



ST. PRISCILLA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

6th
**SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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 10:00 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
Friday (During Lent) 6:00 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, FEBRUARY 14, 9:00 AM

Mike & Maryann Jenkins by Joe Zeniewicz
 People of St. Priscilla
 † Esther Strohmer by Parish Family
 † Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 11:00 AM

† Sally Fournier by husband, Bob Fournier
 † Fred Powers by wife, Rose
 † Peter Vu by Family
 † Barb Bouchard by sister, Kay Kermode

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1:00 PM

† Delores Manikowski by Dorothy Iannarelli

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 8:00 AM

† Rose LaVoie by John Skowronek

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 8:00 AM

† Bill Haske by Bob & Marge Kelley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 9:00 AM

† Ana Maria Torres by Isabelle & Antonio Gabbana
 † Susan Birch by Parish Family

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 7:00 PM

† Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini
 † Donna Jasin by William & Mary Anderson

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 7:00 PM

† Deacon Kevin Breen by Schubert Family

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 8:00 AM

† Toto Ruggirello by Silvana Carta

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 4:30 PM

† Xavier DeBrincat by wife, Silvia
 † Roseann Morrison by Rita & Anita Pastucha
 † Donna Vandeckerhove by Parish Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 9:00 AM

People of St. Priscilla
 † Oreste Bologna by Graziano Canini
 † Zacharias P. Furtado by Joylan Furtado

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 11:00 AM

† Albert & Lottie Ricer by Ellen Bishop
 † Gerald Horan by wife, Bernadine Horan

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1:00 PM

PRAYER INTENTIONS

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Week 1 Pete Arciero, Antonio Gabbana,
 Paula Bishop-Atherton

Week 2 Diane Novotny

Week 3 Karen Kelley O'Brien, Sally Hutsko

Week 4 Nancy Giordano, Concetta Russo,
 Kenneth Ricer, Connie Lark



PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICEMEN & WOMEN

Natalie Yurgil-Coast Guard, Benjamin Schmidt-Air Force
 Brent Vann-Army, Brian Golonka-Army, Jacob Stanton-Marines

INTENTIONS SECTION 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.

SERVICE MEMBER FAMILIES

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

Mary's Helpers FEB 2021

02/16 Lee Curtis & Diane McLean

02/23 Sylvia DeBrincat & Irene Zabowski

USHER SCHEDULE

February 2021

SATURDAY TEAM B

SUNDAY TEAM A

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Noodle & Potato Side Dishes. Canned Stew, Ketchup & Mustard.

Monetary donations for grocery vouchers and utility assistance may be placed in the St. Vincent de Paul Box in back of church or in the weekend collection basket. Mark envelope **SVDP**.



DATE	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Feb 20 4:30pm	Lou Barrett	Anita Pastucha RoseMarie Roney
Feb 21 9:00am	Dave Toth Rita Homminga	Jim Kennedy Ruth Broderick
Feb 21 11:00am	Donna Dreffs Pat Phillips	Lou Barrett Annette Haapala
Feb 21 1:00pm	Extraordinary Form (Latin Traditional)	

"The peculiar thing about a man is that though he may cease to act like a man, he never loses the imprint of human dignity. The divine image with which he was stamped is never destroyed; it is merely defaced."

-Venerable Fulton J. Sheen

Director of Religious Education
Alyssa Choraszewski
 dre@saintpriscilla.org

MASCULINITY

It is certainly not my go-to when it comes to information, but it is important for today's topic: what does The New York Times say about toxic masculinity? One article states: *Researchers have defined it, in part, as a set of behaviors and beliefs that include the following:*

- *Suppressing emotions or masking distress*
- *Maintaining an appearance of hardness*
- *Violence as an indicator of power ("tough-guy" behavior)*

In other words: Toxic masculinity is what can come of teaching boys that they can't express emotion openly; that they have to be "tough all the time"; that anything other than that makes them "feminine" or weak. (No, it doesn't mean that all men are inherently toxic.)

Remember the words distress and violence. We will be coming back to those in a bit. I kept researching to better understand the term and, honestly, I was just left with more questions. The next article I read was from Medical News Today. The article quoted the definition of masculinity from a study in the Journal of School of Psychology and then shortly after stated "Masculinity, then, becomes a shifting idea rather than a hard, narrow set of rules." So what is it? Is it defined by science and studies or is it a moving target of ideas?

