

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Baptism of the Lord, January 11, 2009

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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@gci.net and you may send a copy to: csponset@acsalaska.net

CALLED TO CREATE HARMONY

Last week, on the feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, we celebrated the call to bring the living message of Jesus to the whole world. We were called to recognize that the true state of our earth should be a state of harmony, where we live as loving brothers and sisters to one another, and to mother earth.

Today, we are called through our Baptism to become healers of any disharmony that exists in our world. As the Body of Christ, we are called to bring the healing touch of Jesus to the wounds and divisions that plague our earth.

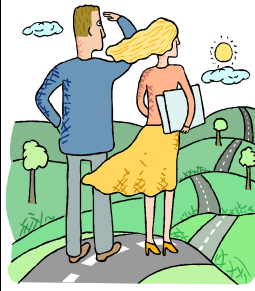
We made very specific promises when we were baptized. Allow me to remind you of what they were.

- (1.) We reject sin so that we could live in freedom as God's children.
- (2.) We rejected the glamour of evil and we refused to let sin become our master.
- (3.) We rejected Satan, the father of sin and the prince of darkness.

We need to honor those promises as seriously as any married couple is obligated to honor their marriage vows. We promised to reject sin and evil. That means that we promised to reject the disharmony and separation that evil has brought into our world. What an immense and vast promise! But we've made that promise, the promise to reject evil. We didn't promise that we would be able to eliminate all evil during our lifetime, but we did promise to reject all evil. That's the work of a lifetime.

Once we come to an initial awareness of the disharmony that comes from evil, and, at the same time, decide to honor our Baptismal promises, then we need to judge where we can make a difference. This is not an easy thing to do, and the temptation is to throw up our hands and cry out that we are utterly powerless. With God we can do all things. On this feast of the Baptism of Our Lord, may we all embrace our sacred calling to heal God's broken world.

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A LOOK AHEAD:

Baptismal Preparation class for parents is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13th at the hall, 7pm.

Sign up/Registration for the upcoming Generations of Faith event, January 25th will be available the next two weekends, January 10/11 and 17/18 in the foyer. Signing up each session is necessary for planning purposes of the food, and child care. If you have not been to GOF before, please register/join us. The cost is \$35/family for the year. There will be an opportunity to sign up to help in many different ways. Please check the Generations of Faith bulletin board for other info.

Confirmation Class will meet Monday, January 12th at the hall.

Pastoral Council Meeting: Thursday, January 15th at the hall.

Truth Pursuit: There will be a truth pursuit practice session on Sunday, January 11th after the 11:30 Mass. We will be in the hall. All are welcome to attend. For more information call Kathy Johnson @ 776-8593.

All Ladies of the parish: We will be meeting this week to plan upcoming events and projects for this year. Bring your great ideas and join us! Pick the meeting that best suits your schedule:

Wednesday January 14th — 7:00pm or
Wednesday January 15th — 10:00am



We have a roll top desk and night stand available for anyone who can use these — call **Marlys, 262-5542**

The **“BIBLE TIME LINE”** class that was going in the fall, will continue again after the 11:30am Mass on January 11th. We will begin with Session 8...”Desert Wanderings”. Please do your homework questions prior to coming to class that Sunday. You also might want to give JoAnn Biegel a call (262-2444) and see who signed up for providing the food for lunch. We will have class on January 11th, and January 18th...then “Generation of Faith” on January 25th. We need to decide if you want to have class on February 1st...which is Super Bowl Sunday...then class on February 8th and 15th.

The New Year

Faithful Companion, in this New Year I pray:
 to live **deeply**, with purpose,
 to live **freely**, with detachment,
 to live **wisely**, with humility,
 to live **justly**, with compassion,
 to live **lovingly**, with fidelity,
 to live **mindfully**, with awareness,
 to live **gratefully**, with generosity,
 to live **fully**, with enthusiasm.

Help me to hold this vision and to daily
 renew it in my heart, becoming ever more
 one with you, my truest self.

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

A Prayer for Faith

We believe
 in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
 in the divine unity of being,
 in the blessed light,
 in their saving work of love.
 Help our unbelief.

We believe
 in the Church, human yet holy,
 communion of saints,
 body of Christ,
 wounded yet one.
 Help our unbelief.

Rid us of doubt, cynicism, and despair,
 increase our faith, day by day,
 and bring us to eternal life. Amen.

