

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 10, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month (usually)

**Prayer Chain:** [pjham@att.net](mailto: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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) and you may send a copy to: [csponset@acsalaska.net](mailto:csponset@acsalaska.net)

**Our Mothers of Faith** This weekend across the country, we as a country take time to thank the wonderful women who are our mothers. They often do difficult and self-sacrificing acts of love each and every day. They are heroes who are not always recognized or thanked. My mother often would say that she hated “Mother’s Day,” because it has turned out to be a “cheap” thank you. That changed however, when our pastor in Maine gave a homily about the dignity of mothers and finished with a phrase that almost got my mother standing on the pew screaming for joy. The phrase was “Everyday is Mother’s Day.”

It gave me to pause hearing my pastor’s words and my mother’s reaction that our mothers do need to be thanked and yes it is good to remember them on a special day, but a sweet thank you each day or even for us you still have our mothers near us to give a thank you before we fall to sleep. A mother is a woman, who gives her all for those she loves without counting the cost and are often overlooked.

Motherhood is the incarnation of what it means to be truly Christian, because as a mother, you care, raise, call, instruct, love, comfort, challenge, and finally let go (commission) an individual to be fully mature person (an apostle) of faith. If that is not what it means to be a Christian, I do not know what else can be a better example.

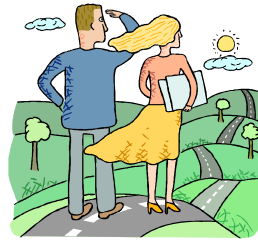
This weekend, there is an open house at Our Lady of Angels in Kenai, where we can formally thank Srs. Joyce and Joan. They came to our neck of the woods 30 years ago to help spread the Good News, when priests were hard to come by. The last 20 years, they have been stationed at Our Lady of Angels serving the community there and here. Srs. Joyce and Joan have given their all to help the communities grow in the Faith. They did by their words, and more impressively by their countless deeds of love to make our place vibrant for the love of God.

In reflecting on all that Srs. Joyce and Joan have done for us, it is very similar to all the countless deeds of love that my own mother has done for me during my life. And I can honestly say that Srs. Joyce and Joan are our mothers of Faith here. So before they retire and leave our area, I hope after all of that thanking your own mothers this weekend we take the time and thank Srs. Joyce and Joan and if you could not make the open house in Kenai don’t worry, because they will be here at our community on the weekend of May 23rd and 24th.

Giving thanks to our mothers is not meant to be a duty, but a loving way to let all our mothers know that we finally get what they were trying to teach us and that is love is the only way we can follow Jesus Christ!

Thank you ladies who are mothers! You are my HEROS!

*Fr. Andy OMI*



## A LOOK AHEAD:

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

Our Lady of Guadalupe Organizing Ministry, a member of AFACT, invites you to attend a presentation titled **“Immigration from a Faith Perspective”** given by Kevin Appleby, Director of Migration and Refugee Policy for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The event will be held on Thursday May 21 from 7:00-8:30pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 3900 Wisconsin. Come and join what promises to be an enlightening and challenging presentation and discussion. For more information, contact Daniel Esparza, 301-8780 or AFACT, 297-7737.

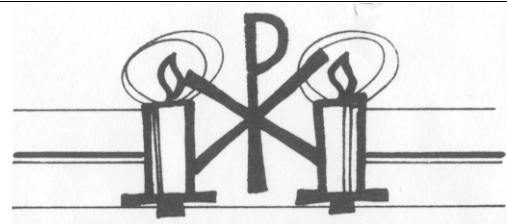
**On June 7<sup>th</sup>** the **global solidarity committee** will host a breakfast after the 9am Mass. This is a fundraiser for the July young adult peace conference in Anchorage.

**Father Tony** will facilitate the second half of a presentation “Gift For Loved Ones”, on Tuesday May 12 at O’Neill hall, 6:30pm-8pm. The presentation will include what to expect at the funeral home, dealing with children and death; end of life issues and including also preparation of the funeral liturgy.

**Notice:** Eucharistic Services will be scheduled for Noon Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup> of this week.

**Generations of Faith** followup activity will be on Wednesday May 13. We will be meeting at 5:30pm at the hall for hot dog roast prior to the cleanup of the church grounds. We anticipate being done at 7pm; please join us for this activity.

