

st. priscilla church



Rev. Idzi Stacherczak, Pastor
Rev. Daniel Kusa, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Judy Banasiak, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Anna Adamowski, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Anna Knap, Business Manager
Mrs. Anna Ewko, Music Director

RITE OF RECONCILIATION:

(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession daily starting at 7:45 A.M. until morning Mass.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

At the rectory during office hours.
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily.

WEDDINGS:

Arrangement must be made with one of the priests at least six months before the date of the wedding. Confirm desired date at the church before making other arrangements. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered and active parishioner of St. Priscilla. Weddings are not scheduled on Sunday.

BAPTISMS:

English Baptisms will be held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 1:30 PM. Polish Baptisms will be held on the first and third Sundays. Attendance at Baptismal Preparation class is mandatory. Register by calling Rectory.

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

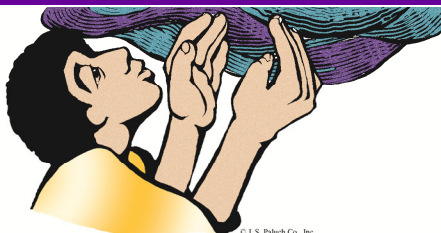
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 A.M. - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2012

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
— *Psalm 95:6*

Spiritual Reflection**WHOSE AUTHORITY?**

A man stands on your front doorstep, holding a Bible: "Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?"

"Sure. Where do you get this truth?"

"From the Bible, of course."

"That's your authority? The Bible?"

"Yes, it's the only authority for Christians."

"Can you prove that from the Bible?"

"What do you mean?"

"I mean I don't believe the Bible claims to be the sole rule of faith. Please show me where the Bible claims such a status for itself."

Sometimes the conversation goes more like this: "Good afternoon. May I share a few words of Christian truth with you?"

"No, I'm a Catholic."

The door closes.

Many door-to-door proselytizers have good intentions. They want to convert you to the "truth"—as they see it. From their perspective, the Bible is the sole authority for the Christian faith. Some are taught that Catholics are prohibited from reading the Bible or know nothing about the scriptures. However, not only do we have full access to the Bible, but we hear segments of it proclaimed every time we celebrate Mass.

In today's first reading God gives Moses the right to speak with divine authority to the people of Israel. In today's readings Jesus and Moses are recognized as speaking and acting with the authority of God. Both Jesus and Moses acted as a bridge between the people and God.

For us the scriptures are a bridge for God's truth, but so are the sacraments and the lived experience of the Church—what we call Tradition.

It is part of our responsibility as disciples of Jesus to learn from the scriptures, to listen attentively at Mass, to read scripture prayerfully for ourselves, and to learn more about the Bible through reading, studying, and learning with others.

Pastor's Notes**ŚWIĘTO OFIAROWANIE PAŃSKIEGO
2.II.2012r.**

Czterdziestego dnia po narodzeniu przyniesiono Dziecię Jezus do świątyni Jerozolimskiej, aby ofiarować Je Bogu. Starzec Symeon ofiarując Pana Jezusa, nazywa Go Światłością świata. Na tę właśnie pamiątkę obchodzimy Święto Ofiarowania Pańskiego. Dawniej obchodzone było jako święto Maryjne, zwane Świętem Oczyszczenia Najświętszej Maryi Panny, albo Świętem Matki Bożej Gromnicznej. Przyniesiona w ten dzień przez nas świeca jest symbolem Chrystusa, Światłości świata. Przypomina nam także ta świeca, że i my mamy być dla innych światłem prowadzącym do Chrystusa, że nasze czyny mają być czynami światłości.

Jakże wymowna jest symbolika gromnicy. Ma ona potrójne znaczenie:

- A) jest symbolem ludzkiego życia,
- B) jest symbolem ofiary,
- C) jest symbolem naszej wiary.

