



St. Priscilla Parish Family

St. Priscilla Parish Mission Statement

We are a diverse community of caring Christians who celebrate Eucharist and proclaim the Gospel by service to all in the community.

November 20, 2005

FR. JIM'S JOURNAL

This week we are celebrating Thanksgiving. While it is not a Church holiday, I do spend time during this week every year thanking God for all of the many blessing He has brought in to my life. One of the things that I am thankful for this year is that God has brought me here to St. Priscilla. I am really happy to be here! Transitions to new parishes have their share of challenges, but everyone here has been so very warm and welcoming. I want to thank all of you for your patience during the transition. I would also like to ask you for your prayers and support as I get to know all of you and the needs of the parish, so that I can make good decisions about the future of the parish.



We never know what God has in store for us. Last year at this time I was an Associate Pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish in Plymouth, expecting to stay there for another year. I had no idea what I would be facing in the coming year. So much has happened since then, and God has been with me through all of it. One thing has been constant through everything that has happened. God has surrounded me with wonderful parishioners. Thank God for all of you!

I want to give you a little information on the state of our parish in the first four months of the fiscal year, July through October. During that time we have registered 210 new families in our parish. This growth is a good sign of a healthy parish. Weekend Mass attendance has also increased. We do a "Mass count" each October, where the ushers count how many people are at each Mass on the weekends in October. In October of 2004, an average of 831 individuals attended Mass each weekend. In October of 2005, an average of 1,137 individuals attended Mass each weekend. Many of you have commented on the increased Mass attendance, so this increase will not come as a surprise to you. This increase in Mass attendance is another sign of a healthy parish.

As you are aware, our parish is primarily supported by our Sunday collections. This has been increasing as well. From July through October of 2004, our Sunday collections totaled \$113,507.30.

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**STOP BY FOR COFFEE
AND DONUTS AND SAY
HELLO TO THE REST OF
THE FAMILY!!**

**A special thank you to
YUM YUM DONUTS for
providing their special treats.**

Meetings/Events of the Week

Mon-11/21-HS Youth Group 6:30pm

Knights of Columbus mtg-7pm

Tues-11/22-NO 9:30AM

BIBLE STUDY

Faith & Friendship / Bingo-6:30pm

Thurs-11/24-

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

MASS-9:AM

Parish office closed

Fri-11/25-Parish office closed

Sat-11/26-Men's Fellowship-7:30 am

Sun-11/27-Giving Sunday

BAPTISM

Advent Candlelight -6pm

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

PLEASE NOTE;

**THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
FOR THE HOLIDAY.**

**HAVE A SAFE AND
BLESSED THANKSGIVING!**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
NO CLASSES**

Wednesday 11/23

Thursday 11/24

and Sunday 11/27

due to Thanksgiving Vacation.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
CONFIRMATION
CANDIDATES**

Names of our 8th grade Confirmation Candidates are listed on red slips in a basket at the back of church. Please take a name and pray for that candidate each day until Confirmation on February 11. Information is listed on the back of each slip for those who may want to send a note or card to the candidate.

We hope to have at least 2 parish families praying for each candidate. There are 41 candidates preparing for Confirmation.

GIFT

Growing in Faith Together

Our topic for the January event will be *Understanding Baptism*. There will be sessions for everyone from 3 to 103. Bring your family and friends as we share our faith together on Friday, January 13 or Sunday, January 15.

Registrations will be excepted November 27 through December 18.

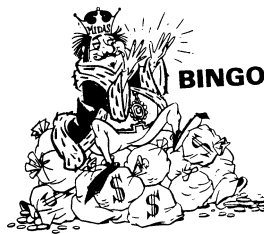
RCIA

Today at the 9:00 Mass we formally welcome those adults wishing to complete their Christian Initiation through the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Since these candidates have already been baptized, the Church now surrounds them with special care and support as they prepare to be sealed with the gift of the Spirit in confirmation and take their place at the banquet table of Christ's sacrifice.



