

+ 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.

August 2, 2015

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

Tenth 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 August

Sun., Aug. 2nd

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

Mon., Aug. 3rd

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

Tues., Aug. 4th

Parish Council meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Maximilian Kolbe room.

Wed., Aug. 5th

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

Fri., Aug. 6th

First Friday of the Month in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Pierwszy Piątek Miesiąca ku czci Najsw. Serca Jezusa

Sat., July 31st

First Saturday: Rosary Sodality meeting after 7 a.m. Mass, St. Maximilian Kolbe room.

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 jmjdrsr2007@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. +deceased members of the Vostoka family – int. of Gloria & family
 +Erhard & Luise Ersing – int. of their son Carl & daughter-in-law Irene
- 5:15 p.m. +Jan Wasiuk – int. of his wife Leokadja & family
 +Thomas Craner, Sr. – int. of his family

2. Sunday ~ EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 a.m. za d.sp. Joseph Wostena, Jr., 21st anniversary – od dzieci Michael i Maryann
 9:30 a.m. +Mildred Skaza – int. of Barbara Miskiewicz

3. Monday ~ feria

- 7:00 a.m. +Mary Tobiasz – int. of her family

4. Tuesday ~ Saint John Mary Vianney, priest

- 5:30 p.m. Novena Mass: +Catherine Boucher – int. of Michael & Maryann Wostean

5. Wednesday ~ Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

- 7:00 a.m. +Roman Lesniak & Cecylia Saladyga – int. of the family

6. Thursday ~ The TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD

- 7:00 a.m. +Anna Wilga – int. of her family

7. Friday ~ Saints Sixtus II, pope, & companions, martyrs; Saint Cajetan, priest

- 7:00 a.m. +Mary Wilga – int. of her family

8. Saturday ~ Saint Dominic, priest

- 7:00 a.m. +Nora Rondeau – int. of her family

Vigil of Sunday

- 4:00 p.m. for the parishioners
- 5:15 p.m. +Souls in purgatory – int. of Lydia Tanne
 +George Pikul – int. of his wife & family

9. Sunday ~ NINETEENTH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00 a.m. za d.sp. William Bigda – od Michael i Maryann Wostena
 Za.d.sp. Albina Ziobrowski – od Edward Ziobrowski z rodzina
- 9:30 a.m. +William Watson – int. of his wife & children
 +Louise Tippett, 1st anniversary – int. of her daughter Anne Marie

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.*

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
| Fr. | | | |
| Thursday | Friday | Saturday | |
| Fr. | | | |

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 ~ **Religious Education Classes have concluded;** 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

As we transition to a new format for the *Parish Bulletin*, we ask that items for publication be submitted **TWO WEEKS before the desired Sunday date.** (e.g., an item desired to appear "Jan. 25", should be submitted no later than Jan. 11).

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!

LECTORS at 4:00 & 5:15 p.m. Vigil Masses

The **NEW SCHEDULE** is available in the church sacristy (unless it was emailed to you)

PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will meet this **Tues., Aug. 4th** 6:30 p.m. in the St. Maximilian Kolbe rm.

AUGUST ~ THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us!

Donations to the Parish

The Parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations: Bog Zaplac!

To the School/Parish New Roof Fund ~

\$100 from Peter Warakomski

To the General Fund ~

~ in loving memory of **Veronica Kokoszka**: \$20 from Janice Kucewicz

~ in loving memory of **Julia Mastalerz**: \$20 from Rosalie Kokoszka; \$20 from Janice Kucewicz

~ in loving memory of **Veronica Karcz**: \$40 from Mr. & Mrs. Michael Grimanis;
\$20 from Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Houle

To the Seminarian Fund ~

~ in loving memory of **Veronica Kokoszka**: \$25 from David Brozek

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

MARY FARM DAY of RETREAT

The Apostolate of the Suffering will conduct its annual **Day of Retreat at Mary Farm**, 1915 Ware St., Palmer, on **Sat., Aug. 15**. A donation of \$18.00 is suggested/requested to help defray expenses, which include lunch. **Guest speakers**: Jean Raczkowski & Barbara Morin. For more information, please call Br. Robert (Bob) Letasz, sodc., @ 283-4529

BENEFIT CONCERT at ST. THOMAS, Palmer

A Concert to benefit the Mathieson Music School in Calcutta, India will be held on **Sat., Aug. 15 at 1:00 p.m.** at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Palmer. Anup Kumar Biswas, school headmaster, cellist; Clifton Noble, Jr., pianist; Donald Boothman, baritone; Kaye Boothman, tanpurist; Geetanjali & Styajit Biswas, cellists; guest, **Jennifer Fijal**, mezzo-soprano. Suggested donation: \$10.00 (no amount is too large or too small!). This Christian school was founded to give orphaned and deprived children a chance for the future through education, faith, and music. Very poor children receive a full education and housing from as early as four years of age through secondary school. All donations from the concert will go directly to the school in India. *All are invited for an afternoon of varied music, from classical western to traditional Indian music.*

AFTER the ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Our 2015 Parish Picnic, the major fundraiser for the parish, is now part of history. Thanks to all who worked at the Picnic, volunteered, and all who attended to make it a great success!

