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CATHOLIC CHURCH

JANUARY 03, 2021

OUR MISSION:

We, the people of St. Priscilla Parish, grounded in the Word of God and Sacred Tradition, find strength and joy in the transforming power of Christ's sacrificial love as manifested in the Eucharist. We commit ourselves to lifelong spiritual formation, compassionate service, evangelization and the generous sharing of God's gifts with our parish family and the community at large.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday - 4:30 PM
Sunday - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
& 1:00 PM Extraordinary Form
Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM
Thursday - 7:00 PM
Holy Days - 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM
3rd Sunday of Month 10 AM - 1:00 PM

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday - immediately following
8:00 AM Holy Mass
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Adoration - All day
Benediction & Repose - 7:00 PM

WEDDINGS

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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 PM

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month. Please call the office to register for a Baptism Preparation Class.

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying the Parish Office.

PRAYER INTENTIONS & SCHEDULES

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 03, 9:00 AM
People of St. Priscilla
† Deceased Parish Staff by Joe Zeniewicz
† Poor Souls in Purgatory
SUNDAY, JANUARY 03, 11:00 AM
† Cecelia & Clarence Kermode by Kay Kermode
† Barb Bouchard by P. Phillips, M. Marino & D. Pongrascz
SUNDAY, JANUARY 03, 1:00 PM
† Patricia Bellingham by cousin, Patricia Baum
MONDAY, JANUARY 04, 8:00 AM
† Mike & Maryann Jenkins by Joe Zeniewicz
TUESDAY, JANUARY 05, 9:00 AM
† Madelena Seu by Silvana Carta
† Rocco Corsi by Corsi Family
THURSDAY, JANUARY 07, 7:00 PM
† Fred Powers by wife, Rose
FRIDAY, JANUARY 08, 8:00 AM
† Kurt Schwartz by Bob & Marge Kelley
SATURDAY, JANUARY 09, 4:30pm
† Frances Kozlowski by Barbara Cunmulaj
† Jeff Campbell by Anita Pastucha
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 9:00 AM
People of St. Priscilla
† Henry & Virginia Zeniewicz by Joe Zeniewicz
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 11:00 AM
† Richard Schmidt by Ushers
† Kaliope Risto by Friends
† Bob Lark by St. Priscilla Parish
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 1:00 PM
(Mass Intentions being taken for 1:00PM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Karen Kelley O'Brien, Sally Hutsko

Week 2 Connie Lark

Week 3 Brian Humpries, Pete Arciero, Paula Atherton-Bishop, Antonio Gabbana,
Week 4 Carole Camilleri

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

Patricia Bellingham, Dorothy Skowronek

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil, Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt, Air Force
Brent Vann, Army

THIS PAGE HAS CHANGED

To have someone enrolled on the prayer list, please call the church office at 248-476-4700. Names of the sick will be listed for one month unless the office is notified that the condition continues and that prayers are still needed.

Families with Service Members

Call us to add your ACTIVE DUTY spouse, child or grandchild.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10th @ 2:30PM

Art & Environment

Sadly, the Christmas season has ended and the beautiful decorations need to be taken down and put away for next year. Won't you please help us...even and hour or two would be greatly appreciated.

MARY'S HELPERS JANUARY 2021

5th, Sylvia DeBrincat & Irene Zabowski
12th, Rose Marie Schmidt & Amy Golonka
19th, Cathy Karasinski
26th, Vi Hanis & Dorothy Iannarelli

USHER SCHEDULE JANUARY 2021

SATURDAY TEAM **A**
SUNDAY TEAM **C**

DATE	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
JAN 09 4:30pm	Sam Atherton	John Gallagher Anita Pastucha
JAN 10 9:00am	Dave Toth Tony Allam	Julie Tondreau Laurie Dalziel
JAN 10 11:00am	Bob Fowler Barb Hargan	Dorothy Iannarelli Dawn Marie Mays
JAN 10 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

A JOURNEY OF FAITH

Bro. Silas Henderson, S.D.S.

Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6, Matthew 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

—Matthew 2:1-2

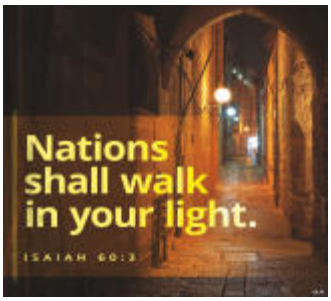
In his novel, Brideshead Revisited, Evelyn Waugh tells the story of Charles Ryder and the Marchmain family. Near the end of the novel, Ryder has an awakening, an epiphany, as he watches the final act of faith of a man he presumed shared his ambivalence toward Catholicism. Despite himself, Ryder "felt the longing for a sign…the hand moved slowly down his breast, then to his shoulder, and Lord Marchmain made the Sign of the Cross. Then I knew the sign I had asked for was not a little thing, not a passing nod of recognition, and a phrase came back to me from my childhood of the veil of the temple being rent from top to bottom."

