

st. priscilla church



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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.

Rectory: 6949 W. Addison, Chicago, IL 60634 773-545-8840

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES:

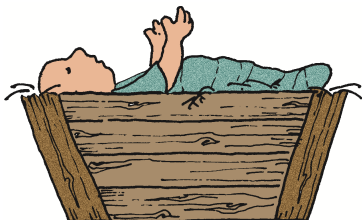
Saturday Evening: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 - 9:00 - 12:15 PM
Polish Mass: 10:30 AM - 6:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday-Friday: 6:30 & 8:00 AM
Saturday: 8:00 AM
Mass in Polish: Wednesday & Saturday 8:30 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES:

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



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 18, 2011

The child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35

IMPORTANT PASTOR'S LETTER REGARDING CHANGES

A few days ago, on December 2nd, I was paging through one of my Catholic magazines and I ran across an interview for the Vatican Radio with the President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco.

Among the interview responses, one read as follows: "People from all over are asking me for a priest. Simply put, I don't have any. We have to fall to our knees and mercifully beg the Good Lord for more vocations."

The vocation crisis which we are experiencing did not miss Italy. Having a priest in a parish has become a luxury according to Cardinal Bagnasco. In his opinion, the Church must count on the help of well prepared lay volunteers. In Italy, there are at least 200 thousand lay pastoral assistants helping out in nearly 26 thousand parishes. The Cardinal warns, however, that, of course, the priest still plays the most important role. The volunteers do help with the Holy Eucharist, and without the Eucharist there is no Church, as explained by Cardinal Bagnasco.

We can apply the words of Cardinal Bagnasco into our own backyard.

"We have to fall to our knees and mercifully beg the Good Lord for more vocations." This crisis has definitely not missed America, and most certainly has not missed our own parish, St. Priscilla.

An example that would help illustrate this would be a comparison of the number of priests who worked here 8 years ago and the number of priests who work here now. When I first began here in February of 2003 as an associate pastor, I was then the 6th priest. The situation has drastically changed, seeing as beginning January 2012, I will be the only priest still working at this parish. In the midst of these changes, there have also been changes to the responsibilities and services in the parish.

Our current associate pastor, Fr. Daniel, in accordance with an earlier agreement between the Archdiocese of Chicago and Bishop Nowak in Czestochowa, will be returning to Poland mid-January 2012 in order to continue his doctorate studies at the Catholic University in Lublin.

I foresaw that this situation would arise much earlier, and thus, I began applying for an associate pastor back

in March of 2011. Unfortunately, the response was not a positive one because of the lack of priests. I thought that by beginning early, we would have a better chance, but was sadly incorrect.

I discussed this situation at the last meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council on September 20th, where I informed the members of the need to shorten the hours of our rectory office, and also about changing some of our religious services, including changing some of our Mass times. My suggestion was unanimously approved by all the members of the Parish Pastoral Council.

These changes are as follows:

- rectory office hours were shortened. It is open now from 9 A.M. until 7 P.M., not until 9 P.M. as it used to.
- There will no longer be a daily 6:30 A.M. Mass. Masses will be daily at 8:00 A.M. in English and also in Polish at 8:30 A.M. on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.
- Masses on Sunday in English at 7:30 A.M. and 9:00 A.M. have been combined into one Mass which will be held at 8:30 A.M.

According to the October Count that was done at the Masses and sent to the Archdiocese in 2010 and 2011, the number of parishioners in attendance at the 7:30 A.M. Mass on Sundays was 136 in 2010 and 130 in 2011, whereas the number of parishioners in attendance at the 9:00 A.M. Mass on Sundays was 202 in 2010 and 228 in 2011.

Also, daily confessions will be moved to 7:45 A.M. during the week. The Mass times for other liturgies and special celebrations remain the same.

Last Friday, December 9th, I had my annual meeting about the parish with the Bishop of our Vicariate IV, Bishop John Manz, and also with our Dean, Rev. Robert Łojek. At this meeting, I presented my suggestions and the decision of the Parish Pastoral Council regarding the personnel situation at St. Priscilla and also regarding the changes to the Mass times.