PRIZE WINNERS

Look for a listing of prize winners and other information in next Sunday's Parish Bulletin.

ADDITIONAL PARISH PICNIC CASH DONATIONS ~~~~~

\$25 each from: Jayne Heede; Larry Jasak /

\$20 from Kathy Sammon



Anxiety and its Effects by Father Peter John Cameron, O.P.

Editor-in-Chief, *Magnificat* magazine (April 2015)

Anxiety gets the better of us when we least expect it. In the presence of the Resurrected Jesus, anxiety should be the *last* thing we feel.

Saint Thomas Aquinas speaks of anxiety as a sorrow that *“so weighs on the spirits that there seems no escaping it.”*

Trouble comes when we let anxiety determine and dominate our life.

In the judgement of the North American martyr **Saint Charles Garnier**, *“It is by the feelings of anxiety that the devil harms us more than any other means, and unless you are extremely watchful, you will fall into his snares.”*

Which is why Doctor of the Church **Saint Francis de Sales** will say, *“With the single exception of sin, anxiety is the greatest evil that can happen to a soul.”*

Anxiety makes us doubt that love is enough; it makes us doubt God himself.

Pope Benedict XVI explained this:

“Living in dependence on God means not being one’s own master, not wanting to take charge of the world oneself; it means saying good-bye to the dream of autonomy and of being one’s own boss, it means recognizing that we cannot do it on our own, and learning to accept our life day by day from His hands, without anxiety and full of confidence.”

What's That You're Wearing?!?

A reminder for young and old, and everyone in between

The weather is warm and that's welcome. But with this change, we must address the subject of **PROPER ATTIRE IN CHURCH**.

First we must commend the majority of people who dress appropriately when attending Mass and other Devotions, or who just stop in for a visit with Our Lord. Up to this time, our parish has been blessed in this regard. But we don't want a breakdown in this area. **That leads us to those who are dressing improperly. THIS IS CALLED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.**

In addition to our own observations, we have heard from a number of parishioners who have been shocked by some "fashions" they have seen in our church. While the presence of the person him/herself in church is most important, **the way we dress is a clear indicator of how important (or not!) we consider what we are doing**, i.e., coming to church to worship Our Lord and God in the midst of the community of the faithful.

So before you come to church, take a look at what you're wearing. THIS IS CALLED PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

We don't pretend to be expert on all the latest clothing trends and the following examples are by no means exhaustive on what one should NOT wear; rather, use them as a guide on clothing that must be avoided in church.

Inappropriate for females: shorts, tank tops, short dresses and skirts, nearly bare-backs, low-cut necklines, torn or tattered clothing, "flip-flops," tightly worn clothing.

Inappropriate for males: T-shirts, tank tops, shorts, lounge pants, pants or shorts worn so low that underwear is showing, "flip-flops," torn or tattered clothing.

Remember: *Our choice of clothing should never be a cause for distraction or scandal for another person.* More often than not, sloppy, scandalous attire is a sign of laziness: a person is too lazy to change into appropriate clothing, *Yes, we live in the most casual of times.* Hopefully, that will pass! But good taste and attire never go out of style.

Finally, **Our Blessed Mother Mary predicted at Fatima in 1917** to the late Sister Lucia, Blessed Francisco, and Blessed Jacinta, **the coming of many sinful "fashion," offensive to Our Lord.**

Each must ask him/herself: *am I contributing to Our Lady's prediction?*

BASICS of OUR CATHOLIC FAITH ~ 24

from: The COMPENDIUM of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

198. What kind of devotion is directed to the Holy Virgin?

It is a singular kind of devotion which differs essentially from the cult of adoration given only to the Most Holy Trinity. This special veneration directed to Mary finds particular expression in the liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and in Marian prayers such as the Holy Rosary which is a compendium of the whole Gospel.

199. In what way is the Blessed Virgin Mary the eschatological icon of the Church?

Looking upon Mary, who is completely holy and already glorified in body and soul, the Church contemplates in her what she herself is called to be on earth and what she will be in the homeland of heaven.

"I Believe in the Forgiveness of Sins"

200. How are sins remitted?

The first and chief sacrament for the forgiveness of sins is Baptism. For those sins committed after Baptism, Christ instituted the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance through which a baptized person is reconciled with God and with the Church.

201. Why does the Church have the power to forgive sins?

The Church has the mission and the power to forgive sins because Christ Himself has conferred it upon her: *"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained"* (John 20:22-23).

"I Believe in the Resurrection of the Body"

202. What is the meaning of the term "body" (or "flesh") and what importance does it have?

The resurrection of the *flesh* is the literal formulation in the Apostles Creed for the resurrection of the body. **The term "flesh" refers to humanity in its state of weakness and mortality.** "The flesh is the hinge of salvation" (Tertullian). We believe in God the Creator of the flesh; we believe in the Word made flesh in order to redeem flesh; and we believe in the resurrection of flesh which is the fulfillment of both the creation and the redemption of the flesh.

203. What is meant by the "resurrection of the body"?

This means that the definitive state of man will not be one in which his spiritual soul is separated from his body. Even **our mortal bodies will one day come to life again.**