

SEPTEMBER 4, 2005

# St. Priscilla Family

## NEWSLETTER

### FR. JIM'S JOURNAL



I am really happy to finally be here in the parish full time. We had our closing liturgy at St. Agatha last weekend. Thank you all for your prayers. Everything went very well. I think it was a fitting closing for a great parish. I have spent the past couple of weeks trying to get situated here at

St. Priscilla. I am now ready to start getting to know all of you.

One of the most important things that I will be doing for the next few months is trying to get to know the parish and how everything operates here. With Fr. Ray gone to Afghanistan and the loss of three of our staff members, we have had enough change for a while. I want to get a feel for how things operate before I consider any additional changes.

When I speak about getting to know the parish, this is really about getting to know all of you. I need you to help me do that. Beginning next week, I would like to begin meeting individually with anyone who would like to meet with me. I would like answers to the following questions: What makes you happy and what makes you unhappy about St. Priscilla Parish? What would you like to keep and what would you like to change at the parish? and Where do you think St. Priscilla parish should go over the next 5 years? I would like to invite all of you to meet with me and share your ideas. Please call Mary Jo at the parish office to schedule a meeting. I am reserving a block of time when I will be available to meet with you. I will be scheduling 30 minutes for each meeting.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Labor Day. It seems as though after Labor Day our lives settle down into a more regular routine. Our Parish Mission is scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars and take time out to participate in the Mission. It is a good way to kind of regroup in the fall.

Love and Peace,  
Fr. Jim

**JUST A REMINDER; Don't forget to turn off your cell phones before you enter the church. Thank You!!**

### Meetings/Events of the Week

**Mon-9/5-LABOR DAY**  
**MASS-8:am-OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Have a safe and blessed holiday!**

**Tues-9/6-Bingo-6:30pm**

**Wed-9/7-50+-12:30pm**

**GIFT mtg-7pm**

**Thurs-9/8-Catechist mtg-6:30pm**

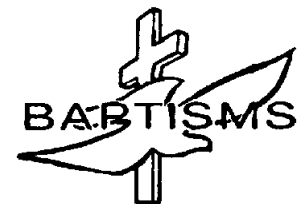
**Bible Study-7pm**

**Choir-7pm**

**Fri-9/9-Baptism class-7pm**

**Sat-9/10-Men's Formation-**  
**7:30am**

**Sun-9/11-BAPTISM**



The following children  
were baptized on

**Sunday, August 28, 2005** by  
**Deacon Robert Fitzgerald.**

We welcome them to our  
parish family.

**ALLESSANDRA VIOLA**, daughter of *Carryn (Thomasian) and Anthony DelBene.*

**STELLA KROL**, daughter of *Jamie (Krol) and David Gaydek.*

**DAVID ROBERT**, son of *Robin (Nance) Griep and David Maloney Sr.*

**MATTHEW WILLIAM**, son of *Julie (Charboneau) and Robert Warner.*



**Monday, September 5**

Col 1:24-2:3 Ps 62:6-7, 9  
Lk 6:6-11

**Tuesday, September 6**

Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1-2, 8-11  
Lk 6:12-19

**Wednesday, September 7**

Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-13  
Lk 6:20-26

**Thursday, September 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin**

Mic 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30  
Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23, or 1:18-23

**Friday, September 9**

**Peter Claver, Priest**

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14  
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11 Lk 6:39-42

**Saturday, September 10**

1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1-7  
Lk 6:43-49

**Sunday, September 11**

**Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sir 27:30-28:9 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12  
Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Question of the Week**

The fourfold presence of Christ in the liturgy is a truth widely recognized and understood by Catholics today. However, individual believers vary greatly in the degree to which they are attuned to those different ways that the Lord is in our midst at prayer.

*Adults: Which of the ways that Christ is in our midst at Mass am I least attuned to and how might I become more aware of that form of his presence?*

*Children: How can I be more aware that Jesus is with me when I come to Mass?*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Please call the office to register for one of the upcoming classes:

**Friday 7:00 PM:** September 9  
**Sunday 1:00 PM:** November 20



**Weekly Mass Intentions**

**Sunday, September 4th 9:00AM**

**TwentyThird Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Deceased Members of Vettraino, Fragnoli, Morelli & D'Agostino Families  
by Mr & Mrs B. Vettraino  
Harold Riffenburg by Wife  
Shirley Riffenburg by Mother  
Giacinda & Umberto Tartaglia by Family