The article from Medical News Today also discussed the medical and societal issues that come from an exaggeration of masculine traits. These issues were depression, suicide, substance abuse, domestic violence, and a lack of friendships among others. Maybe it is just my opinion, but if I was a man and I had an entire society telling me that being "manly" was toxic, I would also become depressed and may turn to something like substance abuse. So to me, exaggeration in both directions is not ideal.

Also interesting to note, Medical News Today says that masculinity is shaped by age, race, class, culture, sexuality, and religion. This is a scientific news site and biology is missing in the factors that determine masculinity. Have we forgot that God created a man and a woman? Furthermore,

God created roles for each. After the fall, the woman was to bear children and her husband was to be her master. And man, he was to work in fields and have sweat on his brow. God never said man cannot show emotion. In fact, the Book of Genesis is riddled with emotion from man.

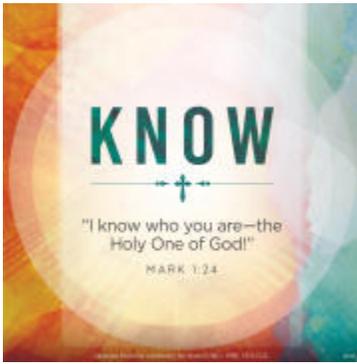
Look at our Father in Faith, Abraham. After his son Isaac was born, Sarah wanted Ishmael (born of Abraham's concubine) to be sent away. *"so [Sarah] demanded of Abraham: 'Drive out that slave and her son! No son of that slave is going to share the inheritance with my son Isaac!' Abraham was greatly distressed, especially on account of his son Ishmael (Gen 21:10-11)." Wait. This is Abraham, the father of a great people (CCC 762), he is totally masculine and yet, he is visibly distressed to the point that God has to speak to him and comfort him in his time of distress.*

Okay, well if Abraham can visibly express distress, then he must use violence as an indicator of power (as The New York Times tells us is a sign of toxic masculinity). Yet, we don't see that. Abraham instead listens to the instructions of his wife, welcomes his home to visitors, and agrees to offer his son Isaac as sacrifice. If you read the story of the sacrifice of Isaac, you discover that Abraham does not force Isaac on the altar, nor does Abraham threaten violence on Isaac if he doesn't lay on the altar.

You might be thinking (which much of society thinks the same), Alyssa, masculinity becomes toxic when the characteristics of what make men men are exaggerated. Okay, so the answer to that is suppressing masculine traits until the only traits that are allowed are the "feminine" traits? If so, where did the masculinity go? But if that is the answer, then the Medical News Today quote of saying masculinity is a shifting idea makes sense.

But that leads me to question, how far do we go from what was established by God? Where the breaking point? Because for me, we are already far enough away from what God intended. We, as Christians, say "Follow Jesus." But then as a society we say, "men are toxic." Jesus is fully man. He showed us anger, he showed us dominance, he even showed us violence when cleansing the temple. Those are—by today's standards—toxic traits. So are we to only focus on Jesus healing and showing love? Because if so, please explain the times the healing was done through showing dominance over the works of the devil in terms of toxicity.

Let us also not forget that Pope Francis called this the year of St. Joseph. St. Joseph was a man who embraced his masculine role of protector of the Holy Family. It was him who helped raise Jesus and taught Jesus how to be a man. I will tell you one thing...the masculinity of Joseph, Jesus, and Abraham had nothing to do with age, race, class, culture, sexuality, or religion but everything to do with who God made them to be. Men.



READING 1

Dt 18:15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:
 "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

PRESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the

desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

READING 2

1 Cor 7:32-35

Brothers and sisters:

I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

ALLELUIA

Mt 4:16

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

Mk 1:21-28

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!"

Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE By: Mary Rice

What are the prayers of repentance that we pray during the Penitential Rite of the Mass? *Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.* We may remember them as: *Kyrie Eleison, Christ Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.* These petitions may give us some direction as we ponder the upcoming Lenten season.

I understand that the word, *Eleison*, has the connotation of "healing". We plead for mercy in the sense of healing our souls. The Hebrew word *Hesed* speaks of God's "tender mercy". He wants to know our hearts and to listen to our needs. What needs healing in our own lives? Offenses, memories, feelings, separations...? How often do we yearn to bring healing to the problems of our times that we face in our state, our country, the world? It all seems to be insurmountable. Before receiving Holy Communion, we pray again: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have **mercy** on us.

In Jeremiah's day, he was distraught and desperate about the moral decay of the people of Judah. He had been driven to deep sadness because God had entrusted to him the assignment of warning them about the future if they didn't abandon the pagan practices which dominated their lives and had even been brought into the Temple area—unthinkable!!

