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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 4:30 PM

Joe Zeniewicz by Violet Hanis
† Concetta Russo by Friends
† Enrico & Ida Canini by Graziano Canini

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 9:00 AM

The people of St. Priscilla
† Leo & Toni Ferrara by Ferrara by Ferrara Family
† Ralph Ferrara by Ferrara Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 11:00 AM

† Pietro Mauti by Mauti Family
† Concetta Russo by Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 1:00 PM

Diane DuCharme by Friends
† Neil DuCharme by Friends

MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 8:00 AM

† Antonia Ferrara by Maria lafrate

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 8:00 AM

† Myra & Frank Roose

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 7:00 PM

† Agnes Brumfield by Brumfield Family
† Leo Brumfield by Brumfield Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 8:00 AM

Joe Zeniewicz by Friends
† Fred Powers by wife, Rose

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 4:30 PM

Patricia Hegarty by sister, Marilyn Gallagher
† Larry Miller by Mark & Mary Lou Miller
† Frances Kozlowski by Barbara Cunmulaj
† Leona & Michael Baran by Pete & Gloria Arciero
† Robert Holderith by wife, Beverly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 9:00 AM

† Rocco Corsi by Corsi Family
† Giovanna Demela by Silvana Carta
† Seymour Forbing by Parish
† Terry Burns by mom, Millie Burns

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 11:00 AM

The People of St. Priscilla
† Peter Vu by Vu Family
† Patricia Taddia by Parish
† Daniel Francis by Francis Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 1:00 PM

Michael Brumfield by brother, Ron Brumfield
† Agnes & Leo Brumfield by son, Ron Brumfield

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Rosemary Krawcke	Carol Camilleri	Judy Pyrkosz
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Roger Godbey	Jennifer Mattson	Jim Pongracz
Peggy Gatteri	Ricky Canini	MaryAnn Statetzny
Vi Hanis	Pam Pickens	William Statetzny
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Magdalena Hang Vu	Glen Brown	Antonio Gabbana
Chuck Stimac	Chris Gehringer	Kenneth Ricer
Mary Gigante	Mary St. Jean	Connie Lark
Bernadine Buoncompagno	Steve Moskal	

REMINDER: Names remain on Prayer List for the Sick for 90 days unless the office is notified of continued need or prolonged illness. Please do not ask to add a name to this list without prior permission from the family.



PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL

Natalie Yurgil	Coast Guard
Benjamin Schmidt	Air Force
Brian Golonka	Army
Kyle Nelson	Marines
Steven Siemieniak	Air Force
Joseph James Prokes	Army

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED



MONDAY, JANUARY 2ND

MORNING MASS
Benediction of the
Blessed Sacrament
with Prayers to
St. Joseph

NO DAYTIME
ADORATION

You may now schedule an adoration time slot on-line through Sign Up Genius. Each Week visit www.saintpriscilla.org/adoration to sign up.

THE EXAMEN

Ask God for light. I want to look at my day with God's eyes, not merely my own.

Give thanks. The day I have lived is a gift from God. Be grateful for it.

Review the day. I carefully look back on the day just completed, being guided by the Holy Spirit

Face your shortcomings. I face up to what is wrong—in my life and in me.

Finish your prayer. Look toward the day to come. I ask where I need God in the day to come.

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4 REASONS TO MAKE PRAYING THE EXAMEN DAILY THE ONLY RESOLUTION YOU MAKE THIS YEAR

The New Year is upon us, and with it, heaps of resolutions to become our best selves over the next 12 months. Everything we've always said we'll do, but haven't gotten around to yet? *This* will be the year. If you're anything like me, though, your well-intended New Year's resolutions are usually discarded by February 1. I would suggest that the reason so many of our resolutions actually fail is that they're too superficial. Of course, we want to be the best versions of ourselves. That is, we want to be healthy, both physically and mentally. We want to know we are reaching our full potential in our careers and callings. And we know that achieving these goals enables us to better serve others and glorify God.

So, how can we make a New Year's resolution that recognizes that responsibility and connects our innate desire to improve with God's purpose for our lives? If you only make one resolution in 2023, then praying the Examen daily should be the one. Here's why:

THE EXAMEN GIVES US A PRAYERFUL SPACE TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE.

New Year's resolutions often focus on the lack of what we desire rather than on the abundance of God's blessings. For example, we might resolve to become more organized, to exercise more, or to make more money, but the Examen encourages us to take some time to ponder what's already going well for us. In doing so, it shifts our focus to joy and praise, rather than complaint. Maybe I didn't run several miles, but I sensed God's presence during a leisurely walk in my neighborhood. Maybe I was particularly short on cash, but a friend surprised me by treating me to lunch or coffee. Praying the Daily Examen has a way of opening my eyes to everything I can already be grateful for.

