St. Perpetua School
Contact the school office for enrollment (TK-8) and After School Program. Tours by appointment call 284-1640 or skozel@csdo.org.

Eucharist
Daily Mass
Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am (Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 & 11:30 am
Holy Days
8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism
Contact the Parish Office for Sacramental Preparation and Baptismal date.

Marriage
Contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to anticipated wedding date for sacramental preparation.

Homebound, ill or Infirm
Contact the Parish Office if you need to receive communion or Anointing of the Sick at home or in the hospital.

Assisted listening devices available

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.
Matthew 10:27

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
7:30 am—4:00 pm
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TOUGH TIMES

For a lot of folks these are tough times. Some families are unable to afford health care or housing. Some people have lost high-paying jobs and are out of work for the first time in their lives. Others are caught in a whirlwind of ever-increasing activity, addiction, or abuse that dominates their lives. People of color still face oppression. Many seniors suffer from loneliness and poverty. Around the globe people are suffering from great pain, disease, malnutrition, and war.

Even so, the scriptures for this Sunday give cause for hope for all who are going through tough times. In the midst of his suffering, Jeremiah finds hope in his knowledge that the Lord “rescued the life of the poor / from the power of the wicked!” (Jeremiah 20:13). Likewise the psalmist can endure persecutions because he knows “the LORD hears the poor” (Psalm 69:34).

BE NOT AFRAID

In the course of this short selection from Matthew’s Gospel Jesus tells the Twelve three times not to be afraid. Both the disciples and Jesus will soon encounter suffering and death. Jesus reminds them, and us, of our Father’s eternally powerful love that will not abandon us in the tough times. That is the grace that “overflow[ed] for the many,” in “the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ” (Romans 5:15).

This message of hope is not meant to be kept to ourselves. Like the apostle Paul, we are to communicate that good news to all who may be experiencing tough times—through our actions as well as our words. Jesus proved the truth of his words by his saving death on the cross. What about us? When we calm others’ fears, telling them not to be afraid, that everything will work out in the end, are those just empty words? Or do we follow up with actions that prove our words to be true? How might you help someone through tough times this week?

Today’s Readings: Jeremiah 20:10–13; Psalm 69:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35; Romans 5:12–15; Matthew 10:26–33

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Perpetua’s Youth Ministry welcomes teens into a loving, enduring, faith-filled community! Centering on coming to know Christ better and to make Christ better known, Youth Ministry strives to reach teens at their varying levels of faith in several ways: Sacramental Preparation, Liturgical Celebrations, Personal Growth and Sharing through weekly Youth Group Gatherings, Retreats, and Service Opportunities. Throughout the summer, look here for insights for teens into the weekly readings.

Teens, in today’s Gospel, Jesus encourages the Apostles to “speak in the light” and to not be afraid. At the time when this Gospel passage was written, many Christians were being persecuted and killed for their beliefs, and some had started to lose heart. Matthew is addressing the very real (life and death) fears of these Christians who had begun to experience the risky consequences of following Jesus. Matthew is trying to communicate that although following Jesus might not always be the popular thing to do, we should nevertheless be bold in speaking the truth.

In Youth Ministry we show each other how to be bold in our faith. Information about the various components that make up St. Perpetua’s Youth Ministry will come out throughout the summer here in the bulletin, and on our web page. In July registration will open up. In the meantime, teens if you ever wonder what other teens come away with from participating in Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua, here are few thoughts from them:

♦ I have learned about God and the way I can live.
♦ I have learned how I can be proud about my faith.
♦ I have learned that my faith can always keep growing.

Teens look here in July for youth ministry registration information – we start up again in September! Any questions, send our Youth Minister, Gary, an e-mail at guerrero@stperpetua.org - Thanks! Gary

San Damiano Retreat (www.sandamiano.org)
710 Highland Drive, Danville,

Monday mornings in July: Free Children’s Book Series at San Damiano (K-5 + adult).

July 28-30: Franciscan Hermitage Experience (silent retreat) with Sr. Mary Jo Chaves, OSF and Dorothy Charbonneau.

For additional details and to register, please visit www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.

Summer Mass Schedule begins July 2
July 2 – August 27 there will be NO 11:30 Mass

Don’t Let Your Donations Go on Vacation
Sign up for electronic giving to ensure your weekly donation to support our community does not go on vacation with you. Visit www.stperpetua.org/donate. If you have any questions, please contact Katherine Korsak at kkorsak@stperpetua.org or 283-0272, ext. 207.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS
The Christian Initiation of Adults (Commonly known as CIA) is the normal way in which adults and children over the age of 7 become active, participating members of the Catholic Church.