Please Welcome:

- Steven Patrick Carpenter**
- Kellyann M. Dunn**
- Patrick Arthur Robert**
- Virginia Tovar**
- Amanda Jean White**



**YOU could be a
WINNER!!!**

This week's
**Bingo Jackpot is over
\$4,000.00!!**

Stop by Tuesday,
November 22nd at 6:30
PM and try your luck.
What a Thanksgiving
that would be.

**WHOLE COMMUNITY
CATECHESIS
A Review**

In Whole Community Catechesis there is great emphasis on conversion. For many Catholics we thought conversion was for other Christians. We even called them "converts" when they joined the Catholic Church.

Today we take a wider view, and we see that each Catholic also needs to turn his or her heart to Christ over and over again throughout their lives. This turning is what we call conversion. The word comes from Latin, meaning literally, to turn. The reason we emphasize it so much is that, as the General Directory for Catechesis teaches, conversion, the turning of one's heart to Christ, *precedes* catechesis. Adults, like their kids, might sit through instructional classes, but until they turn their hearts to Christ and share that with others, we haven't really done our job of announcing the Good News of Christ.

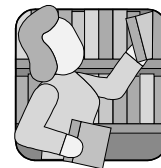
Joni Benson

**Our next *GIFT* Event will be
here soon!**

January 13 and 15

Our Topic will be Baptism

Registration will begin Nov. 27.



**LIBRARY
CORNER**

Did you know
our Library contains:

- Many bible Commentaries
- Books on Church history
- Books on Mary and the Saints
- Books on family living.

☘☘ Handmaids ☘☘

November 25
Patti Green
December 2
Dolores Murphy

St. Vincent de Paul
Pantry Items of the Month
BLEACH, LAUNDRY SOAP
& DISH LIQUID



Weekly Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 20th, 9:00AM
Evelyn Velzy by Terri & Roger Jones
Betty Monendo by Mike & Shelly Pesta
Rose Gordan by Agnes Stack Family
Alphonse Trudell by Family
Laura & Joseph Norbert by Joe Schmidt
People of St. Priscilla

11:00AM
Betty Monendo by Sage Family
Valerie & Leon Nabozny by Bartus Family
Anthony Halas by wife, & family
Tom Olst by Anne & Andy Marinko
Elva Kolo by husband, Chester
Evelyn Velzy by Mary Porman

Monday, November 21st, 8:00AM
Mary Geuder

Armando Merucci by wife, Anna
Stephen Murphy by wife, Dolores

Tuesday, November 22nd, 8:00AM
Bob Colomina by family & friends
Catherine Kamp by Larry Kamp

Wednesday, November 23rd 8:00AM
Allen Pease by Jack & Cheryl Ennest
Special Intention of Mrs. Laird

Thursday, November 24th, 8:00AM
Giacomina-Francesco Ledda by the Carta Family

Benny Picano by Brusseau, Piechocki & Johnsen families

Jessica Laird by Doris Laird

Friday, November 25th, 8:00AM

Jo & Joe Joyce by Ed & Peggy Contway
Mary Kelley by B. & M. Kelley
Pete Michelini by daughter, Angie

Saturday, November 26th, 4:30PM
Edmund Mazark by Gerald & Claire Mazark;
Carol & Paul Hickey

Fran Esper by Family
Joseph Micallef by Family
Betty Blaskey by Family
Veronica Baughman by Tom & Vickie Nizich
People of St. Priscilla

Sunday, November 27th, 9:00AM

Joann Visca by husband, Mike
Betty Petriches by Pat Petriches
Jane Paval by husband, John
Dena Elery by Roseann Morrison
Tonino Iafano by Mom and Dad

11:00AM

Italo Serra by wife & Family
John & JB McAteer by Family
Maurice & Louise O'Connell by Family
Olive Domingue by Roberta Hineman
Living & Deceased member of 50+ club
Jeff Hawkins by Ed & Peggy Contway

