

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

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Ministry Directory



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Welcome/Bienvenido!

We hope that this booklet will give you helpful information about many of our parish programs and ministries. It is really only an introduction. We hope to have the opportunity to speak with you in person about our parish and the various ministries. Please feel free to contact anyone of us for more information.

St. Mary's Staff

<i>Father Edwin Sanchez, Priest Administrator</i>	<i>Joni Siewell, Business Manager</i>
<i>Father Leonard Omolo, Parochial Vicar</i>	<i>Teresa Middlemiss, Administrative Assistant to the Priests</i>
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<i>Alex Lancaster, Music Ministry</i>	<i>Office Hours/Horas de la Oficina: Tuesday—Friday, Martes—Viernes 9am—12pm & 1-4pm</i>
<i>Pat Jacobson, Soup Kitchen Director</i>	

Hispanic Ministry

El ministerio Hispano esta organizado por diferentes Lideres y coordinadores, que se encargan de organizar y preparar a las personas que ayudan en las diferentes areas de la liturgia y sacramentos.

Clases Pre-matrimoniales: Humberto y Susana Martinez

Clases Pre-bautismales: Anselmo y Bernarda Nuñez, Marcos y Aracely Rodriguez

Confirmación: Cherrie Barnes, Marciano Lopez y Honorina Manuel Contreras

Primera Reconciliacion y Primera Comunión: Honorina Manuel Contreras

Catecismo para Adultos: Antonio Reyes con la ayuda de los Apostoles de la Palabra

Ministros Extraordinarios: Bertha Ibarra

Lectores: Daniel Castillo

Acólitos/Monaguillos: Lisa Freeman y Honorina Manuel Contreras

Coro: Alex Lancaster y Maria Guadalupe Hernandez

Ujieres: Miguel Perez

Sacristan: Juan Gomora

Grupo de limpieza: Ericka Padilla (una vez por mes)

Para mas information de los diferentes grupos y si a usted le gustaria ayudar pongase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia al 541- 926-1449 o al 541-619-1504 stmarysoffice_albany@comcast.net

Planning Groups



Pastoral Council: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Pastoral Council assists the Pastor with planning for the future of the parish. The Council deals with the pastoral needs of the parish, rather than the fiscal needs. The Council meets once a month, or as needed for task groups. Council members as of publication are:

Chair—Stuart Conser	Vice Chair—Rich Amos
Secretary—Kathleen Delsman	
Heather Medina Saucedo	Juan Saucedo
Matt Easdale	Tuan Nguyen
Guadalupe Hernandez	Rocio Badger
Marisol De la Torre	Jenny Siewell

El Consejo Pastoral: El Consejo Pastoral de Santa María asiste al Pastor/Sacerdote con la planificación del futuro de la parroquia. El Consejo se ocupa de las necesidades pastorales de la parroquia, en lugar de las necesidades fiscales. El Consejo se reúne una vez al mes, o según las necesidades de la parroquia. Los miembros del Consejo Pastoral son ya mencionado.

The Liturgy Committee helps to plan for the various liturgical seasons. They are the ones that are responsible for changing the environment from season to season as well as considering ritual, prayer and music. If you are interested in serving on the Liturgy Committee please contact Father Edwin, Ace or Honorina at the office.

Finance Council:

The Finance Council was established to help the Parish Priest with financial and budget decisions. A member is appointed by the Priest. The Council meets once a month, or as needed for task groups. Council members as of publication are:

Chair—Cathy Cooper	Vice Chair—Barbara Keller
Secretary—Teresa Middlemiss	
Elaine Kruger-Young	Stuart Conser
Dave Pautsch	Rafael Palacios
Dan Freeman	

Consejo de Finanzas:

El Consejo de Finanzas fue establecido para ayudar al Padre/Sacerdote con las decisiones financieras y presupuestarias de la parroquia. Un miembro es nombrado por el Sacerdote. El Consejo de finanzas se reúne una vez al mes. Los miembros del Consejo de Finanzas son ya mencionado.

El Comité de Liturgia ayuda a planificar las diferentes temporadas litúrgicas. Ellos son los responsables de cambiar las entorno de una temporada a otra al igual que la ceremonia, la oración y la música. Si está interesado en servir en el Comité de Liturgia, comuníquese con el Padre Edwin, Ace o Honorina a la oficina.

NOTES

Special Events



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Festival and Ministry Fair: End of June, 11am—3:00pm
Celebrating the patron saint of our church with a Mass and Festival! We need people to help with planning, set up, serve, and clean up.

La Fiesta de Nuestra Virgen del

Perpetuo

Socorro y Feria del Ministro: La ultima semana de Junio, 11am—3:00pm

Celebramos a la Patrona de nuestra Iglesia con Misa y Fiesta! Necesitamos personas que nos ayuden a preparar, servir, y a limpiar.

Holiday Gatherings

At any of the following, help in planning, set-up, clean-up and running the event is always welcome.

Halloween Mass - we encourage the kids to come dressed as their favorite saint and “trick or treat” the tables at the tables in the Gathering Space.

At **Thanksgiving** time we collect food for donation boxes.

At **Christmas** time we have Advent Talks, the Advent Festival, Hanging of the Greens, Tree Lighting and more. The Our Lady of Guadalupe Festival and Las Posadas are led by the Hispanic Ministry.

