

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, June 21, 2009

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am, Sunday 5pm, until August 31

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: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Fears and Being a Father...

In today's Gospel, Mark 4:35-41, we have the disciples scared out of their wits during a storm on the sea and Jesus is sleeping! All hell is breaking loose from the disciples' perspective and Jesus is completely at ease.

It reminds me when I was afraid, when thunderstorm suddenly showed up while my Dad and I were fishing on Sebec Lake at our summer camp in Maine. I was totally freaked out and my Dad just calmly told me to get my gear up and he started the motor and we headed to shore. We got the boat tied up and when into the found some shelter in an old campsite to wait out the storm.

The rain came down in buckets and luckily we had our raincoats and shelter the campsite. As the wind started howling like a wolf with rabies, my Dad looked at me and said: "This too shall pass." There was a tranquillity about him that gave me confidence that this storm will pass and when it did, I was overjoyed and my Dad told me that we should go over and bail out the boat.

From that experience with my Dad, I begin to understand the awe that the disciples felt with Jesus and His commanding the storm to be "Quiet!" To move from fear to faith often requires courage and another person to offer a comforting word in the midst of crisis. And you, gentlemen out there, who are dads to being that comforting presence to your children, when they are in the middle of a crisis is the best gift you can offer to them and they will remember.

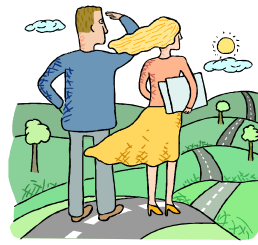
Now, I am called to be that comforting presence to a person in crisis and the person in crisis is my Dad. He is struggling with his health and at 89 you are a little more frail than you care to admit, and so when I go back to see my Dad, I have to offer to him the strength that he gave me on that stormy summer day in Main. I have to take his hand and smile at him and say: "This too shall pass" with all the love and confidence that he has shown me. Now, I have to be the comforting presence (the dad) to my Dad.

It is an opportunity for me to say: "thank you" to a man who did his best to comfort me. It is a grace to help know him to know that I got the lesson he was trying to teach me when I was scared. Just like the disciples showed the world that they got the lesson Jesus was trying to teach them on that storm at sea. Yes, Fear can come in variety of ways, but Faith is stronger and when we rely on Faith, Fear will pass away as suddenly as a storm does during summer.

I hope you take the opportunities, if you can to thank our dad on this Father's Day for all the times he comforted you when you were afraid.

Enjoy the week!

Fr. Andy OMI



A LOOK AHEAD:

Registration for Vacation Bible School continues through June 21st, cost is \$5.00 per child.

Vacation Bible School is June 23 thru June 26 from 6:00-8:30pm. This year we will be learning about ROME and Paul and the Underground Church.

