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

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Parish Office Hours
Monday—Friday
8:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Dear Parishioners,

Lent begins this week as we mark ourselves with the ashes that remind us of our mortality and our frailty. This life of ours is a priceless gift – unearned and often taken for granted. These forty days of spiritual renewal offer us the chance to stop, look and listen: to STOP some of the compulsive ways we approach life… to LOOK at the world around us, the world we are creating for ourselves and those who will come after us… to LISTEN to the voices calling us to grow more deeply into the life of God. Our Catholic tradition offers us some tried and true ways to do this during Lent. We are encouraged to take more time to quiet our spirits and enter into dialogue with the Lord (prayer). We can use physical mortification (fasting) to set our sights on the life beyond this one and experience solidarity with the hungry of the world. We let go of some of our own possessions and money (almsgiving) in order to gain for ourselves the treasure of God’s kingdom.

In the vestibule you will find Lenten reading and prayer material to use as individuals, and at home with the family. Rice Bowls are distributed to support Catholic Relief Services. Lent is an ideal time to share in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament takes place every Saturday from 4:00-4:30 in the Reconciliation Chapel at the back of the church. It is also available anytime upon request. Simply make an appointment with me or Fr. Paul Dechant. We are more than willing to make ourselves available at a time convenient for you. We will also have a parish Communal Penance Service later in Lent.

Whatever specific practice or tradition you choose to exercise in order to grow in God’s grace this Lent, may it help you to bring the grace of God’s love to others – to die with Christ in order to rise to the fullness of His resurrection at Easter. The great theologian and religious leader, John Wesley, who founded the Methodist movement in the eighteenth century, offered an inspiring formula for living that sounds to me like a perfect Lenten plan of action:

Do all the good you can,
By all the means you can,
In all the ways you can,
In all the places you can,
At all the times you can,
To all the people you can,
As long as you ever can.

Father John Kasper, OSFS
OUTREACH NEWS – February 2020
Agency Distributions
This month the Outreach Committee was, thanks to your continued generosity, able to send $2500.00 ($500.00 each) to the following agencies located within Contra Costa County: MOW (Meals on Wheels) Diablo Region, Rota-Care, SHARE, Trinity Center, and Winter Nights.

These donations enable some of the agencies to offer some service or program that they would not otherwise be able to do and are greatly appreciated.

Fifth Sunday Outreach Collections for 2020:
3/29, 5/31, 8/30, 11/29

Monthly Food Basket Collection
Thanks to Peter Norton, a new volunteer driver, who in February delivered 35 bags to St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi in Concord. He said he received a warm reception that included a brief tour of the pantry. “Fine organization with a wonderful objective to assist local (Monument Blvd. corridor) homeless families.” They are so appreciative of St. Perpetua’s consistent support!

Your continued support of the monthly Food Basket Collection, by remembering to pick up requested items when out grocery shopping, is wonderful, appreciated and greatly needed.

Again, a special thank you for the people who responded to the plea for volunteers to take the food collected to Monument Crisis Center and St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi. We can always use more drivers, in the event one of the regulars has a conflict with delivering.

Any questions, please contact Sandi Gritzer at 925.284.7133 or gritzpad@comcast.net

Please remember the next food collection:
the weekend of March 14/15 – Canned Fruit/vegetables/hominy

February Shelter Meal
On Presidents’ Day, a group of dedicated friends got together to prepare the shelter meal for the month of February. Maureen Vierengel, Marie Ziser, Donna Kozel, Laurie Doolittle, Melinda Guelfi, Denise Acker and Liz Ganey prepared a delicious meal of BBQ chicken, corn, roasted potatoes, and corn bread. They then transported and served the meal to the delighted and appreciative guests who raved about the beautiful meal.

Thank you all for your dedication to this much needed and appreciated ministry. If you would like to get involved in either preparation and/or transport and serving of the meal please contact Monica Chappell @ monicachappell12@gmail.com for preparation and Ann Diemer @ diemer5@comcast.net for transporting & serving.

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: Hunger in Our World
When Jesus fed the 5,000, he said, “Give them some food yourselves.” Reflect on the challenge of global hunger. How can you contribute to support the hungry in your community? Visit www.crsricebowl.org for more.

“The fundamental moral criterion for all economic decisions, policies, and institutions is this: They must be at the service of all people, especially the poor.”

Economic Justice for All, Chapter 1, 24.

Rite of Sending to Election
At the 5:00 Mass this weekend, we will celebrate the Rite of Sending the catechumens and candidates to their election and recognition by Bishop Barber on March 1 at 4:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light. This rite offers our parish community the opportunity to express our approval of the catechumens and candidates and to send them forth to the celebration of election assured of our care and support. Please keep the following adults in your prayers as they begin the final stages of preparation for full communion with the Church: Peter Gruebele, Renee Russell, Chasselyne Maxwell, Trisha Malone. Their introductions are posted in the vestibule.