**Sunday, September 4th, 11:00AM**

Wanda Hamernik by Clara Sosnowski  
Betty Monendo by Husband Matt  
Thomas Olst by Mom  
Joseph Barany by Family  
Giovanna & Tindaro Paratore by Melvin & Rosalie Wolicki

**Monday, September 5th, 8:00AM**

Allen Pease by Doris Pease

**Tuesday, September 6th, 8:00AM**

Catherine Wirtz by Raymond Wirtz  
Agnes Arndt by daughter Debbie

**Wednesday, September 7th, 8:00AM**

Delores Grenier by Months Mind

**Thursday, September 8th, 8:00AM**

Pope John Paul II by Ava Halliday

**Friday, September 9th, 8:00AM**

**Saturday, September 10th, 4:30PM**

Eugene Nabozny by wife Phyllis  
Deceased Members of the TaborFamily by the Nabozny family  
Phyllis Lucas by Marie McNulty  
Sylvia & William Jacob by John & Millie Jacob

Josephine Lloyd by John & Millie Jacob

Brian O'Mara by Tim & Lois O'Mara

**Sunday, September 11th, 9:00AM**

Deceased Ushers  
Florence Goodlesky by M/J Kosicki  
Charles Heil by Family  
Edward Byczynski by Jean Rankine  
Intentions of Fr. McNulty by Barb Matestic

**Sunday, September 11th, 11:00AM**

Linda Steinbrecher by the Aunts  
Fred Johns by Rita Johns McCarthy  
Joseph Barany by Family  
Raymond Wirtz by Tom & Kim Ostrenga  
John McAteer by Family  
People of St. Priscilla

**"...To everything there is a season  
and a time to every purpose  
under heaven..."**

**...a time to be born...  
...a time to love**



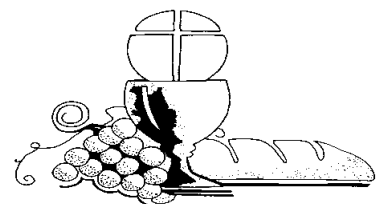
**...a time to heal...:** Maureen Dooley, Ed Potocki, Tobey Noel, Sister Cheryl Ann Grenier, Virginia Coughlin, Christopher Francis, Audrey Negro, Denise Blackwell, Ron McKinney, John Pawlowski, Elaine Pomaville, Suzanne Sands, Julie McCammon, Ed Vincent, Thomas Durkin, Dino Manolatos, Joann Pilchak, Vern Johnson, Nancy Obsenik, Todd Lounsberry, Lenore Kempster, Paul Hoberman, Donald Johnson, Dave Walker, Harvey Letourneau, Ed Contway, Eleanor Rakozy

**...a time to die... Raymond Wirtz and Laura Regiani**

**Please hold our Service men and women in your prayers...**

Fr. Raymond H. Bucon, Adam Hachey, Robert Albro, Michael Lancot, Richard Bastien, Robert E. Oldani, Seth Janisse, Patrick Steenburg, Christopher Masel, Ryan Masel, Robert Uren, Jr., Fletcher Armstrong, III, Michael Goodrow, Dan LeClere, Tanya Dudek, Nicole Pawlowicz, Nicholas Mitchell, Ryan Bierschbach, Dennis Soper.

To have someone from your family enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office. Names will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.





### RCIA

If you know an adult who would like to become Catholic or who would like to complete their Sacraments of Initiation, please invite them to join the RCIA. We will begin meeting on Sunday mornings at 10:00 AM on September 25th. Participants must have an interview with Joni Benson prior to the first class. For more information call Joni at 248-476-4702.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes for children in grades one through eight will begin on September 21 and 22. Families will be receiving a postcard confirming the grade and day their children are registered for. Please call the office if you do not receive a post card by September 7th.

Eighth Grade students will be preparing for Confirmation. The first meeting for parents and students will be on Wednesday September 14. **It is very important that all students wishing to be prepared for Confirmation this year attend this meeting.**

### Children's Liturgy Of the Word

Teens and adults wishing to help with or lead Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 11:00 Mass are asked to attend a meeting and training session on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 PM. This meeting is for new and current volunteers. If you would like more information regarding Children's Liturgy of the Word please call Joni Benson at 248-476-4702.

### CATECHISTS

Our first meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 6:30 PM. We will have a light supper followed by prayer, meeting and time to meet with other catechists. Please call Joni if you are unable to attend.

