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St. Priscilla Family

NEWSLETTER

Welcome to St. Priscilla's Fr. Jim McNulty



I would like to start by saying how happy I am to be appointed pastor of St. Priscilla Parish. This will be my first assignment as pastor, and I am looking forward to all the joys and the challenges that I am sure this will bring. The official start date for my assignment is July 1, 2005. My assignment as temporary administrator of St. Agatha Parish will continue until August 28th. Therefore, the next couple of months will be a time of transition for me, and I ask for your patience during the transition.

This is a difficult time for the people of St. Agatha Parish. During the past year our grade school closed, our high school closed, and our Pastor, Fr. Jim Livingston took a leave of absence. The parish closing is the fourth major loss for the people of the parish within the past year. I have decided that my presence is needed at St. Agatha Parish until August 28th. Therefore, I will not be moving to St. Priscilla until after that date.

I understand that St. Priscilla Parish is suffering a loss of their own. I know you will miss Fr. Ray. We must hold him in prayer as he begins his assignment in Afghanistan. It takes a man of great courage and dedication to the People of God to accept such an assignment. His ministry is greatly needed in Afghanistan, but his presence here will be missed. Fr. Paul has graciously agreed to remain at St. Priscilla Parish to help us out during my transition. You will be seeing a lot of him on weekends over the next couple of months. Fr. John Wheeler will also continue to help out on weekends. A big thank you in advance to both of them!

I have already met with St. Priscilla Parish Council and staff, and I am very impressed already. The Parish council presented me with a list of 14 ideas on ways to welcome parishioners from St. Agatha to St. Priscilla Parish. Since St. Agatha Parish closed as opposed to merging with another parish, it is up to each parishioner to choose the parish they will join. Many of the parishioners of St. Agatha have told me that they plan to join St. Priscilla Parish. I am delighted to hear this, as I am confident that you will make them feel welcome. St. Priscilla can be a place of healing for the people of St. Agatha.

Love and Peace,
Fr. Jim

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ANNUAL PICNIC July 31

It's the "Good old summer time" and our annual picnic takes place at the end of this month! We are planning to make this year's picnic really special and we could use a few good hands to help us out. Mark your calendars and check your schedules to make sure you and your family can participate in a fun time for young and old alike. If you can help us in any way: run games, bake cakes, set up, etc. please call Nancy Giordano at 248-426-9569 or Pat & Virginia Barill at 248-471-6714.

In case it rains the picnic will be postponed one week.

The Social Committee