

✠ Divine Mercy Parish ✠

(Founded 2010)

Saints Peter & Paul Church
Est. 1903

St. Anne Church
Est. 1882

St. Adalbert Church
Est. 1910

Three Rivers, Massachusetts

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April 1, 2012

Palm Sunday



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

Items for the bulletin should be submitted no later than Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. Editorial discretion on all items. Email: [stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com](mailto:stspeterpaulanne@gmail.com).

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Choir Director & Organist - Mark Narreau (583-8541)  
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**Welcome to Divine Mercy Parish** ~ We are pleased to have you present today and extend to you the warmest of welcomes. It is fitting that we should celebrate the Holy Mass together at our Parish, the center of our spiritual life. We ask everyone gathered here to remember this is a holy place. It is a place where the Blessed Sacrament, Our Lord present among us, is kept in the tabernacle. It is also a sacred place for prayer. Therefore, please maintain a respectful silence in the Church out of consideration for the presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and those who are praying. Thank you for your understanding.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR



### SATURDAY, March 31<sup>st</sup>

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



### SUNDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup> ~

- NO CCD Classes Grades 6-10
- NO CCD Classes for Grade 11
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church

### MONDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>

### TUESDAY, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

- Choir Rehearsal – check with Mark Narreau, Director

### WEDNESDAY, April 4<sup>th</sup>

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

### THURSDAY, April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Thursday



### FRIDAY, April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Good Friday



### SATURDAY, April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Saturday



- NO CCD Classes for Grades K-5
- Confessions at 3:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY, April 8<sup>th</sup> ~



- NO CCD Classes for Grades 6-10
- NO CCD Classes for Grade 11
- Chalice of Strength – Prayers for Priests & Vocations – 4:00 p.m. in the church



## Mass Intentions



### **Saturday - March 31<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Cari Coffey - Her Family  
 4:00 p.m. - +Gert Wilson ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniv. - Pat & Paul Narreau  
           +Deceased Members of the Opielowski Family - Carl & Irene  
 5:15 p.m. - +Father Sylvio Levesque - Lydia Tanne  
           +Germaine Morin - Sister Rita

### **Sunday - April 1<sup>st</sup> ~ Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 a.m. - +John Styspeck & John Pisarski, Jr. - Wife Roslyn  
 9:30 a.m. - +Szlosek, Schultz & Ferry Families - The Family  
 2:00 p.m. GORZKIE ZALE

### **Monday - April 2<sup>nd</sup>**



7:00 a.m. - **All Parishioners of Divine Mercy**  
           +Josephine Cioch - Her Daughter and Grandchildren

### **Tuesday - April 3<sup>rd</sup>**

5:30 p.m. - +Phyllis Misiaszek - Her Family  
           +Josephine Cioch - Her Daughter and Grandchildren

### **Wednesday - April 4<sup>th</sup>**

7:00 a.m. - +Earl McKee - His Wife Lydia

### **Thursday - April 5<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Thursday**

7:00 p.m. - Mass of the Lords Supper ~ +Deceased Pastors & Assistant Pastors

### **Friday - April 6<sup>th</sup> ~ Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord**



7:00 a.m. - NO MASS  
 3:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 p.m. - Liturgical Celebration of the Lords Passion & Death

### **Saturday - April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Holy Saturday**

7:00 a.m. - NO MASS  
 4:00 p.m. - NO MASS  
 8:00 p.m. - Great Easter Vigil

### **Sunday - April 8<sup>th</sup> ~ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



7:00 a.m. - Resurrection Procession & Mass  
           +Divine Mercy Parishioners  
 9:30 a.m. - +Gerald Jaworek - His Wife & Family

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



**There will be NO CCD Classes on April 1<sup>st</sup> Palm Sunday,  
April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Easter Observance and April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> School Vacation**

CCD Classes for Grades K-5 ~ Saturday's from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

CCD Classes for Grades 6-10 ~ Sunday's from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CCD Classes for Grade 11 – Sunday's from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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***

**“Attitude ~ We cannot control the wind, but we can adjust our sails.”**

**For Reflection:**

When people question about whether a Priest should marry?

A better question to meditate on “Was Jesus married???”

**PRO-LIFE REFLECTION**

From today's 1st Reading, Isaiah 50: "The Lord has given me a well trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them."

