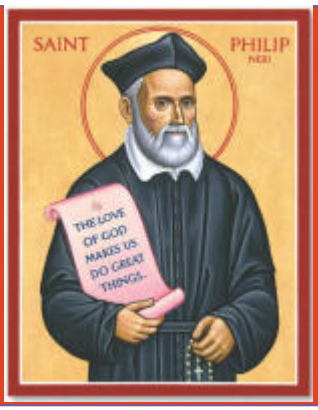

Jesus, I Trust in You! ~ Jezu, ufam Tobie!

+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.

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Divine Mercy Parish, rich in tradition

May 23, 2021 ~ The Year of Saint Joseph
Pentecost Sunday (Roman Rite, ordinary form)
Pentecost Sunday; Whitsunday (Roman Rite, extraordinary form)

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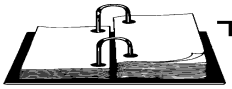
The Most Blessed Sacrament **reserved in Sts. Peter & Paul Church in the tabernacle on the High Altar,** located beneath the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, flanked by the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. **PLEASE maintain a respectful silence when you are in the church. This is especially important 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., May 23

May ~ Month of our Blessed Mother Mary

Mon., May 24

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

Wed., May 26

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

Fri., May 28

Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church.

Sat., May 29

Confessions, 3:00 p.m., church.

PENTECOST, Descent of the Holy Spirit: Jesus had frequently promised His disciples that He would send them another Paraclete (Advocate) and Consoler. The marvelous events which accompanied His arrival were signs of the far greater effects of grace He produces in the souls which receive Him.

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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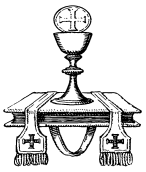

Praised be Jesus Christ!
Niech bedzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus!
Laudetur Iesus Christus!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Franciszek & Mary Syper-daughter Frederika

23. Sun. ~ Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. +Marek Stasiowski—his family
10:00 a.m. +Emily Izyk—Andrew & Ann Brndier

24. Mon. ~ Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00 a.m. –for the parishioners

25. Tues. ~ Sts. Bede the Venerable; Gregory VII; pope; Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi. virgin

5:30 p.m. +Stanislaus Kryczka—Teresa Sucharski

26. Wed. ~ St. Philip Neri, priest

8:00 a.m. +Gerald Maille—Sonny & Diana

27. Thurs. ~ St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop

8:00 a.m. +Terrance Beusee—Sandra Rudnick

28. Fri. ~ Pentecost Friday

8:00 a.m. +John & Frank Augustyn—Sonny & Diana

29. Sat. ~ St. Paul VI, pope

8:00 a.m. –for the parishioners
1:30 p.m. WEDDING: Julia Kozlik & Joseph Roberts

Vigil of Sunday

4:00 p.m. +Alexander & Bertha Niemiec
—daughter Irene & Carl

30. Sun. ~ Holy Trinity Sunday

8:00 a.m. +John & Mary Ann Smola
—Fred & Barbara Orszulak
10:00 a.m. +James Lafond, Jr.—Cindy Leveillee & family

PRAY for PRIESTS

Each day we pray for a specific priest. *Please remember those listed below in your prayers this week.*

Sunday ~ Bishop William Byrne
Monday ~ Fr. Richard Turner
Tuesday ~ Fr. William Tourigny
Wednesday ~ Fr. Philippe Roux
Thursday ~ Fr. Jose Bermudez
Friday ~ Fr. Daniel Brunton
Saturday ~ Fr. Albert Scherer, OFM.Conv.

Confirm, O God,
what You have wrought in us;
from Your temple, which is in Jerusalem,
kings shall offer gits to You, alleluia.
[*Offertory Antiphon,* Psalm 67 [68], 29. 30
Pentecost Sunday, extraordinary form]
+

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!***

Queen of the Holy Rosary, pray for us!

Basics of the Catholic Faith

Compendium of Catechism of the Catholic Church

#155. In what way does the people of God share in the three functions of Christ as Priest, Prophet and King?
The people of God participate in Christ's *priestly* office insofar as the baptized are consecrated by the Holy Spirit to offer spiritual sacrifices. They share in Christ's *prophetic* office when with a supernatural sense of faith they adhere unfailingly to that faith and deepen their understanding and witness to it. The people of God in His *kingly* office by means of service, imitating Jesus Christ Who as King of the universe made Himself the servant of all, especially the poor and the suffering.

#156. In what way is the Church the body of Christ?
The risen Christ unites His faithful people to Himself in an intimate way by means of the Holy Spirit. In this way, those who believe in Christ, in as much as they are close to Him especially in the Eucharist, are united among themselves in charity. They form one body, the Church, whose unity is experienced in the diversity of its members and its functions.

#157. Who is the Head of this body?
Christ "is the head of the body, the church" (Colossians 1:18). The Church lives from Him, in Him, and for Him. Christ and the Church make up the "whole Christ" (St. Augustine); "Head and members form, as it were, one and the same mystical person" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

***ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL* 2021**
"Sowing the Seeds," ~~~ **THANK YOU** to all who have donated, large or small (or in-between!) to this year's diocesan appeal. Web: diospringfield.org., click *"Annual Catholic Appeal."*
As of May 6, **our parish has donated $14,967.00** from 178 donors. The TOTAL amount raised thus far for the appeal is $2,428,920.96 (14,057 donors).

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love!

Donations to the Parish *Bog Zaplac!*

We gratefully acknowledge the following….

To the Scholarship Fund Fund ~
In loving memory of **+Karl Oliveira**
$1000 from his wife Karen & children

Reflections

PRO-LIFE & OTHER ISSUES:

What Becerra's HHS Will Mean for Catholics (from *Catholic News Agency*) — Because of Xavier Becerra's narrow confirmation as secretary of Health and Human Services (*Becerra is not a physician. Ed.*), **Catholic hospitals and healthcare are now faced with an appointee who is hostile to everything Catholics believe**. With one in six hospital beds being provided by Catholic healthcare providers, Catholic adoption agencies, and foster care, pregnancy resource centers, and the impositions of the Affordable Care Act, **Catholics should be worried**. Becerra will now have wide ranging powers to regulate not only America's healthcare system, but other areas as well. These include regulations on abortifacients such as RU-486, the Food & Drug Administration, and his ability to force abortion and family planning on agencies such as Catholic Relief Services in the administration of federal aid.

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, spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us!

"From the same fact that the most holy Virgin is the mother of Jesus Christ is she the mother of all Christians whom she bore on Mount Calvary amid the supreme throes of the Redemption: Jesus Christ is, in a manner, the first-born of Christians, who by the adoption and Redemption are His brothers. And for such reasons the Blessed Patriarch (St. Joseph) looks upon the multitude of Christians who make up the Church as confided especially to his trust."

~***Pope Leo XIII*** *(reigned: 1878-1903)*

19th Annual Diocesan Wide Eucharistic Rosary Procession on **Sun., June 6,** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Parish, King St., Northampton. ***"The Rescue Mission"*** with Bishop Byrne: Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Adoration, and Benediction. For more information, call George or Brenda (413) 221-4372.

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