

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Advent Begins

November 28, 2010

Served by the Missionary Oblates of  
Mary Immaculate

222 West Redoubt Avenue Soldotna, AK

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Closed on Mondays

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PARISH MISSION  
STATEMENT:

*We, the faith community,  
accept the call of God to  
participate in the mission of  
Jesus Christ by  
Proclaiming the Gospel and  
living the reign of God  
among us as disciples.*

## E-mail

		<u>Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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**SUNDAY LITURGY:** Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

**YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month at 4:00pm

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:** Tuesday through Friday, 12:05pm

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Thursday 12:45pm — Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm

**Adoration of Blessed Sacrament:** Thursdays 12:30pm — Fridays 12:00 noon

**Sacrament of Anointing of Sick or Communion: Available during the Sunday Masses, or as needed. Because of HIPAA laws, parishioners need to notify us if going to the hospital. Remember to request Anointing of the Sick before surgery — please call the parish @ 262-4749.**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** for children – Parents Prep. class required. Call Marlys for reservations.  
Best done prior to birth.  
for adults – Contact the office about RCIA  
for children 8 and older; RCIC classes — please call our Office

**Sacrament of Marriage:** 6 month process (several classes and FOCUS Test and/or Engaged Encounter, or Couple to Couple...contact a priest.

**Funerals:** contact parish office immediately after the death.

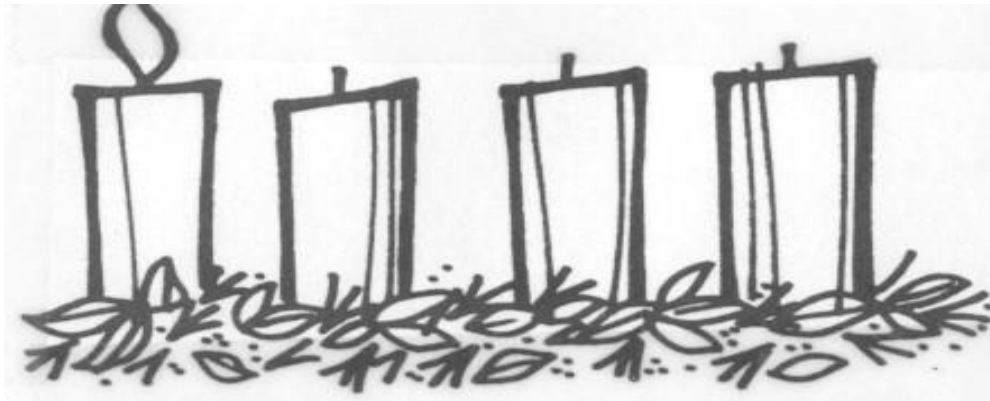
**Prayer Chain:** [pjham@alaska.net](mailto:pjham@alaska.net), Pat Hamilton 262-5250

**Sexual Abuse Victim Assistance Coordinator:** Marlys Verba

Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Thursdays at noon to Marlys: [marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com) and, you may send a copy to: [knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com](mailto:knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com). Thanks!

## Calendar for November 29, 2010 - December 5, 2010, with Daily Readings

November 29, <u>Monday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am	November 30, <u>Tuesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am	December 1, <u>Wednesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am	December 2, <u>Thursday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am	December 3, <u>Friday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am	December 4, <u>Saturday:</u> RCIC Meeting 1:00pm	December 5, <u>Sunday:</u> Mass 10am
Centering Prayer 8:15am	Mass 12noon  Legion of Mary 12:45pm	Mass 12noon  RCIA Class 6:30pm	Mass 12noon  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 12:30pm — Friday Noon</div>	Mass 12 noon	Choir 2:00pm  Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass	Faith Forma- tion Class
Is 4: 2-6 Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8: 5-11	Rom 10: 9-18 Ps 19: 8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4: 18-22	Is 25: 6-10a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b- 4, 5, 6 Mt 15: 29-37	Is 26: 1-6 Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7: 21, 24-27	Is 29: 17-24 Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9: 27-31	Is 30: 19-21, 23-26 Ps 147: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9: 35-10: 1, 5a, 6-8	Is 11: 1-10 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15: 4-9 Mt 3: 1-12



### Saturday, December 4, 2010, 5:00pm

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Barb Dilley, Bob Ermold, Ruthann Truesdell, Cheryl Hammarstrom, Steve Hammarstrom, Sue & Rick Dukowitz,

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Carolyn Cannava; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Christine Ermold

**Altar Server:**

### Sunday, December 5, 2010, 10:00am

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Karen Evans, Terry Moxey, Helen Bowers, Theresa Carroll, Dave Carey

**Lectors:** 1<sup>st</sup>. Reading: Lauri Kapp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Kevin Woodvine

**Altar Server:**

**Mop & Bucket 11/29-12/4:** Davis Stropes Family

**Collection Counters: 12/5:** Karl and Cindy Kircher

## E-ASY, MINDLESS FUNDRAISER!

Our church has partnered up with eScrip! What that means is when you sign up on the attached slip of paper, and drop it off in the eScrip box in the foyer, you will be earning money for OLPH every time you shop at Safeway/Carrs and give them your Safeway Card Number (or phone number - that's what I do... one less card to carry)!! Please take the minute to fill out the attached slip and drop it off next Sunday and I will enter it on the computer. If you would like to learn more about eScrip, visit the website [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) (where you can also shop hundreds of online merchants). Only 3 Sundays left before the drawing of the \$100 Fred Meyer gift card. Check out the Scrip table for gift cards to the many retailers that we can order for your Christmas shopping for family living outside. Each time you purchase Scrip you get entered into the drawing. Thank You very much for your time and participation. DeeDee Garske 262-9747