In the ancient world, an epiphaneia was a visible manifestation of a god or the solemn visit of a secular ruler to the cities of his realm. The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord brings together the quiet realizations of a Charles Ryder character with the grandeur of a king's visit. In this great feast, we are not passively remembering the journey of the magi — Epiphany is a dynamic feast celebrating the redemption that has been won for us through the Incarnation of Christ.

While the visit of the magi — representing the nations of the world — is an unmistakable sign that the salvation offered by the newborn King is for all times and peoples, writers through the ages saw the magi's journey as a symbol of conversion and the journey of faith that each of us is traveling. This is why the twelfth century abbot and bishop Saint Bruno of Segni would reflect in a sermon for the Epiphany, "We offer the Lord gold when we shine in his sight with the light of heavenly wisdom. We offer him frankincense when we send up pure prayer before him, and myrrh when, mortifying our flesh with its vices and passions by self-control, we carry the cross behind Jesus."

Following the inspiration of God, we move from the darkness of doubt and sin, entering into the light and freedom of God's children. As Pope Benedict XVIremarked, "How important it is that we Christians are faithful to our vocation! Every authentic believer is always travelling his own personal itinerary of faith, and at the same time, with the little light that he carries within himself, can and must be a help to those alongside him, and even help the one for whom finding the way that leads to Christ is difficult."

The heavenly light that guided the magi still shines in the Gospel, which continues to guide us along our pilgrim way. The gift of this great Christmas feast reminds us that the Church, and every person of faith, has been entrusted with that same light and we are called to carry that light into the dark places of the world in our prayer, words, and acts of charity. "Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk in your light, and kings by your shining radiance." (Isaiah 60:1-3).



PRAYER

May the splendor of your majesty, O Lord, we pray, shed its light upon our hearts, that we may pass through the shadows of this world and reach the brightness of our eternal home. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(*The Roman Missal*: Collect for the Vigil Mass of the Solemnity of the Epiphany)

Observances for the week of January 3rd

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
Tuesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Wednesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Thursday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

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READING 1 Is 60:1-6

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses.

Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD.

PRESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13

R.(cf. 11) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son; He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more. May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him. He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.
R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

READING 2 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Brothers and sisters:
You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

ALLELUIA Mt 2:2

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL Mt 2:1-12

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, He inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet:

And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel."

Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

By: Mary Rice & Ned Rice

My tree is still standing as you read this. This year I told my support group (known as my children) that I was planning to have an Irish Christmas tree. They went out and bought a real tree and went to work. Green and gold were the colors, Irish ornaments and wide green ribbon carried out the idea. A special touch was potatoes—**real potatoes**--circled with twine, as ornaments.

My Magi are still on their way to see the Christ Child, making an inch or so of progress every day. They will arrive today-Epiphany, the "showing forth of the Lord".

I looked up the history of the Irish Trinity Knot (which is next to the tree) a very ancient Celtic symbol. There was a pagan origin to its interlocking lines but when Ireland became Christian because of the evangelization of Patrick and other saints, this symbol became the sign of the Trinity. It is also a sign of past, present, and future—eternity.

Every time that we make the Sign of the Cross, we proclaim the truth of this sign of our Faith. The Catechism is rich in references to the **Trinity**—but wait a minute, is that word in the Bible? No. Maybe this will help.

My tree is a living organism, drinking water every day. Its needles continue to draw nourishment from the water and the air and the light. From its beginning as a seed, many changes have taken place. John Henry Newman had something like this in mind when he wrote about the Development of Doctrine..
As Newman says, ***To live is to change and to be perfect is to change often.***

Words or phrases from Scripture that have been pondered and prayed over reveal meanings that are beyond their literal meaning. When we read the Bible slowly and orally, passages often give up their deeper meanings and connections. Many Church teachings (including the Trinity) and prayer traditions develop in this way. Saints have received visions which have revealed spiritual realities, e.g.

Lourdes- *I am the Immaculate Conception.*

Clearly, the mysteries of creation are beyond our comprehension.

