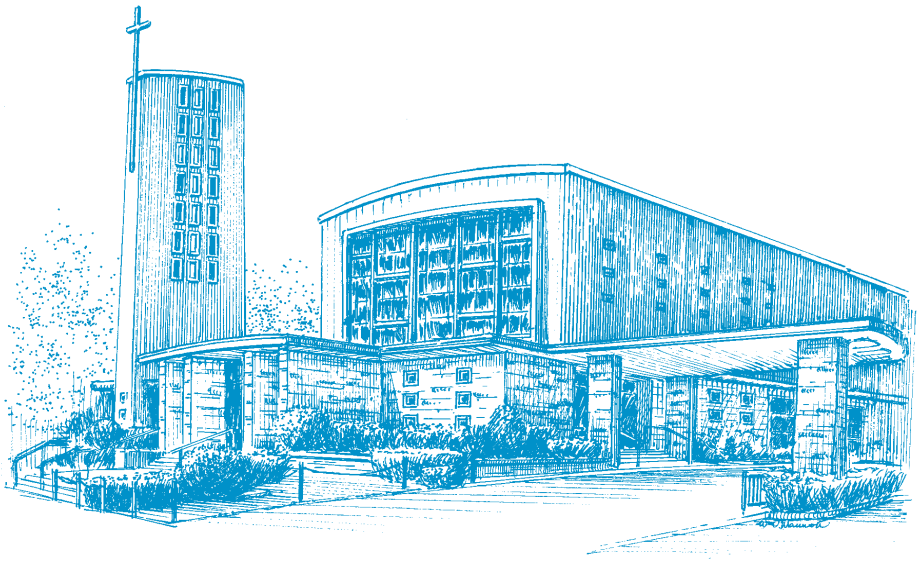
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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:
Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:
7:00 PM Vigil Mass, 6:30—8:00—11:00 AM (English)
9:00 AM—7:00 PM (Polish)

RITE OF RECONCILIATION:
(Confession) 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM, Saturday or by appointment.
Weekday Confession held at 7:00 to 7:15 AM.

PARISH REGISTRATION:
At the rectory during office hours.
Regular Office hours 9:00 AM to 8:00 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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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 27, 2008

All things work for good for those who love God.
— *Romans 8:28a*

Spiritual Reflection

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.

Dreams! From a very young age we can have some wonderful dreams. We might dream of being rich or powerful. We might consider being a professional athlete, a ballet dancer, the president, a mom or dad, even a priest or sister. As we become older, sometimes we devote lots of time and talent to realize our dreams. Other times they're just dreams. We really don't believe they'll come true. We continue to dream sometimes, but aren't really willing to put in the work that might bring them about.

What do we consider to be valuable? It's not uncommon to hear of someone who has worked very hard for a nice house and lots of possessions, and then doesn't have the time to devote to family and loved ones. It's common to talk with a parent whose dream had been to stay home with their children. Buying too many things can easily make that all but impossible. We're likely to invest in what we see as valuable. How tempting it is to look at what the world sees as being valuable and making great sacrifices to have those things.

How easy it is to be duped by the advertisers. We can find out that we don't have more or better friends because of the clothes we wear. We don't become more respected or glamorous because we smoke or drink. Expensive cars or real estate don't necessarily make us happier or more fulfilled either. As we try to satisfy our many hungers, we find that the things advertised to do that aren't very effective at all.

In this weekend's first reading, God tells Solomon he can ask for anything he wants. Solomon asks for understanding so that he can know what is right. God is pleased! In the Gospel we hear about a merchant who sells all he has to buy a really fine pearl. We might wonder if that pearl brought him the happiness and fulfillment he sought.

Life is short. Opportunities are many. How tempting it can be to work harder and harder in order to have the things others seem to want. How disappointing it is when those things don't satisfy. When people approach the ends of their lives they don't wish they had worked more hours. It's more common to think about lost opportunities to get to know their family members, children and friends, to give good quality time to those they love.

These Scriptures encourage us to consider what is really valuable. It might be a good week for us to take stock of those we love. Do we give them the time and attention they deserve? Do we set a good example for our children, grandchildren, sisters and brothers to follow? Do we invest in things that will last? This week we can consider our priorities. We can resolve to invest in things that last. There's still time. Have a good week!

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Pastor's Notes



Ukryty Skarb…

Jezus ponownie opowiada nam o swoim Królestwie przy pomocy przypowieści. Był to sposób, którym Jezus lubił się posługiwać. Podczas, gdy przypowieści z ubiegłej niedzieli przedstawiały jakie jest to Królestwo, jego strukturę i jego funkcje oraz jego wzrost—dzisiejsze przypowieści: o kupcu szukającym pereł oraz o rolniku, który znalazł skarb—przedstawiają w pierwszym rzędzie zachowanie człowieka wobec Królestwa.