Kiedy świeca zostanie zapalona, zaczyna jej wtedy systematycznie ubywać. Podobnie jest z naszym życiem. Od momentu, w którym je otrzymaliśmy, naszych dni życia systematycznie ubywa. Z każdą godziną, z każdą sekundą życie nasze staje się coraz krótsze. Nikt z nas nie wie, ile dni mu jeszcze zostało. Trzymając świecę w ręku trzeba zapytać, co mam czynić, aby ten kawałek życia, jaki mi jeszcze pozostał dobrze wykorzystać, by nie trzeba było zmarnowanego życia żałować.

Świeca spala się kosztem samej siebie i dlatego od wieków utożsamiano ją z ofiarą. Między innymi dlatego zawsze płonie na ołtarzu podczas sprawowania Najświętszej Ofiary. W czwartek ta świeca postawi nam niejako pytanie: czy stać cię na ofiarę? Życie bowiem ciągle żąda od nas ofiary. Przynosząc świecę - gromnicę do poświęcenia, trzeba zapytać siebie, czy stać mnie na ofiarę?

Świeca, którą przynosisz w ten dzień do kościoła, zobowiązuje Cię, byś był „światłością świata”. Mamy być jak światło zapalone w ciemnym pokoju. Nasze życie ma być przykładne dla wierzących i niewierzących. Czy jednak tak się dzieje na codzień? Czy inni budują się Twoim dobrym przykładem? Czy masz czyste sumienie, że nikomu nie wyrządziłeś krzywdy? Czy jesteś światłem, za które inni są Ci wdzięczni, czy też tego Twojego światła wogóle nie widać?

Oto kilka spraw do przemyślenia z racji czwartkowego Święta Matki Bożej Gromnicznej.

-- ks. Idzi --

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (29)**

- 8:30 — +Deacon Edward Swiech
(Pastor & St. Priscilla Parishioners)
+Victor Szatkowski (Barbara Taschler)
- 10:30 — O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Antoniego Niemczyk
i Stanisława Ryczek (Polska Grupa)
O opiekę Matki Bożej i wszelkie łaski dla Casey
Czochara z racji urodzin
O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
w czyśćcu cierpiące
O wszelkie łaski Boże dla Magdy i Josh z racji I-szej
rocz. ślubu
O opiekę Matki Bożej a także podziękowanie za
otrzymane łaski dla Pawła Dziura i rodziny
O zdrowie i Bożą opiekę dla Mirki (Krystyna)

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Genowefa Wójcik
+Józef Tarasiuk (Przyjaciele z Harlem Deli)
+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)
+Tadeusz Łepkowski 19-ta rocz. śmierci (Rodzina)
+Bogusław Luberdia (Mama)
+Kazimierz Zwijacz
+Witolda Dąbrowska i Marian Dąbrowski 7-ma rocz.
śmierci
- 12:15 — +Patrick White 8th Death Anniversary (Una)
+Maria Słomiany (Antonina Kapusta)
+Agnes Kiraly (Daughter)
+Richard Jezierny 8th Death Anniv. (Wife & Family)
+Alina Zegarska 2nd Death Anniv. (Son)
- 6:00 — +Zofia Odachowska 10 miesięcy po śmierci (Rodzina)
+Katarzyna Piwowar (Fittin Family)
+Jan Chudyba 8-ma rocz. śmierci (Córka)

MONDAY (30) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Ann Lennarson (Family)
+James J. Keenan 39th Death Anniv. (Donna Herrity)

TUESDAY (31) Saint John Bosco, priest

- 8:00 — +Shirley Potempa (Friend)

WEDNESDAY (1) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Alejandra Pammat (Family)
8:30 — +Stanisław Cichy I-sza rocz. śmierci (Córki z rodz.)
+Jolanta Ortmann 3-cia rocz. śmierci (Stanisław)

THURSDAY (2) The Presentation of the Lord

- 8:00 — +Mary A. Manczak Birthday Remembrance
(Daniel G. Manczak Family)
+Arturo Belluomini Death Remembrance (Joy)
- 7:00 P.M. — +Helena i Lucjan Cackowski (Córka)
+Marian Maciąg (Adamowski)

FIRST FRIDAY (3) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Richard F. Manczak 8th Death Anniversary
(Daniel G. Manczak Family)
All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Barcebal Family)
- 7:00 P.M. — Polska Msza św.

