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Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00, 9:30
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Monday—Friday
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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 16, 2018

IF YOU WISH TO COME AFTER ME
YOU MUST DENY YOURSELF,
TAKE UP YOUR CROSS,
and follow me.

MARK 8:34
Dear Friends,

There are several events being sponsored by the Diocese of Oakland which may be of interest to some of our parishioners. On **Saturday, September 29th, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light**, Bishop Barber will celebrate a special liturgy to recognize Catholics throughout the Diocese who are involved in the healthcare profession. An open invitation is extended to thank and honor those in physical, mental and spiritual healthcare professions, caregivers and those who support them. Doctors, nurses, nurse aids, hospice care workers and all who provide direct and administrative services are invited to attend. Following the liturgy a reception and Mental Health Resource Fair will take place.

On **Sunday, October 7th, at 10:00 a.m. a Mass of Thanksgiving, traditionally called the “Blue Mass,”** will be celebrated at the Cathedral. The Catholic Community of the East Bay will join together in prayerful thanksgiving and support of those who work to keep our communities safe – law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel from Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. If you are involved in any of these significant human services you are warmly encouraged to attend. If you have someone in your family in these professions encourage them to attend. Both events are, of course, open to anyone in the Diocese.

Next Weekend, representatives of **Oakland Catholic Worker** will be with us to share their ministry and seek our support. The Oakland Catholic Worker is a House of Hospitality located on International Boulevard in Oakland that offers transitional housing -- up to 4 months -- to Latin American immigrants. In the tradition of the Catholic Worker movement, their ministry of service is based on the practice of solidarity with the poor and disenfranchised. The Catholic Worker Movement, founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin in 1933, is grounded in a firm belief in the God-given dignity of every human person. Today over 185 Catholic Worker communities remain committed to nonviolence, voluntary poverty, prayer, and hospitality for the homeless, exiled, hungry, and forsaken. Catholic Workers continue to protest injustice, war, racism, and violence of all forms and work to put the spiritual and corporal works of mercy into action in their everyday lives. Let us welcome them warmly as they join us in prayer and worship next week.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
**Youth Ministry**

Welcome to a new year of Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua! I am thrilled to start the 2018 - 2019 year off and hope you will become part of, or continue with, Youth Ministry in our Parish. Teens are an important and integral part of our Parish community and in our ministry we affirm the gifts of our teens and help foster opportunities for them to share their gifts with the St. Perpetua Parish and the larger community around us. Through a variety of programs, events and outreach, we draw our teens into responsible participation in the life, work, and mission of the Parish Community. Our goal is the continued forming of a young Christian community within the Parish whereby teens can grow in their love of God and neighbor. St. Perpetua's High School Youth Ministry is open to all students in the 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades. Coming up for teens at St. Perpetua:

- **Sunday, September 16** - Welcome at the 11:30 Mass for new Confirmation Candidates; last year’s Confirmation Candidates invited and receive their Confirmation certificates.
- **Sunday, September 16** - This year’s Confirmation group gathers for the first time. We spend the time coming to know one another, and scope out the year.
- **Wednesday, September 19** - Youth Group starts with our first evening of “Being a Catholic Teen in Today’s World.” Come for some fun and to join with other teens as we start the year together to discover our faith and how our faith can help us be the best version of ourselves, by discovering and using the gifts God gave us. At the end of Wednesday night we conclude with an ice cream send off!

We have a great year ahead of us and you are an important part of it. I look forward to seeing you at our next Youth Ministry gathering. Enjoy your week. Drop me a line if you have any questions. Gary F. Guerrero, Youth Minister

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### Shoes that Fit

School has started and that signals a "heads up" for our ongoing Shoes That Fit program. The Outreach Committee is so grateful for your years of support of this national award-winning program that supplies new, sturdy, athletic shoes to children in need. And we would like to extend a big thank you for being "SHOEper Heroes" to the kids in two Pittsburg elementary schools, Los Medanos and Willow Cove! We expect to get our first lists in the next couple of weeks and will post them on our bulletin board when they arrive.

