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.

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

Assisted listening devices
available

Receive the Holy Spirit:
Whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain
are retained.

— John 20:22-23
Dear Friends,

Do you recall the story of the “Tower of Babel” from the Book of Genesis (11:1-9)? Up until this point in the Bible, the whole world had one language - one common speech for all people. The people of the earth became skilled in construction and decided to build a city with a tower that would reach to heaven. By building the tower they wanted to make a name for themselves and also prevent their city from being scattered. Like Adam and Eve, they were tempted to make themselves wiser and greater than God. God came to see their city and the tower they were building. He perceived their intentions, and in His infinite wisdom, He knew this "stairway to heaven" would only lead the people away from God. He noted the powerful force within their unity of purpose. As a result, God confused their language, causing them to speak different languages so they would not understand each other. By doing this, God thwarted their plans. He also scattered the people of the city all over the face of the earth.

Our Feast of Pentecost marks the “undoing” of the confusion and dispersion that happened in the Book of Genesis. Today we hear in the Acts of the Apostles that the coming of the Holy Spirit reversed the upheaval of Babel. At the sound of the rushing wind and the tongues of fire, the Holy Spirit imparted a new unity among the diverse crowd. Although the visitors to Jerusalem were from every nation under heaven, each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language. From many tongues the Holy Spirit created one voice to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

Our world so often appears to be a cacophony of sounds, not merely the many different languages that are spoken, even in the Bay area, but the confusion of conflicting values and attitudes which set people and nations against each other. We need once again the power of God’s Spirit to unite hearts that are scattered. We believe that the Holy Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognized merely as expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort is offered, forgiveness is granted. On this Pentecost Sunday, as we bring the joy and beauty of the Easter Season to a close we ask God to immerse us and our world in the energy of the Spirit so that the Reign of God will be born again in our midst.

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Thanks to everyone who helped to inaugurate our new Community Center last weekend and stayed after Mass to enjoy one another’s company and delicious food and refreshments. Thanks especially to the Knights of Columbus for providing Sunday’s breakfast/brunch and to the parish staff for hosting Saturday’s Wine & Cheese Social. I knew that once you were in our new Grand Hall and shared food and companionship there, you would be able to appreciate the beauty of the new Community Center and the potential it holds for us as a Parish family.

Pentecost Blessings!

Father John Kasper, OSFS
**FAITH FORMATION**
During the summer please consider if being a faith formation teacher is of interest to you. Our teachers receive a tuition discount, first choice on class time, priority date selection and seating for sacraments AND have the wonderful opportunity to share and learn with the children about our faith. Teaching commitments range from 3-4 hours per month during the school year and teaching materials are provided. We would love to have you join our teaching team.

Registration packets for Fall 2019 will be sent via email in mid-July.
All Class Schedules are available on our website at www.stperpetua.org

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**Social Justice Committee:**
**Themes from Catholic Social Teaching**

The Church’s social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. There are seven key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition. We’ll focus on one each week.

**LIFE AND DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. Human life is threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

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**Requested items for the June 08/09 collection:**
- Powdered Milk, Vegetable Oil and Masa Harina

The next 5th Sunday Collection for Outreach will be the weekend of June 29/30.

**Friendly Manor Lunches Volunteer Opportunity**
Friendly Manor is a drop-in place of respite serving homeless women. There are showers, laundromat facilities, ability to take a nap, hot coffee and pastries along with the availability of counseling. On the 4th Friday of each month, a small group of people from St. Perpetua go to Friendly Manor and serve lunch to the women offered by that agency. If you are interested in finding out more about the 4th Friday lunch or are interested in possibly helping out, please contact Karen Kalvass at (925) 284.8130 or krkvolunter@gmail.com.

**Heads Up! Coming Soon**
**Blue Barrel Collection**
The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a Blue Barrel Collection for new backpacks (Please no solid red or blue) on the weekends of June 22/23 and June 29/30. A flyer will be included in an upcoming bulletin with more information. Stay tuned!

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**Don't Let Your Donations Go On Vacation**

Summer is almost here! Sign up for electronic giving to ensure your support of our community.

You can manage your electronic giving online with improved security, convenience and communication. If you are not using online giving to make your church donations, please consider it. It is easy to do on our website.