"...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...: Larry Miller, George & Darlene
Watkins, Leonard Churches, Lorraine Schommer, Christopher Bloescher, Madison O'Dea, Bob Everest, Ann Kvasnovsky, Donald Francis, Fran Weeks, Don Faulkner, John Petro, Pat Barill, Eleanor Naylor, Phyllis Wirth, Wes & Rita Allen, Louise Mazure, Theresa Wood, Todd Lounsberry, Mark Stigleman, Mary Vuksanovic, Geri Omilian, Ed Contway, Therese Wood, Belinda Broden, Barbara Thompson, David Emerson, Sandee Haffey, Faith Newel, Mary Kern, Maureen Dooley, Michelle Manikowski, Antonia DiPonio, Ed Potocki, Tobey Noel, Sister Cheryl Ann Grenier, Virginia Coughlin, Christopher Francis, Audrey Negro, Denise Blackwell, Baby Nicholas, Rose Vincent, Audrey Negro, Ron McKinney, John Pawlowski, Harvey Letourneau, Jackie Bender, Freddy Kunz, Elaine Pomaville, Suzanne Sands, Dino Manolatos, Joann Pilchak, Vern Johnson, Nancy Obsenik, Catherine Santo & Donald Johnson.

...a time to die. Especially Donald Podgorny, Richard DeWater, and Josephine DeLaurence.

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

William Quinn, Vance J. Nannini, Rachael Brown, Fr. Raymond H. Bucon, Adam Hachey, Robert Albro, Michael Lanctot, 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.

DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVER
Nov. 26 4:30PM	Steve Garcher	D. Stainbrook, P. Stainbrook, G. Stebbins, P. Stebbins, B. Szeliga, I Zabowski, C. Zupanich	Matthew Cusin
Nov. 27 9:00AM	John Telck	K. Pebbles, M. Russette, E. Sacha, J. Socolovitch, R. Sullivan, K Telck, M. Sanovic	Susan Depowski
Nov. 27 11:00AM	Bernadine Horan	G. Tatro, L. Tatro, N. Tatro, J. Tatro, M. Arondoski, P. Bastien D. Monette	Candice Silvers Lauren Mansilla

NOVEMBER USHER SCHEDULE TEAM B

BINGO Team 4

Floor Operator: Lue Jarrett, Paul Hanis, Jerry Karasinski, Dick Schmidt & Lee Curtis.

Door Captain: Bernice Pawlowitz, Peggy Contway, Mary Ann Pawlowicz, Peggy Contway & Mary Ann Statetzny.

Cashier: Judy Waling

Bookkeepers: Jackie Bender and Bernie Paquette.

Kitchen: Sylvia DeBrincat, Barbara Beauchamp and Mary Porman



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From July through October of 2005, our Sunday collections totaled 143,93.25. This is an increase of \$30,485.95 so far in 2005! Increased Sunday collections are also a sign of a healthy parish.

We have many things to be thankful for here at St. Priscilla. Most of all I am thankful for all of you. My assignment here at St. Priscilla is for 6 years, and I hope to stay here at least that long! I look forward to getting to know all of you in the coming years. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Jim

November 24, 2005

Thanksgiving Mass - 9:00 AM

As we give thanks for all the blessings we have received, we will also share our blessings with the Methodist Children's Home Society in Redford, MI. They are in need of fresh fruits and vegetables for the children. Please bring your donations to Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 24th at 9:00 AM. Monetary donations will also be welcome.



Just an early reminder that we WILL be having a Men's Fellowship meeting on Thanksgiving Weekend. What better time to spend some time in God's presence.

Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the Church's response to Americans struggling with poverty. CCHD works to transform lives and communities in finding permanent solutions to the situation of poverty. Your help is vital to the success of the collection. You would be surprised to know that nearly 36 million Americans live in poverty and that many of them work full-time? If you've ever wondered whether you can really make a difference, support the work of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. CCHD is committed to helping people find permanent solutions to the problem of poverty for themselves and their communities. You can help break the cycle of poverty. This collection will be taken **THIS WEEKEND, November 19/20th**. Envelopes are included in your box or extra envelopes are available in the Church. Thank you for your generosity.



