

St. Priscilla—Feast day January 16th

Who is Priscilla?

There are apparently three saints known as Priscilla, though between them the legends and details can be sketchy and confusing.



Our patroness, St. Priscilla, a martyr of Rome is listed on Catholic Online. She was the wife of one Manius Acilius Glabrio, who was put to death probably because his wife was a Christian. She was the mother of a Roman senator, St Prudens. Tradition has it that, like her namesake from Acts of the Apostles, her home was used for church activities, in this case, as a headquarters for Peter's work in Rome. To this day there is a catacomb beneath where she lived that is named after her.

The second and probably best known St. Priscilla, was one of the earliest of saints, is actually mentioned in the Bible, not once, but several times. Her name sometimes appears as Prisca, but since she is always mentioned with her husband, Aquila, we can be sure it is her. She and her husband were friends of St. Paul.

Priscilla and Aquila first met Paul in Corinth, Greece. There were Jews who lived in Rome until Emperor Claudius expelled the Jews from there in about 40 AD. Aquila was a native of a place called Pontus, in today's northern Turkey. Paul stayed with Priscilla and Aquila in Corinth because, like him, they were tentmakers. (Acts 18:1-3).

A third century virgin martyr, St. Prisca, is also called Priscilla. Little is known about her except that it is believed she was martyred and buried in the catacomb of Priscilla. A Roman basilica on Aventine Hill in Italy is dedicated to her.

So in our prayers we can thank St(s) Priscilla, the patron Saint(s) of our parish, for work they did and the courage they had to keep Peter, Paul and other Christians active in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus. We can also look to their example of working quietly in the background to further the cause of the Church, for while Sts. Peter and Paul receive most of the acclaim, God knows that they had Saints called Priscilla working quietly, courageously and effectively in important supporting roles and that ultimately, He Himself rewarded them with sainthood, with the vision of His own glory in heaven.

-courtesy Ron Vader

Welcome!



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St. Priscilla Parish Family

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. We invite people from all cultures and walks of life to join us in our faith journey.

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Where and when to find us.

19120 Purlingbrook Road
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www.saintpriscilla.org

Parish Office **248-476-4700**
Religious Ed. Office **248-476-4702**
Office Fax **248-476-7831**

MASS SCHEDULE
SATURDAY - 4:30 PM
SUNDAY - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM
MON., TUES., WED., FRIDAY-8 AM
THURSDAY-7PM
HOLIDAY 9 AM & 7PM

OFFICE HOURS
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday—8:30AM-4:30PM
Thursday 8:30 AM-7:00 PM
Friday – 8:30AM-12:30PM (SUMMER-CLOSED)

Meet our pastor and parish staff:

PASTOR

Fr. Theodore D'Cunha SAC.
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G.I.F.T.

Growing In Faith Together is a parish wide inter-generational faith formation program. Sessions are held throughout the year on Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons; you may attend either one. For more information, please contact Christine at 248-476-4702 or Christine@saintpriscilla.org.

2011/2012 Dates coming soon

FEATURED UPCOMING EVENTS

Hospitality and refreshments. Join us every 3rd weekend of the month for parish hospitality. Come and meet the 'family'.

Adoration

Every Monday beginning after 8AM Mass and running until benediction at 8:30 PM

First Friday Adoration-7pm-First Friday of every month.

Anointing of the Sick - Once a month in the chapel immediately following the mass. Call the office for specific dates.

Novena to our Mother of Perpetual Help-every Tuesday after 8AM Mass.

July 31st, 2011-Parish Picnic--11AM Outside Mass followed by fun, food, games, entertainment until 5pm. All are welcome! You can become an active participant too-Sign-up and get involved.

September 8, 2011-Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 PM Mass and reception

September 12, 2011-Faith Formation classes begin.

October 16, 2011-50th Anniversary Mass and reception
11:00 AM Closing mass and celebration. Archbishop Allen Vigneron will be the main celebrant. Reception to follow at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus Hall on Farmington Road. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office in September. (Parish member discounts available)

RCIA Team
(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Mentors for those interested in becoming Catholic and a part of St. Priscilla family. Call Deacon Bob @ 248-476-4700..

Faith Formation

Students grade 1-8; class options on Wednesday or Thursday. Preschool/Kindergarten - Sundays. Call Christine Depowski @248-476-4702.

Sacristans

Set-up/clean up for daily mass & funerals

Sacred Linen Care

Volunteers who launder the altar linens, corporals and purificators used at Mass. Rotating schedule.

Sew Simple Outreach

Volunteers who sew at home/at church making clothing for the children of Haiti. Meet every Monday 1pm.

Social Committee

Meets the 1st Monday of the month at 7 PM. Group providing activities and events to encourage parish interaction. Call Lee Curtis @ 248-477-3424

Stewardship Commission

Meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7PM. Concerned with the effective utilization of Parish resources, the budget and Church support.

St. Vincent de Paul

Outreach program to assist anyone within the parish boundaries who may need food, rent or utility assistance in an emergency situation.

Ushers

Confirmed men, women, young adults who meet, greet and serve during Mass times. Call Lee Curtis @ 248-477-3424

Wake Ministry

Lay members called to facilitate a scripture service or rosary at the funeral home for families of deceased members.

Wedding Coordinators

Volunteers who walk wedding couple through their rehearsal and assist on the Wedding day with any last minute problems. Assigned as needed.

WINGS

Support group for anyone winging through life 'solo' (single, widowed, divorced) are welcome to join. Meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6PM. Call Janet Hicks @ 313-531-9119.