If you have any questions, please contact Arlene Connors at 925-283-0272, ext. 201.
Welcome into the Catholic Community

Congratulations! This weekend we welcome the following child into our parish community through the waters of Baptism:

Ada Marie Piper
daughter of David & Amelia Piper

May our community embrace Ada and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for her. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

Rite of Sending Forth

Today at the 5:00 p.m. Mass we celebrate the sending forth of our newly initiated. During these days of Easter they have completed the public Christian Initiation process. They have given witness to their faith in testimony and action and have become an integral part of this community. Their initiation is not an end, but rather a beginning, not a welcome home, but a sending forth. Congratulations to Jessica & Troy Schmedding, Amy Cocotis, Sabrina Bea and Matt Kramer.

Pentecost Sequence, 2019

It’s Pentecost, see, with its reds and its fire.
It’s hearing the story of yearning desire
To reach to the ends of the earth with the news.
And joy set them free to dispense with the Rules.
They left all they knew for THE STORY so glorious
But some of their number became quite notorious.
Saul became Paul, the great Gentile ally.
His letters gave Christians this peace to abide by:
Not Gentile, not Jew, not servant, not free.
God’s grace is abiding in you and in me.

Now all these years later it’s hard to recall
That unity was the Spirit’s great gift to us all.
So, come, Holy Spirit, let’s try this again.
Renew us. Imbue us, in His NAME. AMEN.

For when Spirit dwells there’s this one huge advantage:
When it comes to God’s grace, we all speak
the same language.

How do you “speak the same language” with friends
of other faith traditions?
Kathy McGovern ©2019 www.thestoryandyou.com

St. Perpetua Parish Finance Council
2019 Spring Progress Report

2019 year-to-date revenues are better than expected due to some one-time donations to help with the start-up costs of our new Community Center. However, it’s difficult to plan around and depend on one-time donations when funding ongoing Parish programs and ministries, so please review your recurring donations be they electronic or in the collection plate.

We continue to aggressively manage overall Parish expenses, but personnel and facilities costs continue to rise and the ongoing Community Center operating costs are still not totally known. With the slower summer months right around the corner, please consider signing up for e-Giving or increasing your existing credit card or EFT contributions to support the St. Perpetua faith community (even when you’re out and about this summer having fun).

E-Giving Programs

Through our credit card and EFT e-Giving options available on the St. Perpetua web site, one can easily and securely make ongoing or one-time donations. Simply open St. Perpetua.org, click on the “Online Giving” icon and fill out the giving form. Your donations will follow your instructions and you can change them at any time.

Community Center ‘Fund a Need’

While construction of the new Community Center is done, there are still fixtures and furnishings needed to make the facility truly compete. Fr. John and the Parish staff will be putting together a wish list of items we need to for our new facility. Any help you can offer in this area will be greatly appreciated. Stay tuned for further details. Thank you so much for your support. We did it, it’s a wonderful building.

Fr. John and the Finance Council wish to thank everyone for their continued stewardship and support in making St. Perpetua the welcoming faith community it is today.

Mass Intentions
June 8—June 16, 2019

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|          | 11:30 am| Sean Kelley
| Tuesday  | 8:30 am| Russ Bruzzone
| Saturday | 5:00 pm| Russ Bruzzone
| Sunday   | 8:00 am| Luigi Silvano
|          | 9:30 am| Bob Minch
|          | 11:30 am| For the Community

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, Orlando Portillo, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Dylan Cazin, Irwin Mettler, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, Lesley Kirchman, Laura Zellmer, Arelene Fannin, Jimmy Fulton, Manuel Luna, Tish Reardon, and Mary Barker.
The Outreach Committee wanted to give a great big thank you to our parishioners who participated in our 'Shoes That Fit' program this last school year. In total 79 pairs of shoes were delivered to very happy children from Los Medanos Elementary and Willow Cove Elementary schools in Pittsburg this season. Be sure to check out our bulletin board near the entrance of the church to see a few of the endearing thank yous from the kids.

Since the inception of STF in September of 2012, 781 pairs of shoes have been handed out to these needy and worthy kids! Thanking God and YOU for your help in putting a smile on the children's faces, and comfortable shoes on their feet!

We will start up again in the fall. Your faithful support is so appreciated.