FIRST SATURDAY (4) Weekday

- 8:00 — +Edward & Francise Kidzie
8:30 — O Boże bł., zdrowie i potrzebne łaski dla Doroty
z racji urodzin
4:00 — +Mary Ellen Jacobs (Hujar Family)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (5)

- 8:30 — +Ross Castronovo 12th Death Anniversary
(Wife Dorothy & Family)
+Victor Szatkowski (L. Bird & A. Lynch)
- 10:30 — O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Józefa
Kurzątkowskiego z racji urodzin (Polska Grupa)
O odnowienie miłości ku Bogu wśród młodzieży
i powołania do służby Bożej oraz za dusze
w czyśćcu cierpiące
W int. przyjaciół z podz. za ich modlitwy i otrzymane
łaski (Andrzej Plizga z rodziną)
O Boże bł. oraz podziękowanie za otrzymane łaski
dla Pawła Dziura i rodziny

O radość w wieczności dla:

- +Józef Tarasiuk (Przyjaciele z Harlem Deli)
+Feliksa Świerzbńska I-sza rocz. śmierci
(Córka z rodziną)
+Tadeusz 4-ta rocz. śmierci
(Lucyna, Mieczysław Święcińscy)
+Kazimierz Zwijacz 9 miesięcy po śmierci
+Stanisław Kusior
+Stanisława i Józef Franczyk 20-ta rocz. śmierci
+Maria Skrzek w 6-tą rocz. śmierci
+Helena Urban
- 12:15 —
6:00 — +Genowefa Wójcik (Syn z rodziną)
Dziękczynna Bogu z prośbą o szczególną opiekę
Matki Bożej dla rodz. Kojdów z dziećmi oraz
dla rodz. Lisicki

*Rest in Peace*

Joseph Martinelli
William Jakab

**January 15, 2011**

Currency	\$ 4,071.00
Checks	\$ 2,976.00
Loose Coin	\$ 6.43
Total	\$ 7,053.43
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date	\$280,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$197,677.88
Under Budget	\$<82,322.12>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.



Ninth Valentine's Day Dance

The Polish community from St. Priscilla is hosting its ninth annual Valentine's Day Dance,

which will be held on

*Saturday, February 11, 2012
at 7:00 PM in McGowan Hall.*

Music will be provided by the

"Biało-Czerwoni" band. The ticket price is \$15. Drinks and

food are not included in the price.

We hope to see you all there!



9-ta Zabawa Walentynkowa

Wspólnota polsko-języczna w parafii

św. Pryscyllii organizuje 9-tą Zabawę

Walentynkową, która odbędzie

się w dniu 11-go lutego br.

o godz. 7:00 wieczorem w hali

McGowan pod kościołem. Do

tańca będzie przygrywać

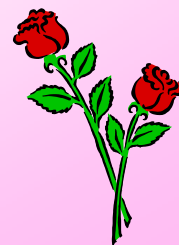
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Biało-Czerwoni.

Cena biletów \$15.

Bufet obficie zaopatrzony.

Do miłego zobaczenia!