*Life without Bible Study is like a cup without Coffee!*  
**Join a Bible Study group today.**


- Tuesday mornings 9:00 AM beginning September 13. This group is led by Mary Rice and will be studying the Book of Leviticus. All are welcome.
- Thursday evenings 7:00 PM (on going). This group discusses the upcoming Sunday Scripture Readings. New members are always welcome.

September 18, 2005 marks the seventieth annual celebration of Catechetical Sunday. The word "catechetical" is unfamiliar to most people. So what does it mean? The word might be more familiar than you think. Many Catholics have used the word "catechism" for years, and they know it has something to do with the compendium of the Church's teachings. The root word, "catechesis," is from a Greek word meaning "to echo, or resound." Catechesis is the act of resounding or bringing the Church's teachings to the world. A catechist is one who teaches in the name of the Church.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!



**SUNDAY  
OCTOBER 9**



**St. Priscilla  
KNIGHTS OF  
COLUMBUS**

**COUNCIL #13731**

Our regular business meeting  
will be held on  
Monday, Sept. 19th at 7:30 PM.

⌘⌘ **Handmaids** ⌘⌘

Sept 9 Jackie Bender  
Val Weigand  
Sept 16 Vi Hanis  
Norma Regan



**A family Perspective  
by Bud Ozar**

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them!" When parents gather their family "in His name," God is really present and our family becomes a sacrament. This is the priesthood of parents.



**Choir Season is  
Beginning !!!**

All are invited to be a part of this ministry to the parish - no prior experience is needed.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM in the chapel, beginning September 8th. We sing predominately at the 9:AM Mass and at special celebrations.

**Come Join Us!!**

**Quotable Quotes**

*"Apart from the cross, there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven."*

**St. Rose of Lima**

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER
SEPT 10 4:30PM	Stephen Garchar	Dottie Hoeffel, Tom Hoeffel, Jerry Stebbins, Pat Stebbins, Bernie Szeliga	Drew Graham <i>Volunteer</i>
SEPT 11 9:00AM	Lee Flaherty	Jack Bongero, Johane Bongero, Christine Eriksson, Tim Flaherty, Paul Hanis	Matthew Cusin Matthew Dreier
SEPT 11 11:00AM	Bernadine Horan	Pat Bastien, Barb Bouchard, Pat Kiss, Cyndi Kaptanowsky, Hank Talaske	Candace Silvers <i>Volunteer</i>

**SEPTEMBER USHER SCHEDULE TEAM C**

**BINGO Team 1**

**Floor Operator:** Bill Statetzny, Beverly Holderith, Ellen Bishop, Lue Jarrett, Dick Schmidt.

**Door Captain:** Peggy Contway, Bernice Pawlowicz, Lue Jarrett, Ellen Bishop, Louise Bridgeman.

**Cashier:** Judy Waling **Bookkeepers:** Jackie Bender and Bernie Paquette.

**Kitchen:** Anita and Rita Pastucha, Jean Socolovitch, Rosemarie Roney, Shirley Carner.



**PASTOR**  
Rev. James McNulty

**DEACON**  
Rev. Mr. Robert Fitzgerald

**DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Joni Benson

**YOUTH MINISTER**  
Priscilla Steenburg

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC**  
Jeanne Marie Muraski

**Parish Secretary**  
Mary Jo Lafer

**Religious Education Secretary**  
Christine Depowski

**Maintenance Supervisor**  
Sam Atherton

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**Religious Ed. Office** 248-476-4702  
**Parish Hall** 248-476-6462  
**Office Fax** 248-476-7831

**MASS SCHEDULE**

SATURDAY 4:30 PM  
SUNDAY 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
WEEKDAY (Monday.-Friday) 8:00 AM  
HOLIDAY 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM  
Friday 8:30AM- 12:30PM

**BAPTISMS**

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class.

**RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays 3:00 PM and after daily Mass

**SICK CALLS**

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office .

**WEDDINGS**

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Rev. James McNulty 248-476-4700  
Deacon Robert Fitzgerald 248-476-4700  
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Dino Costantini 248-615-3772  
"DJ" Duraikannu 248-703-1338  
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Mark Pugliese 734-420-2876  
David Koos 734-458-2612  
Jim Kremer 248-474-4559  
James Rehnlund 734-525-5457

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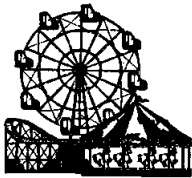
**WINGS**

A small but dedicated group of WINGS members journeyed to the National Shrine of the Little Flower on August 21st to attend Mass there and view all the artwork and relics in the various chapels. It was a moving experience. We later shared a light lunch at Ram's Horn Restaurant.