Women of Faith

Women's Prayer Group that gathers the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of every month for a communion service & faith sharing. Call Monica Nelson @ 734-261-0753.

Worship Commission

Meets the 2nd Monday of the Month at 7PM. Members involved in every aspect of liturgical events. Contact Gene Tatro @ 248-408-0512.

Parish Council Members

Rev. Theodore D'Cunha SAC	248-476-4700
Deacon Robert Fitzgerald	248-476-4700
Mark Yokom (President)	313-538-7823
Lee Flaherty (Vice-chair)	248-471-4649
Mark Tuttle (Secretary)	734-522-3559

Members at-Large

Diane Froman	248-477-7689
Todd McLeay	313-533-3604
Mary Pugliese	734-420-2876
Cathy Kevra	734-421-7243
Connie Lark	734-591-3743
Jim Kennedy	248-478-5531

Sacraments

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated the 4th Sunday of the month.
Please call the office to register for the Baptism preparation class.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3:00 PM

SICK CALLS

Arrangements made by notifying Parish Office.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Available in the chapel the first weekend of each month.

WEDDINGS

Please contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

First Eucharist

Celebrated the first weekend in May. Contact the Faith Formation Office to have your child prepared.

Confirmation

Celebrated with the 8th grade students each year. Contact the Faith Formation Office regarding preparation.

Family; *Where two or three are gathered in my name.....* *Matthew 18:20*

As in any family, there are responsibilities and opportunities for all to share their time and talents. If you would like more information about any of our parish groups or would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office or the contact number listed under the specific group.

Adult Altar Server	Adults assisting during daily Masses or Funerals.
Altar Server	Students who have made their First Communion and older—assisting during masses. Call Sara Hilton @ 313-268-8629.
Art & Environment Committee	Committee creates and implements seasonal and liturgical decorations.
Adult Bible Study	Tuesday Mornings/Thursday Evenings.
Bingo (Progressive)	Tuesday evenings-6:30 PM in the Activity Center. Volunteers needed to work at Bingo and in the Bingo kitchen. Only major parish fundraiser. All adults are welcome to play. Call 248-476-4700.
Catechists and Aides	Confirmed parishioners who wish to pass on their faith to our children. Call 248-476-4702.
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Share the word of God with our Little People on Sundays 11:00 AM.
Choir	Enrich liturgical participation by encouraging song. Practice Wednesdays. Call 248-476-4700 .
Christian Service Commission	Commission that 'umbrellas' all parish outreach programs. Meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Call Donna DelFavero @ 734-261-4577
Clerical & Office Support	Assist Parish Secretary and Faith Formation Office with large mailings and processing GIFT take home bags. Call Mary Jo Lafer @ 248-476-4700 or Christine Depowski @ 248-476-4702.
CSA Committee	Process Catholic Services Appeal; mailings and returns. Call Mary Jo Lafer@ 248-476-4700.
The EDGE	Catholic Middle School experience; grades 6-7-8, Thursday nights; 6:45-8:45. Contact Tim Flaherty @248-476-4700 x 442.
Eucharistic Home Visitors	Eucharistic Ministers who take communion to the Homebound, hospitalized and those in nursing homes. Flexible schedule. Call Kay Kermod @ 248-476-4700 x 225
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EME's)	Distribute communion at Mass. Schedule varies. Call Esther Strohmer @ 248-380-6572

Faith & Friendship	Bible study for mentally impaired adults. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month.
50+ Club	Senior group, age 50 or over, that meet the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12:30PM for social gathering.
Funeral Luncheon	Prepare, coordinate and/or serve funeral luncheons as needed by parish members.
G.I.F.T. Program	Growing in Faith Together - intergenerational faith formation program. Many areas of involvement available. Call 248-476-4702.
Gardeners	"Green thumb" volunteers who take care of the flower beds. Seasonal work. Call Sam Atherton @248-476-4700 x 664
Handmaids	Those who maintain the House of the Lord. Usually Friday AM; light dusting and clean up of the Church and common areas. Call Marge Kelley @ 734-451-0463. Rotating schedule.
Hospitality	3rd Sunday of each month after Mass. Refreshment and cordiality provided. Opportunity for registration, parish nurses take blood pressures/questions. Bakers needed for Saturdays.
Knights of Columbus	Men's fraternity group. Meet the 2nd Sunday of the month at 7pm at the parish office Call the Grand Knight, Glen Graham @ 248-477-0160.
Lectors	Prepare and read the 'Word of God' at weekend liturgies. Booklet provided. Call Lou Barrett @ 248-477-7741.
Life Teen-High School Youth	High school teens are invited to meet on Thursday nights from 6:45-8:45pm. Join us for fun, food, friendship & faith. Call 248-476-4702.
Life Teen Core Team	Adult leadership team to help lead teens closer to Christ. Call 248-476-4702.
Men's Fellowship	Men's prayer group gathers the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month in the chapel for prayer, communion service, sharing and fellowship. Contact Jim Kennedy http://groups.yahoo.com/group/stpriscilla_cmf/
Musicians	Musically inspired individuals who share their gift in song or instrument. Call 248-476-4700
Visiting Support Ministry	Volunteers who visit parish members who are homebound, hospitalized or living in nursing homes. Call Kay Kermod @248-476-4700 x 225.
Parish Nurses	Licensed nurses (parish members) who volunteer as Health Educators, counselors, referral agents and health advocates for the parish. Call Kay Kermod @ 248-476-4700 x 225.
Parish Pastoral Council	Meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7PM. Members at large are selected from the parish to serve a 3 year term. Members assist the pastor in setting the goals and objectives