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

Weekend Liturgies
Summer Schedule
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30
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.

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.

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.

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SAVE THE DATE!
FOR THIS YEAR’S OKTOBERFEST
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7
12:30—4:30 PM
WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR DETAILS AFTER LABOR DAY!
Faith Formation & TEAM Registration for our new year of Faith Formation is now available on our website! Our Faith Formation Handbook, class schedules and instructions for registering children from 1st through 8th grade can be found by visiting www.stperpetua.org. Registration is now due. We look forward to another wonderful year of sharing our faith with you. Questions - contact: kristine@stperpetua.org

Youth Ministry Update
“Let no one look down on you because of your youth, but be a continuing example of love, faith and purity to believers.” 1 Timothy 4:12

Teen Corner – Time to Register for High School Youth Ministry

Hello Teen and Parents of teens – As the summer season comes to a close and we start to prepare for the next school year, keep our parish teens in mind. Each year teens at St. Perpetua have the opportunity to join with other teens in the community to explore faith and what it means to be a Catholic teen in today’s world – from a teen’s view-point and outside of a formal church setting! St. Perpetua offers this opportunity through what the Church calls Youth Ministry. St. Perpetua’s Youth Ministry fosters a community environment for high school students who want to come together in an energized, engaged, safe, and caring environment. Teens have the opportunity to gather in several ways. Choose one or more that fits you:

♦ Weekly Youth Group gatherings on different days during the week to meet a teen’s schedule – starting on Wednesday, September 19;
♦ Monthly Teen Family Youth Masses – our first is Sunday, September 16 at the 11:30am liturgy;
♦ Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation (you must be at least a Sophomore in school this year), starting Sunday evening September 16, after a parent and candidate attend an information gathering on one of these nights September 5, 6, 9, or 10 (choose one of the dates that best fits your schedule), starting at 7:30 pm in the RRC;
♦ Service and Outreach in the Parish and in the Community; and
♦ Fun Social Activities and Games Nights throughout the year.

Check out the Parish website at www.stperpetua.org -- Once on the parish home page choose the “Faith Formation” option, and at that page choose “High School Youth Ministry.” Here you will find information on the new year that starts next month as well as registration information that each teen needs to complete. Drop Gary an email (gguerrero@stperpetua.org) if you have ideas, questions or want further information. There are also Youth Ministry packets available in the Parish Office. See you soon! Gary

August Food Basket
Virginia and Al LaFaille delivered the 34 bags of peanut butter, jelly and crackers along with some macaroni and cheese to the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord. They said that the ladies at the pantry were delighted and thankful!

By the number of bags this month, you showed what a generous community we have, keeping the requested items in mind when shopping each month for the monthly food basket collection. Thank you!!

Next collection:  September 8th & 9th – Canned Meals: Pasta, Chili, Stew

Outreach Agency Distributions
Thanks to your generous support of the Outreach Committee, 5th Sunday collection on July 29th, we were able to send $1,500.00 ($500.00 each) to the following agencies within Contra Costa County: CCIC (Contra Costa Interfaith Council), Child Abuse Prevention Council, and Contra Costa Food Bank/Extra Helping.

Thank you again for remembering those whose lives have been impacted in so many ways by being so generous.

The next 5th Sunday collection for 2018 will be September 29/30. Your ongoing support of these collections is greatly appreciated!

Friendly Manor Monthly Lunch - Ongoing
On the last Friday of the month, a small number of members of the community have been preparing lunch for the women at A Friendly Manor. The women usually have a sandwich of some sort on a daily basis but are delighted when these dedicated members come in with meat loaves, pizzas, lasagnas, etc. Just to see the happiness on these ladies faces and to know that they will have a full tummy is the reason the volunteers continue in this endeavor.

A bit of background about the agency – A Friendly Manor/Friendly Place is a drop-in center for homeless women open Monday through Friday. It is a safe place where women can come to shower, do laundry, use the telephone, enjoy a cup of coffee and even rest, all in a safe environment.

If you are interested in finding out more about the 4th Friday lunch and possibly volunteering, please contact Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.285.4669 for more information.
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Choose today whom you will serve, Joshua said to that diverse crowd gathered inside the border of the Promised Land. Apparently that warning, sounding all the way from the 13th century BC, was ignored by ex-Cardinal Ted McCarrick, who certainly had multiple opportunities to reflect on that text, coming as it does every three years on the 21st Sunday.

It was most certainly cynically ignored by the hundreds of priests whom we now know assaulted over 1,000 minors in the period between 1940 and 2003 in six dioceses in Pennsylvania.

But it also eluded the consciences of every cleric who covered up those abuses so malevolently that the Grand Jury called their response “a playbook for concealing the truth.”

I ask myself how I, a laywoman and scripture teacher, have contributed to the culture of cover-up in this Church that I love. Would I have defended a priest, even at the expense of a child, just to keep a job? I have never even remotely been in that position.

Still, I feel the need to do penance. This is my Church. Many of the atrocities of clergy abuse occurred in my lifetime---but, thankfully, almost none since the new mandatory reporting laws came into effect in 2003. At least at this writing, the worst may be behind us.

Every August I receive the annual subscription fees from the parishes that so kindly subscribe to this column. This year I will send the full amount to a group that works with survivors of clergy abuse. With this gesture I’ll join the universal Church in sacrifice and penance for the evils done by those pretending to be servants of Christ.

Even though you aren’t personally responsible, will you join in a year of prayer for the victims?

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May we be that community of missionary disciples, as Pope Francis wrote in Evangelii Gaudium, “who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice.” (824)

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