

+ Divine Mercy Parish Bulletin+

Jesus, I Trust in You!

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Three Rivers, Mass.

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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.

April 12, 2015

Divine Mercy Sunday: Octave of Easter (Roman Rite, ordinary form)

Low Sunday: Octave of Easter (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 EASTER WEEK in April

Divine Mercy Sun., April 12th

Parish Feast Day

Religious Education classes, grades 6-10

...Diocesan Youth Concert, April 11...

Divine Mercy Devotions, 2:45 p.m., church (and grotto, weather permitting)

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

Mon., April 13th

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

Wed., April 15th

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

Sat., April 18th

Religious Education classes, grades K-5, 9:00 a.m., parish hall

Men's Guild Prime Rib Dinner; social, 6 p.m.; dinner, 6:30 p.m., parish hall

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. +Veronica MacKay, Yola Deveaux, & Dee Bigos – int. of Gloria Nowak
+Deceased members of Niemiec family – int. of Carl & Irene
- 5:15 p.m. +Rev. Sylvio Levesque – int. of Lydia Tanne
+William & Mary Lemanski – int. of their son & family

12. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Barney & Mary Skowronek – int. of grandson Michael & family
- 9:30 a.m. +Cecelia Matera – int. of Chester & Helen Jackanowski
+Gerald Jaworek & Franciszek Syper – int. of the family

2:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Devotions / Nabozenstwo Milosierdzia Bozego

13. Monday ~ St. Martin I, pope & martyr

- 7:00 a.m. +Czeslawa & Jan Adamczyk – int. of their family

14. Tuesday ~ Easter feria

- 5:30 p.m. Novena & Mass: +Blanche Wostena – int. of Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality
+Theodore Koziol, Sr., 6th anniversary – int. of his wife & family

15. Wednesday ~ Easter feria

- 7:00 a.m. +Nelson Bonsant – int. of his wife & family

16. Thursday ~ Easter feria

- 7:00 a.m. for God's blessings upon Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI on his 88th birthday

17. Friday ~ Easter feria

- 7:00 a.m. +Jadwiga & Marcin Sondej – int. of their family

18. Saturday ~ Easter feria

- 7:00 a.m. +Genowefa Sondej – int. of her family
- 4:00 p.m. for the parishioners
- 5:15 p.m. +Victor Bukowski – int. of his daughter, sons, & family
+Brian Donovan – int. of his family

19. Sunday ~ THIRD SUNDAY of EASTER

- 8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Thaddeus Guzik – od Zofii Starzyk
- 9:30 a.m. +Martin Anderson – int. of his family
+John & Josephine Yurkunas – int. of their son John & 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
Bishop Rozanski	Fr. Gary Caster	Fr. Casimir Chwalek	Fr. Hugh Crean
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Fr. Daniel Fink, OFM.C		Fr. Jude Surowiec, OFM.Conv. Fr. Charles Gonet	

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??*

****IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF ADORATION!****

We are happy to welcome Joanne Stolar as the new Adoration Coordinator who will succeed Diana Roth after May 1st. *We thank Joanne for volunteering for this ministry! It would have been unfortunate if our parish had to close Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament after two decades!*

Hours still needing volunteer adorers:

Thursday, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; 9:00-10:00 a.m. / Fridays, 1:00-2:00 p.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m.; 2:00-3:00 p.m. /

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 Diana Roth @ 283-8709. God is never outdone in generosity!

School of Religious Education *NEWS*

* Regular classes resume this weekend. Youth Concert (7 to 8:30 p.m.) takes the place of classes for **grades 9 & 10 only** this Sun., April 12. **Students in grades 9 & 10 are asked to gather at 3:45 p.m. in the Kolbe Room** to attend 4 p.m. Mass. **PARENTS: please be in the church parking lot between 8:45 & 9:00 p.m. to pick up your child/children.**

Final classes are next week, April 18 & 19.

First Holy Communion is Sun., May 3rd at the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Grade 2 will have classes on Sat., April 25th and Sat., May 2nd.

