

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

First Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010
Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary
Immaculate

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,
accept the call of God to
participate in the mission of
Jesus Christ by
Proclaiming the Gospel
and living the reign of
God among us as disciples.*

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30am, Youth Mass every 3rd Sunday of month @ 4pm

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE: Noon and 7pm (see bulletin)

WEEKDAY Mass Schedule: Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm

Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays Noon

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.

Funerals: contact parish office immediately after the death

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

Second Week of Lent—The Transfiguration

Jesus' transfiguration was a moment of hope for the disciples, giving them the strength to endure the future sacrifices they would make as they formed the early Church. As we continue our journey with Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl, let us be mindful that our Lenten sacrifices help to give hope to our brothers and sisters in need.

Please pray the Scriptures with me!

I would like to invite anyone who is interested to pray the Sunday Scriptures with me on Tuesdays at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church from 7:00 PM to 8:15 PM. It will be a time for you to learn to learn how to practice a long and honored tradition of Lectio Divina with the upcoming Sunday Scriptures. It will be starting this Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

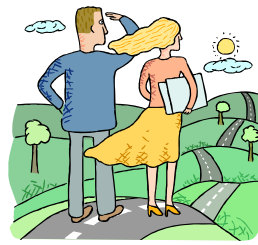
You might ask what is this "Lectio Divina" and isn't this just for monks and nuns? Well, "Lectio Divina" is really a way of reading in a prayerful manner and it is for everyone in the Church. I have found this practice to be a life-giving to my prayer life and has helped to really get into the Sunday Readings in a way that I have never imagined.

No, it is not some "new age" practice, it is very old practice and even Pope Benedict XVI promotes and encourages all of us to practice this way of praying the Scriptures

If you are looking for a new practice for Lent and have always wondered how can I come to a whole new way of praying then maybe Lectio Divina is a way for you. I will be honored if you can come and pray with me our Scriptures, because I always learn something new about prayer, when I pray with others.

I hope that you can come and pray with me.

Many blessings!
Fr. Andy Sensenig, OMI



A look ahead:

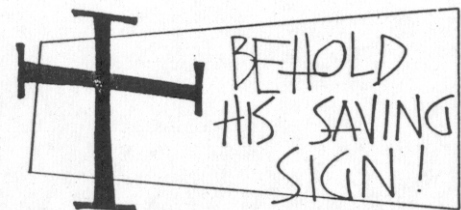
The topic of this month's Generations of Faith is on the Sacrament of Matrimony; We would like to have the couples of the parish consider sharing those precious photos of their Marriage with us in a display for the month of February; Please bring to the sacristy with names/dates on the photos.

NOTE: No Teen Mass in Soldotna this month, Teen Mass in Homer February 21st @ 1:30pm.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Health Ministry will have a Parish Nursing meeting on Thursday, February 25 at 6pm in the hall;

This year the Bishop's Attic Board of Directors will again be offering 3 scholarships for \$1,500 each to High School Graduates who will be pursuing continuing education in an accredited college or certified vocational training program. Applications will be available from the High School Guidance Departments. Completed applications must be postmarked or delivered to the Bishop's Attic by 5:00PM April 15, 2010. For further information please call **Joyce Fischer at 262-9269.**

The Board of Directors wishes to thank all who volunteer, donate items or shop at the Bishop's Attic and make these scholarships possible.



On Ash Wednesday, our Lent 2010 FILL THE BAG PROJECT begins; Please pick up a grocery bag in the foyer with several items included inside: God's Word Among Us for Lent, Rice Bowl packet, and schedule for Lent Activities; The bags should be returned by Palm Sunday, March 28th; you are asked each day to do/include a can of food for the local Food Bank, a pair of socks or personal hygiene product for Brother Francis Shelter, or a \$1/day for 40 days to the Food Bank; This activity helps us to focus of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving during Lent as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Cultural Homestay International, a non-profit educational exchange organization is looking for host homes for international high school students for Fall semester 2010. These students from Asia, Europe and South America need caring, flexible families with whom 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? Call Elaine Agosti 283-7055, Heather Stockton 260-6581 or Jane Gabler 262-9328