La celebración de Nuestra Virgen de Guadalupe es el 12 de Diciembre, la celebración inicia con las Mañanitas de 4am a 7:30am y concluye con la Santa Misa a las 6:30pm y cena.



Las Posadas: Invitamos a usted y a su apreciable familia y amigos a venir a celebrar las posadas, acompañando a Jose y Maria en su jornada de Nazaret a Belen, las posadas inician nueve días antes de la noche buena.

During **Lent** we have Lenten Talks as well as the Friday evening Little Supper and Stations of the Cross. The Little Supper and Stations of the Cross are hosted by Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters of America, Hispanic Ministry, Youth and Staff

Other regular events

Arts and Crafts Bazaar, CDA Used Treasure Sale, CDA Tea, Knights' Breakfasts, Scouting events and more.

Join Us!!!

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Liturgy

The celebration of the Liturgy is essential to a Catholic parish. It is the very source of our lives. Liturgy does not just happen. Rather, it requires planning, prayer and preparation. We have a variety of liturgical ministries.



Music Ministry is an important part of our worship here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The purpose of music ministry is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ through song, encourage people in their walk with Christ, lead the congregation in worship and provide an

avenue through which individuals may share their gift and be an integral part of the mass. The choir and the musicians normally practice once a week though they may practice more often during special occasion or season. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information please call Alex Lancaster or Maria Guadalupe Hernandez at the parish office. Thank you.

El Ministerio de Música es una parte importante de nuestra adoración aquí en Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro. El propósito del ministerio de la música es compartir el Evangelio de Jesucristo a través de la música, animar a las personas en su caminar con Cristo, guiar a la congregación en la adoración y proporcionar una avenida a través de la cual las personas puedan compartir su regalo y ser parte integral de la Misa. El coro y los músicos normalmente practican una vez a la semana, aunque pueden practicar más a menudo durante una ocasión o temporada especial. Los nuevos miembros son siempre bienvenidos. Si está interesado en unirse a nosotros o si desea obtener más información, llame a Alex Lancaster o a la señora Maria Guadalupe Hernandez a la oficina de la parroquia. Gracias.

Lectors: St. Paul writes “The Lord GOD has given me a *well-trained tongue*, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.” This ministry is open to men and women who have received the sacrament of Confirmation. At Our Lady of Perpetual Help there are two lectors for each Mass; they are on a four-week rotation. Lectors are provided a workbook which

guides them through the scriptural passages and indicates pauses, pronunciation, phrasing and speed. Public speaking experience is not required, just the ability to proclaim the sacred texts from a standpoint of faith. Training is provided. Please contact Jane Donovan for more information. (hm) 541-928-0931, (cell) 541-497-3769



Lectores: San Pablo escribió "El Señor DIOS me ha dado una lengua bien educada, para que sepa hablar al cansado una palabra que los despertará". Este ministerio está

abierto a hombres y mujeres que han recibido el sacramento de la Confirmación. Por lo regular hay dos lectores para cada Misa. A los lectores se les proporciona el **Manual para proclamadores de la palabra** que los guía a través de los pasajes de las Escrituras e indica la forma de proclamar la palabra de Dios. No se requiere experiencia en hablar en público, solo la capacidad de proclamar los textos sagrados desde un punto de vista de la fe. Se proporciona entrenamiento a los lectores. Para más información, favor de contactarse con Daniel Castillo al 541-974-4203

Greeters welcome folks as they come to church and provide general assistance to visitors. The Greeters also take up the collections and look for a family or individuals to bring up the gifts during the offertory.

Greeters serve at a particular mass on a rotation with other team members from the same mass. Families and friends are welcome to greet together. For more information please call the parish office.



greeters

Liturgy

Los Ujieres: Dan la bienvenida a la gente cuando vienen a la iglesia y brindan asistencia general a los visitantes. Los Ujieres también hacen la colecta, ayudan con la orden durante la comunión, los Ujieres se turnan para ayudar en todas las Misas, ellos se reúnen el último Sábado de cada mes a las 5pm. para estar al día con referente a las celebraciones litúrgicas y también para orar. Usted es bienvenido a formar parte de este grupo. Para obtener más información, llame a Miguel Perez al 541- 248-0759



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion serve the Body and Blood of Christ at Mass. EMHC's should be practicing Catholics who are Confirmed. Training is provided for EMHC's. Please contact the office for more information.

Para servir como un **Ministro Extraordinario** de la Sagrada Communion en la Misa. (EMHC) debe ser católico practicante y que haya recibido sus sacramentos. Se proporciona capacitación para los Ministros Extraordinarios. Póngase en contacto con la oficina para obtener más información.

Sacristans are the very important people who help set up for each liturgy. They make sure that the lights are on, the Books are marked and all the vessels that are needed are in the proper place (this is only a short list). We need sacristans for weekend Masses, daytime Masses, as well as funerals and other prayer services. Please contact the office for more information.

Los Sacristanes: Son las personas muy importantes que ayudan a organizar cada liturgia. Se aseguran de que las luces estén encendidas, los libros estén marcados (esta es solo una breve lista de todo lo que hacen). Necesitamos sacristanes para las Misas del fin de semana, Misas diarias, así como funerales y otros servicios de oración. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina para obtener más información.

Acolytes and Cross Bearers assist in serving the Mass. They should be in 3rd grade or older and have had their First Communion. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Los Acólitos: Ayudan a servir en la Misa. Los niños/as deben estar en 3er grado o más y que ya hayan recibido el sacramento de la Primera Comunión. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina de la parroquia para más información.