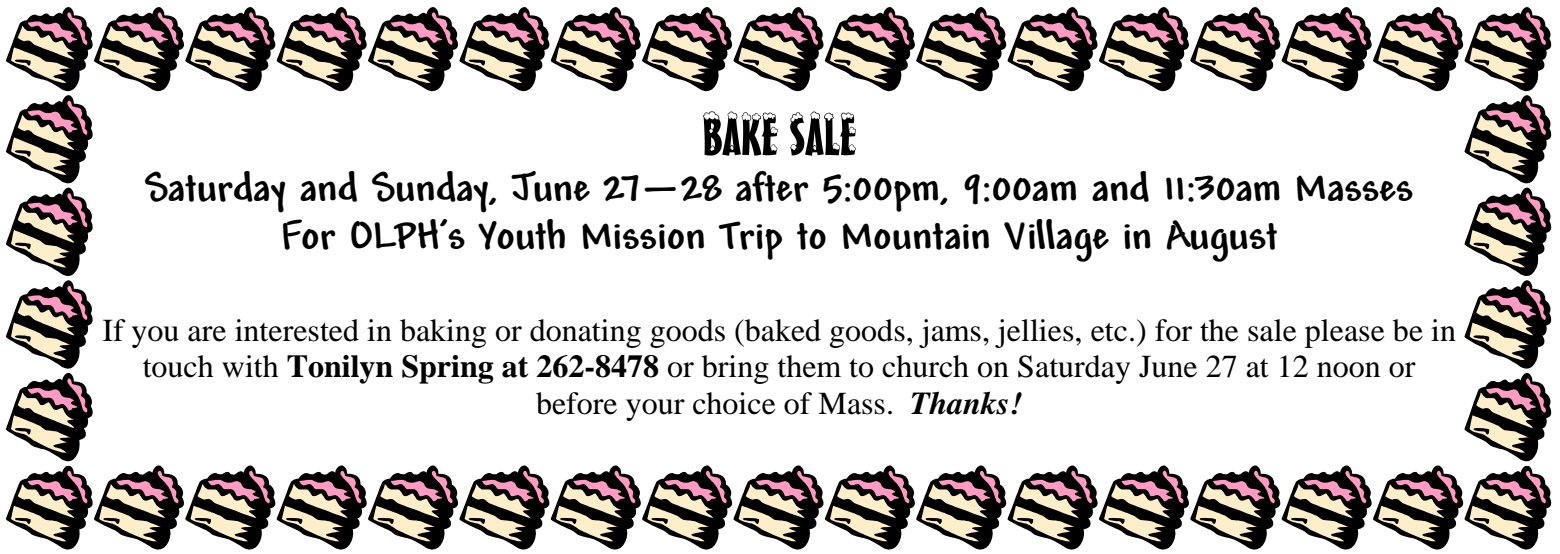
If you are interested in helping in any way, call **Heather Stockton 260-6581** or email heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com.

We Are Still In Need of a few helpers for Vacation Bible School. There are 5 acting roles available and we are needing shopkeepers. Please visit the registration table if you are interested in helping, or call **Heather Stockton 260-6581** heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com.

This past Sunday, on the feast of Corpus Christi, we had a procession with the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:30am Mass. We would like to especially thank Danny McIntosh and his mom, Marguerite, for encouraging us to do this and doing the organizing this year... As part of Generations of Faith, it is important that through the Liturgical year of the Church we become aware of and learn more about the Feasts that we would not normally celebrate in a special way. This particular feastday brought back memories of several who celebrated with more elaborate processions in their parishes. Thank you for the broader awareness of this feastday and perhaps, another yearly tradition for our parish. **GOF TEAM**

THANK YOU for your generous support of the 2009 *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. Members of our faith community have shared \$41,528.25 to support the ministries that serve children and adults throughout our Archdiocese.

To date, 85 families (less than 30%) have pledged. We have reached the Diocesan goal of \$ 30,128.00. The \$11,400.00 toward our parish goal of \$39,872.00 will be used for the construction of our new parish hall. We need everyone's support as we expand our facilities to fit our growing parish needs. It's not too late for those of you who have not yet pledged to help us reach our goal.



BAKE SALE

Saturday and Sunday, June 27—28 after 5:00pm, 9:00am and 11:30am Masses
For OLPH's Youth Mission Trip to Mountain Village in August

If you are interested in baking or donating goods (baked goods, jams, jellies, etc.) for the sale please be in touch with **Tonilyn Spring** at **262-8478** or bring them to church on Saturday June 27 at 12 noon or before your choice of Mass. *Thanks!*

YEAR OF THE PRIEST On June 19th, Pope Benedict XVI will open the “Year of the Priest.” This will be a year to focus on prayer for the spiritual and physical welfare of priests. Here at OLPH, we will open this year with a novena of Masses to pray for our Missionary Oblates on the Peninsula and for the Archbishop of the Diocese of Anchorage. In addition, we would like to suggest an “Adoption of Our Priests” so those who wish, could commit to pray for a particular priest and then during the year to let them know of your prayers and concern. More information will be forthcoming. If you would like more details please call Joanne Biegel at 262-2444.