After presenting our situation to them, both the Bishop and the Dean agreed to the proposed changes. They also expressed their concern that I, as the pastor, inform all the parishioners of these upcoming changes.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (18)**

7:30 — +Gabriel V. Aquino 2nd Death Anniversary (Family)

9:00 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #52

10:30— O łaskę zdrowia dla Pawła Dziura (Żona i Córka)

O opiekę Matki Bożej z podz. za otrzymane łaski
z racji urodzin dla Elżbiety i Wiesława
Mroczkowskich (Mama)**O radość w wieczności dla:**

+Czesław Białous (Żona i Córka)

+Genowefa Czechowicz 7-miesiący po śmierci
(Dzieci z Wnukami)

+Dariusz Lubas w dniu imienin (Mama)

+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)

+Krystyna Marcinkiewicz

+Maria Szomko

+Bożena Sołtys I-sza rocz. śmierci

+Marianna Zuterek (Rodzina)

+Krzysztof Klimek (Rodzina)

+Józef Tarasiuk (Przyjaciele z Harlem Deli)

12:15— +Marlene Klauba (Husband Bennet Klauba)

4:00 - 7:00 P.M. — Confession / Spowiedź Świąteczna

6:00 — O łaski potrzebne dla Jakuba

O radość w wieczności dla:

+Stanisław i Marian Wieczorek

+Maria Sadej

+Wiktoria Domek

+Maria i Wojciech Kusiak (Rodzina)

+Andrzej i Józef Lisowski (Rodzina)

+Tadeusz i Władysław Machala (Rodzina)

+Jan i Maria Pieniązek (Rodzina)

MONDAY (19) Late Advent Weekday

6:30 — +Joseph Gurdak (Family)

8:00 — +Katharina Weiterschan

(Voelker & Weiterschan Families)

TUESDAY (20) Late Advent Weekday

6:30 — For Health & Blessings for Gertruda Socha (Fr. Idzi)

8:00 — +Michael 15th Death Anniversary (Family)

WEDNESDAY (21) Late Advent Weekday

6:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla: #53

8:00 — +Pauline C. Gerber - Mother (Children)

8:30 — O Boże bł. i opiekę dla rodziny Sajdak z dziećmi

THURSDAY (22) Late Advent Weekday

6:30 — +Michele Cosentino (Wife)

8:00 — +Myra McGlynn (Family)

FRIDAY (23) Late Advent Weekday

6:30 — +Marian Burek (Wife & Children)

8:00 — +Harold & Leona Capoccia (Family)

SATURDAY (24) Late Advent Weekday/Vigil of Christmas

8:00 — +Margaret Miketta 32nd Death Anniv. (Jim Miketta)

8:30 — O Boże bł. dla Julii Zajac w I-szą rocz. urodzin

4:00 — +Louis & Florence Picchietti (Marilyn)

+John Kapka (Mr. & Mrs. R. Drzewiecki)

+Minnie Ceragioli (Joann)

+Charles Heck (D. Heck & Family)

9:30 — Polish Mass - Polska Msza św. - Za Parafian

12:00 A.M. — Midnight Mass - Parishioners of St. Priscilla

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (25)

7:30 — Parishioners of St. Priscilla

9:00 — Knights of Columbus Family & Friends

+Salvatore J. Serio (Wife Connie & Family)

+William Senne (Wife)

+Pauline Gerber-Mother (Pauline C. Gerber, Daughter)

+Pauline C. Gerber-Mother (Children)

+Jan Drzymala (Wife & Sons)

+Thomas Grossmayer Birthday Remembrance

(Nick Grossmayer & Family)

+Regina Wesołowska Birthday Remem. (Daniela)

+George Fliss (Fliss Family)

10:30— Podz. za otrzymane łaski z prośbą o zdrowie i Bożą
opiekę dla Pawła Dziura i jego rodziny**O radość w wieczności dla:**

+Marian Burek (Żona i Dzieci)

+Czesław Białous (Żona i Córka)

+Helena i Lucjan Cackowski (Córka)

+Hilary, Edward, Wiera i Krystyna Wilczewski
(Synowa)

+Ryszard Pedowski (Żona)

+Józef Kowalczyk 8 miesiący po śmierci (Żona)

+Kazimierz Zwijacz, Zofia i Jan Litwin

+Victor Burzyński (Rodzice)

+Genowefa Wójcik (Adamowski Family)

+Krystyna Marcinkiewicz

+Stanisława Idzikowski o dar nieba

+Maria Szomko

+Bolesław Pawełko (Żona)

+Wiesław Uniżycki

+Stanisław Palys

12:15— Blessings for Samolyk Family

+Tadeusz Samolyk (Family)

+Deacon Edward Swiech

(Pastor & St. Priscilla Parishioners)

2:00 — Za Parafian św. Priscylli

NIE MA MSZY ŚW. O GODZ. 6-TEJ!**December 4, 2011**

Currency	\$ 3,845.00
Checks	\$ 4,028.00
Loose Coin	\$ 4.55
Total	\$ 7,877.55
Weekly Goal	\$ 10,000.00
Budget Year to Date	\$230,000.00
Collections Year to Date	\$160,096.41
Under Budget	\$<69,903.59>

Thank you for your generosity and support of our Parish.

