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+DIVINE MERCY PARISH+

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The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

The Lord's Day ---
Sat. Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sun.: 8:00 a.m. (Polish with English readings & homily); 10:00 a.m.
Daily: (except Tues.), 8:00 a.m.
Tues., 5:30 p.m. after Miraculous Medal Novena
Holydays: 8 a.m. & 6 p.m. (unless otherwise noted)

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Wed., 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thurs., 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Confessions

Fri., 3:00 p.m. (except summer); Sat., 3:00 p.m.

Sick calls: anytime
Baptisms & Marriages
Please contact the rectory to make arrangements
Office hours: Mon. & Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Stefan J. Niemczyk
Permanent Deacon: Rev. Mr. John Fox
Secretary: *vacant*
Parish Council president: Mr. Luke Roberts
Religious Education: *vacant*
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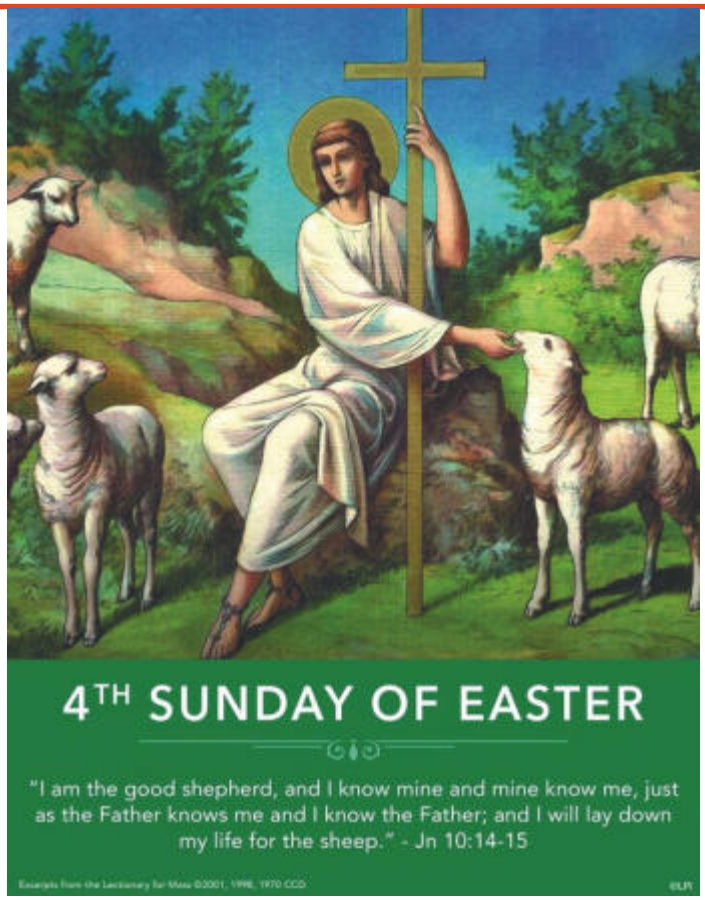

Divine Mercy Parish, rich in tradition

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**.

April 25, 2021 ~ The Year of Saint Joseph
Fourth Sunday of Easter (Roman Rite, ordinary form)
Third Sunday after Easter (Roman Rite, extraordinary form)

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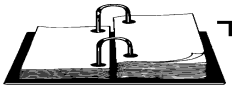
The Most Blessed Sacrament **reserved in Sts. Peter & Paul Church in the tabernacle on the High Altar,** located beneath the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, flanked by the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. **PLEASE maintain a respectful silence when you are in the church. This is especially important before and after the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Your reverent attitude is a respectful example for those who are praying.** ***Thank you!***

PLEASE NOTE THE ADS on the back page which make this bulletin possible; we hope you will **patronize** these businesses as the need arises.

BULLETIN DEADLINE—-Please submit items **two weeks** before publication date. All submissions are subject to editorial discretion for content and space. *Thank you!*

MASS INTENTIONS: ***Please be considerate and plan the date you would like a Mass offered well in advance.*** *Thank you.*



The Week Ahead

Sun., April 25
Relig. Ed. classes, grs. 6-10, 11:00 a.m., school.

Mon., April 26
Rosary for World Peace, 4:00 p.m., church.

Wed., April 28
Alcoholics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., Kolbe room *(if permitted)*

Fri., April 30
Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church.

First Sat., May 1
Relig. Ed. classes, grs. K-5, 9:00 a.m., school.
Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church.

PASCHALTIDE: This Sunday in the Easter Season, the third after Easter Sunday, is designated as **"World Day of Prayer for Vocations."** Please continue to pray to the Good Shepherd for authentic vocations to the priesthood and the consecrated life (religious sisters and brothers), following His example.

Mother of Mary Prayer Force

If anyone would like their intentions prayed for by a dedicated network of prayer warriors (parishioners), please email them to jmjdrsr2007@yahoo.com.