The first meeting of the 2005-06 season will be held on September 12, 2005 in the church meeting rooms. We will be playing games and invite all members to bring a wrapped unused gift to be used as prizes.

All adults who are winging through life solo (single, widowed, divorced) are welcome to join the group anytime. We extend a special invitation to any single adult joining our parish from St. Agatha to attend this meeting. We will be making plans for the coming season — and generally include a monthly dinner meeting, sometimes a special event like a play or concert, craft sessions, and special parish joint ventures.

For further information on any event or if you have questions contact Sylvia (734-261-8989 or Irene at 248-473-8809.



**Our Lady of Loretto's  
46th Annual Family Fun Fair  
September 22-25th**

Rides, games, Vegas, bingo, entertainment and great food!

On the corner of Six Mile and Beech Daly Roads, one mile west of Telegraph.



**CASINO TRIP**

Here we go again! Another trip to Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant is planned for **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH**. Leaving St. Priscilla's parking lot at 9:AM and returning at 7:PM.

Cost is \$22 per person (non-refundable). For this you will receive transportation, donuts and juice in the morning and \$20 for \$10 at the casino.

For more information **ONLY**, call Donna Jasin 734-525-6231. Tickets may be purchased at the church office Tuesday thru Friday. Deadline is September 14th. **DO NOT CALL** to reserve tickets. They are sold on a 1st come 1st serve basis.

**Candle Lighting  
for Hope and Remembrance**

Celebrate the lives of those lost to cancer. Light a candle to honor their memory. Follow the transitions of loss through music, readings, and the storytelling of *Voices: A Cancer Journey*.

**Saturday, September 24th  
7:30 PM**

1-800-742-2300 or  
www.mcancer.org/events.  
University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center-under the front entrance canopy.

1500 East Medical Center Drive  
Ann Arbor, MI.

Rain or shine. Registration is encouraged. The event and parking are free.

**50+**

The indoor picnic we enjoyed at the last meeting was a huge success! With a record number of members attending, our 50+ers were treated to ham, salami, turkey, and cheese sandwiches courtesy of the treasury and various other delicacies brought in by members. Thanks to Angie for the mostaccioli, Rose for the fruit salad, Irene for the lasagna, Kathy for the pizza, Sylvia for the cheese and crackers, Mary P. for the four bean casserole, Mary and Bernie S. for the sweet potato casserole, Mary M. and Frances for the olives and veggies, Norm and Yvonne for the Jell-O salad, and Bill F. for the juices. I'm sorry I can't credit everyone— but the food went so quickly I didn't have a chance to note it all!

Thanks, too, to Bernardine for organizing the Diamond Jack Cruise that many members attended earlier in August. It was a great day and a memorable trip.

We were sorry to hear that long-time member, Norm Roth, was admitted into hospice care. He has since died and we are keeping him in our prayers.

The next meeting will be held on September 7, 2005 at 12:30 PM in the parish meeting rooms.

For further information, contact Mary at 248-477-0424 or Ann at 248-474-3443.

**LIFECCHAIN  
National Life Chain Sunday  
October 2, 2005  
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Middlebelt, Jamison (2 blocks south of 5 Mile Rd.) to 6 Mile Rd, Livonia. Thousands of participants will stand on the sidewalks in witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers. Life Chain challenges the community to be aware and to care. More details 248-478-8878

**Major Clean up!!  
Just Show up!**

Join us as we do some major clean up at St. Albertus in Detroit (Canfield/St. Aubin)-Church/Rectory. All ages welcome. Inside and outside work available. Help us preserve this beautiful church. For more information call Emily at 1-586-294-5245. A great way to earn community service hours. See you September 10th. I-94 east to Russell, turn right on Russell, left on Canfield, go past the railroad tracks; Church on your right.

**HOSPITALITY**

If you could?

We have some parish members who are chemically sensitive to the smell of perfumes or cologne; suffering allergic reactions from fragrances. If you could refrain from wearing these until after Mass it will allow others the opportunity to stay and participate. Thank you for your Consideration.