Extraordinary Ministers to the Sick serve the Body of Christ to the homebound and those at health care facilities. They will read from the liturgy and pray with the person and their family. Often they may bring the current bulletin and stay for a short visit with the person as well. We are often in need of new members to this team. Training is required. For more information, or if you have a need for nursing or in-home visits, please call the office.

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Sacraments



Infant Baptism: Parents with children younger than second grade should attend Infant Baptism classes. Please contact the parish office for class information and to register ahead.

Adultos que fueron bautizados en otra tradición cristiana

First Reconciliation/First Communion

Preparation for these sacraments normally happens in the second grade. Children in third grade who have not yet received these sacraments are also admitted into this class. Children prepare for both of these sacraments during the religious education school year, and will receive First Reconciliation just before receiving First Communion.

There is also a sacraments class which meets on Sunday mornings as well. This class is intended for older children in grades 4 & 5 who have not yet received First Reconciliation and/or First Communion. This class also provides catechesis to those children who may not have attended a structured religious education class in the past.

Sixth grade through High School age attend a sacraments class connected with Youth Ministry.

Adults are asked to go through the RCIA process. Please contact Ace Tupasi at the office for more information.



Primera Reconciliación / Primera Comunión

La preparación para estos sacramentos normalmente son para los niños que cursan del segundo al quinto grado. Los niños se preparan para ambos sacramentos durante el año escolar de la educación religiosa, y reciben la Primera Reconciliación justo antes de recibir la Primera Comunión.

Confirmation: Preparation for Confirmation normally happens in 10th grade. Please call Cherrie Barnes for more information.

Confirmación: La preparación para la confirmación normalmente es para los jóvenes de 16 años de edad. Para mas información, favor llame a Cherrie Barnes.

Adult Confirmation: If you are a Catholic adult who
Is post high school
Has made First Communion

Clases del Bautismo

El Ultimo sabado de Cada Mes a las 4:00pm
Por favor, les pedimos que no traigan niños a la clase.

El Segundo Domingo de Cada Mes a las 10:00am

Es muy importante que usted pase a la oficina para llevar el acta de nacimiento original del niño/a. Los bautizmos son el tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm. Para preguntas de las clases llamar a la oficina 541-926-1449

Baptism of Children 2nd grade—5th Grade: We ask the children to attend one year of sacramental preparation through the faith formation program. The sessions begin in September. The children are baptized at the Easter Vigil.

El bautismo de niños que tiene 7 - 11 años: Preguntarse asistían un año del clases religioso. Inicia en Septiembre y los niños serán bautizados al Pasqual vigil.

Baptism High School—Adult (RCIA):

Is a ministry for adults who desire to be initiated in the Catholic Church. Through RCIA, Catechumens learn more about the Catholic faith. RCIA is for:

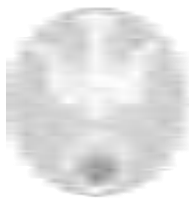
- Adults who have never been baptized
- Adults who are baptized in another Christian tradition

We seek to support adults on their spiritual journey to full membership in the Catholic church. We do this through catechesis, mentorship, liturgy, prayer, and service. Please contact Ace Tupasi at the office for more information. Thank you

Bautismo para jóvenes de preparatoria y adultos (RCIA): Es un ministerio para adultos que desean ser iniciados en la Iglesia Católica. A través de RCIA, los catecúmenos aprenden más acerca de la fe católica. RCIA es para:

Adultos que nunca han sido bautizados

Sacraments



And would like to be Confirmed
Please consider joining us for Adult Confirmation Classes. Contact Ace Tupasi at 541-926-1449 for more information.

Confirmación para adultos:

Si ha recibido la Primera Comunión

Y le gustaría ser confirmado

Por favor, considere unirse a nosotros para las clases de confirmación para adultos. Póngase en contacto con Honorina al 541-926-1449 para obtener más información

Marriage Preparation:

Couples wishing to be married at Our Lady of Perpetual Help should call Teresa Middlemiss at least nine months in advance. There will be an initial interview during which the preparation process will be explained. Couples must be "free to marry" in the Catholic church. If either person is divorced, there must be an annulment through the Catholic Church. Father Edwin can talk with you about this process. No date can be set until after this initial interview, or after the annulment is complete. All dates are dependent on all preparation, paperwork and payments being completed a couple months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Contact Teresa at the office.

Preparación para el sacramento

del Matrimonio: Las parejas que deseen casarse en la Iglesia Nuestra Señora del Socorro Perpetua deben llamar a Honorina y Teresa por lo menos con nueve meses de anticipación. Habrá una entrevista inicial durante la cual se explicará el proceso de preparación. Las parejas deben ser "libres para casarse" en la iglesia católica. Si una de las dos personas está divorciada, debe haber una anulación a través de la Iglesia Católica. El padre Edwin puede hablar con usted sobre este proceso. No se puede establecer ninguna fecha hasta después de esta entrevista inicial, o después de que se complete la anulación. Para obtener una fecha dependen mucho que tengan listos todos los requisitos, la preparación, los documentación y los pagos un par de meses antes de la fecha que usted haya elegido. Contacte a Honorina a la oficina.



Anointing of the Sick: We celebrate Anointing Masses at the parish. In addition, Father goes to the homebound or nursing homes to anoint whoever wishes. To schedule an emergency anointing, please call the parish office, 541-926-1449, or the parish emergency phone, 541-619-2267.