Counter the Culture of Death with words that respect the gifts of life and respect of sexuality. Teach social justice and compassion for the immigrant.

## **LENT MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mass & Stations of the Cross** every Friday at 6:00 p.m.

**Palm Sunday** ~ April 1<sup>st</sup> - Regular Mass Schedule  
**CCD Students Grades 6 - 9 will be presenting the Passion Play at the 9:30 a.m. Mass**

**Holy Thursday** ~ April 5<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** ~ April 6<sup>th</sup> - No Morning Mass  
Services at 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday** ~ April 7<sup>th</sup> - No Morning Mass  
8:00 p.m. – Great Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** ~ April 8<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 a.m. Resurrection Procession & Mass  
9:30 a.m. - Mass

## **GUIDELINES FOR LENT**

**Ash Wednesday**, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, & **Good Friday**, April 6<sup>th</sup>  
are days of fast and abstinence. **Fridays of Lent** are also days of abstinence.

On days of fast, when only one full meal is allowed, two other meatless meals may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal.

The other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat.

The obligation to abstain from meat begins at fourteen (14) years of age.

The obligation to fast begins at eighteen (18) years of age and ends at fifty-nine (59) years of age.

Although the faithful may excuse themselves for a just cause from these laws of fast and abstinence, there is an obligation to substitute another penance and no Catholic should lightly excuse himself/herself from this obligation in the Lenten season.

# ~~ DIVINE MERCY NEWS ~~

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ First Communion at the 9:30 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> ~ Confirmation at 5:30 p.m.



**MOTHER OF MERCY PRAYER FORCE** - Anyone who would like their intentions prayed for please **Email** them to [jmjdrrs2007@yahoo.com](mailto:jmjdrrs2007@yahoo.com) We have a network of prayer warriors who will pray for your intentions, etc.



**BLESSINGS AT COMMUNION TIME** If anyone cannot or does not wish to partake of the Eucharist, **you may come forward in Father Stefan's line** with your arms crossed on your chest to receive a blessing.



**STS. PETER & PAUL PRAYER LINE** - Prayer Intentions, call Cindy Leveille at 283-7836.



**CCD STUDENTS** from grades 6 through 9 will be presenting the Passion Play at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Palm Sunday, **April 1<sup>st</sup>**.



**THE MEN'S GUILD** will have its annual **Palm Sunday Communion Breakfast on April 1 after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Guild members who will be attending should assemble in the back vestibule of the Church (on the Parish Hall side) at 9:15 for procession into Mass. After attending Mass, we will break bread together at a breakfast in the Parish Hall. Any Men's Guild member who will be attending the Breakfast should call John Fox at (413) 284-0234 or (508) 527-3943 before Wednesday, March 28 so that an accurate count of attendees can be gathered beforehand.



**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** The Divine Mercy Parish Council will hold a meeting on **Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** in the Kolbe Room. As always, Parishioners are also invited to attend to observe meetings of the Parish Council.



**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP TIME** – It's that time again for spring cleanup and that includes our cemetery's at St. Anne and Sts. Peter & Paul. Please remove all flowers and decorations from your cemetery plots by **April 10<sup>th</sup>** so that cleaning and fertilizing can be started. Any flowers, pots and decorations that are not removed by this date will be discarded.



Since our first year was such a success, we are going to have "**thee boutique**" again at the **Parish Picnic**. It's time to spring clean. We are accepting donations of gently used purses, jewelry, hats, scarves and any other accessories. Please leave them in the sacristy after Mass. Any questions see or call Cheryl Kozlik @ 413-283-2773. Thank You!

## ~~ **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 Fr. Tomasz Parzynski's Parish.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIETY** –Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce that we are now accepting applications for the year 2012 scholarship program, this will be our 13<sup>th</sup> year. A total of \$2000 is available for qualified applicants. Deadline for submitting applications is May 10<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible you must complete high school in 2011, have a GPA of 2.8 entering, a accredited college and meet all other participation requirements specified by the St. Joseph Society. You must also be a son or daughter of a member (man or woman) in good standing. For questions, contact any committee member. Joseph Siok @ 967-3830, Stanley Siok @283-3570 or Peter Warakowski @ 283-8189.

