

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church

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September 16, 2007

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can hear God speaking to us today in the words of the father to his elder son: "You are with me always, and everything I have is yours." What is my response to such remarkable generosity? Do I give joyfully and generously as God gives to me? (See Luke 15:21)

Annual Stewardship Drive to take place during the month of September — Please consider sharing your time, talent & treasure in gratitude for the many blessings God has provided. Review the updated brochure of ministries/activities to help you determine where you may be called to serve. Fill out the commitment form to become eligible to win a prize in the drawings to be held on Saturday 22nd at a 6pm soup supper or join us for a pancake breakfast on Sunday 23rd after both Masses. "We have gifts that differ according to the favor bestowed on each of us." *Romans 12:6-8*

Hospice of the Central will be having it's annual volunteer training, starting the third Monday of October. We will be doing twenty hours of training, which will teach the volunteers hospice history, grief in the work place, stress management, trip to the funeral home, understanding the bereavement process, communication skills, family dynamics, spirituality, understanding terminal diseases, and signs and symptoms of approaching death. Call 262-0453 to register or for info.

Thank you to Althea Urinko and all who helped with the garage sale — \$1,324.25 was added to the funds for the rectory renovations due to your efforts!

Raffle Tickets are still available for the global solidarity efforts. See Scott Earsly or Kathryn Dunagan after Masses. The drawing for this raffle will be held at Our Lady of the Angels church on Wed. Sept. 26 at 6:30. There will be a potluck/pig roast and karaoke.

High School Students interested in learning about a Challenge meditative prayer group for teens are invited to an informational meeting with Janet in O'Neill Hall after the 11:30 Mass. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information, please call 262-7313.

There will be no Children's Play Group for the rest of September. We are trying to re-do the schedule to accommodate more people. If you would like to come play with us and have a schedule idea please let us know. If you have any questions please call Heather Stockton 260-6581 or heatherlynnns2003@yahoo.com.

STAR training, required by Archdiocese for anyone working with children in Faith Formation Class or youth Ministry — will be here @ O'Neill Hall, **Wednesday October 10th, 7-8:30pm**; I would strongly encourage **parents** to attend as well. For more info, Marlys 262-8830 or 262-5542.

Fr. Tero will kick off the Theology on Tap season with the talk "The Church in Alaska from 1779—Present Day". On September 21st, Friday, at Paradiso's Restaurant in Kenai, doors will open at 6:30 for dinner (optional) and the talk will begin at 7:00pm. Come for a drink, share a meal or just come to listen. Please call Kris Viens at 776-7693 with questions and to help us know how many might want to eat so I can tell the restaurant. No RSVP is required.

SCRIP: This month is Sweeney's 19th anniversary and they are having great sales on Columbia, Helly Hanson and more. And the best part is that we have SCRIP gift certificates available to purchase so you don't miss out on this great sale. Mike gives the parish 5% of the gift card amount back to OLPH. So stop by the SCRIP table and see what you are missing.

The Summer Cold Stone Creamery SCRIP event has ended and we wanted to congratulate all of the winners and thank all of the parishioners who participated. We have raised \$14,000 so far this year and have only \$6,000 left for our goal of \$20,000. Thank you all for your continued support. Together We can do it. Stay tuned for more great SCRIP ideas!!!!

There will be a SCRIP volunteer meeting on Thurs. Sept. 20th from 6:30-7:30 in the Church Community room. We are in need of volunteers to work on a rotating schedule and to help prepare for the holiday season. If you cannot attend but would like to help with the SCRIP program please call Lauri Kapp 262-6655.

Saturday, September 22, 2007	Sunday, September 23, 2007
5:00pm	9:00am
	11:30am
President: Fr. Tero	

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sue Dukowitz	Margaret Sill	Shirley Aleckson
Rick Dukowitz	Alyson Stogsdill	Karen Evans
*Cheryl Hammarstrom	*Jim Stogsdill	Marylou Nushart
Steve Hammarstrom	Lauri Stopes	*Lynn Senette
	David Stopes	Marguerite McIntosh

*NOTE: When Sister Joyce presides, only 1 EM is needed, shown by an **

Lectors:

1st reading: Carolyn Cannava	1st reading: George Holly	1st reading: Charlie Miller
2^{ns} reading: Monty Murray	2nd reading: Barbara O'Lena	2^{ns} reading: Jean Kudyba

Altar Servers:

Please check the bulletin board

Mop & Bucket: 9/17-9/22: The Art Snell family

Collection Counters 9/23: Myrna & Pat Cowan

Calendar for September 17— September 23, 2007

September 17, Monday: There will be no Mass today

September 18, Tuesday: There will be no Mass today
St. Vincent dePaul meets, 5:30pm, O'Neill Hall

September 19, Wednesday: Noon Mass
Choir practice, 4pm

September 20, Thursday: Noon Mass
Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon Mass and is continuous until tomorrow before noon Mass
Pastoral Council meets, 6:30pm, O'Neill Hall

September 21, Friday: Noon Mass
Eucharistic Adoration continues from yesterday, ending before noon Mass

September 22, Saturday: Mass, 5pm
Reconciliation, 4:00pm

September 23, Sunday: 9am and 11:30am Masses

Liturgical Ministries Gathering:

An evening of gathering with those involved in the ministries of lector/Eucharistic minister and an opportunity for a refresher course on the ministry:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, AT O'NEILL HALL

5:30-6:00pm Gathering in the Hall

6:00pm-6:45pm Potluck: Bring your favorite dish presentation

6:45pm-7:30pm: Required refresher courses for all involved in the ministries.

7:45pm-8pm: Closing Prayer Service.

Pizza & Beer (Rootbeer!) Party

Youth - 6th Grade through 12th Grade

Parents of Youth - Grade through 12th Grade

Pizza, Rootbeer, and YOUR IDEAS!!!

Come make OLPH Youth Ministry become Your Youth Ministry!

Look for your invitations in the mail...or just RSVP!

Sunday, September 23

6:00 – 8:00 pm

O'Neill Hall

Call Barbara Schaeffbauer @ 262-3981

or email Schaeffbauer@acsalaska.net for more information.

Please share your ideas even if you cannot make the party!

Call or email Barbara for more information.