Unlike my tree which will not live forever, the living Catholic Church grows from single seeds and lives on, blossoming and flowering over the centuries.

I'll miss my Irish tree—and the potatoes. What will next year bring?

AOD Regarding the COVID Vaccine

On Dec. 18, Archbishop Allen Vigneron joined his brother bishops of the Michigan dioceses to release the following statement:

"It is morally permissible to receive the vaccines developed by Pfizer and Moderna. Neither of these vaccines has used cell lines originating in tissue taken from aborted babies in their design, development, and production. However, both the Pfizer and the Moderna vaccine did use such a cell line in the confirmatory testing. This connection to abortion is very remote, however, and it is important to keep in mind that there are varying levels of responsibility. Greater moral responsibility lies with the researchers than with those who receive the vaccine. The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith has indicated that it is morally permissible to be vaccinated if there are no alternatives and there are serious health risks. 3 Such serious health risks are present due to the current pandemic."

Find the full statement from the Michigan bishops on the AOD website.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Noodle side dishes, Quick Oats, Mayo, 4pk Toilet Tissue

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY 01/04 1 Jn 3:22-4:6 • Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab] • Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
TUESDAY 01/05 1 Jn 4:7-10 •Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11] • Mk 6:34-4
WEDNESDAY 01/06 1 Jn 4:11-18 • Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11] • Mk 6:45-52
THURSDAY 01/07 1 Jn 4:19-5:4 • Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf. 11] • Lk 4:14-22a
FRIDAY 01/08 1 Jn 5:5-13 • Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a] • Lk 5:12-16
SATURDAY 01/09 1 Jn 5:14-21• Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b [cf. 4a] • Jn 3:22-3
SUNDAY 01/10 Is 42:1-4, 6-7 • Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b] • Acts 10:34-38 • Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11 • Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3)] • 1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

St. John Neumann Bishop

St. Priscilla

Financial Summary for Fiscal Years Ending June 30

Description	Fiscal 2019 Actual	Fiscal 2020 Actual	Increase/ (Decrease)
Operating Receipts:			
Offertory Collections	$ 369,889	$ 301,560(1)	$ (68,329)
Christmas Collection	44,194	31,223	(12,971)
Bequests & Donations	15,743	13,211	(2,532)
Bingo Fundraiser	42,988	38,552(2)	(4,436)
CSA & Changing Lives Together	1,186	6,011(3)	4,825
Interest Income	4,328	4,293	(35)
Miscellaneous	4,806	3,127	(1,679)
Total Receipts	$ 483,134	$ 397,977	$ (85,157)
Operating Expenses:			
Administrative	$ 173,841(4)	$ 167,669	$ (6,172)
Worship	47,157	37,642	(9,515)
Christian Service	2,641(5)	891(5)	(1,750)
Christian Education	49,381	39,528	(9,853)
Evangelization	3,771	2,234	(1,537)
Facilities Operation & Maintenance	163,162	151,966	(11,196)
AOD 7% Assessment & Vicariate Support	31,521 (6)	27,299 (6)	(4,222)
Total Expenses	$ 471,474	$ 427,229	$ (44,245)
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	$ 11,660	$ (29,252)	$ (40,912)
Beginning Bank Accounts	$ 753,067	$ 718,941	
Operating Surplus/Deficit	11,660	(29,252)	
Capital Expenditures	(43,141)	(11,306) (7)	
Increase (Decrease) in liabilities	(2,645)	47,960 (8)	
Ending Bank Accounts	$ 718,941	$ 726,343 (9)	

Notes:

(1) FY 2020 Archdiocese Suspended Public Masses March 13-May 19, 2020.
(2) FY 2020 Bingo was shut down due to Covid-19 in March 2020 and can't reopen until epidemic orders allow.
(3) FY 2020 included CSA refund of $5,857 & CLT refund of $154.
(4) FY 2019 includes the bi-annual appreciation dinner and Fr. Theo's farewell party.
(5) Excludes donated time & goods.
(6) AOD Assessments are based on receipts excluding Christmas Collection and CSA/CLT reimbursement. Vicariate Support paid was $50.
(7) FY 2020 includes drainage correction, parking lot crack repairs, and security improvements as directed by our "Parish Response to Emergency Situations Plan".
(8) FY 2020 includes PPP loan of $41,011 not fully expended at June 30, 2020 (expected to be 100% forgiven under the loan terms) and $6,899 current liabilities.
(9) FY 2020 consists of $350 petty cash, $26,321 checking, and $699,672 savings account.

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