Unción de los Enfermos:

Celebramos las Misas de Unción en la parroquia.

Además, el padre va a los asilos de ancianos para ungir a quien lo desee. Para programar una cita para una unción de emergencia, llame a la oficina de la parroquia, 541-926-1449, o al teléfono de emergencia de la parroquia, 541-619-2267.

Otras Celebraciones

Presentación de 3 años: La presentación de los niños de Tres años de edad, se realiza el Tercer Sábado de cada mes a las 12pm. La presentación es solo para los niños ya recibieron el sacramento del Bautismo.

Quinceañera: En la parroquia de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro (Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro) en Albany OR. La Misa para la celebración de las Quinceañeras se realiza Solamente el Tercer Sábado de cada mes a las 1:30pm.



Faith Formation



Faith Formation for children in pre K through 5th grades happens on Sunday mornings in-between the 8:30 & 11am Masses. The sessions are held September through April.

Vacation Bible School

Each summer our parish has a Vacation Bible School for children who will be in pre K through 5th grade. VBS typically takes place the first week of August from 9 till noon each day. Contact Suzanne Duda to help at the office or suzi_stmarys@comcast.net

La escuela Bíblica de Verano

Cada verano, nuestra parroquia también tiene un Estudio Bíblico para niños que estarán en Preescolar hasta el 5° grado. El estudio generalmente tiene lugar la primera semana de Agosto d 9am. hasta el mediodía, el Estudio Bíblico es por una semana. Contacte a Suzanne Duda al 541 926- 1449 o suzi_stmarys@comcast.net si usted desea ayudar con este evento.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered during the 11:00am Mass. It is appropriate for preschool children through about 3rd grade. At the beginning of the Mass Father blesses the children then dismisses them to go upstairs with their catechist where they have an opportunity to listen as well as participate in the readings and the gospel in a way that is appropriate for their age and development. Older kids in Middle and High School are encouraged to help as volunteers. For information about Children's Liturgy or to volunteer please contact the parish office.

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP YOUTH

MINISTRY "works to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person; to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the faith community; and to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today." (from *Renewing the Vision*, USCCB)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Youth Ministry welcomes middle and high school youth to active partici-

pation in the life of the parish and provides regular opportunity for them to deepen their faith, build community and to live out the Gospel as Jesus taught us.

In addition to regular Sunday youth group nights, youth participate in a variety of liturgy and prayer experiences; praise and worship; sacramental preparation; youth rallies and other events, trips, retreats; and service opportunities through which they may experience God's presence in their lives, share their faith with others and lead by example as Jesus did.

For more information about youth ministry, please contact Cherrie Barnes at the office or stmarysyouth_albany@comcast.net.



El Ministerio Juvenil de Santa María " Este Ministerio trabaja para fomentar el crecimiento personal y espiritual de cada joven; atraer a los jóvenes a la participación y la responsabilidad en la vida, misión y en el trabajo de la comunidad de fe; y animar a los jóvenes a vivir como discípulos de Jesucristo en nuestro mundo de hoy. "(De *Renovar la Vision* de, USCCB)

El Ministerio Juvenil de Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro les da la bienvenida a los jóvenes de la Middle y High School a la participación activa en la vida de la parroquia y les brinda oportunidades para profundizar su fe, construir una comunidad y vivir el Evangelio como Jesús nos enseñó.

Además de las noches regulares de Domingo en las que el grupo se reúne, los jóvenes también participan en la liturgia, la oración; alabanza y adoración; en la preparación sacramental; y otros eventos tales como excursion, viajes, retiros; y oportunidades de servicio a través de las cuales pueden experimentar la presencia de Dios en sus vidas, compartir su fe con otros y predicar con el ejemplo como lo hizo Jesús.

Help Needed

Parishioners serve as volunteer catechists and aides in our Faith Formation program. This team of generous and faithful men and women serve many of the members of our parish. If you would like to be involved in the catechesis please call 541-926-1449 and speak with Suzanne Duda for more information on faith formation of children, or email her at su-

Faith Formation

zi_stmarys@comcast.net.

To become involved in adult catechesis, contact Ace Tupasi at the office.



Young Adult Ministry: Learn and Grow together with Jesus.

This is a ministry of the Church, not an organization or club. It is simply a ministry for the faithful of the Church who share the same stages of life and common interests.



Young adults in the community should be diverse in its make-up but united in its mission. They should meet regularly to consider the needs of the parish, determine goals, and plan activities for the welfare of the community.

Young Adult Ministry usually meet in a different place every third Monday of the month at 6:30pm in the Youth Loft. Please contact Ace Tupasi at 541-926-1449 for more information.

Ministerio de jóvenes adultos: Aprenden y crecen junto con Jesús.

Este es un ministerio de la Iglesia, no una organización o club. Es un ministerio para los fieles de la Iglesia que comparten las mismas etapas de la vida y los intereses comunes.

Un adulto joven que participa no está clasificado como miembro o no miembro. ¡Si él o ella es miembro de la Fe, él o ella son parte del ministerio de la iglesia! Por lo tanto, estos jóvenes deberían ser llamados participantes en lugar de miembros. Los adultos jóvenes en la comunidad deben ser diversos en su composición pero unidos en su misión. Deben reunirse regularmente para considerar las necesidades de la parroquia, determinar los objetivos y planificar actividades para el bienestar de la comunidad.

