

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Second Sunday of Lent, March 8, 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: csponsel@acsalaska.net

Do you get it?

In today's Gospel (Mark 9:2-10), we hear about how Jesus transfigures himself before Peter, James and John.. This Transfiguration is one of the great opportunities for Peter, James and John to realize who Jesus is and what His mission is, before Jesus has to suffer, die and rise for us all, but as we continue to read Mark's Gospel. We see that Peter, James and John still do not get it until they meet the resurrected Christ.

I often at times have a dim view of the apostles in Mark's Gospel, because if I had their experiences of Jesus like they did, especially being at the Transfiguration, I would have gotten it the first time around. Imagine the power of seeing Jesus revealing Himself! Showing it all for you to see! A moment of profound intimacy, just for your eyes to see! Heck, I would have been dancing and shouting for joy and not babble something foolish like Peter, because Peter's fear and the other two were just scared out of their minds.

But as I think about, I reflect on how inattentive I have been when some one in my family or one of my friends revealed something that was going on in their lives. This especially happens, when one of my family or one of my friends start revealing some difficulty they are having. I am tempted to up into "fixing mode." I am working on a situation for the problem and as the person is speaking I am getting my answer or solution to the problem, so minute the person stops speaking, I can fix it.

The problem is I did not get it. The reason why my friend or family member was sharing this aspect of their lives is not for me to fix it, but to be with them in it. That is one thing that I have learned over the years while being a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate is that often a listening presence does far more to solve a person's struggle than fixing it. To gently being present to some one and being open to help the person when the person asks for help.

This requires patience, an open heart and a deep trust in what God wants that does make me scared out of my mind. Come to think of it, I would probably be with Peter, James and John scared out of my mind after all. Praying to God that I do get it.

What about you? Do you get it?

Enjoy the week!

Fr. Andy OMI



A LOOK AHEAD:

Quilting for Octoberfest — Join the Fun

When: Thursdays

Time: 10:00am to 3:00pm

Lunch Provided (yum)

Place: O'Neill Hall

We will again be working on wool quilts. Also our wool rug. We need willing workers — no experience necessary, everyone Welcome. If questions, call **Pat Murray at 262-7801**.

Every Friday of Lent there will be a soup supper at 5:45pm—6:45pm followed by the Stations of the Cross. Sign up sheet for the Soup Supper is on the bulletin board.

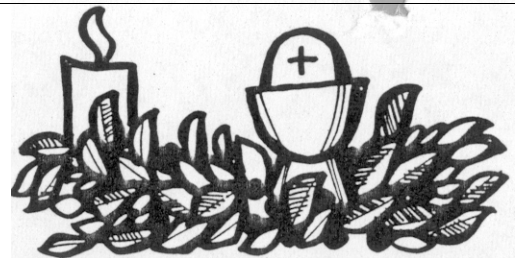
Lenten Reconciliation Services are scheduled as follows:

Kenai, Thursday, March 12th at 7pm

Soldotna, Wednesday, March 25th at 7pm

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? Please call **Alyson at 389-3235** or email fishhappens@gci.net.

Host Families Needed for International Exchange Students. Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange organization is looking host homes for international high school students for Spring semester, 2009. These students from Asia, Europe and South America need caring, flexible, families with who to share the learning experience of a lifetime. Hosting is a great way to promote peace through understanding, to learn about the world and to share your corner of it. Host Families provide room and board. Students have Insurance and pay their own school and personal expenses. Interested?? Please call **Elaine Agosti 283-7055** or **Heather Stockton 260-6581**.



ADORATION NEED: Do you find yourself up in the middle of the night? Why not spend it with Jesus? We need a substitute for *March 13th and 20th from 2 a.m. until 4 a.m.* This is a great quiet hour....Please call **Maria 262-1703** if you can commit to one of these times.

In Old English Lent means “spring” In Alaska we experience “spring breakup.” During these forty days, what new life grows in you through your discipline, prayer, and spiritual practice? What “thawing and breakup” needs to occur in your life? How will your Lenten fast plant seeds for your Easter season feast? Come and reflect on your Lenten soul journey—give yourself the gift of this time!

Ministry of Mothers Sharing—Spring 2009 session has begun. Please pray for all the participants, prayer sponsors, facilitators, and other support people who make the session possible.

The MOMS group is in need of childcare from 9:30am to 11:30am on specific Saturdays during the session. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact **Sheilah-Margaret Pothast at 262-8551 or via email at agr8fulmom@hotmail.com**.

