

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 17, 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@gmail.com and you may send a copy to: csponset@acsalaska.net

Once Again --- Love

Our lifelong task is to love. If we fail in that task, we have failed everything. If we succeed in that task, we have succeeded in everything. There's really nothing else about which we should be losing sleep. If you insist on worrying about something, don't worry about who is going to win the next baseball game, or if your investments are going to rise or fall, or if you are putting on a little too much weight. Rather, worry about your loving or not loving.

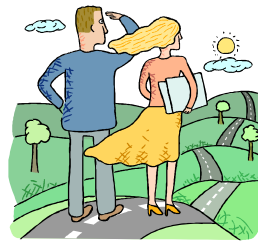
Jesus tells us that the foundation of our love of one another is in abiding in his love. If we allow ourselves to live in his love, then we will find ourselves going out in love to others. And so our very first task is to accept the love that Jesus is freely sending to us. At this very moment we are surrounded by his love. He never stops loving us. We need to open ourselves up to that love. And we need to do that over and over again. To do this, we need to pray --- to stop, to listen, to accept the love of Christ into our hearts.

Sometimes, often in fact, we want to love another the way we think they need to be loved. Instead of listening to the deepest needs of that other person, we have made a judgment that we know what is best for them. And that's how we act. A husband may think he is really loving his wife because he works so much overtime in order to buy nice things for the house, but all she wants is a kind word and some genuine affection.

Parents often love their children with a love that is more harmful than helpful. They either want to protect their children too much, or they offer no boundaries or guidelines to keep their kids safe. You can think of dozens of examples of your own. In the end, love must be custom made. One size does not fit all. We need to take the time to discover what the other really needs from us. Only then can we give the love that will support and strengthen that person.

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Jesus said "Love one another." You express love by sharing your time, talent and treasure at home and beyond. Support of the *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal helps you express your love for fellow Alaskans and Catholics in urban, rural and remote communities. Please make a commitment to share of your gift of treasure through the annual appeal this week. To make a pledge online, please visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.



A LOOK AHEAD:

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 7th 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.

Next weekend, Sister Joyce will be presiding here at Eucharistic Service; Sister Joan and Joyce will be here to join us for a farewell gathering in the foyer after each liturgy. Please bring your favorite sweet to whichever liturgy you come to share for the gathering. We will have a basket available for cards.

The First Eucharist towels/certificates may be picked up at the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU!! A "THANK YOU" to all who stopped by on Wednesday to share a hog-dog dinner with us and then helped to clean up the church property. Pat is now ready to plant flowers, the lawns are cleaned of branches and papers are picked-up. Thanks for all the extra hands..... it shows you care for your church grounds...*Landscape Committee*

Summer Retreat: Listening to the Voice of God. Tues 8/18—Wed 8/26 at Holy Spirit Center, led by Fr. Armand Nigro, SJ and Fr. Vince Beuzer, SJ. "*God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts crying out "Abba Father,"*" (Gal. 4:6). Deepen your prayer life and awareness of God at work in your life this summer. The 8 day silent Ignatian Retreat provides 3 catered meals a day with private bedroom, tools for holy discernment, spiritual direction, Sacraments of Healing, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Fee \$650. Deposit \$300 (non-refundable). To register call: 346-2343 or www.holyspiritcenterak.org.

May Calendar

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



Generations of Faith

sign up for the Sunday, May 24th session on Pentecost — in particular, if child care is needed and RSVP for planning purposes.

On May 31st, the summer schedule of Masses will begin; we will have an additional 5pm Mass on Sunday until August 30th. Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will not be scheduled but we are asking that those who know they will be attending that Mass that week, could sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board, the weekend prior. This is particularly important with the Lectors for preparation purposes. If you will be attending every week, please so note on the signup sheet.

Calendar for May 18, 2009 – May 24, 2009, with Daily Readings

May 18, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	May 19, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	May 20, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	May 21, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	May 22, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	May 23, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	May 24, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Acts 16:11-15	Acts 16:22-34	Acts 17:15, 22-18:1	Acts 18:1-8	Acts 18:9-18	Acts 18:23-28	Acts 1:1-11 (58B)
Psalms 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b	Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8	Psalms 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14	Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	Psalms 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalms 47:2-3, 8-9, 10	Psalms 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Ephesians 1:17-23 Mark 16:15-20
John 15:26:16:4a	John 16:5-11	John 16:12-15	John 16:16-20	John 16:20-23	John 16:23b-28	

Saturday, May 23, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Joe Deveaux

Lectors: 1st Reading: Monty Murray; 2nd Reading: Dave Nelson

Altar Server: Hannah Pothast

Sunday, May 24, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Kathryn Dunagan

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathleen Evenson; 2nd reading: Laurie Kapp

Altar Server: Nathan O'Lena

Sunday, May 24, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Cindy Kircher

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Charles Miller

Altar Server: Edward Johnson
Georgia Forrest

Mop & Bucket 5/18—5/23: Hugh Garske Family **Collection Counters: 5/24:** Paul & Shirley Zobec

On Friday, May 22, Theology and Brew will host Dr. Stan Grove, Phd. He will present, "Evolution and Christian Philosophy", at Sal's Diner, in Soldotna. The talk will address the following: Is there a valid debate between "evolutionists" and "creationists"? The alleged conflict is often rife with false assumptions. Once we acknowledge certain philosophical principles that are implied in both a sound theology and an authentic science, distortions can yield to clarity of vision, and the grandeur of creation shines forth unimpaired. Come join us for a lively discussion and enjoyable dinner. For more information please call **Kris Viens 776-7693**.

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.

HELP!!! We are in need of 5 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.

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 1st – 4th 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.

What'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.

Please congratulate the 22 students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation today at the 11:30am Mass. We welcome them and invite them to become more actively involved in the parish. The Confirmandi are: Dana Spring, Tilly Hileman, Matthew Fellman, Kaitlyn Stropes, Adam Agosti, Amanda Cobb, Katrina Truesdell, David Burger, Angela Ramponi, Zachary Truesdell, Andrew Shassetz, Vanessa Dukowitz, Robert Johnson, Katherine Quelland, Karen Senette, Anna Byrne, Brett Vadla, Emily Rohloff, Casee Penrod, Leah Garske, Kevin Garske, and Theresa Ramponi.

We 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.

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? There are some times open for walkers on Saturday morning May 30th. 8am-1:00pm are available. Please call **Alyson at 389-3235 or email 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 16th, 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. Click on OLPH team link, then click on donate at the top of the page.