Jezus proponuje ludziom, aby wybierali rzeczy lepsze. Co chce nam przekazać przy pomocy tych przypowieści? On przyszedł aby przynieść na ziemię Królestwo Niebieskie, to znaczy tę tajemniczą rzeczywistość, jaką jest prawda i życie Boże, ofiarowane ludziom. Rzeczywistość, która ma również widzialne i konkretne oblicze Kościoła założonego przez Niego samego. Rzeczywistość wreszcie, która na ziemi wzrasta dzięki wierze, nadziei i miłość. Królestwo niebieskie jest skarbem, a nawet jedynym skarbem, jedyną naprawdę ważną rzeczą. Do tego stopnia ważną, że kto go posiada, ma wszystko, mimo, że nie posiada nic więcej; kto zaś go nie posiada, nie ma nic, choćby nawet cały świat posidł: *"Cóż bowiem za korzyść odniesie człowiek, choćby cały świat zyskał, a na swej duszy poniósł szkodę"* (Mt. 16,26).—powiada Jezus, to znaczy jeśli nie wejdzie w posiadanie Królestwa niebieskiego?

Dla takiego skarbu nie tylko warto zrezygnować ze wszystkiego, co się posiada, ale też, jak mówi Jezus, poświęcić swoje własne życie, ponieważ, kto straci swe życie dla Królestwa Niebieskiego—znajdzie je. Tymczasem, kto chce je zachować, utraci je.

Królestwo Niebieskie jest więc tym skarbem jedynym, nieporównywalnym z niczym innym, choćby tylko dlatego, że człowiek znajduje w Nim swoje zbawienie, realizuje w Nim swoje przeznaczenie do życie wiecznego i wiecznej szczęśliwości. Kiedy niebo i ziemia przeminą, albo nawet jeszcze wcześniej, kiedy każdy z nas odejdzie z tego nieba, z tej ziemi i wszystko dla Niego się skończy, pozostanie wówczas tylko Królestwo Niebieskie, otwarte lub zamknięte dla Niego w zależności od wyboru, jakiego dokonał podczas życia.

Królestwo Niebieskie jest więc naprawdę skarbem, jedynym prawdziwym skarbem. Moment Komunii Świętej jest dla nas najlepszą okazją, by powiedzieć Jezusowi, że w Chrzcie świętym wybraliśmy właśnie Jego. Jest to moment, w którym Skarb przychodzi, by się w nas ukryć, abyśmy Go mogli w nas odnaleźć. -Ks. Idzi

Mass Intentions for the week

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (27)
7:30 — +Ferdinand Weiterschan (Weiterschan Voelker Family)
+Charles Willard (Grandchildren Stephanie, Hunter, Trenton & Chase)
9:00 — +Salvatore Desimone (family)
+George F. Kaplan (Janet Kaplan)
For the soul of Helen Labus & blessings for her family for their generosity (Ela)
In thanksgiving Evelyn Cademartrie
10:30— W intencji Ryszarda Koziar z racji urodzin (żona i dzieci)
O Boże bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Teresy i Ryszarda Koziar z racji 30tej rocz. ślubu (Dzieci)
O światłość wiecz. dla Victora Burzyńskiego (Rodzice)
+Jan i Balbina Wasilewski
+Władysław, Leopold, Edward, Kazimierz, Apolonia Trybułowska i Zofia Kulikowska
O wieczne szczęście w 1szą rocz. śm. dla Marianny Kądziołka (Rodzina)
O Boże bł. i opiekę Matki Bożej z okazji urodzin dla Jerzego
O szczęśliwe rozwiązanie dla córki Agnieszki i opiekę Matki Bożej
+Anna Kocoń 3-cią rocz. śmierci (syn z rodziną)
O Boże bł. i opiekę Matki Najświętszej dla Kamilka Kocoń w 2gą rocz. urodzin (Rodzice)
12:15— +Karol & Wiktoria Koziara
+Jan, Jozef, Antonina & Emilia Koziara
6:00 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla

MONDAY (28) Weekday
6:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla
8:00 — +Jean E. Motto Birthday Remem. (Daniel G. Manczak Fam)

TUESDAY (29) Martha
6:30 — All souls in purgatory
8:00 — +Peter E. Manczak Birth. Remem. (Daniel G. Manczak Fam)

WEDNESDAY (30) Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor
6:30 — +Bernice Hujar (Family)
8:00 — +Martin Cullen 8th Death Anniv. (Wife)