THE EXAMEN ALLOWS US TO BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE AND TO SHIFT OUR PRIORITIES ACCORDINGLY.

It's helpful to humble ourselves in the face of New Year's resolutions, many of which might be prompted by a desire to fix everything that's wrong with us: *Lose the weight. Spend less time on social media. Learn a new skill.* The Examen, which begins with recognizing that we are in God's holy presence, can help us remember that we are loved, that we are instruments and recipients of God's love in our lives, and that we don't have to *do* anything different in order for God to meet us here. Instead of distressing about how we didn't stick to that diet, for example, we might look back on our day and see the friend who complimented something (great listening skills, perhaps) that, when cultivated, will strengthen our holiness.

THE EXAMEN LEADS TO MORE MEANINGFUL, CHRIST-CENTERED RESOLUTIONS.

Once we've invited God into our imagination and asked him to show us where he has manifested his grace and presence throughout the day, God leads us to areas of potential spiritual improvement. These "resolutions" help us to live our fullest lives in Christ for others, rather than just for ourselves.

THE EXAMEN SUPPORTS CONCRETE MICRO-RESOLUTIONS, RATHER THAN BROAD, WISHFUL ONES.

Expert goal-setters recommend setting specific goals that can be easily managed and tracked. So, when the Examen ends with a specific prayer to improve in the areas where we failed to notice and respond to God's love today, we are focusing our improvement within a short period of time and on a single area of spiritual growth. One day at a time, backed by prayer and grace, sounds so much more reasonable than an entire year of striving independently to live a better life, doesn't it?

I've personally found that it helps to journal when I pray the Daily Examen. Doing so helps me identify patterns of personal prayer, God's intervention, and subtle transformation that have occurred over the course of weeks or months. (I also find I'm better at remembering the changes I want to make when I write them down!) I would recommend using a journal to kickstart your Daily Examen habit in 2023, as you begin to notice all of the ways in which God is moving in your life, too.

BY SARAH ZENTNER - BUSTED HALO

CAN WE BE LIKE THE HOLY FAMILY?

There is no community as sacred as the family. When we reflect on the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph, we see how we are to act as members of our own family. Whether we're a father, a mother, or a child, the Holy Family shows us the example of being a loving, God fearing, faithful family. It is important we remind ourselves of this often. Especially today when our society seems intent on destroying the family. Marriage is threatened by the plagues of divorce, relativism, and secularization. Same-sex unions have eroded the meaning of marriage, calling into question its very purpose. In fact, divorce is not only common, but also expected in almost half of today's marriages. Many children are raised without discipline, and their potential is impeded by abuse or neglect.

All of us are members of a family. Even if our parents are no longer living and we live alone, we are still members of the human family. We belong to a Church community. Most of us do have family members, related or not, around us.

The question we must ask ourselves is, how do we become a Christian example for our family? The choices we make do not simply affect us but affect our family as well. For example, what activities we choose to pursue or what programs to watch, we impact our family. When we decide what music will be allowed in our house or which websites we visit, these decisions are not made in a vacuum. There are many examples that show marriage and family are the best environments to raise children. This provides an opportunity to grow in holiness, strengthen the culture which we live, overcoming greatest obstacles, and succeeding in creating a healthy environment to raise our families. Our first duty is always to God, then second to our family. It is important that we take time to reflect on our choices and what impact those choices will have on our family. Am I serving my family with the choices I make? If I am single, am I serving my human family by the decisions I make? Can the influence of my parish family be seen in how I behave?

Families are busy, and we often leave little time for God. Mass becomes secondary to Sunday activities. We are so busy, hurrying to eat, we skip praying before meals, assuming that God knows our gratitude. We refuse to pray in public because we don't want to offend anybody and we listen to music and watch television we find entertaining, regardless of the values it conveys because it's fun and easy to let things be. We can bring the word of God into our families by doing activities together; such as studying scripture, praying the rosary, praying nightly prayers before putting the children to bed, we can decorate our houses according to the liturgical season, this way going to Mass is not just a box you check green. Your family will be living the liturgical calendar and the whole family will know and understand the readings at Mass and be prepared when they go to greatest form of prayer, the Holy Mass.

Although the example we are to follow is not an easy one. The Holy Family was devoted to duty. Joseph reported by decree of the Roman Emperor's census, traveled with his family a great distance to comply. Mary always caring for her Son, even after his crucifixion. Joseph was loyal, he respected Mary's obligation to God, her chastity and vocation. Joseph followed a vocation of his own, teaching his Son carpentry and certainly protecting Him as he grew.

