

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 31 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 AGE of the HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost is one of the most powerful and incredible feasts of our Church, but most of us probably know little about it. It is far more than “the birthday of the Church.”

The Apostles had been a bit like antsy little kids who’d been on a long, three-year car trip with Jesus, tired and stressed out, full of questions and fears and wonderings. In their darkest depths of fear, the risen Lord Jesus now fulfills his promise that he will send the Holy Spirit upon them, “who will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

Jesus’ action of breathing the Holy Spirit into the disciples was the very purpose and power of the Resurrection --- because it is the way in which the world would be transformed forever.

Think of it this way: Yes, there will be a future moment when Christ comes again to close this era in time and to bring all creation to fullness in eternity. But, since the day of Pentecost, we are now living in the era of the Holy Spirit.

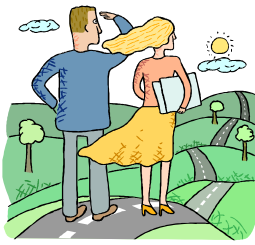
We Christians aren’t the only ones who want to see the miracle of a new age of peace and unity. God has created all of us with this hunger, this craving to belong to the family of God for all time.

Today the Spirit is breathing over the universe in a new way. But God respects time and history --- God works in and through our histories, and it is not yet the fullness of time for Christ to come again. This is still the Era of the Spirit. And we are still called just as the disciples were to get out of our locked rooms --- to leave our fears of the future behind in the past, and to live with the boldness of the Spirit in the present.

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Stewardship “Christian Stewardship begins with God in the Center. When stewardship revolves around any other center, it is misconceived. The institution of the church is an inadequate substitute for the incarnate body of Christ. The church as institution is a means to the end of the church as the fellowship of all believers. Stewardship is servanthood to God through the church, not to the church institution. Though this is a subtle distinction, it is significant.”

The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, who will be teaching at this year’s ACYC in Anchorage, will be guests at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on June 5th as an extension of the Archdiocesan program. The talk will be in O’Neill Hall at 7:15pm. They will address the topic, Mary’s role in leading us to Jesus. Part of their talk will touch on True Devotion to Mary as proposed by St. Louis Marie De Montfort. They will look at both scripture and tradition as they explain Mary’s very important role in salvation history. The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal are a religious order started by a group of 8 professed Franciscans, one of them being Fr. Benedict Groechel, from the Bronx, NY in 1987. The essential components of their reform include material poverty, manual labor, chastity, obedience, and living with, as well as engaging in hands-on work with, the materially poor and destitute. In doing so, they spread the joy of Christ. The CFRs visiting us currently reside at the Sacred Heart of Jesus Friary in Ft. Worth, Texas.



A LOOK AHEAD:

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.

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.

Supporting the Ministries Share your God-given gift of treasure with the people of your faith community by supporting the ministries that serve children and adults throughout our local Church. If you haven’t already, please consider making a pledge to this year’s *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal. Use a pledge card in the pew or make your pledge online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/donate.

Live by the Spirit In today’s second reading, we are told to live “by the Spirit” rather than the flesh. Christian Stewardship helps us live by the Spirit, to focus less on our wants and more on using our gifts — including our gift of treasure — to make life better for all. Your Archdiocese’s *One Bread, One Body* Annual Appeal is a stewardship opportunity unlike any other. It’s your opportunity to share with ministries of your local Church that enrich the lives of children and adults in urban and rural Alaska; including in some of the most remote communities in North America. Please make your pledge today.

The 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.

Garden Planting Party!

Sunday May 31st

3pm—6pm

Then enjoy pizza and hot fudge sundays! Please bring your favorite garden tools & kneeling pads? Call **Pat Murray 2-7801**.

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.

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 June 1, 2009 – June 7, 2009, with Daily Readings

June 1, Monday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 2, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 3, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	June 4, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration starts after noon service Men's Group Breakfast 6:30am	June 5, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Eucharistic Adoration ends before noon service	June 6, Saturday: 5pm Mass Reconciliation 4:00pm	June 7, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Masses
Tobit 1:3; 2:1a-8 Psalm 112:1b-2, 3b-4, 5-6 Mark 12:1-12	Tobit 2:9-14 Psalm 112:1-2, 7- 8, 9 Mark 12:13-17	Tobit 3:1-11a, 16- 17a Psalm 25:2-3, 4- 5ab, 6&7bc, 8-9 Mark 12:18-27	Tobit 6:10-11, 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mark 12:28-34	Tobit 11:5-17 Psalm 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 Mark 12:35-37	Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20 Tobit 12:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 Mark 12:38-44	Deut. 4:32-34, 39- 40(165B) Psalm 33:4-5, 6,9, 18-19, 20, 22 Romans 8:14-17 Matthew 28:16-20

Saturday, June 6, 2009, 5:00pm

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

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

Altar Server: Jacob O'Lena

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 9:00am

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

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Laurie Kapp; **2nd reading:** Pat Cowan

Altar Server: Remy Spring

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 11:30am

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

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Kathy Walker; **2nd reading:** Linda Houglum

Altar Server: Georgia Forrest
Danny McIntosh

Mop & Bucket 6/1 — 6/6: Mary Ellen Johnson Family **Collection Counters: 6/7:** Paul & Joyce Fischer

The Holy Spirit is HERE!