Calendar for June 22, 2009 — June 28, 2009, with Daily Readings

June 22, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 23, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 24, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA 7:00pm	June 25, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	June 26, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	June 27, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	June 28, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses VBS Sign-Up
Genesis 12:1-9 Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20&22 Matthew 7:1-5	Genesis 13:2, 5- 18 Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 Matthew 7:6, 12- 14	Isaiah 49:1-6 Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Luke 1:57-66, 80	Genesis 16:1-13, 15-16 Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Matthew 7:21-29	Genesis 17:1, 9- 10, 15-22 Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Matthew 8:1-4	Genesis 18:1-15 Luke 1:46-47, 48- 49, 50&53, 54-55 Matthew 8:5-17	Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24 (98B) Psalm 30:2,4,5-6, 11, 12, 13 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mark 5:21-43

Saturday, June 27, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte Sponsel, Cindy Irmen, Krys Twohy, Kathy Bongiovanni, Carm Bongiovanni

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

Altar Server: Ellen West

Sunday, June 28, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Helen Knopp, Laurie Strope, David Strope, Ron O'Lena, Theresa Carroll

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2nd reading: Kathleen Evenson

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast
Kyle Shassetz

Sunday, June 28, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jackie Swanson, Shirley Aleckson, Cindy Kircher, Marylou Nushart, Lucy Katzenberger

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Jean Kudyba

Altar Server: Robert Johnson

Mop & Bucket 6/22 — 6/27: Gary Knopp Family **Collection Counters: 6/28:** Paul & Shirley Zobeck

A Good Father

Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

Who is a good father? I recall when I was in Tijuana, Mexico, seeing the image of Tarzan playing with his son, on a public service announcement on Univision and it had a few good pointers. A good father is one who spends time with his child, who plays with them, guides them, advises them, and is interested in their dreams and fears, wishes and interests. The announcement ended by saying something like "being a father is not a matter of being macho, but of being a real man."

Some people may believe that the education and upbringing of the children belongs to the mothers or women of the family, and that fathers have enough with being the breadwinners. But in fact, children need to see the complementarity between feminine and masculine qualities, and they need to have good role models to guide their lives. In other words, they need a good father.

Where do fathers find role models. Traditionally, the church has presented the model of Joseph, the spouse of Mary and adoptive father of Jesus, a good worker and a good father. We often think of Jesus only as our brother, but the two feasts of this month, also give us models: The Body and Blood of Christ, a marvelous example of total self-giving, and the Sacred Heart of Jesus: a generous, gentle, simple, and big heart to include all children. That is **the** model for fathers. Happy Father's Day!

Blessing Prayer for Father's Day*

Blessed are You, Lord and Father of All Life,
who has given to us
the gift of the father of our family.

Today, we honor him,
and we thank You for the numerous good
things that are ours because of him.

His love for us
has been a sign of Your divine affection
and a sharing in Your holy love.
His continuous concern for our needs and welfare
is a mirror of Your holy providence.

And so, as we honor him,
we praise You, Father of All Peoples.

Bless him this day
with Your strength and holy power
that he may continue to be a sign of You,
our God, and a priestly parent to our
family.


May we who have the honor of bearing his family
name do so with great pride.

May we, the members of his family,
assist him in his holy duties as a parent
with our respect,
our obedience,
and our deep affection.

Bless him, Lord,
with happiness and good health,
with peace and with good fortune,
so that he who has shared of his very life
may live forever with You,
his God and heavenly Father.

This blessing and all graces, we pray,
descend upon the father of our family:
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen!

*This blessing could be given by the eldest child or by the mother of the family. (after the prayer, family members share sign of affection to the father)



THIS VBS IS A HORSE OF ANOTHER COLOR!

In just a few weeks, we're creating the Roman Empire...right here in our church! Find out what it was like to be one of the first Christians, as you step back in time.

Location: OLPH Redemptorist Center
(church name)

The adventure will last: Tues. June 23 - Friday June 26
(VBS dates)

The fun begins at: 6:00 pm
(VBS starting time)

The city gates close at: 8:30 pm
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: Heather Stockton
(church phone number)
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