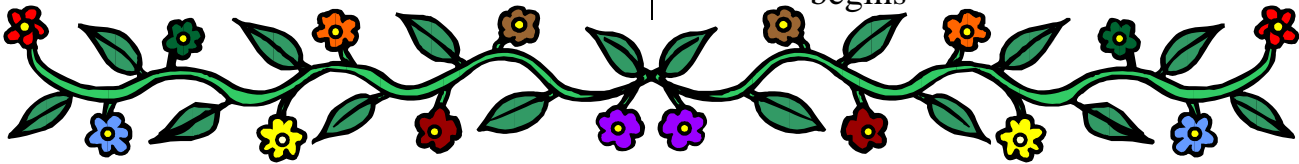
**Generations of Faith** sign up for the Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> session on Pentecost — in particular, if child care is needed and RSVP for planning purposes.



# May Calendar

May 10: Mother's Day Brunch: 1-3pm/Hall  
 May 11: Confirmation Class, 5:30pm  
 VBS Meeting, 11am/6pm  
 May 12: "Gift for Loved Ones" Funeral  
 Preparation, Hall/6:30pm-8pm  
 May 13: RCIA, 7pm  
 May 14: Men's Breakfast, 6:30/Hall  
 May 16: RCIC, 3pm  
 Confirmation Retreat 12:30pm-4pm

May 17: Confirmation @ 11:30am Mass  
 May 19: St. Vincent's Meeting: 5:30pm  
 May 20: RCIA, 7pm/Hall  
 May 21: Men's Breakfast, 6:30/Hall  
 May 24: Generations of Faith, 12:45pm-3:30pm  
 May 27: RCIA, 7pm/Hall  
 May 28: Men's Breakfast, 6:30/Hall  
 May 31: Bible Time Line/Hall @ 12:30pm  
 Summer Schedule 5pm Sunday Mass  
 begins



## Calendar for May 4, 2009 – May 10, 2009, with Daily Readings

<p><b>May 11, Monday: Noon Mass</b>                  Morning prayer, 7:30am                  VBS                  Planning, 6pm</p>	<p><b>May 12, Tuesday: Noon Mass</b>                  Morning prayer, 7:30am                  Gift for Loved Ones, Funeral Prep.                  Hall/6:30-8pm</p>	<p><b>May 13, Wednesday: Noon Mass</b>                  Morning prayer, 7:30am                  RCIA, 7pm                  Generations of Faith followup activity, 5:30pm</p>	<p><b>May 14, Thursday: Noon Eucharistic Service</b>                  Morning prayer, 7:30am  <b>Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service</b>                  Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am                  Quilting, 10am-3pm</p>	<p><b>May 15, Friday: Noon Mass</b>                  Morning prayer, 7:30am  <b>Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service</b></p>	<p><b>May 16, Saturday: 5pm Mass</b>                  Reconciliation 4:00pm                  RCIC—3pm                  Confirmation                  Retreat, 12:30-4pm</p>	<p><b>May 17, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses</b>                  Confirmation, 11:30am</p>
Acts 14:5-18	Acts 14:19-28	Acts 15:1-6	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26	Acts 15:22-31	Acts 16:1-10	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48(56B)
Psalms 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16	Psalms 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21	Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5	Psalms 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8	Psalms 57:8-9, 10 & 12	Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 5	Psalms 98:1, 2-3, 3-4
John 14:21-26	John 14:27-31a	John 15:1-8	John 15:9-17	John 15:12-17	John 15:18-21	1 John 4:7-10 John 14:23

### Saturday, May 16, 2009, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Joe Deveaux

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Monty Murray; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Dave Nelson

**Altar Server:** Hannah Pothast

### Sunday, May 17, 2009, 9:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kathryn Dunagan

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Kathleen Evenson; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Laurie Kapp

**Altar Server:** Mark West

### Sunday, May 17, 2009, 11:30am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Cindy Kircher

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2<sup>nd</sup> reading: Charles Miller

**Altar Server:** Danny McIntosh  
Remy Spring

**Mop & Bucket 5/11—5/16:** Mary Fischer Family    **Collection Counters: 5/17:** Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

**P**art of the call, to discipleship is a commitment to Christian stewardship. As you prayerfully steward your God-given gift of treasure, please consider sharing this gift with the ministries of your Archdiocese through the *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. You'll help make sure our local Church continues to offer faith formation & development programs, support for parishes in rural and remote communities, continued education for clergy, religious and lay leaders, Catholic Social Services programs assisting the most needy among us, and much more. To share your gift of treasure through a pledge to the annual appeal online, visit [www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate](http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate).