A very important part of preparation for this active participation is developing the desire and ability to reach out to others, inviting them to "come and see" (John 1:39) where the Lord is to be found, which is in the community of his disciples.

The most important thing to keep in mind about the C.I.A. is this: It is not merely a new way to prepare adults and children over the age of 7 for baptisms; baptism is only one of the final steps. The goal of the process is full communion, which means "full, conscious and active participation" in the Eucharist and in the whole life of the Catholic faith community.

Preparation for initiation is a preparation for full discipleship, including the mission to tell others about Christ and the Catholic Church. This is a very serious commitment, requiring much time for discernment with the help of others who walk beside the applicant as Christian friends and teachers.

Many persons who want to join the Catholic Church have already been baptized in another Christian Church. They follow a process specially adapted to take into account the fact that they are already baptized.

For the next several weeks the bulletin will provide a description of how adults are initiated into the church. Please share this information with family members, neighbors or friends who may be interested in being baptized and becoming Catholic. Bring them to church with you or invite them to call the Parish Office at 283-0272.

Any parishioner who is interested in being part of a C.I.A. team - people who welcome and assist adults who desire to enter the church and be baptized - should call Christoph Nauer at 283-0272, ext. 203.

(to be continued)

Find Mass Times When Traveling
https://masstimes.org/ tracks Mass times, location and websites of Catholic Churches in the US.
THIS WEEK AT ST. PERPETUA
JUNE 25, 2017—JULY 2, 2017

Second Collection Peter’s Pence

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
During the 9:30 am Mass

Monday
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel

Wednesday
Choir, 7 pm, Church

Thursday
Bible Study, 7:30 pm, Chapel

Sunday
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
During the 9:30 am Mass

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 12:1-9; Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mt 7:15-20


Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15; Lk 1:46-50, 53-55; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-19; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

MASS INTENTIONS
June 24, 2017—July 2, 2017

Saturday 5:00 pm For the Community
Sunday 8:00 am Anne Malone ✧
9:30 am Tom Brown ✧
Sunday 8:00 am For the Community
9:30 am Fr. John King ✧

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:
Marie Saroyan, Chris Fliflet, Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Elisabeth Nauer, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Caroline Bancroft, Charlotte Cairney, Ron Olowin, Judy Russell, Karen Zapotowski, Orlando Portillo, Jenny & Norma Carosella, Alex McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Roger Gregory, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Mettz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Thomas Bond and Betty Magnoli.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Oh, Jeremiah. We really get you. You sound just like us when we were, say, fifteen. Back then we knew that our every word, every behavior was being scrutinized by our “friends” and used for conversation at the slumber party to which we had received no invitation. How the memories still sting.

You were a young man, maybe even a teenager, when you wrote, “All those who were my friends are on the watch for some misstep of mine.” It turns out that you weren’t paranoid. Your friends WERE talking about you behind your back. They were talking about your prophetic warnings about the destruction of Jerusalem, and going back through the years to remember how you’d ALWAYS been addicted to drama, ALWAYS been a worry-wart, ALWAYS been looking for attention.

Yes, you were right and they were wrong. And your prayer—so full of the hurt feelings of a young person—was answered. They died, and you lived. But I’ll bet that, seeing your friends tortured and killed, or taken into captivity, was not the satisfying moment you thought it would be. I’ll bet that you begged for their release before Nebuchadnezzar. But he wasn’t exactly the reasonable guy you hoped for, was he?

You probably hadn’t heard today’s responsorial psalm yet, since it wasn’t put in its final form until the grandchildren of those dragged away that day returned to Jerusalem. Let me remind you of it now: The Lord hears the poor, and those who are his own he spurns not (69:33).

It’s a blessing to be little. It’s a blessing to be humbled. That kind of poverty puts you directly in the center of God’s heart. Lucky you.

What memories do you have of God’s great love during a time of being humbled?
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Come join other parish families for a late afternoon family picnic, with games, food, and fun!

*St. Perpetua will provide* hamburgers, hot dogs, soft-drinks and waters.

Families “A” - “G”
please bring dessert to share for 12

Families “H” - “S”
please bring a appetizer to share for 12

Families “T” - “Z”
please bring a salad to share for 12

We need your help with the following:
Set-up, Food prep, BBQ, Children’s games, Clean-up

To assist and RSVP please email Christoph at chnauer@stperpetua.org, sign up in the vestibule or go here: http://goo.gl/S1Vidq