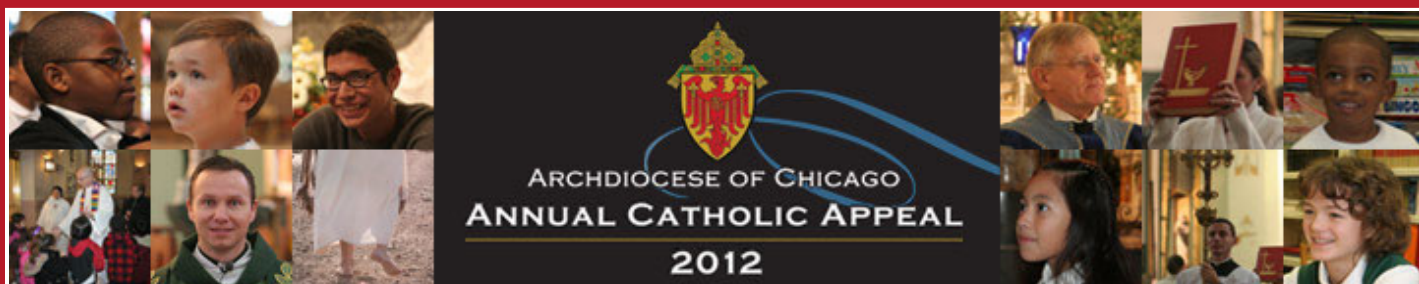
Pray for ...

George Adamick - Ann Aitken - Sandra Anderson - Joe Bargi - Lorraine Belokon - Dorothy Castronovo - Rosemary Cursio - Jan Drożdż - John Greco - Nick Grossmayer - Jennifer Hebda - Andrew Jennings - Carrie Kacen - Marie Kane - Janet Kaplan - LaVerne Kmiec - Giuseppe Lamanna - Dolores LaValle - Maria Lech - Peter Leyden - Mary Lund - Mary Lynch - Michael Manczko - Barbara McDonald - Mike Muka - Antoni Nierzejewski - Carol Niewinski - Catherine O'Brien - Henry Orry - Casimir Plicner - Mary Sanders - Augusto Sandoval - Norbert Schultz - Genowefa Solak - Mary Spiewak - Gina Swensen - Patricia Tyto - Roger Vlasos - Rose Wachs - Stanley Weislo - Jola Wolfe - Katie Young

If you have not yet done so and would like to have your name added to our Parish "Pray For..." list, please call the rectory at **773-545-8840 ext. 221**. Thank you!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY February 4th & February 5th

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 P.M.	SUNDAY 8:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 10:30 A.M.	SUNDAY 12:15 P.M.	SUNDAY 6:00 P.M.
LECTOR	Michelle Adamowski	Erlinda Villegas	Ryszard Koziar	Jim Miketta	Maria Raźniak
COMMENTATOR			Wacław Rzeszutek		Marian Raźniak
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	As scheduled	As scheduled	Teresa Koziar Roman Harmata	As scheduled	Ryszard Janusiak Maria Raźniak



2012 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL BEGINS!

Be imitators of Christ!

Thank you to all who have responded to the mailing from Cardinal George. We are still two weeks away from the in-pew request. If you received the mailing and have not responded, please take advantage of this time to do so.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the Archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help to other ministries here in our parish.

This year, the theme of the Appeal is: "Be imitators of Christ". We are all challenged to try to live our lives using the life of Christ as an example. Christ gave us the path to eternal life. His love for each of us cannot be taken lightly.

As we contemplate His gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude for these gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, of our Archdiocese and of the Church throughout the world is, in fact, one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please consider the materials that you will receive and give generously. Please note that when our parish reaches its goal in paid pledges, 100% of the additional funds received will be returned to us for use in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider making a significant pledge to the 2012 Annual Catholic Appeal.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

Friday, February 3, is the First Friday of the month.

Please remember to pray in a special way to the Blessed Sacrament. Also, please remember that we have all-day adoration beginning after the 8:00 A.M. Mass.

Prosimy pamiętać, że w najbliższy piątek jest Pierwszy Piątek miesiąca.

Zapraszamy wszystkich do naszej świątyni na adorację Najświętszego Sakramentu, oraz na Mszę św. o godz. 7-mej wieczorem.