Readings Of The Week

Monday, November 21
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56
Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday, November 22
Cecilia, virgin, martyr

Dn 2:31-45 (Ps) Dn 3:57-61
Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday, November 23

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28
(Ps) Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19

Thursday, November 24

Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions, martyrs

Dn 6:12-18 (Ps) Dn 3:68-74
Lk 21:20-28

Friday, November 25

Dn 7:2-14 (Ps) Dn 3:75-81
Lk 21:29-33

Saturday, November 26

Dn 7:15-27 (Ps) Dn 3:82-87
Lk 21:34-36

Sunday, November 27

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7
Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19

1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

CSA Contributions

In order to properly credit your account for the Catholic Services Appeal you must mail your contributions directly to:

A.O.D. -Chancery Office
1234 Washington Blvd.
Detroit, MI 48226-1825

This will expedite your donation and insure that your statement is correct.

Thank You.

Knights of Columbus

Council # 13731

Next general

Meeting -

November 21st.



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Advent by Candlelight

Advent by Candlelight is a family event to celebrate the beginning of Advent. The evening begins at 6:PM on Sunday, November 27th, with an evening prayer service in the Church. The prayer service is followed by light appetizers and desserts in the parish hall. All food is provided by the church and dress is casual. All ages welcome, so bring your family and friends.

Questions of the Week:

Our King comes before us calling us to simple deeds of kindness. Loyalty and obedience to this shepherd king require both individual personal actions as well as actions aimed at the structures and ideals that run counter to the preferential options for the poor that Christ so clearly outlines. Some questions that might lead us to act include:

Adults: Where is my passion and what are my gifts that can be used to bring about change?

Children: What simple action can I take to help the poor in my city or in the world?

Special Thanks from Mercy Villa Marie and Vi

I'm so happy to tell you of our great day at Mercy Villa Marie. Our birthday folks are always so grateful for their gifts, fun at bingo and tasty cakes.

Special thanks for gifts and bingo items go to Velma Colomino, Leslie Miller and Rita Landis.

Especially to Bernice Pawlowitz who has spoiled our players with monetary bingo prizes. For all the special decorated cakes. Thanks to Bernice Pawlowitz, Lue Jarrett, Irene Zabowski, Rita Pastuacha, Dottie Hoefel, Kathy Jess, Kathy Mchahwar, Dorothy Iannarelli, Carol Hamilton, Grace Becht, Marcy Groulx, Esther Xontreau, Georgine Wojciechowski, Cathy Dalziel, Bernie Wiemer, Florence Dickey and Doris Pease.

A gift donation from Stella Slowinsky, our parish provided ice cream. We missed Fr. Jim's great voice to help with the singing as he is away on retreat. We were honored to have Msgr. Sherzer to lead us in grace. A big thanks goes to Angie Griggs, Velma Colomino, Rose Powers and Eleanor Smith. Thanks to all of you for filling our hearts with joy.

Vi Hanis

DO YOU NEED A RIDE?

If you would like to come to Church and simply need a ride, rides can be provided through the Department of Community Resources of Livonia. For only \$2 each way they will pick you up and take you home. Simply call 734-466-2700.

**PARISH PANTRY
ITEMS OF THE
MONTH
FLOUR, SUGAR,**

Music Ministry

All are welcome to join the music ministry at St. Priscilla. If you are interested in participating in any of these ministries, please see Jeanne Marie or leave a message with your contact info at 248-476-4700 ext 441.

Children's Choir; Children's choir will rehearse from 10:15-10:45 on Sundays between Masses. We will sing for the 4:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve, and ideally for other Masses as well. We need at least six children to start this choir again, so please see Jeanne Marie or sign up on the door of the music office in your family is interested and you can make a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly. Our tentative start date is Sunday, October 29th

Adult Choir; The adult choir rehearses on Thursdays from 7-8:30 PM. We currently sing at the 9:AM Mass. This choir prepares a wide variety of styles of music, including spirituals, contemporary, and Latin motets, and lesser known hymns from our own Gather book. We sing at the 10:PM Christmas Eve Mass.