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**I**t is the time of year to start planning for our Vacation Bible School. There will be two meetings on Monday May 11, one at 11:00am and one at 6:00pm for anyone (youth or adult) who is interested in helping in any way. We are in need of lots of help in many different areas. If you would like to help, but cannot attend the meeting, please call Heather Stockton 260-6581 or email [heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com) Thank you for your continued support of this program!

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**H**ere's a "thank-you" for your generosity for special collections:

- Rice Bowl \$834.20 (includes soup suppers)
- Good Friday for the Holy Land \$1,146.00
- Outreach \$1,785.50

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**W**hat's New With Scrip We now have Kohl's cards in \$25 and \$100 denominations. Kohl's has a beautiful new store in Anchorage or you can shop online....

**Remember...** buying scrip cards helps our building fund grow without costing you any money at all!! To date, the program has raised \$32,163.64.

**AND...**Don't forget we have gift cards from both Kenai River Nursery and Trinity Greenhouses for all your planting needs. There's still time to get a last minute gift for Mom on her day!

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**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. Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested in helping in any way, call Heather Stockton 260-6581 or email [heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com).

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**W**e need your help!! We are having a Fundraising Garage Sale for Vacation Bible School Friday May 29 and Saturday May 30 at the Truesdell home. For more information or directions to the Truesdell home, please call Heather Stockton 260-6581 or email [heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com](mailto:heatherlynns2003@yahoo.com).

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**OLPH will have** a team for the Relay for Life May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 8am-1:00pm are available. Please call **Alyson at 389-3235 or email [fishhappens@gci.net](mailto:fishhappens@gci.net)**.

The OLPH Relay for Life team asks for your support by donating items for a garage sale to be held in the Redemptorists Center, Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm. For additional information call Alice at 260-8080.

Monetary donations may also be made online at [http://main.acevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RFLFY90GW?pg=teamlist&fr\\_id=17832](http://main.acevents.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.

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**One Bread,  
One Body**



## **Stewardship: A disciple's response**

We are called to respond to the invitation to discipleship through prayerful stewardship of all our gifts. By sharing your God-given gifts, including that of our treasure, you help accomplish the Lord's work in our communities.

Your Archdiocese's *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal is an opportunity to help steward the vital ministries of your local Church. By sharing your gift of treasure through the 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 in urban areas.**

**Students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade have access to a high-quality Catholic education.**

**Priests, religious and lay leaders can learn best practices in parish ministry and leadership.**

**Individuals and families in need receive our compassion and support.**

Please prayerfully consider the call to help steward the ministries of your Archdiocese. To make your pledge online, visit:

[www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate](http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate)

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### **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.*

## New Walking Hand Weight

After completing five marathons and getting a little old and bigger, my running days are more behind me than in front of me. Before my running days, I was caught up in the “heavyhands” fad for fitness. Heavyhands are hand weights that you use while walking and I got some again when I came here to the Kenai Peninsula, but after almost messing up my left shoulder, I stopped using them, but I still love to have something in my hands to get a better workout while walking.

And it came to me, I have started using a finger rosary while walking. It is smaller than the “heavyhands” and it weighs less, but saying the rosary is a way to walk with not only the Lord Jesus, but a nice way to walk with Our Lady. I found a route where I can do a standard 5 decade rosary and one where I can pray all 20 mysteries from Joyful to Luminous to Sorrowful to Glorious. It is a great way to get outside, to pray and who knows maybe lose a few pounds.

All I ask you is then you see me walking around town, especially if you are driving in car to toot your horn and wave, because then we can do something that my old pastor in Maine used to do. When we saw each other, even if we were passing each other in a car, we would acknowledge each other and then say a “Hail Mary” for each other. My old pastor’s daily request from his parishioners was “Pray for me and I’ll pray for thee!”

Our parish in Maine started not only praying for our pastor, but when we would see each other around town would say a “Hail Mary” for that person and we know that person was pray for us too. We became a community of intercessors for each other and a community deeply committed to Our Lord Jesus Christ and devoted to Our Lady. We became a very close community by doing to simple and yet powerful way of praying.

So I ask you once again, when you are driving around and see me walking, please toot your horn and wave then please pray a “Hail Mary” for me, because I will certainly pray one for you!

Or as my old pastor who has gone to his reward would say: “Pray for me and I’ll pray for thee.”

Blessings:  
Fr. Andy OMI