We too are called to do the same. We must respect our spouses and the vows we make with respect to God. We must care for our children, teach them, provide for them, and raise them up in the faith which will make all the difference in their lives. They will be able to stand up to the secular world when they have a strong, moral background and a family that will support them no matter how tough it gets. As children, we must be obedient and respectful, honoring our fathers and our mothers. So, yes, we too can be like the Holy Family following in their examples on our path, to becoming Saints.

READINGS OF THE WEEK

MONDAY, JANUARY 2 STS BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY Nazianzen, Bishops/Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:2-4 Jn 1:19-28

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 ST ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-4

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5 ST JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP

1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1-5 Jn 1:43-51

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6 ST ANDRÉ BESSETTE, RELIGIOUS

1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or

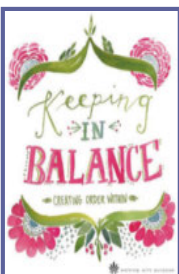
Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7 ST RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT, PRIEST

1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 9b Jn 2:1-11

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12



Women's Bible Study
Tuesday's at 7:00pm in Room 4
Sessions restart January 3rd.
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the Walking With Purpose website.
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THE WORD OF GOD AS THE BREATH OF LIFE

by Mary Rice

I miss Christmas! I know that the feast of Epiphany and the visit of the Magi is a great feast but it's not the same. Mostly, I miss the music as we acknowledge the angels without hesitation and sing of glory without doubt. Even the secular songs make me happy.

Santa Claus reminds me of the generous bishop of Myra—Nicholas--kind in thought and word and deed. Did you know that there is an organization composed of men who play the part of St. Nicholas every year? They're a prayerful group who honor his memory in the early church as a generous, loving person.

White Christmas, written by Irving Berlin, is a peaceful addition to Christmas carols. I miss the Merry Christmas from store clerks and new neighbors. I miss looking for just the right gift for my loved ones.

I miss the beauty of the church with flowers and the Crèche. When the feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple comes in February, I'll think of Jesus, still an infant placed in the arms of a very old man, Simeon, and bringing him joy. Anna, the very first evangelist, could not restrain herself when she saw that sweet baby.

I miss Christmas music. Before I go to sleep at night, I find myself singing or humming carols. The wise men are standing about five feet away from the crib. Every day I move them a few inches closer to the Holy Family. A simple ritual, but it makes me happy.

Keep your family traditions. Hold your loved ones closer and don't hesitate to speak of your love for them. It's a time for warm hugs. We need to speak of love.

I miss Christmas. I visited Bethlehem a few years ago and it was the thrill of a lifetime. There was a star on the floor that honored the place where Jesus was born. I am thankful for that memory.



**God is
with us.
Be of one
mind, ye
nations,
be humble
for God is
with us.**

LISTEN. THINK. ACT.

That is a mantra or slogan for many different groups. Some seek to battle prejudice and bias. Other groups hope to eliminate poverty or reduce crime. I have even found some companies use it as a way of increasing engagement among their employees. In a nutshell, it is about taking in what you have heard and then reflecting on it before you act. The most fruitful actions are those that take place after careful reflection.

This is an important thing to remember for those trying to live a stewardship way of life. If we are honest with ourselves, too often most of us jump to conclusions too quickly or act in ways that cause friction because we didn't really think about the consequences of our actions. We are moving too fast in a world that seems to be moving ever faster.

When the shepherds came to visit Jesus, the newborn King, they told Mary everything that the angels had told them. Luke tells us that after hearing all this, she "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." No response. No panic. No action. Her reflection was the appropriate response.

In this New Year, you and I would do well to remember this Gospel account of Mary, the Mother of God. Let us resolve to listen more, reflect often, and then act accordingly. We are called to use our gifts wisely, sowing them in good soil. If we just throw them out, allowing them to simply fall wherever they may, have we really used them for God's glory? We need to listen. Think. Then act.

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PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

by: Mary Pugliese, RN

5 WAYS TO STAY HEALTHY

There are numerous ways to improve your immune system's efficiency over time, such as integrating more fruits and vegetables into your meals, setting a consistent sleep schedule and staying hydrated — and, of course, washing your hands, prioritizing sleep and promoting gut health. But what about a big immunity boost right now, as people are already sniffing, coughing, and sneezing all around you? Fortunately, there are a few quick-fix ways you can heighten your immunity :

1 GO OUTSIDE There's a new scientific field called ecotherapy that's exactly what it sounds like: Researchers are discovering that being outside can be its own form of therapeutic relaxation, complete with benefits to common mood disorders like anxiety and depression. People who walk outside in nature — as opposed to in an urban setting, for example — were found to have lower activity in the prefrontal cortex, the area of the brain where you focus on negative thoughts. With that burst of enthusiasm and optimism may come stronger immunity, according to research. Plus, you'll likely get some vitamin D from sun exposure, and that can confer immune system benefits, along with numerous other advantages.