Please refer to calendar on page 2 for times and location.

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

As we prepare for more 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!**

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

In loving memory of +Blanche Wostena ~~~

To the Seminarian Fund – \$20 from Sophie Bidga

In loving memory of +Sophie & Henry Jacek ~~~

To the General Fund – \$100 from son Fred & daughter-in-law Joyce

In loving memory of +Stanley & Anna Socha ~~~

To the General Fund – \$20 from their daughter Dotty

In loving memory of +Antonio Silva ~~~

To the General Fund – \$20 from Sophie Starzyk / \$5 from Sophie Walulak

In loving memory of +Lesley Pisarski ~~~

To the Seminarian Fund – \$25 from June Slozak

STS. PETER & PAUL MEN'S GUILD NEWS

1/ Men's Guild **Prime Rib Dinner on Sat., April 18 is SOLD OUT.**

2/ **Scholarship Applications** for graduating high school students, awarded by the Men's Guild on behalf of the parish and **in memory of +Father Robert J. Ceckowski**, are available in the sacristy before/after Masses beginning March 28. **Application deadline: May 2.** Applicants must plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college, and have been of service to our parish. For any questions, please contact John Fox @ 284-0234

THIRD ANNUAL PARISH TAG SALE

Our parish's 3rd Annual TAG SALE will be held on Sat., May 16, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the parish hall. **Bake Sale / Light lunch available for sale / Free coffee all day** / Please save any usable or slightly used items (please, NO electronics, TVs, etc.).

Drop off times: Tues., April 21, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Sat., April 25, 9 a.m.-Noon; Sun., April 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Wed., April 29, 6:30-7:30 p.m.; more dates to follow.

We need people to pack, set-up items, help at drop off times, and on the day of the sale. *Your help will be greatly appreciated!* Any questions, please contact Ruth Curtain @ 283-2450 or Diane Marhelewicz @ 283-9039.

Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers

The Polish Women's Club of Three Rivers (PWCTR) is pleased to announce that **applications for the 2015 scholarship program are now being accepted.** Applicant shall be a high school senior, in good scholastic standing, entering an accredited college, and must be a child or grandchild of a PWCTR member. **Deadline for submitting applications: May 8, 2015. FOR APPLICATIONS,** please contact Margaret Brozek @ (413) 323-8236.

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

"RUN FASTER WITH THE PASTOR"

St. Mary's School, **5K FUN RUN "Run Faster with the Pastor"** will take place at the school, Charles St., Ware on **Sat., May 9**. Registration & Number Pick-up: 7:30-8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 5K / 9:10 a.m. 2 Mile Walk / 10:00 a.m. Kids Fun Run/Obstacle Course (Free) / St. Mary's students \$10 / Racers/Walkers \$25. For more information contact: kjurczyk369@gmail.com or call (413) 237-3539. Register at www.runreg.com/run-faster-with-a-pastor.

United Polish–American Organization Council (UPACOC) Scholarship

2015 UPAOC Scholarship applications are now available in the sacristy. Feel free to stop by and pick one up. **Eligibility criteria** for this annual scholarship:

A Any boy or girls of Polish descent or legally adopted by Polish parents (*at least one parent of Polish origin*); **B** Applicant or parent must hold membership in a Palmer Polish-American organization or be a member of Divine Mercy Parish; **C** Graduate of high school or recognized academy; **D** Accepted (or about to be accepted) at a college, university, or institution of higher learning; **E** Transcripts from high school or recognized academy; **F** Letter of recommendation (*no recommendations from a relative*). **Application deadline: Friday, May 8, 2015.**

St. Joseph Polish Society / Polski Towarzystwo Sw. Jozefa

St. Joseph Society Scholarship Committee announced it is now **accepting applications** for the year 2015 program. A total of \$2000 is available for qualified applicants. **Application deadline: May 10.** To be eligible, a student must complete high school in 2015, have a GPA of 2.8 entering an accredited college, and meet other requirements specified by St. Joseph Society. The applicant must be son or daughter of a society member (male/female) in good standing. For more information, contact Joseph Siok @ 967-3830, Stanley Siok @ 283-3570 or Peter Warakomski @ 283-8189.

