

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 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.
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

Traveling By Faith

“Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts”. Jesus spoke these words to his followers many hundreds of years ago, but they still could be spoken to each of us today and still touch us deeply. Fear and doubt are two companions that most of us would like to drive out of our lives. The most powerful force against fear and doubt is a strong and living faith.

Faith is unlike anything else, but it is also like many other things in our life. It is unlike anything else because it has the power to change our entire lives. It affects the way we see everything and everyone. The person who has a strong faith knows in his or her heart that God has everything in hand. When we have faith in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, we live with the belief that death is nothing but a doorway through which we go, and that on the other side of that door, is life that is beyond our wildest imaginings.

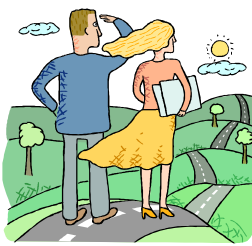
Faith enables us to understand what God does. Faith enables us to see what others cannot see. As a result, faith enables us to do what other cannot do.

We need to grow in our faith in the same way we grow in so many other areas of our lives. And that is why we need to live our faith seven days out of every week. To grow, we need to pray, to gather, to read, to reflect, to question, to ask, to rejoice, to thank. The Risen Christ gave new life to his disciples. He revitalized them ---put life back into them. He took away their fear and their doubts, and he gave them peace. Our task is to allow this same Risen Christ to come into our lives with gifts of courage and peace. AS we nourish our faith, we will find that it will give us the courage to live in such a way that others will come to see that the Risen Christ is still living among us.

Fr.Tony,OMI

Watch for a letter from Archbishop Schwietz about this year’s *One Bread, One Body Annual* Appeal. This is an opportunity to share your God-given gift of treasure to support the ministries that serve children and adults throughout our local Church. Please prayerfully consider this request for your participation and support. If you have questions about the annual appeal, please call the Chancery’s Office of Stewardship & Development, 297-7700.

HAVE YOUR SAY/FILL OUT THE SURVEY: Please watch for the Parish wide Survey the week of May 2/3. Fill out and return the completed Survey to WIN \$\$ - Details to follow. Please pray for all those taking part in making our parish awesome!



A LOOK AHEAD:

Generations of Faith will meet Sunday April 26; the topic is The Identities of Jesus. Please RSVP for the event, particularly if childcare is needed.

On May 3, after the 11:30am Mass, we will have a May crowning of the Blessed Mother. If you would like to participate, please come to that liturgy.

ALL 2009 GRADUATES! Let’s Celebrate! A Mass celebration will be held May 9th-Saturday at 5:00pm. High School and College. Let us know you’ll be there. Please RSVP either by phone or email to akdunns@gci.net or 262-0847.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: - CLASS MAY 9TH, 5:30—8:00 O’Neill Hall — Day of Prayer/Reconciliation and Rehearsal MAY 16th 12:30 to 4:00 — Confirmation Sacrament—Mass @ 11:30am MAY 17th – please meet in the community room between 11:00 and 11:15.

Parish Financial Summary/Cash Flow Report July 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009

<u>Revenue</u>	
Weekly Collections	\$220,271.78
Other donations/gifts	\$ 1,469.45
Interest /Investment income	\$ 1,945.56
Building Fund Donations	\$ 48,903.73
special donations/ for remodel	\$ 25,000.00
Misc Income	\$ 345.00
Fiscal YTD revenue	\$297,935.52
<u>Expenses</u>	
Personel exp (salary,benefits)	\$ 52,713.36
Supply expense	\$ 14,870.99
facility/plant expense	\$ 44,932.06
remodel/rectory & hall	\$ 34,794.58
Stewardship paid to Diocese	\$ 29,096.83
all other expense	\$ 17,939.42
Fiscal YTD expense	\$194,347.24
mortgage principal	\$ 44,738.59
Net cash flow	\$ 58,849.69

Please continue to pray for our students who received Eucharist for the first time last week:

Jude Gabriel, Mariah Kjostad, Elizabeth Conner, Katlian Nelson, Sarah Foutty, Claire McElroy, Sam McElroy, Donalen Bowers, Eli Sheridan, Haley Buckbee, Jenna Hansen.