When the descent of the Holy Spirit came upon those gathered in Jerusalem, it was only a mere 51 days since our Lord Jesus died upon the cross on the hill outside that same city. It is amazing to think about. The disciples and the apostles were told by those at the Tomb of Jesus to search Him out in the region of Galilee and had a variety of experiences of the Risen Lord. Now, they are back in the same city where Jesus was condemned to death on the cross.

I would have been tempted to stay in Galilee, because was a relatively safe place, because it was rural part of Palestine at the time. It strikes me for the same reason why come people come to live in Alaska, because it is rural and the areas are relatively safer than in the Lower 48. Galilee is certainly safer than Jerusalem, but the followers of Jesus are not staying in safety, they are going back to Jerusalem!

Just look at how the Holy Spirit changes Peter! He boldly proclaims the message of Jesus to the people gathered around him in this dangerous city of Jerusalem and he has no fear now as we have already heard on the Third Sunday of Easter on April 26th (Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19). This is a far cry from the fearful follower of Jesus, who denied HIM three times 52 nights ago. Peter is a man that can not be stopped and he will preach this message of Jesus, even though it will mean his arrest, beating and imprisonment in Jerusalem. Does that stop Peter? No way! He keeps going proclaiming the Good News, which will lead Peter to Rome, where he will die for Jesus!

How can we explain this change not only in Peter, but all those who were present on that day when the descent of the Holy Spirit came down, where opened those present to proclaim the Gospel, even in languages that they did not know until after this event! The talking in many languages puzzled some of those who were not touched by the tongues of flame and still others who thought the group talked where just drunk on new wine!

This sudden change was took a long and gradual process of being with the Risen Jesus, to see His Ascension and now the Spirit is here. Just as we are called to be people of the Holy Spirit, but for most of us, this is a gradual process of being baptized, receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, being Confirmed and for some of us, we are called to be single, others married, still others living in religious life and still others Holy Orders. Through this gradual awakening through the Sacraments, we are called by God to let go of our fears and what is holding us back in from our journey in following Jesus! We are to imitate Peter! Will we do it perfectly the first time? No, at least I say that I have not be successful the first time! That is why I love the Sacrament of Reconciliation! We are however called to try and try again in our journey to follow Jesus with everything we have, because the Holy Spirit is here helping along the way!

Enjoy the Week and let the Spirit guide you as you as Peter was led!

Fr. Andy OMI

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.



ILLUMINATIONS OF THE WORD

Exhibited June 5-30

First Friday Opening:

Friday June 5, 6 P. M.

(ConocoPhillips Gallery in Grant Hall)

A Facsimile Exhibit from the Saint John's Bible

Alaska Pacific University:

ConocoPhillips Gallery in Grant Hall

Carr Gottstein Gallery

University of Alaska Anchorage:

VAA/APU Consortium Library Gallery

Free Public Lecture:

Dr. Irene Nowell, O. S. B.

Illuminating the Saint John's Bible

America's "Book of Kells"

June 16, 2009, at 7 P. M.

Grant Hall Theater

Reception to follow

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*"The Psalms: Ideal Source for
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- Benedictine nun, Mount St. Scholastica, Atchison, Kansas
- Past president of the Catholic Biblical Association of America
- Adjunct professor at St. John's University School of Theology
- Board of Directors of Benedictine College
- Serves on the editorial board of *The Bible Today*, *Worship*, and the Committee on Illuminations and Texts for the Saint John's Bible
- Publications include *Sing a New Song: The Responsorial Psalm in the Sunday Liturgy*, and *Women in the Old Testament*, published by Liturgical Press. *101 Questions and Answers on Angels and Devils* is forthcoming from Paulist Press

Free Public Lecture: "Saint John's Bible—America's Book of Kells" Tuesday, June 16th, 7 PM
 Wednesday, June 17th presentations at 2 PM and 3:30 PM
 Thursday, June 18th presentations at 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 7:30 PM
 Friday, June 19th presentations at 2 PM and 3:30 PM

Dr. Vincent Smiles
*"Paul, Witness of Earliest Christianity:
 His Importance Then and Now"*

- Professor of theology at College of St. Benedict & St. John's University, MN
 - Publications include: *The Gospel and the Law in Galatia* (Liturgical Press, 1998) and a commentary on five Pauline letters in the *New Collegeville Bible Commentary* (Liturgical Press, 2005)
 - Most recent publication is "The Blessing of Israel and 'the Curse of the Law': A Study of Galatians 3:10-14" (*Studies in Christian-Jewish Relations*, 2008)
- Wednesday, June 17 presentations at 9:30 AM, 11 AM and 7:30 PM
 Thursday, June 18 presentations at 2 PM and 3:30 PM
 Friday, June 19 presentations at 9:30 AM and 11 AM

Registration: I will be attending the 2009 Midsummer's Light Bible Institute:

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone 1 _____ Phone 2 _____ Email _____

Fees: \$175 includes lunch and coffee breaks, \$100 for those in professional ministry, \$125 for Newman Observers, \$75 Wednesday or Thursday only, \$50 Friday only

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For Institute information, contact us at 907-564-8274 or email reiner@alaskapacific.edu.