Jeremiah is reduced to begging God for healing and so we find him pathetically crying out: *Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then is there no healing for the wounds of my people? (Jer.8:22)* (This would be like saying: Are there no doctors at Providence/Ascension?) Gilead is a city east of the Jordan River well-known for producing a healing balm (from trees that only grew in that area) as well as having many physicians to help people who were ill--kind of like a Mayo Clinic of ancient times.

Do we see ourselves in need of a healing balm? Could Lent be a time when we pull out **one word** each week from the scripture or the prayers of the Mass—and **live with it all week**? Write it on a card and put it in your pocket or purse. Put it on the fridge. Find the definition. This word could be your **prescription**—Jesus knows just what you need!

In the 19th century an unknown person wrote a spiritual inspired by Jeremiah's words: ***There is a balm in Gilead.*** Look it up on your I Pod and treat yourself to this beautiful song--it came from the heart and speaks to our hearts.

WHY WE RECEIVE THE ASHES

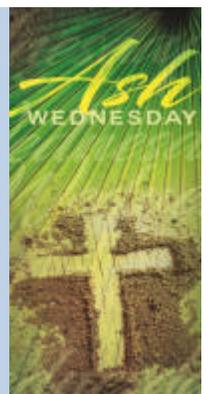
Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth. We remember this when we are told

"Remember, Man is dust, and unto dust you shall return."

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice. The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, whether public or secret penitents, all Christians, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

- MONDAY 02/15** Gn 4:1-15, 25•Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]•Mk 8:11-13
- TUESDAY 02/16** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10•Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]•Mk 8:14-21
- WEDNESDAY 02/17** Jl 2:12-18•Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]•2 Cor 5:20—6:2•Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- THURSDAY 02/18** Dt 30:15-20•Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]•Lk 9:22-25
- FRIDAY 02/19** Is 58:1-9a•Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]•Mt 9:14-15
- SATURDAY 02/20** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
- SUNDAY 02/21** Gn 9:8-15•Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]•1 Pt 3:18-22•Mk 1:12-15



PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by Deborah Hachey, RN

American Heart Association...Healthy Snacking

We all love to snack and it isn't bad for you if you do it in moderation and make healthy choices.

As boring as healthy snacks sound, you may be surprised how tasty they are. So let's toss the excuses aside and check out the options. Read all nutrition labels and choose wisely.

First: Munchies that crunch.

- *Apples and pears.
- *Carrot and celery sticks
- *Bell pepper slices
- *Roasted chickpeas
- * Popcorn
- *Nuts and seeds.

Second: Rethink your drink

- Ditch your high sugar go-to and try"
- *Plain or sparkling water, add some fruit or herbs is desired
 - *Unsweetened tea or coffee
 - 100% fruit juice (small glass only)
 - Low sodium tomato or mixed vegetable juice

Third: Snacks that satisfy

- Guaranteed to fill you right up:
- *Whole grain toast with peanut butter or almond butter
 - *Cherry tomatoes with hummus
 - *Low-fat or Fat-free yogurt (great paring with fruit)
 - *Fruit and veggie smoothie
 - *Whole-grain crackers with tuna

And finally...Snack to curb your sweet tooth.

- *Canned fruit in natural juice
- *Thin slice of angel food cake or homemade banana-nut bread
- *Raisins or dates
- *Baked apple
- *Frozen banana or grapes or Fresh fruit salad

FACE-to-FACE CONFESSION

Question: In today's digital world, do we really need to be face-to-face with a priest to confess our sins? Would Face-time or Zoom ever be allowed?

Answer: The question of whether or not Catholics can celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation virtually (via social media, by phone, or in some other way) has actually been around for several years. The recent COVID-19 pandemic brought the question back in a new way, especially as many parishes were forced to introduce a sort of "social distanced" confession. In reflecting on this question, there are a couple points that we want to keep in mind. First, as the Code of Canon Law observes in different places, the faithful have a right to the sacraments of the Church and the Church's ministers have a responsibility to make them accessible. At the same time, however, we always have to be sure that we respect the nature of the sacraments themselves. Although modern forms of technology and communication can help us in our work of evangelization catechesis, the Pontifical Council for Social Communication has reminded us that, "Virtual reality is no substitute for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the sacramental reality of the other sacraments, and shared worship in a flesh and blood human community. There are no sacraments on the internet." In the sacraments we encounter Christ in a personal and ecclesial way. It is never just a private experience but is always grounded in the life of the Church and this means that it must truly be personal, including the contact between the confessor and the penitent. While the convenience or ease of online celebrations might be appealing for many reasons, at heart, we always want to keep in mind the fullness of the Church's tradition and the meaning of the sacraments. ©LPi