First Eucharist pictures and certificates are available for pickup in the foyer.

We pray a prayer of thanksgiving for the teachers of the classes, also: Ms Peggy Hills, Ms Thelma Antila, Ms Shirley Aleckson and Ms Linda Houghlum who have done a great job sharing our faith and preparing the children for the sacraments.

Welcome to Chuck Henry who was received into the church at Easter Vigil: Jaymie Self, Ross Self, Dareena Doyle and Milena Doyle were baptized at the Vigil Service.. Jaymie, Dareena, Andrea Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez and Juan Rodriguez received First Eucharist and Confirmation. Gabrielle Coon was baptized on Easter Sunday.

The Easter Lilies may be picked up after Masses this weekend. Thank you to all who participated.

Many thanks are in order for those who have so graciously shared their gifts in the past few weeks of Easter; those preparing the church for Easter, the liturgical ministers at all liturgies, the music liturgy, the Easter breakfast crew, the first Eucharist retreat dinner and reception people.

On Saturday at 6pm in O'Neill Hall, please join us for a potluck to greet Father Louis Lougan, The OMI Provincial, who will be visiting us this week. Bring your favorite dish to share.

Calendar for April 27, 2009 – May 2, 2009, with Daily Readings

April 27, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 28, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 29, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	April 30, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6am Quilting, 10am- 3pm	May 1, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	May 2, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm RCIA—3pm Potluck—6pm, to greet Fr. Louie Lougan	May 3, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Acts 6:8-15	Acts 7:52-8:1a	Acts 8:1b-8	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 9:1-20	Acts 9:31-42	Acts 4:8-12(50B)
Psalms 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30	Psalms 31:3cd-4, 6&7b&8a,17&21 Ab	Psalms 66:1-3a, 4- 5, 6-7a	Psalms 66:8-9, 16- 17, 20	Psalms 117:1bc, 2	Psalms 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17	Psalms 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29
John 6:22-29	John 6:30-35	John 6:35-40	John 6:44-51	John 6:52-59	John 6:60-69	1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18

Saturday, May 2, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Atkinson, Kathy Bongiovanni, Carm Bongiovanni, Barbara Bonk, John Bonk

Lectors: 1st Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2nd Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server: H

Sunday, May 3, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Thelma Antila, Theresa Carroll, Myrna Cowan, Kathy Culling

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Pat Cowan; 2nd reading: Barbara O'Lena

Altar Server: K

Sunday, May 3, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Aleckson, Karen Evans, Diane Garske, Connie Gatling, Lucy Katzenberger

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Linda Houghlum; 2nd reading: Jean Kudyba

Altar Server: G
W

Mop & Bucket 4/27—5/2: Mark Evans Family **Collection Counters: 5/3:** Joyce & Paul Fischer

Serving

I love to see people come to church! Most are filled with devotion and expectations. We come to church wanting things to be right. This attitude, however, can easily allow us to slip into one of coming to church “to be served.”

We are so much a part of a consumer society that we sometimes develop an attitude of going to church the same way we go grocery shopping. It is just one more thing to do. There is only one way to cure this attitude of consumerism in church: that is, active participation in the life of the church itself.

It is the same with our families. If grown children simply take whatever they can get from their parents and never give to the life of the family, they eventually find themselves outsiders, looking in.

One who participates in the family and one who participates in the life of the church is one who contributes his time, talent, and treasure to them and one who receives blessings in return. Have you washed anyone’s hands (feet) lately?

