

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Most Holy Trinity, June 7, 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

The Unimaginable Intimacy

Today we celebrate what we can easily call the central mystery at the core of our Christian beliefs, the feast of the Most Holy Trinity. It is one of those mysteries that we were probably told we wouldn't be able to comprehend anyway, so we would simply have to take it on faith. But it is not a lack of faith which causes us to ask questions.

We have a sacred obligation to ask good questions, to read, pray, and ponder the possibilities --- all in our quest to know God more deeply. In fact, the study of theology is defined as "faith seeking understanding."

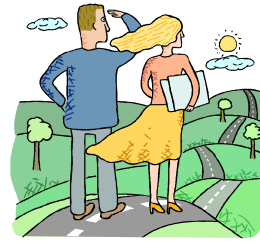
The most important thing is not HOW Father, Son, and Holy Spirit exist as One --- but WHY their life as ONE is crucial to OUR life. Because the Holy Trinity is the model of all love which exists in the world as we know it, and in the world beyond. Not a clinging, weak, dependent love ... not a one-sided, temporary, or troubled love, like so many of the "loves" we have all experienced in our lives ... but the richest, strongest, most glorious explosion and implosion of energy that has ever existed.

Often the relationships we call "love" are not worthy of the name. We are all burdened and blinded by the presence of evil in the world, so we mistake all kinds of phony things for love. And maybe you have tried to get love by controlling others, by dressing or acting a certain way, or pretending to be needy to draw someone in. Then you are being a "poser," lying to yourself and others.

Don't lower your standards! Our guide to intimate relationships should be the real thing. Only the Trinity shows us the awesome ultimate bond that we should seek in all of our love relationships.

fr.tony,omi

HELP!!! We are in need of 2 outdoor canopies for Vacation Bible School. We are also looking for baskets, fake fruit (grapes, apples, pears), flower garlands, plant (leafy) garlands, blankets, and any Robes or Roman type costumes. If you have anything to donate please call **Heather Stockton 260-6581 or email heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com.**



A LOOK AHEAD:



SAVE THE DATE—

- Vacation Bible School is June 23 thru June 26 from 6-9pm. This year we will be learning about ROME and Paul and the Underground Church. Registration will begin Saturday June 6th, cost is \$5.00 per child. If you are interested in helping in any way, call **Heather Stockton 260-6581 or email heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com.**



he RCIA class will only meet once a month during the Summer. Our June class will be Wednesday, June 10th at 7 p.m. Fr. Joe will talk about the Mass and the Eucharist. Please read Chapters 14 and 15 before that class. Anyone interested in learning about the Mass and the Eucharist is welcome to come to this class. We will start out in the Hall with light refreshments and then move to the Church for most of the class time. The July class will be on Wednesday, July 8th (Chapter 16) and the August class is scheduled for August 19 (Chapter 17). Weekly classes will resume on Wednesday, September 16th. Anyone interested in the Catholic Church is welcome to join the process at any time. **Please call Shirley Aleckson 262-9654 or Marlys or one of the priests for more information.**



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One Bread, One Body It's not too late !!!!!!! If you haven't already, please make your pledge to this year's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal and support the ministries of your Archdiocese.

You are one of God's children, on whom He has bestowed many gifts. Among those is the gift of faith community that spans more than 138,000 square miles. The ministries of your Archdiocese serve people in communities large and small, urban and rural.

ShaeLaurel Concert at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Sunday June 7, 7:00pm. Free will offering will be taken up to support the Youth Mission Trip.

ShaeLaurel has thrilled audiences all over the world with their amazing talent and dazzling showmanship. Performing a unique blend of fast fiddling Irish and contemporary music. ShaeLaurel's fun and comedic stage show is filled with "FRESH ORIGINAL TUNES"

ShaeLaurel to play for Sunday, 5pm Mass. After Mass there will be a picnic at the church entrance of hot dogs, beans, chips before the concert.

THANK YOU! Approximately 95% of our diocesan goal for *One Bread, One Body* has been pledged. For this, the many recipients of the Archdiocese gives you thanks. Now is the time to continue also to pledge to this Appeal as the reminder of the money will return to the parish to be included in the Building Fund. Your Stewardship pledge to the Appeal will be rewarded!

STEWARDSHIP!

"If you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have."