FEBRUARY

Black History Month

An inventor, businessman, and community leader. His most notable inventions were a three-position traffic signal and a smoke hood (predecessor to the gas mask) notably used in a 1916 tunnel construction disaster rescue. Morgan also discovered and developed a chemical hair-processing and straightening solution. In 1908 Morgan co-founded the Cleveland Association of Colored Men (later becoming a part of NAACP) and in 1920 he founded the *Cleveland Call* newspaper that in 1938, subsequently merged to create the *Cleveland Call and Post* newspaper.

Garrett Morgan



1877 - 1963



MANNS FAMILY FUNERAL HOME

CHARLES MANNS
PRE-PLANNING

DICKSON MANNS
MANAGER

HILARY MANNS-GENTRY
DIRECTOR

MANNS FAMILY
FUNERAL HOME

INFO@MANNSFUNERALHOME.COM

(734) 425-1800

WWW.MANNSFUNERALHOME.COM

17000 MIDDLEBELT AT SIX MILE + LIVONIA, MI 48154



WE'RE HIRING AD SALES EXECUTIVES



- Full Time Position with Benefits
 - Sales Experience Preferred
 - Paid Training
 - Overnight Travel Required
 - Expense Reimbursement
- CONTACT US AT
careers@4LPi.com
www.4LPi.com/careers

COMPLETE CONCRETE

LICENSED & INSURED
Driveway & Walkways • Porches & Patios
Garages & Foundations • Concrete & Asphalt Removal
Loading & Hauling
More For Your Money
248-476-9107
~ Over 30 Years Experience ~

KILLERDECKS.COM

Decks • Front Porches • Screened Rooms
Room Additions
Basement Remodeling
734-728-2276
thedeckbarn.com




LICENSED & INSURED
MASTER PLUMBER
WaterWorkPlumbing.com
Senior Discounts 248-213-9248
24 Hr. Emergency Service
\$20 OFF ANY SERVICE

AE Auto Care

Complete Auto & Truck Repair
Art Eliason-Owner
17175 MIDDLEBELT • LIVONIA, MI 48152
(734) 522-7222



DON'S PLUMBING

734-525-3874
Expert Plumbing Sewer
& Drain Cleaning
LICENSED MASTER PLUMBER
Donald J. Wood

LET US PLACE
YOUR AD HERE.

Will

Kevin Bullock, MGR
Funeral Homes
37000 Six Mile Rd. • Livonia, MI 48152
734.591.3700
harryjwillfuneralhome.com
Redford & Wayne Chapels | Ask about our Silver & Gold Trips

WEINGARTZ
EVERYTHING FROM LAWN TO SNOW
WEINGARTZ.COM

AVAILABLE
FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Judee Nelson** to place an ad today!
jnelson@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6319

THIS SPACE IS
AVAILABLE

SPREAD THE WORD

A Thriving, Vibrant Community Matters



SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS

Too Sick for Mass?

SUPPORT OUR PARISH NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE!

Sign-up to get your bulletin delivered
right to your inbox!
www.parishesonline.com



Charles R. Step
Funeral Home & Cremation Services

18425 Beech Daly Road
Between 6 & 7 Mile Roads
313-531-1888

PARKVIEW MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Serving the Community Since 1926
34205 5 Mile Rd.,
Just West of Farmington Rd.
734-421-6120

LARGE PIZZA WITH PREMIUM
MOZZARELLA & 1 TOPPING
\$9.99

Special \$10.99. Not available with other offers. Excludes delivery. Tax and tip extra. Some restrictions apply. ©2014 JET'S PIZZA. All rights reserved.

