

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 3, 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

AWAKEN ME

Risen one
come, meet me
in the garden of my life.

Lure me into elation.
Revive my silent hope.
Coax my dormant dreams.
Raise up my neglected gratitude.
Entice my tired enthusiasm.
Give life to my faltering relationships.
Roll back the stone of my indifference.
Unwrap the deadness in my spiritual life.
Impart heartiness in my work.

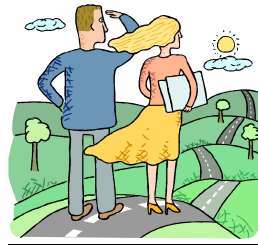
Risen One,
send me forth as a disciple of your unwavering
love,
a messenger
of your unlimited joy.

Resurrected One,
may I become
ever more convinced
that your presence lives on,
and on, and on,
and on.

Awaken me!
Awaken me!

Prayer For Vocations

Heavenly Father, bless your Church with an abundance of holy and zealous priests, deacons, brothers and sisters. Give those you have called to the married state and those you have chosen to live as single persons in the world, the special graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of your Son so that in him, with him, and through him, we may love you more deeply and serve you more faithfully, always and everywhere. With Mary we ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN!



A LOOK AHEAD!

ALL 2009 GRADUATES! Let's Celebrate! A Mass celebration will be held May 9th-Saturday at 5:00pm. High School and College. Let us know you'll be there. Please RSVP either by phone or email to akdunns@gci.net or 262-0847.

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

Bible Time line will be on the 3rd and 31st of May after the 11:30 Mass. On the 3rd we will cover lesson 15 and then lesson 16 will be covered on the 31st. If you have any questions please call **Joanne Biegel at 262-2444**.

HAVE YOUR SAY/FILL OUT THE SURVEY: Please watch for the Parish wide Survey the week of May 2/3. Fill out and return the completed Survey to WIN \$\$ - Details to follow. Please pray for all those taking part in making our parish awesome!

By now, you should have received a letter from Archbishop Schwietz inviting you to share your gift of treasure with the ministries of our local Church through the ***One Bread, One Body*** Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to act as an active steward of the gift of your faith community. To make your pledge online, visit www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.

It 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. Thank you for your continued support of this program!

May Calendar

May 2: Parish Potluck after 5pm Mass, in the Hall
 May 3: Bible Timeline, Hall, 12:30pm
 May 3: Youth Mass/Kenai
 May 5: GOF Planning, 3pm/Hall
 St. Vincent's Meeting: 5:30pm/Hall
 May 6: RCIA, Hall/7pm
 May 7: Men's Breakfast, 6:30am/Hall
 May 9: RCIC 3pm/Hall
 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

May 4, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	May 5, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Generations of Faith Planning, 3pm	May 6, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA, 7pm	May 7, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am Quilting, 10am-3pm	May 8, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	May 9, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm RCIC—3pm Graduation Mass, 5pm; followed by reception in foyer	May 10, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses
Acts 11:1-18	Acts 11:19-26	Acts 12:24-13:5a	Acts 13:13-25	Acts 13:26-33	Acts 13:44-52	Acts 9:26-31(53B)
Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4	Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7	Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6 & 10	Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 & 27	Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab	Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4	Psalm 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 1 John 3:18-24
John 10:1-10	John 10:22-30	John 12:44-50	John 13:16-20	John 14:1-6	John 14:7-14	John 15:4a, 5b

Saturday, May 9, 2009, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Cathy Atkinson

Lectors: 1st Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2nd Reading: Christine Ermold

Altar Server: Server needed

Sunday, May 10, 2009, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Pat Cowan; 2nd reading: Barbara O'Lena

Altar Server: Jacob O'Lena

Sunday, May 10, 2009, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Shirley Aleckson

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Linda Houglum; 2nd reading: Jean Kudyba

Altar Server: Alex Agosti
Georgie Forrest

Mop & Bucket 5/4—5/9: Jim Fellman Family **Collection Counters: 5/10:** Lynn & Gene Friendshuh

Our 22 Confirmation candidates took some time during class to reflect on what gifts they bring to the Eucharist, and to our parish. Their gifts include: new ideas, charisma, youth, talent, laughter, teen spirit, support for each other, reading Scripture, playing music and singing, keepin' it young, computer savvy, entertainment, and being good helpers for VBS and CCD classes.

