

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am
First Sunday of month, Youth Ministry 5pm

WEEKDAY LITURGY: Monday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 11:00 – 11:45am
Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick: Available during the Sunday masses, or as needed.

Sacrament of Baptism: for children – Parents Prep class required. Call Marlys for reservations.
Best done prior to birth. Next class April 21st at 7pm, call to register.
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA

Sacrament of Marriage: 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

Pastoral Council: meets the 3rd Thursday of each month (usually)

Prayer Chain: pjham@att.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator: Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponset@acsalaska.net



Christ Is Risen

The Resurrection of Jesus is the central event of all human history. At that moment, the Risen Jesus took away the fear and finality of death. In its place, Jesus gave us hope that could never be put to death. He gave us a new vision for life. He abolished the threat of darkness and final destruction. Jesus Christ is risen and is with us even at this very moment.

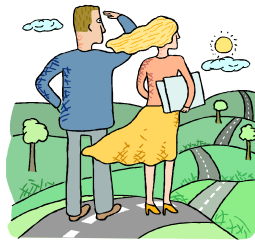
And he gives us the promise that we will become like he is --- filled with life that will never come to an end. It's almost too much to take in, isn't it? Life that will never end. But that is precisely what the promise of the Resurrection means. Jesus is risen and you and I share in that risen life, here and hereafter.

This is the hope that is given by the resurrection -- that the power of the resurrection of Christ can touch every part of our existence -- every dark and despairing situation that we find ourselves immersed in. It can bring light into every experience of darkness that finds its way into our lives.

Let's be perfectly clear about this. I am not saying that we ignore the pain and suffering around us. We are not to be like ostriches burying our heads in the sand, trying to escape from reality. Our model, Jesus was not one who escaped from reality. In fact, his facing of the reality of his own particular situation was the cause of his suffering and death --- and it could be the same for us also. No, we are not to be escapist.

But neither are we to be so caught up in the difficulties of life that we are not able to see anything else but darkness. As Christians with a Resurrection worldview, we can face the dark side of life, but always with the assurance that in the end, whether it is in this life or the next, life will win out. Christ's victory over death is one that will last for all eternity.

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A LOOK AHEAD:



It is time again for the Easter Lily Remembrance of our loved ones. For \$12, you may have an

Easter Lily placed in the sanctuary during Easter in memory of your loved ones. It is a perfect reminder of the tomb and the Resurrection which we celebrate. Please put your donation in the container in the foyer, along with the names of your loved ones to be remembered. Deadline for this is Palm Sunday. Lilies may be picked up two weeks after Easter.



Generations of Faith sign up sheets are available for upcoming event: April 26: Identities of Christ. Please RSVP for planning purposes, especially Child Care.

Would you like to help with the next event? Please sign up and we'll contact you.



Theology & Brew

On April 17th, Fr. Tom Brundage, Judicial Vicar of the Diocese of Anchorage, will present **Who Do You Say That I am?** A reflection on the writings of Pope Benedict XVI. This presentation will cover topics related to Jesus Christ: Who He claims to be; What He calls us to in this day and age; How to evangelize in our world today. The presentation will be at Sal's Diner in Soldotna, on Friday, April 17 at 7:30pm with the door opening early for dinner. Please join us for this free presentation and enjoy a wonderful meal in a friendly environment. For more information call **Kris Viens, 776-7693**.



LPH will host Easter activities for preschoolers through kinders (ages 3-6), will be in O'Neill Hall on Easter Sunday between the Masses. Help is needed to facilitate a cupcake walk, craft stations, and shredded paper egg hunt area. We also need donations of bags of individually wrapped candy to fill the plastic eggs.

If you can donate candy please drop it off in the basket at the entry of the church.

If you can donate cupcakes or can help facilitate the activities, please contact Sheilah-Margaret Pothast at 262-8551 or via email at agr8fulmom@hotmail.com. Thank you!