**IS GOD GETTING A BUSY SIGNAL?** Is God calling you to make some time for him and does he keep getting a busy signal? Many have hectic lives but on **April 21<sup>st</sup>**, the women in the Diocese of Springfield have a chance to spend some time focused on their faith. The 5th Annual Catholic Women's Conference will be held at the Bellamy School in Chicopee. It will offer time for prayer, community and laughter. Featured speakers are Jesuit Father James Martin and Sister of Notre Dame Mary Johnson. Call 452-0812 or log onto [www.diospringfield.org](http://www.diospringfield.org).





Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "**I took your place!**"

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~~ DONATIONS ~~

**EASTER FLOWERS**~ \$100 from the Rosary Sodality

**BURSE FUND** ~ In Memory of Sophie Gladkowski - \$10 from Charlie & Genie Bates  
In Memory of Ann Osucha - \$75 from Josephine & June Slozak  
In Memory of Mary Edgerly - \$100 from Her Family



**BIBLE WORD SEARCH** ~ Palm Sunday

All the words listed below are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally. Find each word and highlight it. After you have found all the words, use the leftover letters in the correct order to form the **mystery answer**. You can find the answer on the back page...but no peeking!

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**SEARCH WORDS** ~ Acclaim, Arrive, Ascending, Bethany, Bethphage, Blessed, Branches, Clothes, Crowd, Disciples, Donkey, Event, Garments, Hither, Jericho, Jerusalem, Jesus, King, Loose, Lord, Mission, Multitude, Palm Sunday, Parade, Praising, Processions, Received, Reigning, Rejoice, Rome, Spiritual, Spread, Victory, Village, Witness, Worship

## VOTIVE LAMP INTENTIONS

1.+Edna Burns – daughter Patty. 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. Zsp. Jana Wasiuk – od zony z rodzina. 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. +Darryl Tyburski – love Mom, Dad, sister Betty & brothers Tom & Ray. 1.+Edward Godek – wife Pat. 1. Health & God's blessings for Irene Orluk – Sophie. 1.+Kowalczyk family – family. 1. Healing for Susan B – LJF. 1. God's blessings & health for daughter-in-law Donna. 1. +John Olearczyk – wife & family. 1. +Rusty Nowak – wife & son. 1. +Nancy Szostek – Gloria Nowak. 1. Health & God's blessing for daughter & family. 1. God's blessings & recovery for my sister Dee – Gloria Nowak. 1. God's blessing & good health for Camden Lee – Gloria Nowak. 1. +Edward Zerdecki – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for my son – Mom. . +Anna Zieminski – Larry Zieminski & Terry & Stephanie Cole. 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. Z sp. John I Michael Boronski – J.R.. 1. Zsp. Patricia Kohler – J.F.. . 1. Successful surgery results for DD. 1. +Julia A. Lemanski Machnik – John & family. 1. +John Mastalerz – wife & family. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Sally Mastalerz. 1. For full time employment Jesus I Trust In You. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Fred & Betty Brozek. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – F. Bukowski. 1. +Victor Bukowski – wife Frances & family. 1. God's blessings & good health for son during his trip. 1. “Jesus I Trust In You” family blessings of health & strength. 1. For Mom & Dad's health – TKNE. 1. +Stephen & Sophie Noga – son Stephen. 1. +Louis Zglobicki – wife & family. 1. +Mary Edgerly – Mary Smola. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Gloria Nowak. 1. St. Jude & St. Anthony special intention. 1. St. Lucy – E.. 1. +Raymond Sabourin, Sr. – Edna & family. 1. Blessed Mother – blessings & good health for daughters & granddaughters. 1. Safe travel for daughters. 1. +Sophie Gladkowski – Julie Strempek. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Julie Strempek. 1. +Mary Edgerly – The Family. 1. God's blessings & full time work. 1. Jesus I Trust In Thee. 1. God's blessings & good health for all our families. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Jane Pelski. 1. +Ray Pelski – wife & family. 1. God's blessings & return to good health John – love, Aunt Ruth L. 1. God's blessings & good health for Ashley – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Fred Mastalerz – love, Julie & Carol. 1. +Richard Wawro – love, wife Barbara. 1. Thank you St. Anthony for favor granted to Susan. 1. Safe