Calendar for January 12, 2009 — January 18, 2009, with Daily Readings

January 12, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 13, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	January 14, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	January 15, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service	January 16, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	January 17, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	January 18, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Hebrews 1:1-6 Psalm 97:1 & 2b, 6 & 7c, 9 Mark 1:14-20	Hebrews 2:5-12 Psalm 8:2ab & 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mark 1:21-28	Hebrews 2:14-18 Psalm 105:1-2, 3- 4, 6-7, 8-9 Mark 1:29-39	Hebrews 3:7-14 Psalm 95:6-7c, 8- 9, 10-11 Mark 1:40-45	Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mark 2:1-12	Hebrews 4:12-16 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mark 2:13-17	1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19 (65B) Psalm 40:2, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20 John 1-41, 17b

Saturday, January 17, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Atkinson, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom, Bill Sadler, Ruthann Truesdell

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Dave Nelson; 2nd reading: Tamara Slone

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast

Sunday, January 18, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Rose Henry, Joan Jones, Tonilyn Spring, Remy Spring, Kevin Woodvine

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

Altar Server: Alex Agosti

Sunday, January 18, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Aleckson, Thelma Antila, Lucy Katzenberger, Marguerite McIntosh, Lynn Senette

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Scott Earsley; 2nd reading: Jackie Swanson

Altar Server: Willa Forrest
Jack Navarro

Mop & Bucket 1/12—1/17: Bill Twohy Family **Collection Counters: 1/18:** Shirley & Paul Zobeck

Words cannot express the sincere gratitude we feel for all of you who offered support to us at the loss of Roy Shapley, our loving husband and father. We are humbled by the generosity of this community. The prayers, food, flowers, lodging for family, airline tickets, printing services, snow plowing and monetary donations to the boys' account and charities are greatly appreciated. We are especially thankful for everyone who attended and participated in Roy's funeral service. His community involvement was celebrated through all of you, and it was a sacred time for his entire family.

- Janet, Jake and Erik Shapley

Temporary Eucharistic Adoration Hours

There are two openings on Thursdays from 4 to 5pm and from 5 to 6pm for the next 5 weeks. If you are able to attend these times on a temporary basis, please call **Maria** at **262-1703**.

**LETS GO SKIING / SNOWBOARDING
Junior High/Senior High Ski trip to Alyeska**

Monday January 19th (school in-service day)

Cost: \$20 for transportation plus extra for lift ticket/ lessons/rental equipment

Last day for sign-up **January 11th**, no exceptions.

Need to fill our permission forms and give these, plus \$20 to one of the Priests.

Any questions phone **Elise / Adam Bell at 262-4956** or cell **(970)-274-2201 elisethompson@yahoo.com**

also see Teen Bulletin Board

Limit to 44 teens, need 37 to make it happen

THANK YOU - THANK YOU -THANK YOU

A Major thanks to all of you for your prayers, gifts and cards over the Holidays. They are all greatly appreciated. It hardly seems possible that our first year here is complete. We feel that we are settling in and getting our "feet-wet_ and hopefully putting the correct name to the person and family. Muchas Gracias!

The Oblate Four.....

GENERATIONS OF FAITH HAS AS IT'S GOALS:

1. To transform catechesis as a separate "program" by implementing a more collaborative and integrative approach that involves all of the parish's ministries in faith formation.
2. to end age segregation in catechesis.
3. to shift the focus of the curriculum from the textbook to the events of Church life
4. to nurture family faith at home as integral to the faith formation process
5. to enable parents to approach the task of being the primary catechists for their children with confidence and knowledge.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH CURRICULUM WILL FOCUS THIS YEAR ON THE EVENTS OF THE CHURCH YEAR AND WILL UTILIZE THE LECTIONARY, THE SACRAMENTARY, THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, CHURCH TEACHING AND TRADITIONS, AND MANY OTHER VALUABLE AND THEOLOGICALLY SOUND RESOURCES.

OUR NEXT SESSION IS JANUARY 25; PLEASE RSVP IF YOU WILL ATTEND AND HAVE REGISTERED OR REGISTER TO JOIN US.

Generations of Faith is in need of folding lawn chairs, bean bag chairs, area rugs, for our next session on **January 25th**. If you have any of these items and are willing to let us use them, please let us know or deliver the items by **January 18th** to the old church. We thank you in advance for your help with this.

Generation of Faith will be meeting for the second session on **"Becoming a Disciple" on January 25th**. Please RSVP at the tables in the foyer the next two weekends, this is necessary for planning purposes. If you have not registered and want to join us, please do so. Cost is \$35/ family for the year. Donations are gladly accepted for the meal.

Sign up sheets for areas where you may help us are on the GOF bulletin board; please consider helping, as well as attending the next sessions. We need many people to help facilitate this effort. **Thank you.**