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*") has begun, as in the last few years, with the Lenten Season. Contribution forms have been mailed to parishioners. Please be generous to the ACA which provides services for so many diocesan programs and persons of genuine need.

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 10

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

60. Who are the angels?

The angels are purely spiritual creatures, incorporeal, invisible, immortal, and personal beings endowed with intelligence and will. They ceaselessly contemplate God face-to-face and they glorify Him. **They serve Him and are His messengers** in the accomplishment of His saving mission to all.

63. What is the place of the human person in creation?

The human person is the summit of visible creation in as much as he or she is **created in the image and likeness of God.**

66. In what sense do we understand man and woman as created “in the image of God”?

The human person is created in the image of God in the sense that he or she is capable of knowing and of loving their Creator in freedom. Human beings are the only creatures on earth that God has willed for their own sake and has called to share, through knowledge and love, in His own divine life. All human beings, in as much as they are created in the image of God, have the dignity of a person. **A person is not something but someone,** capable of self-knowledge and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with God and with other persons.

67. For what purpose did God create man and woman?

God has created everything for them; but He has created them **to know, serve and love God,** to offer all of creation in this world in thanksgiving back to Him and to be raised up to life with Him in heaven. **Only in the mystery of the Incarnate Word does the mystery of the human person come into true light.** Man and woman are predestined to reproduce the image of the Son of God made Man, Who is the perfect “image of the invisible God” (Colossians 1:15).

69. How do the soul and body form a unity in the human being?

The human person is a being at once corporeal and spiritual. In man, spirit and matter form one nature. This unity is so profound that, thanks to the spiritual principle which is the soul, the body which is material, becomes a living human body and participates in the dignity of the image of God.

70. Where does the soul come from?

The spiritual soul does not come from one’s parents but is created immediately by God and is immortal. It does not perish at the moment when it is separated from the body in death and it will be once again reunited with the body at the moment of the final resurrection.

The Resurrection of our Lord
EASTER "THANK YOU'S" 2015

Church & Sanctuary Decorations: Thanks to Maryann Wostena and Michael Wostena for decorating our altars and sanctuary for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Paschal Triduum & Easter.

Choir: Thanks to our choirs under the direction of organist Mark Narreau for the music during Holy Week, Paschal Triduum & Easter; and to our Sunday morning organist Mary Besko for the Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday Resurrection Procession & Mass.

Easter flowers: Thanks to the Sts. Peter & Paul Rosary Sodality and to all who contributed for floral decorations to beautify our church.

Divine Mercy Grotto: Thanks to Barbara Miskiewicz for cleaning/maintaining our grotto.

Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, & Lectors: Thanks for your faithful service at the altar during Holy Mass and liturgies.

Students: Thank you to our First Holy Communion, under the direction of teacher Margaret Brozek, Vida Thornhill and Cheryl Kozlik; and thanks to the students for participating in the Holy Thursday Mass and Procession.

Organizations: Thanks to the members of the St. Joseph Polish Society and Sts. Peter & Paul Men's Guild for participation during Holy Easter and Easter Sunday Resurrection Procession & Mass.

To the homebound and those in hospitals: Thank you for your constant prayerful support of our parish. God bless you!

All parishioners and friends of our parish: Thank you for participating in the special liturgies and devotions at this most solemn time of the year!

May God bless you all for your dedication and devotion! *Bog Zaplac!*
A happy and holy Paschaltide! Wesolego Alleluja!

WORDS OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II

The priest himself ought first of all to develop a great personal familiarity with the Word of God.

*The priest ought to be the first "believer" in the Word, while being fully aware that the words of his ministry are not "his," but those of the One Who sent him. **He is not the master of the Word, but its servant.** He is not the sole possessor of the Word; in its regard he is in debt to the People of God.*

The priest, like every other member of the Church, ought to grow in awareness that he himself is continually in need of being evangelized.