

GREETINGS FROM FR. SCOTT

Growing up, I teased my younger brother Skip something awful. For example, he liked to crack his hard-boiled eggs on his head. One day while he was in the bathroom, I switched a fresh egg for his hard-boiled one. As an adult, I felt terrible about all the unkind things I did to Skip. One summer I needed a job. Skip got me a job on a fishing boat out of Dutch Harbor. On the boat, Skip treated me like a King. He made sure I got a good job in the freezer. He secured a fantastic room for us with a porthole. He stayed up with me when I got seasick. I knew then that Skip had forgiven me for the tricks I played on him as children.

The story of Peter and Jesus is similar. Earlier, Peter denied Jesus 3 times. Feeling terrible, Peter wept bitterly. Today we find Peter back in Galilee fishing after Jesus had been resurrected. After catching nothing all day, a stranger convinced Peter and the fishermen to throw their nets out again. After they did, they filled their nets and recognized the stranger as Jesus. Then, Jesus made them breakfast.

Jesus' act of preparing breakfast sent Peter a message. Jesus forgave him. Jesus didn't say: "Peter, after all I taught you, why did you deny me?" Or "Peter, will you ever sin and shatter our relationship again?" No, Jesus extended Peter a loving forgiveness with tenderness and generosity.

It is so natural for God to forgive us, but for Peter, and many of us, we have a hard time accepting and understanding this forgiving spirit.

Has anyone ever hurt you like Peter hurt Jesus? The secret to a forgiving spirit is being able to see the good in everybody. Even in those who wrong us. Jesus saw the good in Peter. Filling Peter's nets with fish and making him breakfast meant loving him and forgiving him.

If someone hurts or wrongs us, we don't have to wait around for that person to ask for forgiveness. Jesus went to Peter.

My brother Skip came to me. I didn't ask him for forgiveness. He showed me that he forgave me by treating me like a King on the fishing boat. I could tell he was at peace with our relationship. I sincerely hope he is because he stands about five inches taller than me.

I started treating my brother with more respect. It helped me to forgive myself for teasing him when we were children. I experienced more peace.

By nature, forgiving others is not easy. Remember that love not hate is the path to forgiveness. Forgiveness is the one grace that brings peace to our daily lives and Jesus wants us to find peace.

STEWARDSHIP

April 7, 2013	\$5,632.25	Online \$1,125.00
Last Year	\$10,875.00	Online \$0.00
Holy Thursday	\$105.00	Good Friday \$60.00
Special project	\$1,427.35	Online \$ 190.00

Daily Mass Readings

Monday April 15

Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24,26-27 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday April 16

Acts 7:51-8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4 Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday April 17

Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a,4-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday April 18

Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9,16-17,20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday April 19

Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	April 13
5:00pm	In Celebration of Marya Abramczyk
Sunday	April 14
9:00am	For the People of the Parish
11:30am	+ Audrey Brewer
Monday	April 15
9:00am	
Tuesday	April 16
9:00am	
Wednesday	April 17
9:00am	
Thursday	April 18
9:00am	
Friday	April 19
9:00am	



FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1-8 meet from 10-11:15 am.
Pre-school and K meet at 11:30am
Final class is April 21.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GOOGLE QUESTION

Why are we sprinkled with holy water during the Easter season?

1ST EUCHARIST CLASSES

Classes meet Saturday at 3pm. Students must attend these preparation classes. Our retreat will be on April 20th from 9am to 1pm. 1st Eucharist will be April 28th at 11:30am.

CONFIRMATION—1-2:30pm

Confirmation meets in the St. Christopher building and the All Saints Activity Center from 1-2:30pm. Confirmation will be April 20th at 5pm.

DILLINGHAM YOUTH

MISSION TRIP

Please sign up for our wonderful mission trip as soon as possible. This will be a life changing experience for teens entering 9th grade and older. A family information meeting will be April 21st at 10:15 in the day chapel.

YOUTH MASS

Beginning on April 27th, the parish will sponsor a youth mass on Saturdays at 5pm once a month. Youth will be hospitality, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, and music. All youth and their families and friends are encouraged to join this spirit filled mass.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Thank you to the awesome retreat team for an amazing weekend of faith and fun: Scott Gunnell, Ed & Elaine Wieliczkiewicz, Connor Lindeman, Keanna Hawk, Erin Dietz, Nicole Trouy, Angelina Klapperich.

—Val Lindeman

OUR LADY OF THE VALLEY

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parishioners, OLV families, and friends of OLV. Your donations to our auction were fabulous, exciting, and creative. The students, parents, and staff deeply appreciate your continued generosity of Catholic education in the Valley. Your support goes beyond fulfilling our goals as an organization—it shows you care.

Enrollment information and packets are available in the office. Please call or come in and discuss our great educational opportunity for children in the community.



COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 15 Contemplative Prayer 6:30 pm
- 18 Rosary 7 pm
- 20 1st Eucharist Class 9am-1pm Church
Confirmation w/Archbishop Schwietz 5pm
- 21 Faith Formation Final Class
Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Dillingham Retreat meeting 10:15am
- 28 1st Eucharist 11:30am

NEW BUILDING NAMES

St. Christopher Classrooms—Garage
All Saints Activity Center—Old Church

CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you for your generous support of Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl project this Lent. You still have time to bring your Rice Bowl box to the parish after Mass or to the office during the week.

ST. THERESA'S CAMP FUND RAISER

Catholic parishioners in Alaska have an opportunity to purchase a developed recreational camp on 57 acres of lake front property in the Matanuska Valley. Catholic Camp and Conference Ministries has a website at c3ma.org with pictures and more information about the camp at Neklason Lake. More information will be available if you would like to donate to this project. For more information contact Carol Akerson—841-3534 and Valerie Lindeman—841-4474

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

We urgently need help with hospitality at every mass. This is a great family ministry and essential to welcoming parishioners and helping Fr. Scott during Mass. Please call the office for more information.

FOOD PANTRY

Items needed at the pantry:
toilet paper, flour, sugar,
cereal, oatmeal,
all kinds of baby food
357-3769

**The Pantry needs lots
of grocery sacks.



CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco De Mayo dinner will be on Saturday, May 4 after the 5pm mass in the social hall.

Tickets will be presold after masses on April 20-21, and 27-28 to help us prepare. Proceeds will benefit the Dillingham Youth Mission trip and ACTs retreats. \$15.00/adult and \$10 / child over 5. Come join this exciting family event with Mexican food and kids games!