynki Polish-American Festival to be held on the parish grounds July 16, 17 & 18, 2010. Traditional Polka music, as well as popular European music will be provided free of charge daily. Two kitchens serving American food and homemade Polish food will be open throughout the festival. There will be 2 separate raffles, they are:

The Grand Raffle:

1st Prize: **2010 Ford Mustang Coupe**

Tickets are \$50.00/each

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

Tickets are \$2/each or 6 for \$10.00 **DRAWING: SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2009**

We look forward to seeing you there! The Immaculate Conception Church Picnic Committee

The Cash Raffle:

1st Prize: **\$1000.00**

2nd Prize: **\$500.00**

3rd Prize: **\$200.00**

MICHAEL H. DESLAURIERS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, SUMMER BLAST to be held Saturday, August 7th from 4:00 pm. to 10 p.m. (rain or shine). Adults/\$5 – Children 12 & under are free.

K of C Pavilion, West Main Street (Rt. 9) in Ware. Music by Dennis Polisky's "The Maestro"s Men". All seniors in local schools including Pathfinder are eligible to receive this Scholarship.

“All in Need of Mercy.”/ Part I of II

On Independence Day, each America should take the time to pause. Time to reflect. Time to remember. Time to be grateful. And yes, dare we say in this politically correct, crazy world in which we live, **be thankful to God for this nation**. Much has changed over the past 234 years since the Declaration of Independence. Much of it has been good. The United States continues to be the world leader in humanitarian assistance. We came back united from a civil war and won World War II from tyranny.

There have also been some very bad occurrences over two centuries. Our founding fathers would probably not recognize the political scene in Washington, D.C. There is so much anger, scandal, corruption, and finger pointing. The founding fathers never envisioned that politics would become a high paying career. They saw the offices of representative and senator as a part time role, and one that *honestly* represented the people who elected them. Nor did they envision a person being elected for life like a monarch (e.g., unlimited congressional terms and Supreme Court appointments). From one election to another, the campaigns never end today. And also today, they have never been uglier, with relentless personal attacks. Those who are elected to office, with a few exceptions, continuously blame their predecessors whenever their polls slip or things don't go the way they want. It's a refusal to accept responsibility

Perhaps it began with the issuance of so-called “No Fault Divorce.” That legislation, which states that neither wife nor husband is to blame for the dissolution of a marriage, has its origins in California where it became effective on Jan. 1, 1970. In less than 15 years, nearly every other state passed similar legislation. This was quickly followed by the adoption of “No Fault Insurance” by some 24 states between 1970 and 1975. Both of these effectively removed culpability, and therefore any blame or guilt.

It can be said that for about the last four decades, we in the U.S. have mastered the “art of passing the buck.” Our “no fault” mentality has led us to the point of almost no one willing to accept responsibility for anything. Even our children are reluctant to accept blame when they have obviously done something wrong. How many adults condone children's bad behavior by making excuses instead of applying discipline?

The Gospels don't contain “no fault” escapes. To be His follower, Jesus demands personal responsibility. Sin is real and must be avoided to gain eternal life. When an individual fails, he/she is invited to repentance. On this topic, Jesus provides us with the *Lord's Prayer* in which we ask God our Father for forgiveness. In part we pray, ***Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.*** To ask forgiveness implies that we acknowledge our faults. We are all sinners in need of repentance. But it doesn't stop there. Then we are to **forgive others** as God forgives us. In the story of the adulterous woman Jesus tells us: ***“Let the one among you who is without sin be the first one to cast a stone.”*** (cf.: **John 8:7**) After those who wanted to stone the woman depart, Jesus imparts His forgiveness, and a warning: ***“Neither do I condemn you. Go, and do not sin anymore.”*** (cf.: **John 8:11**)

To be continued next week.....

VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 1.+Piotr I Anna Majka – syn. 1. Zsp. Joseph & Frances Swist – daughter. 1.+Earl McKee – wife Lydia. 1.+Frank & Mary Falk – daughter & son-in-law. 1.+Felix & Catherine Misiaszek – son Peter & daughter-in-law. 1.+Phyllis Misiaszek – brother Peter & sister-in-law. 1.+Sister Josephine – Niece. 1.+St. Anne special blessings on grandchildren. 1. St. Anthony for a special favor. 1. +Joseph Misiaszek Peter & sister-in-law. 1. Zsp. Deceased members of Salamon & Marcinkiewicz families. 1. +Deceased members of Gut & Yurkunas family. 1.+Helen & Francis Ford – Pat. 1.+Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. Zsp. Jana Wasiuk – od zony z rodzina. 1. Thank you God, for prayers answered & continued blessings & good health – B.R. 1. God's blessing & continuing recovery for Eleanor – Charlie. 1.+Michael A. & Mary Wojnilowicz – son Michael. 1. Pray for world peace – Holy Rosary Sodality. 1. For a friend's health. 1.+Edward Ziobrowski – family. 1. For all members of the military – Rosary Sodality. 1. For an end to abortion – Rosary Sodality. 1. Health for our sick parishioners – Rosary Sodality. 1. For Priestly and Religious vocations – Rosary Sodality. 1.+Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. +Darryl Tyburski – love Mom, Dad, sister Betty & brothers Tom & Ray. 1.+Julia & Joseph Koziol – family. 1.+Edward Godek – wife Pat. 1. Health & God's blessings for Irene Orluk – Sophie. 1.+Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1.+Kowalczyk family – family. 1. Zsp. Franciszke I Wojciecha Frydryk – Syn. 1.Zsp. Stella I Leo Pulaski – J.F. 1.Zsp. Anne I Michala Zbylot – J.F. 1.Zsp. Edna I Frank Pytka – J.F. 1. Zsp. John I Michael Boronski – J.F. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F. 1. God's blessings & health for Christine – Virginia. 1. Healing for Susan B – LJF. 1. Rest in peace Michael – LJF. 1. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. Sister's health. 1. God's blessings & a happy 93rd birthday for Julia Mastalerz – John & Marion Handzel. 1. God's blessings & a complete recovery for Angie Koebl – John & Marion. 1. God's blessings & prayers for Josie Slozak – John & Marion. 1. God's blessings & return to good health for Josie Slozak – Rosary Sodality. 1. Lean on God, Mom, as you regain your strength to walk – love ya, June. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +Joseph Kszepka – wife & family. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. Health & God's blessings for my grandson – Babci. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. God's blessings, good health & continued success for R ep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. God's help & guidance for my son – D.. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. God's blessing & speedy recovery for Josie Slozak – Ted & Del. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Frank Zabawa – his wife. 1. +John Mastalerz – 5th anniv. – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +John & Henrietta Wieczorek – Sallie R.. 1. Zsp. Edna Miskiewicz – John & Irene Dyl.. 1. +Stefan J. Rosinski- Sallie R.. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Edward Swiderski – wife & family. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Blessings for all our families. 1. God's blessings & speedy recovery for Josephine Slozak - Emily Izyk. 1. Zsp. Edna Miskiewicz – Emily Izyk. 1. God's blessings & speedy recovery for Josephine Slozak – Ruth Lech. 1. God's blessings & healing for Josephine Slozak – Ruth Jamrog. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for Josephine Slozak – C. Misiaszek. 1. St. Anthony for a special favor – “B”. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God's blessings & health for J.P.J.P.J. – M.P.. 1. Health & strength for Mom – R.C.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. Josie Slozak – God's blessings & speedy recovery – Paulee & Eddie. 1. God's

blessings & good health for Josie Slozak – Mary & Stanley Trela. 1. +Edna Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Lewis Kapinos, love Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings & speedy recovery for Josie Slozak – love, Julie & Carol. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Carol – love, Mom. 1. +Caroline Kapinos – love, Julie & Carol. 1. God’s blessings & healing for Josie Slozak – John & Irene Dyl. 1. Return to good health for Richard Charwick – Mom & brothers. 1. +Frank Charwick – wife & sons. 1. Speedy recovery for & good health for W.K. – Vera Gilbert. 1. +Edward Kargol – sister. 1. God’s blessings for Kathy & Bill – Mark & Susan. 1. St. Jude – healing – D.. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. God’s blessings & good health for Mom – Mark & Susan. 1.+Edna Miskiewicz – Michael Wojnilowicz. 1. +Marilyn Astin – Mark & Susan. 1. +Mary & William Lemanski – S.. 1. Gloria Nowak – S.. 1. Stella J.M. – S.. 1. Terry & Frank Kulina – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. Susan Konkel – S.. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S.. 1. Birthday blessings – S. Okseniak. 1. Living & deceased members of the Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. God’s blessings & speedy recovery for Josie Slozak – Lydia McKee. 1. +Edna Miskiewicz – L. McKee. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. Successful surgery for son. 1. Blessings for my grandson Vic – Grandma. 1. Zsp. Edna Miskiewicz – the Wostena family. 1. To St. Philomena for special intentions. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Peregrine for healing for Reggie Ostrout – the Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. To St. Christopher for a safe journey home for Father Stefan & good health & protection always – L.R.. 1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. In thanksgiving to our guardian angels for all those affected by the Gulk Oil disaster – L.R.. 1. For employment for Alicia & peace & protection always – L. R.. 1. For healing & return to good health for Josie Slozak – L.R.. 1. For belated birthday blessings for Barbara Miskiewicz – L.R.. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. God’s blessings & healing for jake. 1. Gods’ blessings on our family. 1. Pat & Linda a miracle for baby Ben. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family.1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. God’s blessings & healing for jake. 1. Gods’ blessings on our family. 1. Pat & Linda a miracle for baby Ben. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. Blessings & speedy recovery Josie Slozak – Josephie Yurkunas. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. God’s blessings & special intentions for Stephen – Grammy. 1. God’s blessings for safe trip – H.. 1. healing & strength. 1. God’s blessings & good health for my granddaughter.

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Happy 4th of July! & May God Bless America!

We must never forget who gets the credit for the freedoms we have,
of which we should be eternally grateful..

*For all of our other military personnel, wherever they may be
Please support all of the troops defending our Country.
And God Bless our Military who are protecting our Country
for our freedom.*

Thanks to them, and their sacrifices we can celebrate the 4th of July

I watched the flag pass by one day, it fluttered in the breeze.
A young Marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.
I looked at him in uniform so young, so tall, so proud,
With hair cut square and eyes alert he'd stand out in any crowd.
I thought how many men like him had fallen through the years.
How many died on foreign soil how many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea ?
How many foxholes were soldiers' graves ? No, freedom isn't free.
I heard the sound of Taps one night, when everything was still,
I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times that Taps had meant, "Amen"
When a flag had draped a coffin, of a brother or a friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard
at the bottom of the sea,
of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.

Enjoy Your Freedom & God Bless Our Troops