They also discussed what they need from our parish, and us, as parishioners: to feel welcome, to feel loved, people to be friendly, quiet time, acceptance for who they are, support, respect, encouragement, to be taken seriously, to have things geared for youth, for people to be open to their ideas, and sugar-free brownies and goodies after Mass. Please keep them in your prayers. Confirmation is May 17 at 11:30 Mass.

We are celebrating graduating seniors at 5pm Mass on May 9. We would like to put up pictures of our graduating seniors (high school or college). Please email pictures to Janet at rjshapley@acsalaska.net, or Connie at akdunns@gci.net, or leave them in the marked envelope near the sink in the foyer for us to pick up on Saturday and display at church.

Here'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

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.

FAREWELL is being planned.

A **farewell** is being planned for Sr. Joyce and Sr. Joan who have served the people of the Kenai Peninsula first by traveling to each faith community to assist with Religious Education and for the last number of years as the pastoral leaders at Our Lady of the Angels in Kenai. Just before Easter, the Sisters announced that at the end of May, they would conclude their ministry here and return to their Religious Communities in the East.

Sr. Joyce will preside at Communion Services at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on the weekend of May 23-24. This will give all of you a chance to say Thank You and Goodbye to the Sisters

The Kenai Parish will host the May 3rd **Teen Mass/Activity Night** for 7th-12th grade students. The Mass is specifically geared for teens. Teens are invited to assist as readers, servers or ushers. Dinner will be served followed by activities at the Kenai Recreation Center. Activities will include a wallyball tourney, basketball, pool tourney, Guitar Hero Play OFF and much more. Parent volunteers are needed for cooking, cleaning, chaperoning and for shuttling teens to/from the parish to the Rec Ctr. Arriving early is greatly appreciated (4:30PM Check-in and 5:00 teen Mass). There is a \$5 fee and be sure to complete a parent permission form located at the teen table. Parents may pick-up then teen(s) and the Kenai Parish at 8:45PM. Call Brenda Ahlberg if you can help 262-5432.

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.

**One Bread,
One Body**



“See what love the Father has bestowed . . .”

You are one of God’s children, on whom He has bestowed love and many other gifts.

Among those is the gift of belonging to your faith community—the Archdiocese of Anchorage--that spans more than 138,000 square miles. The ministries of your Archdiocese serve people in communities large and small, urban and rural.

You help make possible the vital work of your Archdiocese when you share your gift of treasure through the *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal.

Please prayerfully consider making your pledge to the annual appeal this week.

Make your pledge online at
www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.

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.



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Office of the Archbishop

MEMORANDUM

TO: Priests, Deacons, Parish Directors and Administrators
FROM: Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI
DATE: April 30, 2009
RE: Swine Flu Precautions

Please read the following at all of your weekend Masses and begin the implementation immediately.

With the rapid spread of the influenza/swine flu, I believe it wise at this time to take appropriate precautions at our Catholic Masses. Effective immediately, I would ask that the following measure be taken in the Catholic Churches of the Archdiocese of Anchorage for both Sunday and weekday Masses:

- 1) Suspend the handshake of peace. We will bow to each other at the Sign of Peace;
- 2) Suspend the holding of hands during the Lords Prayer;
- 3) Distribution of precious blood from a common cup is optional;
- 4) Eucharistic Ministers should use an alcohol based hand gel prior to distributing Communion and following.

These requests will be in effect until further notice. To date, no cases of the virus have been reported in Alaska. Hopefully this will continue to be the situation.

Finally, I encourage everyone to use common sense. If you feel ill or are ill, please do not come to Mass or participate in any parish activities. You are exempt from your obligation to participate in the Eucharist when you are ill.

If you or your parishioners are interested, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has more information on their web site. The link to that is: <http://www.usccb.org/liturgy>