The Men’s Group meets EVERY Thursday morning at 6am for breakfast and discussion. Anyone over 18 is welcome to come as well as those from other faiths. For more info, **Alex at 260-4413.**

Calendar for March 9, 2009 – March 15, 2009, with Daily Readings

March 9, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Confirmation Class at 5:30pm	March 10, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Children’s playdate 10am, at O’Neill	March 11, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Presentation by Pegge Bernecker after noon Mass in foyer Teen Music practice 6am	March 12, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men’s Group Breakfast 6am Quilting, 10am- 3pm	March 13, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service Soup Supper 5:45-6:45pm Stations 7pm	March 14, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm Music practice 1pm MOMS 9:30- 11:30am	March 15, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Daniel 9:4b-10 Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 & 13 Luke 6:36-38	Isaiah 1:10m, 16- 20 Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21&23 Matthew 23:1-12	Jeremiah 18:18- 20 Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Matthew 20:17- 28	Jeremiah 17:5-10 Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4&6 Luke 16:19-31	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Matthew 21:33- 43, 45-46	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 Psalm 103:1-2, 3- 4, 9-10, 11-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11- 32	Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25

Saturday, March 14, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Atkinson, John Pothast, Bill Sadler, Charlotte Sponsel, Ruthann Truesdell

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2nd reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 9:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Dunn, Tonilyn Spring, Remy Spring, Eli Woodvine, Kevin Woodvine

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Charlie Miller; 2nd reading: Barbara O’Lena

Altar Server: Mark West

Sunday, March 15, 2009, 11:30pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Karen Evans, Marylou Nushart, Lynn Senette, Dave Carey

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Scott Earsley; 2nd reading: Linda Houglum

Altar Server: Edward Johnson
Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket 3/9-3/14: Cindy Darning Family **Collection Counters: 3/15:** Paul & Shirley Zobeck

A **Special Theology** and Brew will take place on March 19th, at 7:30pm, at the Snow Goose Restaurant in Anchorage

Care and Treatment Decisions for Compromised Patients or Patients at the End of Life
Rev. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, PhD

The presenter is a world renowned priest who, among other degrees, has earned Phds in Bio genetics and in Dogmatic Theology. He will discuss end of life issues and decision making. A sample of issues to be addressed will be:

- To discuss end of life circumstances calling for ethical decision making.
- To provide a basic understanding and context for discussing pain and suffering.
- To articulate conditions in which particular interventions at the end of life may be contraindicated
- To discuss some of the medical particulars important to the ethical considerations regarding the provision of nutrition and hydration.
- Provide an analysis of the use of high dose painkillers in end of life situations.
- To discuss the elements of a good death.

Fr. Tad's biography is far too lengthy to include, however, anyone who is interested could call **Kris Viens at 776-7693** and I will be glad to answer any questions. This talk should be particularly interesting to medical professionals in all capacities as well as those who deal with the spiritual needs of the sick and dying.

Come and learn about and walk the labyrinth. Walking the labyrinth is like taking a thoughtful walk or going on a symbolic journey or pilgrimage. It can be a helpful Lenten practice. Walking the labyrinth can be a time of healing, letting go and receiving. The labyrinth will be set up at Central Peninsula Hospital on March 13, 4pm until March 16, 7am downstairs in the Redoubt and Spur Rooms. There will be a presentation to learn about the labyrinth at 5pm on Friday, March 13. For more info call **Meg Zerbinos 260-4413**.

Follow up session of Generations of Faith will be on Sunday, March 8th at 10am in the hall. There will be a discussion group for adults and an outreach activity for the students. Please join us.

Sign up for different areas to help with upcoming Generations of Faith session on March 22 — sign up board in the foyer. Planning meeting for the upcoming session is on Friday, March 6th at 3pm. Please join us.

College Students Easter Care Packages: Lent is here and we will start collecting items for our college kids Easter care packages. We will be collecting items for those kids attending college away from home next weekend to be mailed on April 6. We have had a great response from our college kids in the past. They loved the home baked cookies, canned salmon & crackers, toiletries, religious items, Easter cards, etc. It is a wonderful way to let them know their parishioners back home miss them and are praying for them and their success.

Please stop by the table in the foyer the next three weekends drop off donations and to sign an Easter card and let them know they're in our prayers. Thanks, **Karen Evans- 260-3637 or Marlys- 262-4749**.

NAMES, EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS:

Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors: Please check out the lists located in the back of church on the table under the bulletin board. Check for correct spelling of name, phone number and email address. If all is OK, just put a check denoting you have checked it. If a correction needs to be made please correct it neatly. **Thanks, Tonilyn Spring.**

Youth Ministry would like to thank the parish for their generosity at this year's YACHT Club sponsored St. Valentine's dinner and auction. The YACHT Club, with volunteers from Youth Ministry helping with clean up and set up, raised close to \$4,200 for donation to Youth Ministry's stewardship projects budget. At last week's Youth Ministry sponsored Teen Night middle school and high school students created a thank you banner: it's hanging in the foyer of the church, please check it out!

Safe Environment training session will be offered in the Kenai parish on Sunday, March 15th after their morning Mass at 11:15am in the church basement. This is a required training session for those involved in ministries within OLPH, specifically Youth Ministry, Faith Formation, Eucharistic Minister to the Homebound, St. Vincent dePaul Society, Parish Health Ministry, or anyone in contact with students or vulnerable adults, representing our church, on a regular basis. This invitation is extended also to parents with children, and teens. Please contact **Marlys to register at 262-5542**. Another session at our parish will not be scheduled until May.