DECEMBER 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18. 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. Bilingual English & Polish Confession	19. 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Confession	20. 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Confession	21. 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Confession	22. 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Confession	23. 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Confession	24. CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 P.M. Family Mass 9:30 P.M. Polish Pasterka 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass
25. CHRISTMAS English Masses: 7:30, 9:00 A.M. 12:15 P.M. Polish Masses: 10:30 A.M. 2:00 P.M.	26. St. Stephen św. Szczepan English Masses: 6:30 A.M. 8:00 A.M. Polish Mass: 7:00 P.M.	27.	28.	29.	30.	31. 4:00 P.M. Bilingual Mass and Special Devotion (English/Polish)
1. NEW YEAR'S DAY English Masses: 7:30, 9:00 A.M. 12:15 P.M. Polish Masses: 10:30 A.M. 6:00 P.M.						

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My dear parishioners, as your pastor, I am fully aware that any change which brings something new to parishioners is received with joy.

On the other hand, changes which don't add anything, but rather take away what we may be used to are accepted with very little enthusiasm, and even with scorn and disappointment.

In this place, I would like to sincerely apologize to all parishioners who have made it their ritual to attend daily Mass at 6:30 A.M. With a deep understanding for them, I invite them to join us at the 8:00 A.M. Mass beginning next year.

Also, to those parishioners who have been attending 7:30 and 9:00 A.M. Masses, please show understanding when you have to reschedule your usual Sunday plan to now join us at 8:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday mornings.

These are simply the realities of our times that touch us all in this matter. I ask you all to keep me in your prayers, so that I may physically and spiritually fulfilled all responsibilities that lie before me. I need your prayers and cooperation more than any complaints or misunderstandings.

Let me once more quote the words mentioned at the beginning of this speech, which were said by Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco: " People from all over are asking me for a priest. Simply put, I don't have any. We have to fall to our knees and mercifully beg the Good Lord for more vocations."

And in this manner, I encourage you all to pray intensely for numerous good vocations for priests and religious, so that we will always have Ministers of the Divine Mystery everywhere in the world - but also here at St. Priscilla.

Your pastor: Rev. Idzi Stacherczak

CHRISTMAS RITUAL FOR THE CHRISTMAS EVE (VIGIL) SUPPER

LEADER: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. At this most solemn moment, let us praise God, our Father, for that holy night which we now commemorate, in which His Son, Jesus Christ, was born of the Virgin Mary. Let us relive that blessed happening as narrated in the Gospel.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE (2, 1-14)

In those days a decree was sent out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were struck with great fear. The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you; you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST!

COMMUNAL PRAYER

LEADER: Christ, who came from heaven for our salvation, we now beseech: Lord, fill us with your love and peace.

ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND PEACE.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, bestow on our family the gifts of love, harmony, and peace.

ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND PEACE.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, bestow joy and happiness also on our neighbors, friends, and relatives.

ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND PEACE.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, bring joy to all the abandoned, lonely, sick and unhappy people and strengthen them with the Good News of Salvation.

ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND PEACE.

LEADER: Lord Jesus, grant eternal rest to all our departed relatives, acquaintances, and those near and dear to us (you may mention names).

ALL: LORD, FILL US WITH YOUR LOVE AND PEACE.

LEADER: Filled with gratitude that the Son of God became man so that we could become children of God, let us call out to God in the words of the Lord's Prayer: OUR FATHER...

LEADER: Almighty, eternal God, through the coming of your only begotten son you manifested yourself in a new light. Grant that your son, who by being born of the virgin took upon himself our human nature, may have us participate in the Kingdom of His grace. Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. AMEN.

SINGING OF A CAROL: e.g. "Silent Night"

SHARING OF THE CHRISTMAS WAFER (OPŁATEK)

SINGING OF CAROLS

HANDING OUT OF PRESENTS

FINAL PRAYER: Hail Mary

WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

CHRZEŚCIJAŃSKI OBRZĘD WIECZERZY WIGILIJNEJ

PROWADZĄCY: W imię Ojca i Syna i Ducha Świętego. Amen. W tej uroczystej chwili wychwalajmy Boga, naszego Ojca, za świętą noc, którą teraz wspominamy, a w której Jego Syn Jezus Chrystus narodził się z Maryji Dziewicy. Przeżyjmy tamto wydarzenie o p i s a n e w Ewangelii.