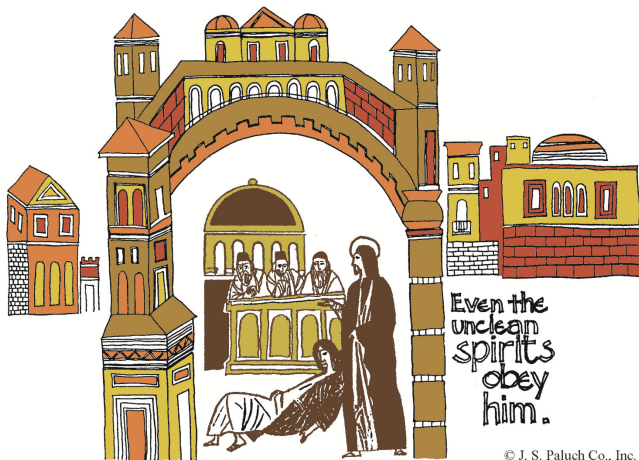


TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Forty days after Christmas, this week's ancient feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an extension of the shining days of Christ's coming into the depths of winter. This is the day when, for a thousand years, the Church has blessed a year's supply of candles. In many places, a procession forms outside the church. The core memory is of Simeon and Anna's meeting with the infant Jesus and his parents outside the temple on the fortieth day after the child's birth, and the delight of going to the table of the Lord for the Eucharist, a foretaste of our final meeting with Christ.

For some Christians, today is known as "The Meeting," suggesting not only the encounter in the temple, but also our assembly at the Lord's table and our longing for the kingdom. One story suggests that the commotion made by so many candle-bearing, hymn-singing faithful in the wintry fields of Germany on their joyful way to Mass stirred the badger from hibernation to examine this promise of springtime. The interrupted nap of the groundhog is amazingly linked to the light of Christ driving away the shadows of the world's darkness. This beautiful feast only rarely falls on a Sunday. What better reason could there be for candles at dinner tonight?

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NOT WITHOUT LOVE



The soul cannot live without love.



-St. Francis de Sales-



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St. Blaise Feast Day: Feb. 3

Many Catholics might remember Saint Blaise's feast day because of the Blessing of the Throats that took place on this day. Two candles are blessed, held slightly open, and pressed against the throat as the blessing is said. Saint Blaise's protection of those with throat troubles apparently comes from a

legend that a boy was brought to him who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. The boy was about to die when Saint Blaise healed him.

Very few facts are known about Saint Blaise. The legend of his life that sprang up in the eighth century tell us that he was born in to a rich and noble family who raised him as a Christian. After becoming a bishop, a new persecution of Christians began. He received a message from God to go into the hills to escape persecution. Men hunting in the mountains discovered a cave surrounded by wild animals who were sick. Among them Blaise walked unafraid, curing them of their illnesses. Recognizing Blaise as a bishop, they captured him to take him back for trial. On the way back, he talked a wolf into releasing a pig that belonged to a poor woman. When Blaise was sentenced to be starved to death, the woman, in gratitude, sneaked into the prison with food and candles. Finally Blaise was killed by the governor.

Blaise is the patron saint of wild animals because of his care for them and of those with throat maladies.

Who is a Parishioner?

There are many people who come to the rectory asking for a baptism or marriage or to sign a letter saying he or she is a parishioner. When this happens, our parish secretary checks if they are considered registered, and many times, they are not considered registered. So what makes a person a parishioner?

You are **not a parishioner** because your parents go here. You are not a parishioner because you went to school here. You are not a parishioner just because you come to Mass here!

Being a parishioner should be an easy process. You **simply have to come to the rectory and fill out a registration form**. You know you are a parishioner when envelopes are sent to you. It's that easy! No fee; no ID cards are required!

Being a parishioner means that you are committed and invested in this parish. It means that you commit to keeping the parish vibrant, which means investment of your time, talents, and treasures to the parish. The parish would not be the same without our parishioners who make a difference and form the parish.

Thank you for your dedication and devotion!