**Hurricane Katrina Disaster  
Catholic Agencies Respond**

Catholic Charities USA is responding to the disaster situation brought on by Hurricane Katrina along the gulf coast. Donations will be used to fund local Catholic Charities agencies' emergency and long-term assistance as needed.

Contributions can be sent care of the Detroit Archdiocese of Detroit and indicate "Katrina Relief Fund" on the memo line in the lower left corner.

Send to:

**Archdiocese of Detroit  
"Katrina Relief Fund"  
1234 Washington Blvd (C5)  
Detroit, MI 48226**

**Hello!! From Fr. Ray**

Dear Family and Friends,

It's now Sunday, August 21, 1426 Zulu time. I'm getting better at converting Zulu time to local time by adding 4 1/2 hours and then transitioning from military to civilian time. Since we're 8 1/2 hours before your EDT it takes more converting to get to the point that I better not call home at 0900 Zulu because it's still your middle of the night.

After spending seven days in Bagram, I've traveled south to one of the forward observation outposts where I received a joyful reception from the infantry commander and his staff. They have never had a priest living at their location and are very pleased with the decision to place me here. I prayed Mass with the soldiers on Saturday and Sunday and had a good turn out. I've already begun reorganizing the chapel which seats 64 people and have asked to have an altar and some other furniture made by some of the local Afghans.

The soldiers here work very hard, under primitive conditions. We cannot drink the tap water; only wash with it. There is no indoor plumbing. There's dust and dirt everywhere. I'm living 7,800 feet above sea level so it's not hot right now. It will get very cold in the near future.

There is an election coming up September 18th so those who are trying to spoil it are active once again. I'm near the Pakistani border and before the mountain passes become full of snow, the insurgents are trying to get in their last licks.

Tomorrow we will have a remembrance service for one of the road engineers who died last week. He was ambushed while building a road. There are a lot of projects to improve the lives of the Afghanistan people. Most all of them like the Americans and the hope and promise we bring. There's still a lot of work to do here and it will take a long time to get reorganized.

On Tuesday I will travel by convoy to three of the farthest away outposts to say Mass and bring greetings from home. I hope to catch a helicopter ride on Saturday so I can pray the Mass with my new friends at Orgun-E on Sunday at 0800 Zulu time.

If someone would send me a fly swatter, that would be nice. They are all over the place. Of course, by the time it gets here the flies will be, as Ernie Harwell used to say, "Looooooooong Gone." I would like to begin preparing for Christmas and need about 100 strings of tiny white lights to decorate the chapel. Could my friends at St. Priscilla send them? Mail takes about a month to get here. I know this item isn't in the stores yet but soon it will be. And if you want to throw in a plastic bottle of grey poupon mustard I'd appreciate it.

The food here is prepared by local Afghans under the direction of Army cooks. They use a portable kitchen to cook the food and serve it inside the dining hall. Yesterday we had a really outstanding meal of roast beef and shrimp gumbo. The plastic knives and spoons are on back order so all we've had for four days is plastic forks to eat with. Many ate "Viking style" and enjoyed the food. There's fresh fruit now and always bottled water, milk, soda pop, juice, and O'Doul's. Oh yes, there's ice cream bars too. I've lost eight pounds and feel good.

My chaplain assistant is Private Jeremy Labuda. This is his first assignment so he's just 20 years old. He is a very competent soldier who helped me get on the proper equipment for my first helicopter ride from Bagram to Organ-E. I didn't know I was supposed to wear my issued body armor and kevlar helmet. I dug these items out of my duffle bags and he assembled them for me at the edge of the runway while the moon was rising. It was a night flight and I could look out of the helicopter windows (nicknamed *The Big Windy*) and see small cooking fires of the native people. They live in small homes with mud walls. The villages are very isolated from one another and so road building is a big priority. I'm traveling mainly throughout the province of Paktika which borders Pakistan.

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## *Editor Instruction Sheet*

**Issue Date:** September 4, 2005

**Church Name:** St. Priscilla

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100 Extra copies of this week's issue-Increase the weekly amount to 800.

**SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:** Due to the new registrations coming over from St. Agatha please increase our weekly bulletins to 800.

**Please insert the artwork from page 10.**

**Please note additions to the parish directory.**

**RATING:**

EXCELLENT

GOOD

FAIR

POOR

**COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:**

**PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:**

**SUPPLIES NEEDED:**



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