Calendar for February 22, 2010 — February 28, 2010, with Daily Readings

February 22, Monday: No Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am	February 23, Tuesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Legion of Mary 12:45pm Praying the Scriptures, 7pm—Hall	February 24, Wednesday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am RCIA 7pm	February 25, Thursday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Health Ministry 6pm	February 26, Friday: Noon Mass Morning prayer, 7:30am Soup Supper 5:45pm-6:45pm Stations of the Cross, 7pm	February 27, Saturday: 5pm Mass Music practice 1-3pm Reconciliation 4:00pm RCIC meets 3pm in the Hall Date Night— movie/pizza 6pm—8:30pm	February 28, Sunday: 9:00am, 11:30am Masses CCD, 10:15
1 Peter 5:1-4 Psalm 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Matthew 16:13- 19	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Matthew 6:7-15	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12- 13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32	Esther C:12, 14- 16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-2, 3- 4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matthew 5:20-26	Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4- 5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 (27C) Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Philippians 3:17- 4:1 Matthew 17:5

Saturday February 27, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Margaret Johnson, John Pothast

Lectors: 1st Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast; 2nd Reading: Dave Nelson

Altar Server: Server Needed

Sunday, February 28, 2010, 9:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Stogsdill, Alyson Stogsdill, Mike Sweeney, Gloria Sweeney, Shirley Twohy

Lectors: 1st Reading: Kevin Woodvine; 2nd reading: Eli Woodvine

Altar Server: Rachel Shassetz

Sunday, February 28, 2010, 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Gatling, Diane Garske, Cindy Kircher, Mike Walker, Kate Forrest

Lectors: 1st Reading: Karl Kircher; 2nd reading: Kathy Walker

Altar Server: Georgie Forrest
Willia Forrest

Mop & Bucket 2/22—2/27: Don Bowers Family **Collection Counters: 2/28:** Kathryn Dunagan, Cathy Haas

There will be a weekly question pertaining to the Sunday Reading. Please reflect/discuss, then put comment on the paper found in foyer basket and bring back the following Sunday to be put on the Cross base as we journey toward Easter together —

FRIDAYS OF LENT:

- ◆ Soup Supper @ Hall, 5:45pm—6:45pm
- ◆ Stations of the Cross, 7pm

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- ◆ Kenai: Tuesday February 23, 7pm
- ◆ OLPH: Tuesday March 2, 7pm

PALM SUNDAY:

- ◆ Saturday Vigil at 5pm
- ◆ Sunday — One Mass at 10am

HOLY THURSDAY: 7PM

- ◆ Adoration: 8:30—Midnight

GOOD FRIDAY:

- ◆ Noon: Stations on walk around town, meet at Hall
- ◆ Stations at 3pm, Church
- ◆ Liturgy @ 7pm

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL:

- ◆ 8:30pm followed by a reception in the foyer, bring favorite dessert

EASTER:

- ◆ One Mass, 10am, followed by Easter Brunch/Activities in Hall & Redemptorist Center

QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

FROM THE Gospel:

WHEN AN ATHLETE STARTS TO GET OUT OF SHAPE, HE/SHE EXERCISES TO RECOUP. IS THERE AN ANALOGY HERE FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL LIFE? HOW DO YOU EXERCISE TO GET INTO SHAPE SPIRITUALLY? WHAT WOULD A "FLABBY" SPIRITUAL LIFE LOOK LIKE? HOW DOES YOURS LOOK NOW?

With the focus on the Sacrament of Matrimony this month for GOF, we invite you to come join us on Saturday, February 27 in the hall, immediately after Mass for the movie, FIREPROOF and pizza/beer; Admission to those over 21years old is \$10/person at the door; However, sign up sheets for the evening and childcare, which will be available if you RSVP, can be found on the bulletin board in the foyer. This would help greatly in planning. FIREPROOF is from the creators of "Facing the Giants"; Kirk Cameron stars as Caleb Holt, a heroic fire captain who values dedication to others above all else. But the most important partnership in his life, his marriage, is about to go up in smoke. This gripping story follows one man's desire to transform his marriage through the healing power of faith and fully embrace the fireman's code: "Never Leave Your Partner Behind."