Calendar for April 12, 2009 – April 19, 2009, with Daily Readings

April 13, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 14, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 15, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 16, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6am Quilting, 10am- 3pm	April 17, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	April 18, Saturday: 8pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm MOMS 9:30- 11:30am RCIA—3pm	April 19, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Acts 2:14, 22-33	Acts 2:36-41	Acts 3:1-10	Acts 3:11-26	Acts 4:1-12	Acts 4:13-21	Acts 4:32-35(44b)
Psalm 16:1-2a & 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11	Psalm 33:4-5, 18- 19, 20&22	Psalm 105:1-2, 3- 4, 6-7, 8-9	Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7-8-9	Psalm 118:1-2&4, 22-24, 25-27a	Psalm 118:1 & 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21	Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
Matthew 13:5,9	John 20:11-18	Luke 24:13-35	Luke 24:35-48	John 21:1-14	Mark 16:9-15	1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31

Saturday, April 18, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Jane Fellman, Jim Fellman, Linda Houglum, Margaret Johnson, John Pothast

Lectors: 1st Reading; Monty Murray; 2nd Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast

Altar Server: Grey Hansen

Sunday, April 19, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Knopp, Lynn Senette, Sharon Shassetz, Alyson Stogsdill, Jim Stogsdill

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Laurie Kapp; 2nd reading: Eli Woodvine

Altar Server: Nathan O'Lena
Alex Agosti

Sunday, April 19, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Dave Carey, Marguerite McIntosh, Marylou Nushart, Anna Laroche, Jackie Swanson


Lectors: 1st. Reading: Charles Miller; 2nd reading: Kathy Walker


Altar Server: Edward Johnson
Robert Johnson


Mop & Bucket 4/13—4/18: Barbara Eastham Family **Collection Counters: 4/19:** Pat & Myrna Cowan

rt Show and Raffle to Celebrate Roy Shapley and Benefit the Shapley Family

Sterling Elementary School is hosting an art show and raffle in memory of Roy Shapley on April 23rd from 5:30-7:30 at the school, with all proceeds being donated to Janet and her sons. Many beautiful pieces of art have been donated by area artists for the raffle, and raffle tickets are available in advance of the show by calling **Christine Ermold at 262-4944 or 298-0625**, or they can be purchased the day of the show until 6:45pm. Raffle tickets can be purchased specifically for any one of five reserved matted and framed pieces for \$5.00 each, or tickets can be purchased for the general raffle, where winners will receive one of the 16 general raffle items, which include prints, pottery, silk scarves, and more. General raffle tickets are \$3.00 each or two for \$5.00.

he **Annual Outreach Collection** will take place in our parishes and missions next weekend. Contributions to this collection support the Catholic Communication Campaign; help provide scholarships for students at the Catholic University of America; and help keep affordable the publication and distribution of our Archdiocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Anchor*. Please consider sharing your gift of treasure with these three vital efforts.

he **spring 2009 Session** of Ministry of Mothers Sharing- MOMS- is underway.... Please pray for the participants and all those involved in making this special ministry a reality at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Thank you!

LPH will have a team for the Relay for Life May 29th at Skyview High School. We are looking for energetic folks willing to help brainstorm fundraising ideas, recruit walkers and help guide us as "We Race for a Cure". Interested? There are some times open for walkers on Saturday morning May 30th. 8am-1:00pm are available. Please call **Alyson at 389-3235** or email **fishhappens@gci.net**.

Springtime Prayer

Ever-renewing and energizing Creator
come, stir in my dormant spiritual limbs.

Wake up my tired prayer.
Revive my weary efforts of care.
Sing hope into my discouragements.

Wash my dusty, drab attitude
with the cleansing rains of your vision.

Go deep to my roots and penetrate my faith
with the vibrancy of your grace.

Shake loose the old leftover leaves
of my tenacious ego-centeredness.

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.

Warm the buds of my relationships
so they bloom with healthy love.

Clear out my wintered debris
with the wild breeze of your liberating presence.


Nudge me, woo me, entice me, draw me to you.

I give you my trust and my gratitude
as you grace my slowly thawing spirit.

Light-filled Being, my Joy and my Hope,
let the greening in me begin.

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Mar. 2009

doration Opening Looking for something to do in the evening? Spend time with Jesus in Adoration on Thursdays from 10 until 11pm. If you would like to try this hour, please call Maria @ 262-1703.