Liturgy Choir: A number of people have expressed interest in having an informal choir sing at each Mass, and some enjoy singing but are unable to attend Thursday rehearsals. If you are interested in singing at the 4:30 PM Mass on a regular basis, please meet at 4:00 sharp in the chapel to rehearse the Psalm and any special music for the day.

Instrumental Group; If you play a band or orchestra instrument at a high school level of competency, please see Jeanne Marie. We have music for a small ensemble that includes spirituals, classical, and favorites such as Ave Maria.

Cantors and Instrumentalists: You are welcome to participate. Rehearsals to be announced.

News from Fr. Ray

I can't believe it's been a whole month since I emailed everyone. All of you are presently my lifeline to what is normal in the world. Life in the eastern Province of Paktika, Afghanistan, reminds me of the stories of the "Wild West" in the 1800's, except over here it's a hundred times worse. Your letters talking about everyday occurrences and your care packages with items impossible to obtain over here bring a huge measure of normalcy into my life and that of the soldiers I minister to. Thank you, One and All!

Receiving books, DVD movies and care packages from people belonging to the *Books for Soldiers Program* brings literacy and diversion to our troops stationed here. Caring individuals from *Operation Military Pride* send care items, cards, snacks, and want to know what else they can send our soldiers. Kathy M. leads an artistic group from Sterling Heights, MI, who are creating some stained-glass-appearing banners for our chapel walls. Another new friend, Karen H. is coordinating the making of banners I can travel with to the various bases I visit. Receiving care packages and church items and photographs from St. Priscilla Parishioners keeps me up to date and informed and well nourished. The tiny Christmas tree lights you have sent, will illuminate the entire chapel on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Extra lights will be placed in the mess hall to make it more festive.

I have received emails containing the promise of prayers and support from almost every state of the United States. I have received letters and items to distribute from East Brunswick, NJ; Carlsbad, CA; Berlin, NJ; Ely MN; Sebastian, FL; Franklin, WI; Sandusky, OH; Dunn, NC; Cherry Hill, NJ; Boynton Beach, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Northport, NY; Framingham, MA; Flint, Brighton, Redford, Swartz Creek, Northville, Livonia, South Lyon, Ann Arbor, Farmington, West Bloomfield and the city of my birth Detroit, MI.

Another group called *My Heart Supports the Troops*, marshaled by their group leader Cheryl M. and tons of Michigan's caring citizens, send monthly theme packages. The Christmas season box arrived last week and contained (among other things) a miniature tree with all the trimmings. I put it all together in the quiet chapel at FOB Orgun-E while playing the enclosed compact disc of Christmas carols. I know that I will be extremely busy in December so I count the hour of un-smashing the little artificial tree and adding lights and ornaments as a special time of prayer and preparation for the birthday of Jesus.

Today ended the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan which has similarities to the Christian tradition of fasting during Lent or Jewish fasting for Yom Kippur. Ramadan is a very special time for Muslims for it was during this month that Allah chose to call Muhammad to be a Prophet and sent down the first revelations of the Qur'an. For all people of the Islamic faith, Ramadan is a time of spiritual and physical discipline, and a time of making extra efforts to spread love, peace and reconciliation. A three day holiday know as Eid al-Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and is celebrated with parties, visiting friends and buying new clothes as gifts for family, employees and the poor.

A former parishioner mailed a care package of peanuts and trail mix and wrapped the items in the Detroit News and the Detroit Free Press. I spent an hour reading and enjoying every item in those crumples newspapers and I bet other soldiers would enjoy your sending them their local newspaper when you send a care package. I felt good about reading what was happening, even if it was 16 days old. There's nothing better than reading one's local newspaper with a cup of coffee. And since several soldiers brew their own coffee, add a pound of premium blend to your package if you think of it. **MORE TO COME.**

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—
 8:30AM-4:30PM
 Thursday 8:30 AM-9:00 PM
 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.

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INSTRUCTIONS:

RATING: **EXCELLENT** **GOOD** **FAIR** **POOR**

COMMENTS ON LAST WEEK'S ISSUE:

PLEASE CONTACT ME REGARDING:

SUPPLIES NEEDED:



St. Priscilla Parish Family