St. Patrick’s Corned Beef Dinner
Saturday, March 14—St. Perpetua Grand Hall
Social begins -- 6 p.m., Dinner — 7 p.m.

‘Tis the luck O’ the Irish that you are invited to the Knights of Columbus Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 14, in the new St. Perpetua Grand Hall.

Social Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. The traditional Irish feast will be served about 7 p.m. Come enjoy a delicious buffet style dinner with corned beef and cabbage, side dishes and dessert. Tickets are $20 for adults, $10 for teens, and $1 for children 12 and under.

RSVP online at SignUpGenius https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c044aad1a28a059-20203 or Call Dave Tedesco at 925-256-8534 to reserve your spot.

Prefer to send a check? RSVP to Dave, send check payable to “Knights of Columbus” to Dave Tedesco, 2834 Saklan Indian Drive, Walnut Creek, CA 94595
This Week at St. Perpetua

Sunday, March 1
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am, St. Francis Room
Fatima Movie Discussion, 2:00 pm, Community Center

Monday, March 2
Centering Prayer, 6:45 pm, Chapel
JustFaith, 7:00 pm, St. Francis Room

Tuesday, March 3
Women Walking with Purpose, 9:30 am, Grand Hall East
Liturgy Cmte, 6:30 pm, Dining Room
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Lounge
Women Walking with Purpose, 7:00 pm
Outreach Cmte, 7:00 pm, Conference Room

Wednesday, March 4
Choir Practice, 6:30 pm, Church

Thursday, March 5
Bible Study with Sr. Laurel, 9:15 am, Conference Room
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, Community Center

Saturday, March 6
First Eucharist Retreat, 9 am, Community Center

Daylight Savings Begins
Sunday, March 8
Children’s Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am, St. Francis Room
Faith Formation Class, 10:30 am, St. Francis Room
Teen/Family Mass, 11:30 am, Church
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, Community Center

The annual daffodil sale to benefit A Friendly Manor will be held the weekends of March 7/8 and March 14/15
In conjunction with the sale, there will be Daffodil/cookie care packages to be given to those who can use some yellow daffodil cheer!
We need help with any of the following:
1) Let us know of someone to get a care package
2) Make 2-3 dozen cookies for the care packages - need by noon on Saturday March 14
3) Write cheery notes to be included with the care package
4) Help deliver care packages between March 14 & 17
Please let me know if you can help! Karen Rose Kalvass 925.285.4669 or krkvolunteer@gmail.com

A Devotional Concert for Holy Week:
Sacred Baroque
Voci Women’s Vocal Ensemble
Saturday, April 4, - 7:30 PM
St. Perpetua Catholic Church
3454 Hamlin Road, Lafayette

Tickets
$25 suggested donation at the door
$20 advance, $15 students
FREE for children between 6 and 12
Available at the door; or online from brownpapertickets.com or at https://vocisings.org
Information: (510) 531-8714

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Chris Bruzzone, Dylan Cazin, Arelene Fannin, Tish Reardon, Joseph Farrell, Rich Delaney, Marie Gidre, Tim Hennessy, Bridget Teranen, Vincent Bicomong, Jan Krismon Sunga, Barbara Worsham, & Taylor Hannah.
Schools and Communities First

- This proposed ballot initiative would appear on the November ballot and would amend Prop 13 to eliminate tax loopholes provided to commercial and industrial property valued over $3 million.

- It would have **NO effect on residential property** of any kind, or agricultural property, or small businesses valued at under $3 million.

- It is estimated to generate an additional $12 billion dollars in tax revenue annually, including $348 million for Contra Costa County.

- It would do so by regular reassessment of large commercial and industrial property at fair market value, without changing the tax rate of 1%, lowest rate in the U.S.

- Seventy seven percent of the new revenue would be collected from only 8% of commercial property.

- All funds would stay in the local area with schools and community colleges receiving 40%, and local jurisdictions 60%, for such services as police and fire protection, libraries, parks, roads, health and social services.

- Why do we need this tax revenue? California schools rank 41st nationally in per pupil spending, and last in class size.

- Catholic Social Teaching tells us that tax structure must be designed to promote the common good and the wellbeing of all. We believe that this proposition would help to move California closer to that goal.

- The Social Justice Committee invites you to **add your signature** to help put this proposition on the ballot. If you are a registered voter, please **stop at our table after Mass next weekend, March 7&8**. We will have informational handouts at out tables to share. They are also posted on the website.

- Please share this information with your friends and neighbors!