El Ministerio de Jóvenes Adultos usualmente se reúne en lugares diferentes cada Tercer Lunes del mes a las 6:30pm. Comuníquese con ACE TUPASI al 541-926-1449 para obtener más información.

CCC (Coffee – Conversation – Catechesis)

CCC is a parish event where we learn the basic catechism as one community while enjoying our coffee on a Sunday morning from 9:45 – 10:45am. This event is open to EVERYONE. It will begin in September and ends in May. Watch the bulletin for dates.



ACES

Our Lady of Perpetual Help ACES (Adult Catechesis Seminar) is designed to educate and train catechists and other interested adults in theology and ministry. There are two guiding principles to this class. First, adult catechesis is one of *the* major issues facing the Church in the 21st century. In keeping with the spirit of the New Evangelization, catechists and all Christians must be prepared to adequately and confidently explain the faith. This seminar seeks to equip Christians in this mission.

Second, I wish to imbue a sense of wonder and joy in an orthodox understanding of the Roman Catholic Faith. As the great early 20th century English writer and Catholic apologist G. K. Chesterton said, “People have fallen into the foolish habit of speaking of orthodoxy as something heavy, humdrum, and safe. There never was anything so perilous or so exciting as orthodoxy...” It is hoped that such an understanding of orthodoxy will demonstrate how one can be a joyful and confident presenter of the Catholic faith.

Examples of past class topics include: an analysis of The Book of Revelation and how it relates to the Eucharist, communion ecclesiology, and Saint Paul’s Letter to the Romans and life in the spirit. The class begins each September and ends in May. Classes are every other Tuesday from 7-8pm.

Opportunities For Children & Youth



Boy Scouts of America

Cub Scout Pack 377

Serving Our Lady of Perpetual Help families with boys and girls in 1st thru 5th grades with a traditional cub scout program that focuses on outdoor adventures, citizenship, character growth, and recognition for boys' achievements. Weekly meetings Tuesday nights (when school is in session), 6:30 pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. Contact Peter DeCarteret, Cubmaster 541-990-1663 or peter.dearteret@gmail.com for more information.

Boy Scout Troop 322

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. Boy Scouts is a program for boys in 6th grade thru 17 years of age that builds character, trains them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Scouting has been a tradition at Our Lady of Perpetual Help for generations and is still going strong!

Troop 322 meets weekly (year round) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Tuesday nights at 6:30 pm. Boys also plan and lead monthly outings. For more information, contact Mike Hayes, Scout Master, 541-926-4783.

Venture Crew 322

As part of Venture Crew 322, boys and girls ages 14 through 20 will love exploring, making new friends, and discovering the world. They will always be looking for an adventure. Rappelling a cliff. Kayaking into the sunset. Exploring their faith. Volunteering at an animal shelter. Each activity provides an opportunity for them to learn more about themselves and the world around them. Venturing is youth-led and youth-inspired. They will acquire life skills and gain experiences that will prove to be valuable regardless of where their future takes them, all while having a blast! Contact Jerahmei Howell, Crew Advisor, 541-971-5876 or jerahmeihowell@gmail.com for more information.

Little Flowers Girls' Club

This club works to build the girls' Catholic Faith and help them become good charitable women. Sacred Scripture, the Catechism of the Catholic Church and saints' biographies are used to teach the basics of the Catholic Faith in a fun, faith and friendship-filled environment. We perform works of mercy service projects, do crafts, prayer and Adoration. Meetings are on 1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month in the Ed Center. For more information, contact Jenny Siewell at 541-905-1193 or jennie_alana@yahoo.com



Children's Choir: In this ministry, children learn to sing songs to lead Mass several times each year. This ministry is best suited for children in grades 2-5, although younger/older children may join on a case-by-case basis.

Coro de niños: en este ministerio, los niños aprenden a cantar en la Misa varias veces al año. Este ministerio es el más adecuado para los niños que están cursando del 2nd al 5to en grado, aunque los niños más pequeños o mayores pueden unirse al grupo.

Opportunities For Adults

There are a number of bible studies and prayer groups that are led by various members of our parish. Below are some of the ones which may be accepting new participants.

El ministerio Hispano ofrece diferentes oportunidades para orar y aprender mas sobre la fe y la Biblia:



Bible Study Groups

Men & Women: The Wednesday morning group meets in the Peace House on Weds mornings at 9:30 AM. The group studies and prays the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. The group is open to anyone. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible, if you have one. If you can't come every week, just come when you are able! The group uses the "Workbook for Lectors and Readers" written for the current liturgical year cycle.

Men & Women: Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the St. Joseph Room. Contact: Sister Catherine Hurley, FMA (541) 971-5856.

Women's Scripture Reflection: Tuesdays, 7- 8:15 AM, @ Universal Coffee, Carriage House Plaza. Contact: Anne Peltier (541) 981-9271

Grupo Apóstoles de la Palabra: El grupo se reúne los Viernes de 7pm. a 9pm. en el sótano de la casa Guadalupe. Si usted desea saber mas sobre la Biblia, este grupo lo ayuda a conocer y saber mas de la palabra de Dios. Para mas información contacte a Anselmo Nuñez al 503-339-4265

Prayer groups

Centering Prayer Group

Each meeting will consist of a period of Centering Prayer and some sharing/study. Videos and books by Fr Keating and other Contemplative Outreach authors are used to deepen understanding of the spiritual practice. As a group, we build trust and unity while encouraging each other in the practice of prayer and possible service outside the group. Meetings are Tuesday evenings from 7 PM to 8 PM St. Joseph Room. Contact Jenny Brausch 541-971-1297 livinggreen@comcast.net



Elaine Kruger-Young 541-619-6106

krugeryoung5@gmail.com.