return for our son – love, Dad & Mom. 1. +Walter Smola – wife Alice. 1. God please walk with me – S.. 1. God’s blessings for Alice Smola – son Rich. 1. In loving memory of Grace Kulpa – daughter Debbie. 1. +Grace Kulpa – husband Ed. 1. God’s blessings, good health & continued success for Rep. Todd Smola – EK&GK. 1. God’s blessings & good health for John Petraszewicz – John & Irene Dyl. 1. Zsp. Eleanor Skowronek – John & Irene Dyl. 1. Zsp. Mary Edgerly – John & Irene Dyl. 1. A special intention for “BJ” – Anna. 1. To St. Lucy for a special favor. 1. +Henry Stefanowich – Anna. 1. +Fred & Helen Krawczyk – daughter & son-in-law. 1. Thank you, Richard – Barbara. 1. God’s blessings for Sophie Lebida – with appreciation – Barbara. 1. +Sophie & Joseph Socha - Barbara. 1. +Frank Miskiewicz – Barbara. 1. For all my intentions – C.. 1. Zsp. Rodzicow Witkowskich – od corki. 1. +Mary Edgerly – Veronica Kokoszka. 1. +Sophie Gladkowski & +Eleanor Skowronek – Lori V.. 1. +Joseph & Stella Maestrone, Jerry & Evelyn Colozzi.. 1. +Manuel & Mary Vaz, Priscilla Silva. 1. +Elvira & Justinao Vaz. 1. +William & Mary Lemanski, Barney & Daisy Lemanski. 1. +Mary, Ida, Joseph Lemanski, Julia Machnik. 1. +Stanley, Walter, Chester, A. J. Lemanski. 1. +Boleslaw & Alexandra Lemanski. 1. +Genevieve Vaz – Lori. 1. healing, strength, protection. 1. +Julia A. Machnik & Stella Maestrone – S.. 1. Gale Benoit & Lori Vaz – S.. 1. The Kondel family – S. Joanne Lemanski – S.. 1. Michael Lemanski family – S.. 1. +Alexander Lemanski & Jennie Vaz – S. 1. The Lemanski family – S.. 1. Healthy Baby for Sara & God’s blessing. 1. Family health & God’s blessing. 1. To Pope John Paul I for good health of Blanche Wostena – children. 1. To St. Martin de Porres for special intentions. 1. For good health of Stanley Wachta – the Wostena family. 1. Zsp. Joseph Wostena, Jr. – wife & children. 1. +William Gilbert. 1. +Helen Starzyk. 1. +Eleanor Starzyk. 1. +Betty Bielaska. 1. God’s blessing & good health for KDJ. 1. For a blessed, spirit & joy filled Holy Week for Father Stefan – L.R.. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – L.R.. 1. +Tranvon Martin & peace & comfort for his Mom & Dad – L.R.. 1. In thanksgiving to the CCD students who gave us a beautiful & moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross recently – L.R.. 1. For the souls of those who were involved in occult practices & beliefs – L.R.. 1. Cole B. special intention C.S.&T.S.. 1. Cheryll S. health T.S.. 1. +Helen Grzywna – Rose Tyburski. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. God’s blessings & healing for John P – Deb & Pete. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – Kathryn,. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. God’s blessings for family. 1. Cole B. special intention C.S.&T.S.. 1. Cheryll S. health T.S.. 1. +Helen Grzywna – Rose Tyburski. 1. +Dad Richard Wawro – Deb & Pete. 1. God’s blessings & healing for John P – Deb & Pete. 1. +Walter Lech, Jr. – Kathryn,. 1. God’s blessing & healing for Jake. 1. God’s blessings for our family. 1. God’s blessings for family. 1. +Eleanor Skowronek – Sophie Lebida. 1. +Frank & Sophie Swiatlowski – family. 1. +Loving remembrances for Joseph Slozak – You’ve been thought of and missed daily for the last **17** years, Dad, Love, Josie & June.

**IN LOVING MEMORY** – Please remember in your prayers the souls of Joseph A. Wysmutek and Chester Pikul. May they rest in peace.

~~ BACK PAGE HUMOR & MORE ~~

Think Twice!!!

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But somehow I always had something else to take care of first -- the shed, the boat, fishing -- always something more important to me.

Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point.

When I arrived home one day, I found her sitting in the tall grass busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house.

I was gone only a minute and when I came out again

I handed her a toothbrush.

I said, "When you finish cutting the grass,  
you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will probably walk again  
but I will always have a limp.



Mystery Answer is Passion Week