2 TAKE A REST DAY While exercise can be fantastic for your immune system overall, there is a point of diminishing returns, because all exercise provides short-term stress and inflammation to the body that is helpful — as long as it stays in the short term. Build active rest days into your schedule, which means downshifting to a gentle yoga class, a long walk or an easy bike ride. For an extra immunity boost, take your recovery outside.

3 PET AN ANIMAL Unless you have an allergy, taking time to pet an animal can have an immediate and positive effect on your immune system. A study on college students found that those who petted dogs for just under 20 minutes — as opposed to control groups that petted either a stuffed animal or just sat comfortably on a couch — had a significant increase in their immunoglobulin A levels. This antibody plays a major role in your immune function, so the more you have, the better you're protected.

4 READ A BOOK Scrolling through social media or some political sites might increase blood pressure temporarily — not great for your immune system — but the good news is reading books can have the opposite effect. In addition to improved blood pressure, you may also be lowering stress, improving sleep and honing your thinking skills. Tucking into a book - fiction or non-fiction, printed or on an e-reader — allows your brain and body to relax more effectively, Levy says.

5 LAUGH Much like being outside decreases your negative thoughts, taking a break (which itself is good for your immunity) helps - and laughing amplifies that. Taking a moment to watch a funny video or read something amusing can increase your sense of optimism as well — especially at a time when the drumbeat of distressing news is hard to ignore.

THE BOTTOM LINE In general, you're going to be exposed to viruses no matter what you do. But mixing in short-term tactics like the ones above with long-term strategies (i.e., hand washing, sleeping, promoting gut health, staying hydrated) can go a long way toward helping you stay healthy.

St. VINCENT de PAUL

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED THIS WEEK

Canned Beef Stew, Jelly, Coffee
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The Christmas Gift Card program was a huge success. We appreciate your kindness.

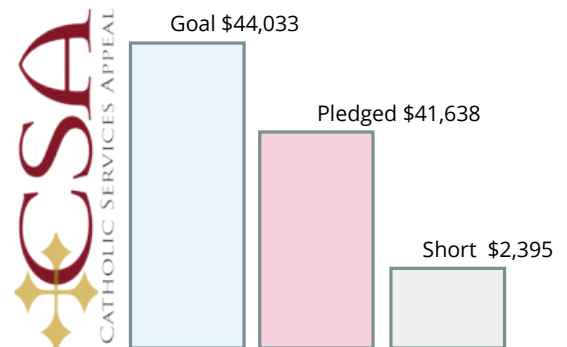
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JAN 8 9:00AM	D TOTH	
JAN 8 11:00AM	P PHILLIPS	

USHER SCHEDULE JANUARY 2023

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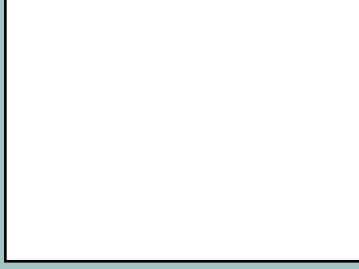
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SHE KEPT ALL OF THESE THINGS IN HER HEART

"What was my first word? Who was there when I was born? When did I start to walk? Which toys did I play with? What made me cry when I was a baby?"

My oldest has reached the age where she has started to ask questions like this. As she grows up, she is realizing that, in order to understand the world around her, she must first understand herself. This makes her insatiably curious about her own identity, her history — her "origin story," as they say in the movies.

I've got most of it documented either in writing or in photos, but even if it's a detail that wasn't scribbled in a baby book or saved to my digital cloud, it's a memory that I can quickly summon and make real for her as we snuggle and talk about who she was, who she is, and who she may become.

I'm the mom. I have kept all of these things in my heart.

The Blessed Mother knew more about God before opening a book than most of us could discover after a lifetime of study and prayer. There is no one whose knowledge of Christ was so intimate, so deep, so simultaneously ordinary and extraordinary, as the human woman who bore him, birthed him, nursed him, raised him and eventually gave him up.

In the way that I can tell my daughter everything there is to know about the part of her life she cannot recall, Mary can tell us everything we need to know about Christ. All we have to do is ask.

Mary kept all of these things in her heart. — Luke 2:19

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman ©LPi

Mary, Mother of God

"The world being unworthy to receive the son of God directly from the hands of the Father, he gave his son to Mary for the world to receive him from her."

- Saint Augustine

Wishing you
a blessed
New Year

PARISH OFFICE RE-OPENS TUESDAY,
JANUARY 3rd, 2023

MASS SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SCHEDULE ABOVE

Monday, Tuesday, Friday - 8:00 AM

Thursday - 7:00 PM

Holy Days - 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

See Above

RECONCILIATION

Saturday - 3:30 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

SICK CALLS, WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

Please contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.