### September Food Basket

Thank you for remembering to pick up those extra items for our monthly food collection. Jim Fulton happily delivered 15 heavy bags and 12 cases of 6 cans each to Monument Crisis Center in Concord. He said it was a very heavy delivery, weight-wise, and as always, they were very happy with the delivery. The food is received at the location, packaged in grocery bags, and distributed right away.

Next collection: October 13th-14th: Canned or Dried Beans – Refried, Pinto, Black, Kidney, Pork & Beans, Baked

### Outreach Agency Distributions

We thank you for your continued generosity between our 5th Sunday Outreach collections. Because of that we are able to send $4,000. ($500. each) to the following agencies: Foster Family Network, Friendly Manor/St Mary’s Center, Hope Conference, Loaves and Fishes, Monument Crisis Center, Options for Women, and Project Hope/Anka Behavioral Health.

As you can see your continued support enables these and other agencies to continue their unique programs working with those whose lives have been impacted and can benefit for their services. Thank you!

The next 5th Sunday collection for 2018 will be September 29/30.

Your ongoing support of these collections is appreciated!

**Friendly Manor Monthly Lunch - Ongoing**

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.

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 macaroni and cheese, meatloaf, 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.

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. They would be delighted to have a new face in the group once in a while.

### Save the Date!

#### Weekend of October 13 & 14th

**“Share the Warmth” Blue Barrel Collection**

St. Perpetua Outreach committee is hosting a "Share the Warmth" event the weekend of October 13 & 14th. The collection will be for all warm winter things: coats, hats, mittens, scarves, sox, sweatshirts, boots, blankets, comforters, sleeping bags. Sizes needed are from infant to adult.

Some of the organizations that will benefit from these warm items are: the women at Friendly Manor in Oakland, Hillcrest Community Church clothes closet in Pleasant Hill, White Pony Express, Winter Nights, St Vincent de Paul and others. Any questions, please call Karen Rose Kalvass at 925.284.8130.
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Many years ago I was blessed to come under the nurturing mentorship of the most well-known liturgical musician in our region. Kathy Faulkner was a legend in the years after the Council. It was she who brought the quality music of the renewal into our archdiocese, she who taught at the liturgical conferences, she who never lost energy or passion for training up prayerful and educated musicians for worship in the Church.

Through many decades I watched her tirelessly bring in new music, and we all delighted in her intuitive ability to find the perfect hymns for the scripture readings, year after year after year.

She and her husband Tom, also a musician, held late-night rehearsals in their big old house on an historic, leafy street. The vibrant sounds of instruments and voices, thrilling to the beautiful new liturgical music of the 80s and 90s, wafted out into the neighborhood.

The big house is gone now, as are the young musicians singing around her piano. Kathy, long a widow, now lives in a small room in a nursing home. Her walls are empty, save a framed papal blessing, and a single scripture quote: Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

The stroke hasn’t affected her memory of a thousand hymns. Church choirs that visit the nursing home wonder at the woman in the first row, singing her heart out, who needs no music with which to follow along. She has hidden the words in her heart.

It might look like she lost everything by giving her life to Jesus. But one minute in her joyful presence reminds visitors that it was in losing her life that she found it.

What invitation from Jesus calls you to a more joyful life?

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Oktoberfest

This year’s carnival will be held in the upper lot on the lawn by the Garden of Learning, as such there will be ample parking.

Fun games with cool prizes, you can win many ways.

Great food and drink including popular beer brews to enjoy at the tables by the pavilion.

WrokDay will be live again to keep you entertained.

Enter the raffle, the more tickets you buy the better your chances to win a 7 day Thanksgiving vacation in Maui.

The Silent Auction will have gifts and goods.

New this year…Tiki Toss, Lawn Darts and Yard Pong!

You can also watch the 49ers and Raiders games in the sports lounge.

Bring the whole family, invite neighbors and have a blast.

All this can only happen with your help.

Please visit our website to volunteer or sign up after the Masses this weekend.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7th
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