

✠ Divine Mercy Parish ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk, Pastor

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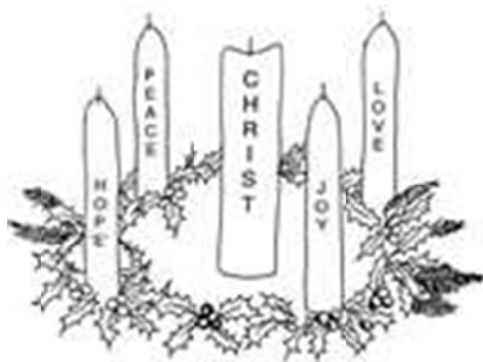
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December 12, 2010

~~ Third Sunday of Advent ~~



“Be patient until the coming of the Lord.” (cf.: James 5:7-10)

~~ Jesus must be the most important focus and center of our life ~~

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 and phone number). 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)  
Parish Secretaries: Lydia McKee & Debra Ingalls  
Choir Director & Organist: Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
Organist: Mary Besko & Barbara Kelleher (596-2727)

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR**



### **SATURDAY, December 11th**

- CCD Classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, December 12th**

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-9
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church
- CCD Classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Grade 10 in the Kolbe Room

### **MONDAY, December 13th**

### **TUESDAY, December 14th**

- Men's Guild monthly meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center
- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### **WEDNESDAY, December 15th**

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

### **THURSDAY, December 16th**

### **FRIDAY, December 17th**

### **SATURDAY, December 18th**

- CCD Classes from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### **SUNDAY, December 19th**

- CCD Classes from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. for Grades 6-9
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church
- CCD Classes from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. for Grade 10 in the Kolbe Room



## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday - December 11<sup>th</sup> St. Damasus I, pope**

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

4:00 p.m. – +Deceased Members of Frank Kargol & Tadeusz Muniec Families – The Family

5:15 p.m. – +Fred Mastalerz – Julie & Carol

+Clarence Pikul – His Wife Theresa & Family

### **Sunday – December 12<sup>th</sup> Third Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. – +Millie Lisak 7<sup>th</sup> Anniv. – Her Son Peter, Jr.

9:30 a.m. – +Zygmunt Salamon – Daughter

+Stanley Wojtowicz – His Sons Stanley & Paul

### **Sunday - 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Confessions**

### **Monday – December 13<sup>th</sup> St. Lucy, virgin and martyr**

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

### **Tuesday – December 14<sup>th</sup> St. John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church**

5:30 p.m. – +Emilia Bergeron – Kim & Irene Bergeron & Family

+Harry and Ann Lombardi – Their Family

+Bill & Ann Snyder – Their Family

### **Wednesday – December 15<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +John and Sophie Lebida – Stephanie Moriarty

### **Thursday – December 16<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – +Bob Crowther – Sandy Rudnick

### **Friday – December 17<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Josephine Cioch – Her Daughter and Grandchildren

### **Saturday – December 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. – For a Special Intention by a Parishioner

4:00 p.m. – +Deceased Members of the Cole Family – Bob Cole

+Henry and Sophie Jacek – Their Son Fred and Daughter-in-law Joyce

5:15 p.m. – +Deceased Members of the John Mastalerz Family – Ruth Jamrog & Family

### **Sunday – December 19<sup>th</sup> Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. – +Edward Strempek – His Wife and Family

9:30 a.m. – +John Olearczyk – His Wife and Family

+Lucille & Joseph Pietrowski – Their Family

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



CCD Classes for Grades K-5 - Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
CCD Classes for Grades 6-9 - Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
CCD Classes for Grade 10 - Sunday's from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Kolbe Room.

Any questions please call Jean Brigham at 283-4232.



~~ **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:**

"Too often we look at GOD and ask for more. But perhaps GOD sees it differently.  
Perhaps HE knows that I don't need more---  
I just need more of HIM."



**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*

*THANKS TO ALL!*

~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 3, 2011 – Plymouth State University’s Chamber Singers – Free Concert

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

Friday, December 24th – 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & Midnight

Saturday, December 25th – 9:00 a.m.

Friday, December 31st - 7:00 a.m.

Saturday, January 1st – 7:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. & 5:15 p.m.