THURSDAY (31) Ignatius of Loyola, priest
6:30 — +Germaine Susin
8:00 — +George Werthes

FIRST FRIDAY (1) Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor
6:30 — +Joseph Murphy (S. Bridget)
8:00 — For all poor souls in purgatory (Barcebal Family)

FIRST SATURDAY (2) Weekday
8:00 — +Scott Metoyer 26th Death Anniv. (Mr. & Mrs. LaCour)
4:00 — Mr. & Mrs. James Voigt 33rd Wedding Anniversary
+Andrew Doppel (Mom and Dad)
+Raymond Miller (M/M M. Dorn)
+Ted Eberly (Maria Greco)
+David Kaiser (LoPiccolo Family)
+James Purcelli Birthday Remem. (Daughter)
+Donald Arnet Birthday Remem. (Wife)

EIGHTTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (3)
7:30 — +Stanley Lobojka (Family)
9:00 — +Slavatore Desimone (Family)
+Matthew Jaykowski Birthday Remem. (Wife & family)
+Germaine Susin
+Lucja Kokot (Family)
In thanksgiving Marian Henaghan
10:30— O wieczną radość dla Victora Burzyńskiego (Rodzice)
12:15— +Margaret Miketta Birthday Remem. (Jim Miketta)
6:00 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla



Leonard Wasielewski

WEDDING BANNS



If anyone knows of cause or just impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, they must contact the Pastor.

II. Dariusz Rusiecki & Anna Jagielnik
I. Arkadiusz Kryński & Aneta Marek
I. Gregory Chwal & Wioletta Sak

Jeśli ktoś wie o przeszkodach uniemożliwiających zawarcie Sakramentu Małżeństwa przez te osoby, prośimy o powiadomienie księdza proboszcza.



Kacper Donald Strzałka



July 20, 2008

Currency	**$ 4,718.00**
Checks	**$ 2,812.00**
Loose Coin	**$ 4.49**
Total	**$ 7,558.49**
Weekly Goal	**$ 10,000.00**
Budget Year to Date	**$520,000.00**
Collections Year to Date	**$438,660.14**
Under Budget	**$<81,339.86>**

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

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 check 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 (unless you are still in school). 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 paper**. 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!

BEZPŁATNY KURS KOMPUTEROWY

Zrzeszenie Amerykańsko Polskie
ogłasza zapisy na BEZPŁATNE kursy komputerowe dla początkujących.
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Główne zagadnienia kursu to:

- Zapoznanie z budową i obsługą komputera,
- Podstawowe funkcjie programu MS Word,
- Wprowadzenie do Internetu,
- Zakładanie i obsługa poczty elektronicznej.

Klasy odbywać się będą w weekendy oraz w dni tygodnia. Zajęcia prowadzone będą w języku polskim.

Rejestracja pod numerem telefonu: (773) 282-1122 wew. 418 i 422

Calling St. Priscilla School Alumni!

St. Priscilla School would like to keep alumni aware of its good news, events, and developments. Anyone who graduated prior to 2003 is urged to update contact information by calling the school office at (773) 685-3581, or logging on to the website at www.stpriscilla.org. Name and/or address changes keep classes connected and informed. Thank You!

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
August 2nd & 3rd

MINISTER(S)	SATURDAY 4:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:00 AM	SUNDAY 10:30 AM	SUNDAY 12:15 PM	SUNDAY 6:00 PM
CELEBRANT	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled
DEACON						
LECTOR	Katarzyna Cioch	Donna Chesna	Erlinda Villegas	As Scheduled	Jim Miketta	As Scheduled
COMMENTATOR				As Scheduled		As Scheduled
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Smith Vitullo Sulak	LoPiccolo Aquino	Cademartrie Kusmider Gale Senne	As Scheduled	Knight Miketta Brown Clancy	As Scheduled
ALTAR SERVERS	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled	As scheduled

Attention:
ALL PARISHIONERS
ARE WE WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR?
Do you regularly visit with us for Mass, devotions, sacraments, and other services?
Would you be interested in joining St. Priscilla as an usher?
If so, we encourage you to fill out this form and return it and we will call you!
THANK YOU!
Language is not a concern. Both English-speaking and Polish-speaking parishioners are invited to join!

SIGN UP FORM FOR NEW USHERS

NAME_____

PHONE NUMBER_____

ADDRESS_____

TIME & DAY OF MASS_____

CA$H FOR TRA$H

Attention: Our school needs your help!

Save your empty inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones—They have value!

Our school has found a company that will pay us ***CA$H*** for empty inkjet printer cartridges and old cell phones. They then recycle the cartridges and phones and sell them at significant savings to their customers.