For more information on Centering Prayer go to:

www.contemplativeoutreach.org

Grupo San Juan Diego: El grupo San Juan Diego tiene diferentes reuniones. Los hombres se reúnen los Martes y las mujeres los Miércoles de 7pm. a 9pm. en la casa Guadalupe. El grupo también hace la invitación a la comunidad a la casa de la palabra, el primer Viernes de cada mes de 7pm a 9pm en el gimnasio de la parroquia. Para mas información contacte a Francisco Vasquez al 541-220-5975.

Hearts Afire Charismatic Prayer Group

Hearts Afire is a group of people who come together on a weekly basis to praise God, to listen to God, to study scripture and/or teachings of the Church, and to pray. We praise God with songs, formal or spontaneous prayer, and listening in silence. The group is open to all ages desiring a deeper relationship with Jesus. Currently we are gathering 9:30 am on Saturday, with music beginning at approximately 9:45. In addition to studying the Sunday scriptures and periodically sponsoring the Life in the Spirit seminars, we have guest speakers, view or listen to video and audio presentations, and share personal testimonies as to how God is working in our lives. For further information contact any of the following members:

Anna Caro, 541-928-2096

Pat Jacobson, 541-981-9757

Jim or Peggy McDowell, 541-926-1170 or email

ljmcdowell@comcast.net

Marcia Ward, 541-905-7192 or email

drawem@comcast.net

Opportunities For Adults

El Grupo Carismatico se reune el Lunes y Viernes a las 7pm a 9pm en el gimnasio o el la cafeteria, Para mas información contacte a Jose Peraza al 971-218-6395

Women's Prayer Group

This women's prayer group is lead by Pete Shobe. She will lead us in prayer and present material from the Symbolon course over this next term. Symbolon leads us to a deeper understanding of our Catholic faith. All women are welcome. The class is upstairs across from the elevator. Enter the church through the playground parking lot door.

For more information, contact Pete at 480-231-0307

Our Lady of Perpetual Help's Men's Group

Come any Monday evening and join other men reflecting on living as a Catholic man in the today's world. Mondays at 7pm in Saint John XXIII Chapel, upstairs to the right of the elevator, straight across from the stairs. Entrance is from the parking lot by the playground.

For more information, contact Stuart Conser 541.619.8101 or stuartconser@gmail.com

Spirituality of Peace Making Group

This class will investigate the seemingly insurmountable challenges of trying to live a life of hope-filled peace in a world filled with terror, suffering and despair.

We will study models of peace from Sacred Scripture, Saints from ages past as well as contemporary Saints and Martyrs, all of whom mustered their (and our) Christian Mission of bringing Peace into a darkened world.

The group meets from September to March, with a summer break. Sessions are on Mondays. For more information contact Ursula Tabor 541-928-4432 taborursula@gmail.com

Eucharistic Adoration

Come and spend some time in prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Our chapel is a perpetual



Adoration chapel. Everyone is welcome. Spend as much or as little time as you can. Please check the bulletin for more information.

Last Wednesdays of each month we have Adoration along with Confession and the Rosary in the church from 6-7pm. All are welcome.



The Our Lady of Perpetual Help Arts and Crafts bazaar, the longest running bazaar in Albany, will be 73 years old this November! Our bazaar is unique from many others, with some vendors selling their own wares in the gymnasium and other vendors leaving their crafts to be sold on consignment in the Gathering Space.

Our ladies of the parish work to display the arts and crafts in a way that will be pleasing to the many shoppers who come through our doors. The bazaar is a fund raiser for both the church and the school and has paid for many capital improvements in the Gathering Space and its kitchen. In addition, proceeds have been used to buy new tables, furniture, vestments and a pall cloth.

The bazaar is a great way to meet some of our parish ladies and to welcome visitors from the community into our church. If you are interested in helping with the bazaar ministry please email: stmarysbazaar@comcast.net or contact Sharon Konopa at 541-926-6812

Opportunities For Adults

Knights of Columbus

Thanks to the efforts of Venerable Father Michael J. McGivney, assistant pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Church in New Haven, CT, the Knights of Columbus was officially chartered as a fraternal benefit society on March 29, 1882 and is still true to its founding principles of charity, unity, and fraternity. Knights have been called the "strong right arm of the Catholic Church" and our unwritten mandate is to support and defend our priests.



The Knights of Columbus was formed to give aid to its members and their families, aid and assistance to the sick and disabled, and social and intellectual fellowship. This work is done by 1.8 million members throughout the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Poland, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Panama, the Bahamas, the Virgin Islands, Cuba, Guatemala, Guam, and Saipan.

Albany Council #1577 was chartered on July 9, 1911 and continues to provide service to Church, Family, Community, Youth, Council, and Pro-Life causes. We conduct breakfast fundraisers to raise money for causes such as seminarians, right-to-life, etc. We host an annual Free Throw Championship and Soccer Challenge. We are active in Church ministries and our local community, hosting, among other events blood drives and Special Olympics. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month 6-8 pm in the St John Vianney Room.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Senior Citizens meet the third Thursday of each month for potlucks and a guest speaker when available. All are most welcome to join in the fellowship and fun! For more information contact Avis Austed at 541-928-7623

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Court 1461



Our mission statement:

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and human dignity for all.