Many thanks to all those who helped make the Children’s Easter Activities a success. We appreciate all the cupcake bakers and candy donors! Special thanks to John Pothast for set up and to Rose Henry and family for help with facilitating the event. Many, MANY thanks to Heather Stockton and her fabulous clean up crew: Tonilyn, Danna, Remy, Kyle, Adam, Elise, Shawn, Sarah, Evan, Katie, and Elliot. You are all angels and much appreciated! Thank you!

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference

Alaska Catholic Youth Conference (ACYC), is a conference for youth in grades 9-12 and will be held this year from June 1st – 4th at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Anchorage. Teens and adults from parishes throughout the state have begun preparing for ACYC ’09.

Hopefully youth from the Western Kenai groups will be attending. The information booklet is available near the Teen Bulletin Board in the Gathering Space at OLPH. There is one general registration form for youth and adults, which can be found in this booklet. Please note the forms that need to be filled out.

The necessary adults for supervision have come forward, but we could use a little help with housing – depending on the number of youth attending.

Please **pray** for this special event. May God bless those participating with safe travel, opportunities to learn and experience more about their faith and make new friends.

FAREWELL

is being planned.

A **farewell** is being planned for Sr. Joyce and Sr. Joan who have served the people of the Kenai Peninsula first by traveling to each faith community to assist with Religious Education and for the last number of years as the pastoral leaders at Our Lady of the Angels in Kenai. Just before Easter, the Sisters announced that at the end of May, they would conclude their ministry here and return to their Religious Communities in the East.

An Appreciation Open House for the Sisters is being planned for **Saturday, May 9th**, from 12 Noon to 3pm. at Our Lady of the Angels in Kenai. The Sisters will be driving to the East Coast, and the Appreciation Planning Group has suggested cash gifts be given and gathered into a Debit or Pre-Paid Credit Card.

Sr. Joyce will preside at Communion Services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the weekend of May 23-24. This will give all of you a chance to say Thank You and Goodbye to the Sisters

The Kenai Parish will host the May 3rd **Teen Mass/Activity Night** for 7th-12th grade students. The Mass is specifically geared for teens. Teens are invited to assist as readers, servers or ushers. Dinner will be served followed by activities at the Kenai Recreation Center. Activities will include a wallyball tourney, basketball, pool tourney, Guitar Hero Play OFF and much more. Parent volunteers are needed for cooking, cleaning, chaperoning and for shuttling teens to/from the parish to the Rec Ctr. Arriving early is greatly appreciated (4:30PM Check-in and 5:00 teen Mass). There is a \$5 fee and be sure to complete a parent permission form located at the teen table. Parents may pick-up then teer(s) and the Kenai Parish at 8:45PM. Call Brenda Ahlberg if you can help 262-5432.

OLPH 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**.

The OLPH Reley for Life team asks for your support by donating items for a garage sale to be held in the Redemptorists Center, Saturday May 18th, 9am-3pm. For additional information call Alice at 260-8080.

Monetary donations may also be made online at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY90GW?pg=teamlist&fr_id=17832. Click on OLPH team link, then click on donate at the top of the page.

One Bread, One Body



2009 *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal Begins!

You have been blessed by God with many gifts. As a Christian Steward, you know these gifts have been given to you to tend to and share their harvest in loving service to others.

By sharing your gift of treasure through the *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal, you help ensure that in your Archdiocese:

- † Children and adults of all ages, cultures and ethnicities have opportunities to explore, develop and practice their Catholic faith.
- † Catholics in parishes and missions in remote and rural Alaska communities have the same ministry support enjoyed by those of us in urban areas.
- † Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade have access to a high-quality Catholic education.
- † Priests, religious and lay leaders can discover best practices in parish ministry and leadership.
- † Individuals and families in need receive our compassion and support.

You will receive a letter soon from Archbishop Schwietz about this year's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. Please read it—and the accompanying brochure—to learn more about how you can help make possible the vital work of your Archdiocese.

Mission of the Archdiocese of Anchorage

The Catholic Archdiocese of Anchorage is a people of many cultures, called by the love of Christ to proclaim the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service.