SŁOWA EWANGELII WEDŁUG ŚWIĘTEGO LUKASZA (2, 1-14)

W owym czasie wyszło rozporządzenie Cezara Augusta, żeby przeprowadzić spis ludności w całym państwie. Pierwszy ten spis odbył się wówczas, gdy wielkorządcą Syrii był Kwiryniusz. Wybierali się więc wszyscy, aby się dać zapisać, każdy do swojego miasta. Udał się także Józef z Galilei do Judei, do miasta Dawidowego zwanego Betlejem, ponieważ pochodził z domu i rodu Dawida, żeby się dać zapisać z poślubioną sobie Maryją, która była brzemienna.

Kiedy tam przebywali, nadszedł dla Maryji czas rozwiązania. Porodziła swego pierworodnego Syna, owinęła Go w pieluszki i położyła w żłobie, gdyż nie było dla nich miejsca w gospodzie.

W tej samej okolicy przebywali w polu pasterze i trzymali straż nocną nad swoim stadem. Naraz stanął przy nich Anioł Pański i chwala Pańska zewsząd ich oświeciła tak, że się bardzo przestraszyli. Lecz anioł rzekł do nich: "Nie bójcie się! Oto zwiastuję wam radość wielką, która będzie udziałem całego narodu: dziś w mieście Dawida narodził się wam Zbawiciel, którym jest Mesjasz, Pan. A to będzie znakiem dla Was: znajdziecie niemowlę owinięte w pieluszki i leżące w żłobie."

I nagle przyłączyło się do anioła mnóstwo zastępów niebieskich, które wielbiły Boga słowami: "Chwała Bogu na wysokościach, a na ziemi pokój ludziom dobrej woli."

OTO SŁOWO PAŃSKIE.

WSZYSCY: CHWAŁA TOBIE CHRYSSTE!

WSPÓLNA MODLITWA

PROWADZĄCY: Chrystusa, który przyszedł na świat, aby nas zbawić, prosimy słowami: Obdarz nas miłością i pokojem.

WSZYSCY: OBDARZ NAS MIŁOŚCIĄ I POKOJEM.

PROWADZĄCY: Panie Jezu udziel naszej rodzinie daru miłości, zgody i pokoju.

WSZYSCY: OBDARZ NAS MIŁOŚCIĄ I POKOJEM.

PROWADZĄCY: Panie Jezu obdarz szczęściem i radością także naszych sąsiadów, przyjaciół i znajomych.

WSZYSCY: OBDARZ NAS MIŁOŚCIĄ I POKOJEM.

PROWADZĄCY: Panie Jezu, pociesz i umocnij Dobrą Nowinę o Zbawieniu wszystkich opuszczonych, samotnych, chorych i nieszczęśliwych.

WSZYSCY: OBDARZ NAS MIŁOŚCIĄ I POKOJEM.

PROWADZĄCY: Panie Jezu obdarz wiecznym szczęściem naszych zmarłych krewnych, bliskich i znajomych (można wymienić ich imiona).

WSZYSCY: OBDARZ NAS MIŁOŚCIĄ I POKOJEM.

PROWADZĄCY: Pelni wdzięczności za to, że Syn Boży stał się człowiekiem, abyśmy mogli stać się dziećmi Bożymi, wołajmy do Boga słowami Modlitwy Pańskiej: OJCZE NASZ...

PROWADZĄCY: Wszechmogący, wieczny Boże, Ty przez przyjście Twojego Jednorodzonego Syna ukazałeś się w nowym blasku, spraw, niech Twój Syn, który rodząc się z Dziewicy stał się uczestnikiem naszego człowieczeństwa, da nam udział w Królestwie swojej łaski. Który z Tobą żyje i króluje w jedności Ducha Świętego, Bóg przez wszystkie wieki wieków. AMEN.

ŚPIEW KOLEDY: "Gdy się Chrystus Rodzi" (lub innej)

DZIELENIE SIĘ OPLATKIEM

ŚPIEW KOLED

WYMIANA PREZENTÓW

MODLITWA NA ZAKOŃCZENIE: Zdrowaś Maryjo

Życzymy Wszystkim radosnej Wigilii oraz wesołych Świąt Bożego Narodzenia!