“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.

PARENTS OF CCD STUDENTS it’s not too late to register your child for CCD. Now that soccer is over you can still register your child for CCD. Please come any Saturday morning

between 9:00 and 10:00 or Sunday morning between 10:30 and 11:30 to register for the remainder of this school year. You can contact Jean Brigham anytime at 283-4232.

Star 2010 – 2011 Your **December** 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.

STAR 2010-2011- The drawing for \$500.00 took place at the Men's Guild Meatloaf Dinner that was held last Saturday. **The winning name drawn was Lorraine Authier.** Congratulations to Lorraine!! The next drawing for \$500 and \$1000 will take place in June of 2011.

ST. CECILIA CHOIR TAPE - The senior choir of our parish, named in honor of St. Cecilia (patroness of musicians) is offering Volume 2 of their hymns for sale. Only \$5.00! This cassette tape contains hymns in English, Polish, and Latin. Included are inspiring selections from the Sterns Vespers, sung for several years at Forty Hours Devotion in Sts. Peter & Paul Parish. Enjoy the sounds of St. Cecilia Choir anytime! Please contact Lillian Olearczyk 323-5912 treasurer, or any choir member.

PLYMOUTH STATE UNIVERSITY'S CHAMBER SINGERS – Divine Mercy Parish will be hosting an evening concert featuring Plymouth State University's 24 member chamber choir on **January 3, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. Parishioner Jennifer Fijal is in the group and the concert is free to the public. A social hour with light refreshments will follow the concert. Please save the date, it will be an event not to miss!

After the concert 14 of the 24 students will need housing for one night. Preferably 2 or more per home and must be able to bring the student back to Divine Mercy Parish for 7:00 a.m. Tuesday morning for their return trip home. Volunteers should contact the secretaries at the Rectory during business hours.

TASTE DINING & ACTIVITY BOOK - NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE Fund Raiser The St. Francis NCYC Team would like to thank everyone who purchased a Taste Dining and Activity Book. The money raised for this fund raiser will be used to offset the cost for teenagers to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis during the Fall of 2011. Taste Dining & Activity Books benefiting the NCYC group can still be purchased at a cost of \$20 by contacting Paul or Margaret Brozek at 413-323-8236. Coupons within the book are valid from now until 12/30/11. Visit <http://www.thetastebook.com> for more information about the Taste discount book.

THE STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD would like to remind Guild members to turn in their Annual Sleigh Raffle ticket proceeds to Mark MacDougall before the drawing on **December 12th**. Also, donations to fill the sleigh are much needed. We'd like to have the sleigh filled as soon as possible. Please drop off any goods for the sleigh directly to Fred Orszulak, or leave them with the sleigh at the Parish Center by December 4. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

(Divine Mercy News...continued)

STS. PETER AND PAUL MEN'S GUILD will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, December 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center. All current and prospective members are encouraged to attend.

CONFESSIONS will be heard at St. Mary's Church on South Street in Ware on **Sunday, December 12th** from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. and at Divine Mercy Parish from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

~~ **AROUND THE AREA** ~~

CONFESSIONS – Every Tuesday from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Sacred Heart on Boston Road in Springfield. English – Polish – Spanish. This is Father Tomasz Parzynski's Parish.

ST. FRANCIS CHURCH IN BELCHERTOWN - Plans are already in place to celebrate the Advent season here at St. Francis with a talk "**The Star of Bethlehem – The Legacy of the Maji**" offered by Father Doug McGonagle from Our Lady of the Valley in Easthampton. Let's keep Christ in Christmas. Mark you calendars for **Wednesday, Dec 15th** at 6:30 p.m.

ST. MARY'S PARISH FAMILY - WARE, will be hosting Wigilia on **Sunday, December 19th** at 1:00 p.m. Please contact Mrs. Mary Hitchcock @ 413-283-9324 for tickets and seating arrangements. The costs are \$15 per ticket and children under 10 years of age are \$7. Wigilia will consist of pierogi, borchst, fish, kapusta, mashed potatoes, apples and rice, cheesecake, babka, chrust, coffee and tea. Seating is limited to 200. **Tickets will be sold until December 12th.**

DEVOTED PRO-LIFERS will once again journey to Washington, D.C. to join hundreds of thousands in raising their voices and spreading the word that abortion is the taking of a human life! Please join the 38th annual March For Life on **January 24th, 2011**. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person or \$25.00 per student. Please call the office at 413-583-5034 to check availability. Please send payment to **Pioneer Valley Massachusetts Citizens For Life**, P.O. Box 96, Ludlow, MA. 01056-0096. Payment is due at time of reservation. Donations toward the crusade are greatly appreciated, especially for the numerous young people in attendance.