LIVONIA
7 Mile & Farmington
(248) 473-3999
JET'S PIZZA

**JOHN WOOD
PLUMBING**
734-425-0370
Fast Professional Service
Expert Sewer & Drain Cleaning
Lic. Master Plumber • Reasonable Rates
www.johnwoodplumbingllc.com

MIKE'S PLUMBING

Complete Plumbing
Sewer & Drain Cleaning
MASTER PLUMBER • Michael J. Wood
734-421-4633

Avis Ford

"The Dealership with the ♥"
GENE TATRO
Parts Manager • Parishioner
29200 Telegraph Road at 12 Mile
Southfield, MI 48034
Phone: (248) 355-7500

Neely-Turowski
FUNERAL HOME
30200 Five Mile Rd • Livonia, MI
Director Todd N. Turowski
734.525.9020 TurowskiFuneralHome.com



4-G-5-3

For ad info. call 1-800-477-4574 • www.4lpi.com



15-0253

100 YEARS
Family Owned and
Operated Since 1919

ST. PRISCILLA TEAM

PASTOR

Fr. Joseph Tuskiewicz
frjoe@saintpriscilla.org

DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Alyssa Choraszewski
dre@saintpriscilla.org
Faith Formation Office 248-476-4702

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

Felicity Long
saintpriscillamusic@gmail.com

BOOKKEEPER

Paul Pyrkosz
bookkeeper@saintpriscilla.org

PARISH SECRETARY

Rose Powers 248-476-4700 x 100
rose@saintpriscilla.org

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

John Gallagher 248-476-4700 X106
maintenance@saintpriscilla.org

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Chris Walters (Chair) 313-622-4768
Linda Cook (Secretary) 248-479-6185

Members At-Large

Barb Hargan 248-933-0014
Joe Zeniewicz 248-777-2374
Bill Fedelem 248-471-1909
Ralph Fernley 734-425-3179
Laurie Dalziel 248-345-0606

FINANCE COUNCIL

John Sullivan

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Larry Miller 248-470-7703

WORSHIP COMMISSION

Gene Tatro 248-408-0512

•EME

Sue Atherton 734-634-0602

•Altar Servers

Ann Nakic 248-390-4143

•Lectors

Lou Barrett 734-363-0043

•Usher Coordinator

Bud Flemming 248-861-9921

•Art & Environment

Judy Fowler 734-525-3771

CHRISTIAN SERVICE COMMISSION

Pam Shepley 734-262-0109

SOCIAL COMMISSION

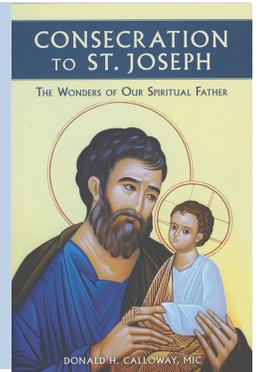
Lee Curtis 248-477-3424

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Joe McCallion (GK) 313-378-0249

Consecration to St. Joseph Book Study

We will begin a 33 day journey to Consecration to St. Joseph on March 30 which will conclude on May 1 the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Please email me at dre@saintpriscilla.org and let me know how many copies of the book you would like—our parish discount brings them down to \$8 each! More info on our Facebook page.



REFLECTION – Year of St. Joseph

While the Gospels do not record any words Saint Joseph might have spoken, the eloquent silence allows us a glimpse into his character. Righteous. Humble. Obedient. Pure. Silent (contemplative). Husband. Protector and guardian of the Savior and the Blessed Virgin. Saint Joseph experienced the same difficulties in life we all do, yet he lived an exemplary life. Saint Joseph was a man possessed of unwavering faith and utmost trust in God's providence. God was first and foremost, above all, in Saint Joseph's life. In short, he is an upright man of faith and outstanding virtues. As such, he serves as a wonderful role model for us in today's often unruly culture.

For Saint Joseph, doing God's will was paramount. Saint Joseph never questioned what God told him and carried out God's promptings without hesitation or delay – his response was immediate and he would carry out the task at hand the way God wanted it done. After the angel appeared to him in a dream, assuring him that Mary's child was conceived through the Holy Spirit, Joseph took Mary into his home as his wife. After the visit of the magi, upon receiving the angel's warning, Joseph wasted no time, immediately getting up and taking his little family and fleeing to Egypt in the middle of the night to escape King Herod's murderous wrath. Later, after Herod's death, the angel again instructed Joseph that it was time to return to the land of Israel, and while he probably intended to return to Bethlehem in Judea, chose rather to go to Nazareth in Galilee upon being warned by the angel that Herod's son ruled Judea in his place. When God told Joseph to get up and go, Joseph unhesitatingly got up and went.

Saint Joseph was a man of action, obeying God's will for him in the ordinary duties of daily life. He faithfully and tenderly loved, protected and provided for the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary. He kept the Sabbath and went to Temple in Jerusalem for the Passover. He did the ordinary things of everyday, ordinary life with love. By following Saint Joseph's example, we can find considerable peace of mind in knowing we are faithfully doing the ordinary, little things that God wants us to do.

By: *Marta Timar* Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart LA