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

- Inkjet cartridges and old cell phones can be collected from homes, parents' work, co-workers, and local businesses.
- Collected cartridges and phones should then be brought to a collection box at school in a plastic bag to prevent leakage.
- Cartridges and phones are shipped to our recycling company. (Free shipping is provided.)
- Our school earns $2.25 per inkjet cartridge or cell phone accepted.

Thanks for your support!



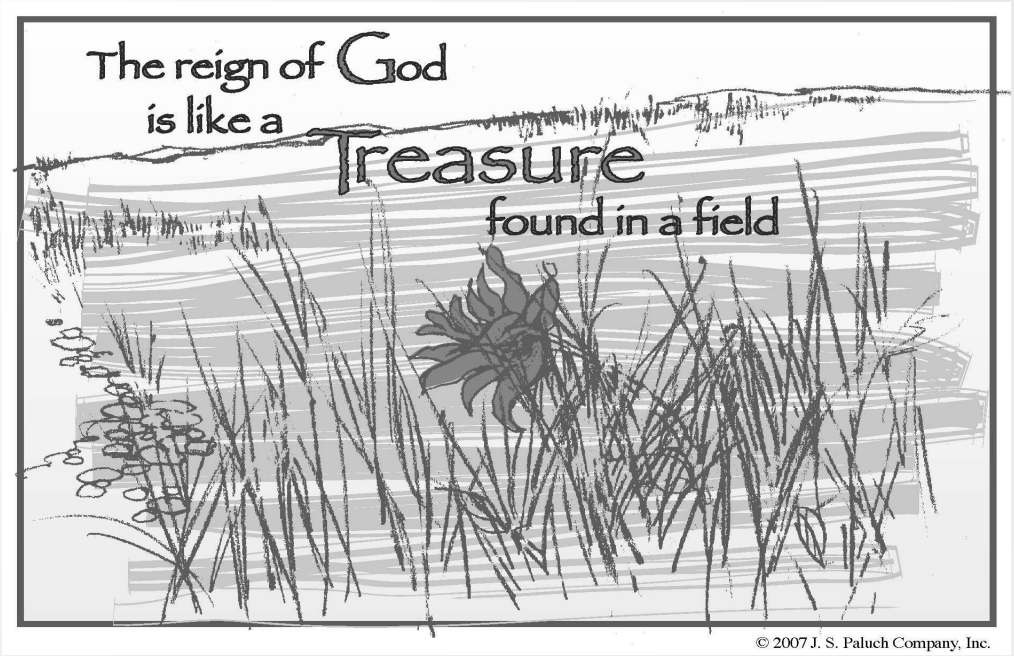
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If you know of any parish member, family member or friends who are homebound and in need of our prayer, we would like to add their names to our ***Pray for…*** list.

If you would like to be taken off of our ***Pray for…*** list because you are no longer sick, please contact the rectory at **773 545-8840**.

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Readings: 1 Kings 3:5, 7–12; Psalm 119:57, 72, 76–77, 127–130; Romans 8:28–30; Matthew 13:44–52 [44–46]



TREASURES AND PEARLS

The Gospel of Matthew continues with parables that hint at what the reign of God might be like. The first parable doesn't tell us what the man was doing digging in a field that was not his, but it doesn't matter. He stumbles upon a great treasure, and recognizing its value, gives up everything he has for it. The same is true of the pearl merchant. Pearls were very rare and expensive up until the twentieth century. They are found in oysters, deep in salt or fresh water, and divers, then without any air tanks, had to dive for them and collect many thousands of oysters to find good pearls. Enough beautiful, matched pearls for a necklace were a rare and expensive find. A single rare, large pearl was a king's ransom!

DIVING AND DRAGNETS

The image of the dragnet is a good one for our unconscious mind. Hidden there is everything we experience, good and bad, that influences us in our lives. Hidden there also is the Holy Spirit, at work sorting the good from the bad, the treasure from the dross, and freeing us to begin to know our deepest desires for God. Great saints like John of the Cross and Teresa of Ávila, both doctors of the Church, wrote about our deepest selves being the dwelling place of God. While our active minds prance around all kinds of ideas and distractions, our deepest selves dwell in wordless contemplation of God. To have this revealed to us is a great gift, a priceless treasure. Because the Holy Spirit is at work in us, purifying and drawing us closer, it does not mean we do nothing. We are given free will to seek God and to pay attention to these inner workings, as God strips away whatever impedes us. This is not always comfortable. When we willingly allow God to work in us, being attentive to what the Spirit is doing, we will find God. The treasure and the pearl are real. One was found by accident, the other by much searching. It doesn't matter which we use. If we are attentive, we will find God, for God waits to be found!

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