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!*

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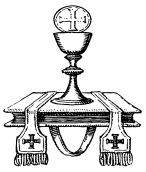

Praised be Jesus Christ!
Niech bedzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!
Laudetur Iesus Christus!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. +Walter & Pauline Tyburski—niece Irene & Carl

25. Sun. ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. +Michael, 40th anniv., & Sophie Pisarczyk
—their grandchildren
10:00 a.m. +Marion Hamilton—Lynne Riendeau

26. Mon. ~ Easter Feria
8:00 a.m. +Edward & Alice Rudnick—their family

27. Tues. ~ Easter Feria
5:30 p.m. +Bronislawa & Jan Sucharski—
daughter-in-law Teresa & family

28. Wed. ~ St. Anselm, bishop & do
8:00 a.m. +Edmund Wojtowicz—Diane Pikul

29. Thurs. ~ St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor
8:00 a.m. for the parishioners

30. Fri. ~ St. Pius V, pope
8:00 a.m. +Gerald Jaworek—his wife & daughter

May 1. Sat. ~ St. Joseph the Worker
8:00 a.m. +deceased members of Sts. Peter & Paul
Rosary Sodality

Vigil of Sunday
4:00 p.m. +Ruth Lech—Margo Huber

25. Sun. ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. +Edna Czapla—Diane Pikul
10:00 a.m. +Emily & Frank Prouty, Jr.—their family

PRAY for PRIESTS

Each day we pray for a specific priest. *Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.*
Sunday ~ Fr. Darius Wudarski
Monday ~ Msgr. David Joyce
Tuesday ~ Fr. Christopher Dudek, OFM.Conv.
Wednesday ~ Msgr. Ronald Yargeau
Thursday ~ Fr. Walter Dziordz, MIC
Friday ~ Fr. Anthony Cullen
Saturday ~ Fr. Daniel Becker

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
I will praise the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God while I live.
Alleluia.

[*Offertory Antiphon,* Psalm 145 [146], 2.
Third Sunday after Easter, extraordinary form]

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Pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, & permanent diaconate

Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

AN ADORATION APPEAL: Our parish has hosted Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament *(see front cover for hours.)* since 1996, thanks to the generosity of individuals.

WE ARE ALWAYS GRATEFUL FOR ADDITIONAL ADORERS for the various hours, especially: **Fridays from 10 to 11:00 a.m.**

Will you sacrifice one hour with Our Lord? ***Time spent with God is never time wasted!***

To substitute or commit to an hour in this ministry of prayer, **please contact Lynne Riendeau @ 283-7038.** ***God is never outdone in generosity!***

The Holy Rosary

Rosary for world peace, Mondays at 4:00 p.m. in church.

Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

Basics of the Catholic Faith

Compendium of Catechism of the Catholic Church

#145. What does the Spirit do in the Church?

The Spirit builds, animates and sanctifies the Church. As the Spirit of Love, He restores to the baptized the divine likeness that was lost through sin and causes them to live in Church the very life of the Holy Trinity. He sends them forth to bear witness to the Truth of Christ and He organizes them in their respective functions so that all might bear "the fruit of the Spirit" (Galatians 5:22).

#146. How do Christ and His Spirit act in the hearts of the faithful?

Christ communicates His Spirit and the grace of God through the *sacraments* to all the members of the Church, who thus bear the fruits of the *new life* of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit is also the Master of *prayer*.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL* 2021, *"Sowing the Seeds," ~~~ If any parishioner has not yet received an appeal letter, please contact the rectory, or visit the website, diospringfield.org., click on *"Annual Catholic Appeal."*
As of April 9, our parish has raised **$12,562.00**. **Thank you to all who have already contributed so generously!**

1996 ~ 2021 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

PERPETUAL ADORATION began in Sts. Peter & Paul Church on **Sun., March 3, 1996** after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. (No adoration between 3:30 p.m. on Sat. until after 9:30 a.m. Sun. Mass). Barbara Kowal served as the first Adoration coordinator.

The PRAYER LINE, with volunteers praying for various intentions when notified via phone, was inauguarted at Sts. Peter & Paul on March 31, 1996 with Marion Kozlik as coordinator.

Donations to the Parish *Bog Zaplac!*

We gratefully acknowledge the following….

To the General Fund ~
In loving memory of **+Chester Brozek:**
$75 from Luke & Lisa Roberts
In loving memory of **+Edward Demkowski:**
$25 from Nadia Salerno

Reflections

PRO-LIFE & OTHER ISSUES:

In his book, *"A Church in Crisis,"* author Ralph Martin includes a letter (pp. 175-176) he received from a very sound priest, neither a traditionalist nor "rigid conservative," simply a genuinely concerned Catholic priest. The letter concerned the **Pachamama idol** that found its way into St. Peter's Basilica.

"I don't hear the Gospel of eternal salvation being taught clearly anymore," the priest writes. "Our Pope seems to think that there are many other valid ways to get to the Father, besides Jesus. He gives the impression that what you believe doesn't matter as much as caring for the poor…..In the midst of **a pandemic which seems to be allowed by God to get our attention**, our Holy Father seems to be focusing on the healing of mother earth—perhaps even suggesting that she needs to be appeased in order to stop the worldwide calamities. Where is the outcry over this?"

In the book, Martin continues that it was not only ordinary Catholics scandalized by the Pachamama events. EWTN host Fr. Mitch Pacwa exclaimed to a worldwide audience (Nov. 9, 2019), ***"We're not stupid...This is an idol!"*** (to be continued…)

The YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

The **year 2020** marked the ***150th anniversary*** of the proclamation of **Saint Joseph** as the **Patron of the Universal Church** on Dec. 8, 1870 by Pope Blessed Pius IX (reigned: 1846-1878).

2021 is the YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

God wants **St. Joseph to be honored** on the **First Wednesday of every month** (St. Joseph's instruction to Sister Mary Ephrem during the apparitions of "Our Lady of America" in 1956 and 1958).

And the **recitation of the Joyful Mysteries** on the First Wednesday and reception of **Holy Communion** (in honor of St. Joseph).

~*"Consecration to Saint Joseph"* by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC, pp. 196-197

CONFESSION & "EASTER DUTY"

Catholics beyond the age of discretion **are obliged to confess all mortal sins at least once a year** and are recommended to do the same with venial sins (Canons 988.2 & 989). **All Catholics are also obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year** and specifically during the Eastertide (a/k/a, "Easter Duty"), that is, **between the Feasts of Easter and Pentecost** (Canon 920).

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