## BELL RINGING!

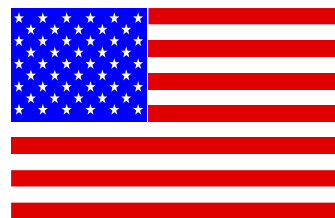
The sign-up sheet for our parish for the Salvation Army Bell Ringing is on the foyer. Please consider this opportunity to help this organization with their Christmas needs by spending one hour ringing bells at the Fred Meyer, on two possible days, Saturday, December 18 or Tuesday, December 21 from 11am-7pm; Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Our church has also volunteered to help fill the Christmas Baskets at the Salvation Army; this will be sometime during the week of December 13-17<sup>th</sup> from 1pm-4pm; The particular info will be upcoming; If you are interested, please sign your family name and a contact number; The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board of the foyer. Thank you.



## Our Military Christmas Care

**Packages Ministry** ends this weekend. We will assemble the Christmas care packages on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.; and mail them on Monday. We have 31 soldier names from a unit in Afghanistan. Please add more names and addresses if you have them. The lists are provided on our military table in the church foyer. Volunteers are needed to help with assembling packages and mailing on Monday. Please meet at O'Neil Hall on Sunday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 3p.m. Thanks for your help and see you there. Karen Evans 260-3637 or [kevans@borough.kenai.ak.us](mailto:kevans@borough.kenai.ak.us)



## CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice for the 5:00pm mass on Christmas Eve is on Saturdays at 2:00pm. Choir practice for the Midnight Mass: anyone interested; musicians or vocalists, please contact Steve Hileman at [dianehastings@catholic.org](mailto:dianehastings@catholic.org) or 262-2629

## VALUABLE READING

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical year are available for pickup in the foyer. Also, for Eucharistic Ministers is a resource, "At Home With The Word" for their personal use.

Advent begins next Sunday. A booklet, "Sacred Space" is available for your personal use this season. Please take one per family.

## WINTER BOOTS

Clare House, an emergency shelter for women with children and expectant mothers, needs gently used winter boots of all sizes. Boots can be dropped off at Clare House, 420 West 54<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Anchorage or brought to OLPH by December 5<sup>th</sup>.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING

Although the training is ongoing, it is that time of year when the required Safe Environment Training is being offered for all those who are involved in parish ministries that deal with children or vulnerable adults; that would include anyone who volunteers more than once or twice in a specific area of the following ministries: Youth Ministry, Faith Formation, Parish Nursing, St. Vincent DePaul, Altar Server Training, Choir Director, and Eucharistic Ministers doing home visits. If you are new at any of these ministries in the parish, a background check (every 5 years is required) and a Safe Environment Training done online is required every three years. The online training has two new sections this year, so we are requesting EVERYONE to do the online training, 1 section is required, and the Archdiocese Sexual Abuse policy which is a part of that training, must be done every year. Please hand the certificate and signed form for the Archdiocese sexual abuse policy in to me, Marlys Verba, those who need it, will receive the background check papers. To access the site: [Archdioceseofanchorage.org](http://Archdioceseofanchorage.org); go to safe & sacred environment; log on: identify with your name and password; identify which parish you are from; you will have up to 90 days to complete the program; entering as many times as you need to complete and get your certificate. PLEASE TRY TO COMPLETE THIS BY NOVEMBER 21st. Questions, please call Marlys at 262-5542.

The first reading for this Sunday is one with which we are familiar. It is the passage from the Book of Isaiah (2:1-5) describing what the world will be like when the Messiah comes. The image of people beating swords into plowshares - taking instruments used to kill people and changing them into instruments which help grow food to feed people - is a powerful one. Your challenge in this first week of Advent is to spend some time reflecting on the Sunday and/or the daily readings for this week (all of which can be accessed at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) and clicking on Reading on the topic bar. Listen for God's challenge. What is God calling you to do to help make the reign of God, for which Jesus provided all the needed resources, a reality in our world today?

## GENERATIONS OF FAITH

Generations of Faith is hosting a short presentation on PRAYING WITH ICONS next Sunday, facilitated by Kate Forrest and Meg Zerbinos. The presentation will occur in the hall, beginning at 11:15am. In addition a guest from Eagle River will be with us to share his renditions of icons which he has painted. Everyone is welcome to come. Please join us for hospitality.

December 12 will be our next GENERATIONS OF FAITH event with Fr. Seamus Finn, OMI, facilitating on the topic of PEACE. Father Finn will continue on Monday-Wednesday to present a mission for us with each evening presentation beginning at 7pm. Father Finn's bio and further information is posted on the bulletin board. Please stay tuned for further updates as we draw closer to the date.

## BAKE SALE AND MITTENS

During the weekend of December 4/5, a Bake Sale/Christmas Mitten Sale will be available in the foyer of the church with the proceeds to benefit our African Mission in Mukuru, Nairobi, Africa. We have supported this for several years. Baked items are needed; please contact Pat at 262-7801. Thanks!

PREPARE *yourself*  
for the  
Lord's Coming

## REMEMBRANCE EVENING VESPERS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 7:00 PM  
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP  
PARISH, 222 WEST REDOUBT AVENUE  
SOLDOTNA, ALASKA

*As we approach the holiday season, the loss of our loved ones seems greater to us. You are invited to come spend some time with us praying and remembering during this time of Advent.*

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

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