2 Corinthians 8:12

Calendar for June 8, 2009 – June 14, 2009, with Daily Readings

June 8, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 9, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 10, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA 7:00pm	June 11, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	June 12, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	June 13, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	June 14, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses VBS Sign-Up
Corinthians 1:1-7 Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matthew 5:1-12	Corinthians 1:18- 22 Psalm 119:129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 135 Matthew 5:13-16	Corinthians 3:4- 11 Psalm 99:5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Matthew 5:17-19	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Matthew 5:20-26	2 Corinthians 4:7-15 Psalm 116:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 Matthew 5:27-32	2 Corinthians 5:14-21 Psalm 103:1-2, 3- 4, 9-10, 11-12 Matthew 5:33-37	Exodus 24:3-8 Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 Hebrews 9:11-15 Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

Saturday, June 13, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Ermold, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler

Lectors: 1st Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2^{ns} Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server: Holly West

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Sonja Foutty, Shirley Johnsrud, Barb O'Lena, Ruthann Truesdell, Alex Zerbinos

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Laurie Kapp; 2^{ns} reading: Pat Cowan

Altar Server: Kyle Shassetz

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Mike Walker, Anna Laroche, Karen Evans, Diane Garske, Marguerite McIntosh

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathy Walker; 2^{ns} reading: Linda Houglum

Altar Server: Edward Johnson

Mop & Bucket 6/8 — 6/13: Gene Kallus Family **Collection Counters: 6/14:** Lynn & Gene Friendshuh

The Illusion of Separation

When we take a closer look at creation, we discover the fact that everything and everyone is in some kind of relationship to everything else and everyone else. The poets and scientists are always saying this to us. They are continually pointing out the connections that are part and parcel of creation.

Every man, woman and child is in relationship to every other man, woman and child. Relationship is the foundation of all existence. And relationship is at the heart of the mystery of the Trinity. As we become more aware of and attentive to the reality of relationships, at the same time we enter more deeply into the mystery of the Trinity.

Our job here, as with most things in the spiritual life, is one of awareness. The more we grow in awareness of all that binds us together, the more we live out of that awareness, then the more we allow God to shape us in the image of the loving Trinity.

The enemy here is separation, or at least the appearance of separation. When we imagine ourselves as not connected to people and to nature, then we are living in a sinful state. When we do that, we are trying to create the world according to our own ideas, and are telling God that we don't want to live in the world that God has created. God has created an entire universe that in intricately and eternally interconnected. When we continually try to break those connections, we are going directly against God.

Traces of the Trinity are to be found everywhere. All of existence, when it is lived in an authentic way, mirrors God. Every relationship where there is mutual giving and receiving is a participation in the relationship that exists within the Trinity. God is here for the finding. May we have the grace of seeing what has always been within us and around us.

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LPH Catholic Cruisers raised close to \$4,000 for the Relay for Life. Thank you to everyone involved, walkers, bakers, buyers and to Alice and Helen for a very successful garage sale. Relay is a wonderful community event and the support from our parish is greatly appreciated by all of us who have been touched by cancer.



MOVING: must sell ALL meat in freezer. **DISCOUNT PRICES!** 39 Lover's Land (Soldotna B&B Lodge): Between Sal's and Dairy Queen on the river—one block off Sterling Highway. Ask for Diane.

There is a temptation at times in our community to view the call for social justice is a "new" idea for the Church and that the saints of the past do not have anything to do with that. I beg to differ. Saints past and present have everything to do with helping the poor. Please look at hymn by St. Louis de Montfort whose day we celebrate on April 28, 2009. Blessings: Fr. Andy OMI

"The Cries of the Poor" a Hymn by St. Louis De Montfort

1. Awake, you rich in this world's goods,
And listen to our cries;
We, poor, depend on your help
In our great miseries.
We are one Christian family,
All brothers in the Lord;
From your abundant store you can
A mite for us to accord
2. Our God has only made you great
To be our fathers dear
Our God has furnished you with power
So you our prayers can hear.
In comfort you enjoy yourselves
With all you can desire,
While you expect us to survive
On scraps we can acquire.
3. You have fine clothes to keep you warm,
Sleep on a feather bed,
But rags protect us from the cold,
We have to beg for bread.
Men bless you and pay you great respect,
And show you courtesy,
While we are cursed and knocked about
And treated shamefully.
4. They give us nothing when we ask
Save looks of cold disdain;
They think it's for the common good
To treat us as insane.
They chase us and lay hands on us
And put us into chains,
They even disallow us poor
To advertise our pains.
5. The rich man says to us: I've not
A penny piece to spare;
To nobles, we are riff-raff all,
At whom they curse and swear.
"Behold, those downright layabouts,
Those rascals, one and all,"
In company with the common mob
So many shout and bawl.
6. Lord God, come to our aid, we pray,
By many ills beset;
You surely can't forget our needs
As mortal men forget.
Look down on us from Paradise,
O Father whom we trust,
And come and grace our lowly home,
Down in the very dust.