A Different Kind Of Christmas

Sometimes Christmas is just overwhelming, it seems,
As we rush around buying up stuff.
We spend without end, and we rack up those bills,
But it feels like it's never enough.
So this Christmas, let's all take a different approach:
Let's try to be more in accord
With God's Christmas gift, the best one of all--
Our sweet Jesus, our Savior, our Lord.
We'll be gentle and patient, and loving and kind,
And we'll keep our priorities straight;
The gifts of the Spirit, the gifts of the heart
Are the ones that we'll all celebrate.
And our stress will decrease, and we'll feel more at peace,
As we decorate, package, and trim;
Our new Christmas will be a pure joy and delight,
As we try to be much more like Him.

By Joanna Fuchs



“Joyfully Awaiting the Lord.”

Gaudete (“*Rejoice*,” from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon in Latin) **Sunday** brings us to the approximate halfway point in Advent. The Scripture readings indeed echo with the notion for us to be joyful. “***Be strong, fear not! Here is your God,***” says the prophet. “***He comes to save you.***” (cf. **Isaiah 35:1-6a; 10**) How can we fail to rejoice when in the next lines Isaiah says that those whom the Lord has ransomed will return “***with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee***”? As with the entire Season of Advent, these inspired words have a twofold meaning. Not only should we rejoice that Christmas is near. We should also be joyful that the Lord will return.

We impatient Americans, of course, often demand to know **HOW LONG** something will take; **WHERE** we need to be; **WHY** we must do certain things; and **WHEN** something is going to happen. So when we say that the return of Our Lord is near, many want to know the precise date and time. But Our Lord instead recommends us to “***stay awake for you know neither the day nor the hour.***” (cf.: **Matthew 25:13**)

Saint James appeals to our sensibilities. In his epistle, he’s basically advising, “*stop rushing around; slow down.*” Using the image of the patient farmer who after planting the seeds awaits the yield of his crops, James writes: “***Be patient until the coming of the Lord.***” (cf.: **James 5:7-10**) This doesn’t mean that the Lord is right at the doorstep. Nor does James say that we should then sit back, lose our focus and “*eat, drink, and be merry.*” We are much too prone to sin when we indulge in that latter attitude. It’s then that we find ourselves unprepared to meet the Lord when He comes.

Advent is all about preparation. For those who haven’t utilized it to the best advantage, there’s still time. It’s far more than “*getting ready for the holidays,*” far more than buying presents, going to too many parties and overindulging in too much food and drink. Society is only interested in our pocketbooks and how much we are willing to spend on things we don’t need in the illusion of personal satisfaction. Dangerous elements of the media entice us into the foolish proposition that we can build our own “*heaven on earth*” without any need for God or the practice of our faith in daily life.

Advent is about being prepared each day which the Lord gives us. Advent teaches us that **Jesus must be the most important focus and center of our life**, of everyone we know and everything we do. Spouse, child, sibling, relative, friend these are all important. But God must hold first place in our hearts and minds before all else. With a realistic, joyful, grounded assurance, we won’t be distracted, we won’t be unprepared. Then it won’t make a difference *when or how long* before Our Lord comes.

“Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand....Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates.” (James 5:7-10)

[*Pastoral note: when the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12th, falls on a Sunday as it does this year, the Advent liturgy takes precedence. However, with permission of the diocesan bishop, that feast may be observed on either Dec. 11th or Dec. 13th.]*

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 birthday – Ed 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. Healing for Susan B – LJF. 1. Rest in peace Michael – LJF. 1. Javier and the 1-181 Infantry safe deployment & safe return. 1. God’s blessings & health for Edward J. Zoladz – Virginia Galuszka. 1. Health & God’s blessings for daughter & family. 1. +John Ligus – wife Helen. 1. healing & strength. 1. For Mom & Dad’s health – TKNE. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. +Jennie Vaz – S.. 1. A.J. & Joanne – S.. 1. +Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Lori Vaz – S.. 1. Gale Benoit – S.. 1. +Julia A. Machnik – S.. 1. Living & deceased members of Lemanski & Vaz families. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. For successful surgery & good results for J.L.. 1. +Charles Starzyk. 1. Health & God’s blessing for my grandson – Babci. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter Susie & son-in-law Leslie. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You’ family blessings of health & strength. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God’s help & guidance for my son – S.. 1. God’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. +In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. Blessings for all our families. 1. +Evelyn Uguccioni – Alice Pietrewicz. 1. +Veronica Strzemienski – The Izyk family. 1. +Husband & son – love A. Pietrewicz. 1. Special intention for Father Stefan – S.. 1. +Edward Rudnick – family. 1. To St. John of the Cross for strength, wisdom & guidance for Father Stefan – L.R.

(Votive Lamp Intentions...continued)

1. For intentions of the prayer line – L.R.. 1. For Father Bob's intercession – L.R.. 1. For peace, comfort & direction for daughter Lori – Mom. 1. In thanksgiving to our choirs & choir Directors for bringing us beautiful music at mass every week – L.R.. 1. For complete healing for Del M & peace to. – L.R.. 1. For healing for Louise G. – L.R.. 1. God's blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God's blessings on our family. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. The miracle of strength for Little Ben – Pat & Linda. 1. Zsp. Kathy Vigneaux – John & Irene Dyl. 1. St. Jude – healing – D.. 1. God's blessings for Carl – J.P.. 1. God's blessings & good health for Rose Ann – P.. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love Julie & Carol. 1. God's blessings for Glo & Danny, love, Jack, Reg & family. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. Praying for good health & God's blessings for Kathy Bolow – love, Aunt Josie & June. 1. +Natalie Lis – W.H. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. Blessed Virgin Mother – thank you. 1. Blessing for my grandson Vic – Grandma. 1. +Anthony Zieminski – wife & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. Blessings & good health for daughter & son & their families. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +S. Rosinski – wife Sallie. 1. +John Wieczorek – S. Rosinski. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – wife & family. 1. +Veronic Strzemienski – Gloria Nowak. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God's blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. God's blessings for a speedy recovery for Ray Charron – John & Marion. 1. God's blessings & return to good health for Florence Zabawa – Rosary Sodality. 1. God's blessings & return to good health for Jeannette Tenczar – Rosary Sodality. 1. God's blessings & return to good health Jackie Janosz – Rosary Sodality. 1. God's blessings & a return to good health for Kathy Bolow – Uncle John & Aunt Marion. 1. +Joseph Marchelewicz – family. 1. Health & happiness of K.T.E.N. – M.P.. 1. God's blessings & health for J.J.P.B.J. – M.P.. 1. +Victor Bukowski – R.C.. 1. +Frank Kargol – daughter. 1. +Joe Misiaszek – Cis & family. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. Family health & God's blessing. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. Blessed Mother my son needs your help – Mom. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Lucy for special intentions. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – Pat Godek. **ROSARY SODALITY VOTIVE LAMPS – CHRISTMAS** – 7 lamps from the Rosary Sodality, Christmas 2010, God's blessings & good health for all members; +Souls of deceased members; Blessings for our pastor, Fr. Stefan; Blessings for Fr. Jeff Ballou'; Successful Eucharistic Adoration in our parish; Vocations to the priesthood & religious life; +Deceased priests & sisters who served our parish.

This year on Christmas let's sing Happy Birthday to Jesus, let's start a new tradition & sing to our Lord on his birthday – Prayer Line.

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Today's Bible Lesson

The woodpecker might have to go !!

Everything I need to know about life, I learned from Noah's Ark.

1. Don't miss the boat.
2. Remember that we are all in the same boat.
3. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.
4. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.
5. Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.
6. Build your future on high ground.
7. For safety's sake, travel in pairs.
8. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
9. When you're stressed, float a while.
10. Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.
11. No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.