The Catholic Daughters organized in this church in 1948, and have been serving the parish in various activities ever since. You have seen our members working in various activities in our parish, including the gift shop, serving as lectors and choir members and hosting receptions at Easter Vigil Mass, for Confirmation and Graduation, and more. Our fundraising efforts are to support important charities and projects—local, state, and national.

Spirituality is important to our members, we have members saying a Perpetual Rosary; we pray a decade of the rosary at the beginning of our monthly meetings. Several of our members are regular volunteers for the Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. CDA members meet the first Monday of each month, October through June at 6:30pm.

If you are a Catholic woman looking for a place to feel "at home," please consider joining us! For more information about this ministry, contact Pete Shobe at 480-231-0307 shobe.peteaz@gmail.com.

We Count is a group of people who help tabulate the weekly collections. Background checks are required and training provided. For more information, contact Francey Hood-Fysh at 541-981-1256.

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Helping Ministries

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

The St. Vincent's, Albany Conference makes home visits to those requesting help. We utilize the resources of the "St. Vinnie's" store on Pacific Blvd. and donations from the Parish to carry out our mission. We meet twice a month in a supportive gathering to pray and reflect on our visits.

I should explain that a home visit consists of two volunteers visiting just as Christ sent his apostles in pairs attending to one's needs. During the visit which is **never** an inspection, we hope to pass on our love and commitment to assist those in need.

The pairs making the home visit have the ability to write vouchers for use at the St. Vinnie's store. On average, our group has been making almost 20 home visits a month, writing vouchers for \$900 worth of clothing, shoes, linen, blankets, house-wares and other emergency needs.

As a group, we handed out back-packs/school supplies in August to over 120 children. We also give Christmas gift cards for food in December. While challenging at times, the experience of helping our neighbors has been spiritually rewarding for our entire Conference. Contact: Harvey Moore (hm) 541-926-4544 (cell) 541-619-8046

The Clean Team: We have an urgent need for people to help behind the scenes with general church cleaning, polishing, washing robes, keeping counter tops clear, removing dead flowers This is rather like what the "altar society" used to do. Please consider this ministry if you have even an hour to spare on a weekly or a monthly basis. Please contact the office for more information.



El Equipo de Limpieza: Tenemos una necesidad urgente de que la gente nos ayude con la limpieza general de la iglesia, puliendo, lavando batas, manteniendo las encimeras despejadas, quitando las flores secas del altar ...Esto es bastante parecido a lo que solía hacer la "sociedad del altar". Considere este ministerio si tiene incluso una hora libre a la semana o mensualmente. Por favor, póngase en contacto con la oficina para más información. Desde el mes de Abril del 2018 se a organizado un grupo de mujeres del Ministerio Hispano que ayudan una vez al mes con la limpieza dentro de la iglesia, pero necesitamos mas ayuda.

Office Help: We have many ways people can help us at the office. Some tasks are daily, some are seasonal, and some are 'as needed.' Those who are proficiently bilingual in Spanish and English are MUCH needed.

Examples of work we often need help with are:

- ✝ Mailings
- ✝ Art projects
- ✝ Spreadsheets
- ✝ Answering phones and directing callers to the right resource
- ✝ Greeting and helping visitors
- ✝ Records

We are willing to train to the tasks listed and more.

We are not asking one person to take on everything. Many hands make light work. Give us a call or send an email and let us know what you are good at.

Thank you for considering sharing your time and talent with us.

Ayuda en la Oficina: tenemos muchas maneras en que las personas pueden ayudarnos en la oficina. Algunas tareas son diarias, algunas son estacionales, y otras son 'según sea necesario.' Lo que MAS necesitamos en la oficina ahora es personas que son hábilmente bilingües en español e inglés. Ejemplos de trabajos con los que frecuentemente necesitamos ayuda es:

- ✝ Mandar correos
- ✝ Proyectos de arte
- ✝ Hojas de cálculo
- ✝ Contestando el teléfonos y dirigiendo llamadas a la extension que corresponde
- ✝ Dar la bienvenida a los visitantes y atenderlos
- ✝ Registros

Estamos dispuestos a entrenar a las personas para las tareas antes enumeradas y más. No se preocupe usted no necesita hacer todo el trabajo. Al tener varias personas ayudando el trabajo es mas liviano. Llámenos o envíe un correo electrónico y díganos como o con que nos puede ayudar.

Gracias por considerar compartir su tiempo y talento con nosotros.



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PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary's Church was established June 2004 with a small group of dedicated women. The membership has grown to over 40 active participants including participants from other area churches making this beautiful ministry ecumenical and embracing the community. This ministry is a 'work on your own' process prayerfully dedicating the work of your hands to His hands is through knitting or crocheting a tangible symbol of God's love, a prayer shawl. There are no meeting requirements, time restrictions, or deadlines. The work is done from your home and at your own pace. The Prayer Shawl Ministry of St. Mary's is a registered ministry with the National Prayer Shawl Ministries.

Meetings are scheduled twice a month throughout the calendar year on the 2nd and 4th Mondays. Meetings times are 9:00a.m. to 11:00a.m in the basement of the Our Lady of Guadalupe house. Meeting attendance is not required to be a participating member of this ministry. Meetings provide an opportunity to pray together collectively, share patterns and projects while providing a social environment for Christian women to gather spiritually with a common interest. Instructional help is available for those wishing to learn the art of knitting or crocheting.

St. Mary's Prayer Shawl Ministry is a self-funded ministry and parish funds are not used. The operational funds are dependent upon donations and fund raising efforts conducted yearly through sales of hand crafted items at the annual St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar in November. If you would like more information about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, contact Carol Hawke at 541-926-2106.

Funeral Receptions/Bereavement Ministry

Over 60 years ago, the women of St. Mary's began providing receptions after our church funerals. Families who experience this service are very grateful for the chance to visit with their friends and families during this sad time without the extra burden of having to provide the refreshments themselves. Church volunteers make salads and desserts to accompany meat and cheese platters.

Working families are often able to volunteer for this ministry by thoughtfully dropping food off on their way to work. Many seniors, who may not be up to serving during the reception, often provide lovingly prepared dishes as a way to offer their support to grieving families. This is a ministry which requires a large number of volunteers, but reaches out to many, many people both in our parish and those visiting here.

The bereavement ministry has always been self-supporting and receives no funds from the parish. The women of St. Mary's provide this service with donations received from prior funeral receptions. These donations help provide food and beverage served on our beautiful glassware, trying to make this gathering as special as possible. This ministry is a wonderful way to get to know other ladies of the parish through helping with food preparation and serving. If you are interested in helping by providing food or volunteering to serve, please email: stmarysbereavement@comcast.net or contact Sharon Konopa at 541-926-6812 or Carol Hawke at 541-926-2106.

Service Projects: Our parish has monthly service projects which we ask all parishioners to be involved in.

For example, in October we have the CDA "Baby Shower" since October is Respect Life month. We encourage parishioners to bring new or gently used items which we then give to the Fr. Taaffe and Magdelene House.

In November, we make food boxes for Thanksgiving dinners.

This past January we collected mittens, hats and scarves. Service projects are announced in the bulletin.

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Soup Kitchen: St. Mary's Soup Kitchen has served the hungry of our community for over 25 years. They serve every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Volunteers assist with the Soup Kitchen by food prep, serving, or clean up.

Volunteers also pick up food

donations from grocery stores.

For more information about the Soup Kitchen call Pat Jacobson, Director, 541-926-1449.

Prayer Chain: This is a ministry of folks who will pray for the intentions of others. The Prayer Chain coordinator is Fran Pace. People send Fran their prayer requests and then she sends out an email to the Prayer Chain group with the latest requests. To contact Fran, email: fepace@msn.com

Landscape care...

Our care for creation starts with our church. We offer our time and talent to keep our parish grounds maintained. Caring for our grounds is an ongoing vocation; if you would like to get physical with your prayer contact us and we can let you know what priority jobs need to be done.

We continually need weeding, pruning, and litter pick-up. In the Fall and Winter there is leaf pick-up and cleaning of garden beds. Year round there are special projects. If you are interested in knowing more please contact stmarysoffice_albany@comcast.net or call the parish office.

Cuidado del paisaje ...

Nuestro cuidado por la creación comienza con nuestra iglesia. Ofrecemos nuestro tiempo y talento para mantener el jardín de la parroquia. Cuidar nuestros jardín es una vocación continua, si desea ayudar contáctese con nosotros y podemos informarle de qué trabajos prioritarios se deben realizar.

Continuamente necesitamos desyerbar, podar y recoger la basura. En el Otoño y en el Invierno recoger las hojas, Todo el año hay proyectos especiales. Si está interesado en saber más, comuníquese al stmarysoffice_albany@comcast.net o llame a la oficina de la parroquia.



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Ministries to Be Developed

The following ministries are ones we are hoping to develop. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any of them.

Prison Ministry: Visitors who will go to visit and pray with the prisoners, possibly bring communion, and the bulletin. Training, passing background checks being approved by the prison systems would be required. Coordination with the Priest Administrator would be necessary.

Respect Life Ministry: There are some in the parish who are part of this type of action, be it saying public rosaries, making life chains, or more. However, we do not have an actual ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Coordination with the Priest Administrator would be necessary.

Religious Vocation Ministry:

We are hoping to involve the Seniors in this activity, but others would be welcome, too. You would pray for those who are deciding if the religious life is meant for them, or for those who are already in the religious

life. There may be other functions or activities held for their benefit. Coordination with the Priest Administrator would be necessary.

Scola: A group of people who Chant (like Gregorian Chants—a type of singing like some monks do). There is a group meeting here, but not many of our parishioners have joined. If you have questions, please call the parish office.

Newcomers Welcoming Committee/Host Family: We need people to help welcome new parishioners, not just with a greeting, but by planning welcoming meals or other events geared to the new parishioners. Host families would team up with the new family, helping them learn the church, the resources we have and encouraging them to become involved in parish events. For more information, please call Mary Eusterman at 541-926-5420.

To Our Parishioners

Thank you to all the ministry leads, office staff and volunteers who helped put this parish resource together.

This book is not an exhaustive list.

There are other activities, services and edifying opportunities that come up throughout the year.

Please check the bulletin for them each week.

If you miss a week, you may access the bulletins from our website.

There are also often reminders of upcoming meetings in the bulletin and you can always check to see if a meeting, workshop or event is listed in the online calendar on the home page of our website.

If you have any questions, call Teresa at the parish office or send an email.

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