

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Week Two Advent

December 5, 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.*

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SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 5:00pm & Sunday 10:00am

YOUTH MASS/ACTIVITY: 3rd 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, 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 and, you may send a copy to: knowledgeisstrength@hotmail.com. Thanks!

Calendar for December 6, 2010 - December 12, 2010, with Daily Readings

December 6, <u>Monday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am	December 7, <u>Tuesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm Vigil Mass 7pm Teen Music Practice 7:00 pm	December 8, <u>Wednesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon RCIA Class 6:30pm	December 9, <u>Thursday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Eucharistic Serv. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center; margin: 5px auto; width: 80%;">Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 12:30pm — Friday Noon</div>	December 10, <u>Friday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12 noon	December 11, <u>Saturday:</u> RCIC Meeting 1:00pm Choir Practice 2:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass	December 12, <u>Sunday:</u> Mass 10am Generations of Faith 11:15am
Is 35: 1-10 Ps 85: 9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5: 17-26	Is 40: 1-11 Ps 96: 1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18: 12-14	Gn 3: 9-15, 20 Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12 Lk 1: 26-38	Is 41: 13-20 Ps 145: 1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11: 11-15	Is 48: 17-19 Ps 1: 1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11: 16-19	Sir 48: 1-4, 9-11 Ps 80: 2ac and 3b 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17: 9a, 10-13	Is 35: 1-6a, 10 Ps 146: 6-7, 8-9 9-10 Jas 5: 7-10 Mt 11: 2-11

ATTENTION TEENS

The next Teen Event is on December 19th from 4:00pm to 9:00pm. It begins with mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 4:00pm. Afterwards we go to the Kenai Recreation Center. Then we return to O'Neill Hall at 9:00pm. You must do your permission slips and pay \$5.00 to attend. Please bring gym shoes to change into...no wet street shoes permitted in the gym area. You can bring your own pool cue stick to play billiards.

Reminder: The permission slips must be turned in by Sunday, December 12th. If you have not already turned in a Medical Release Form for this year, please turn that in also. Friends are welcome and must fill in both of those forms and pay too. ..NO EXCEPTIONS! If you have any questions, please call Brenda Ahlberg @ 2625432 or Rose Henry @ 252-9465



Saturday, December 11, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Bonk, John Bonk, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Kryss Williams

Lectors: 1st Reading: Charles Miller; 2nd Reading: Dave Nelson

Altar Server:

Sunday, December 12, 2010, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Agosti, Thelma Antilla, Myrna Cowan, Bob Evenson, Marguerite McIntosh

Lectors: 1st Reading: Kathleen Evenson; 2nd Reading: Pat Cowan

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 12/6 -12/11: John Walker Family

Collection Counters: 12/12: Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane

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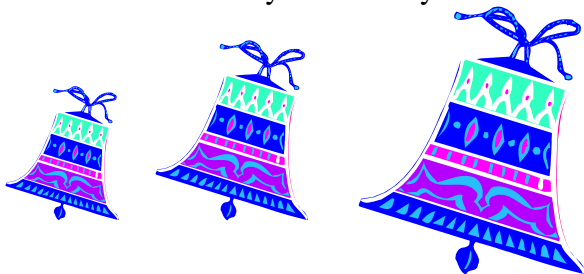
Next weekend, our archdiocese will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. The ongoing decrease in the number of religious in compensated ministry, coupled with the ever-rising cost of care, make it a struggle for religious communities to provide for elder members. THE RFR COLLECTION SUPPORTS THE DAY-TO-DAY CARE OF THOUSANDS OF SENIOR RELIGIOUS. Please plan to offer what you can to the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church. As St. Paul states, "Let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Galations 6:10).

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 (where you can also shop hundreds of online merchants).

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 13-17th 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- December 6: Morning prayer 7:30am
Centering prayer 8:15am
Teen music practice Soldotna 7:00pm
- December 7: Morning prayer 7:30am
Mass 12:00 noon
Vigil mass Feast of the Immaculate Conception 7:00pm
St. Vincent's Meeting in hall 5:00pm
- December 8: Morning prayer 7:30am
Mass 12:00 noon
RCIA in hall 6:30pm
- December 9: Morning prayer 7:30am
Word/Communion service 12:00 noon
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30pm
No reconciliation available today
- December 10: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon
- December 11: Morning prayer 7:30am
First Reconciliation OLPH 10:00am
Kaïoros meeting in O'Neill Hall
RCIC in hall 1:00pm
- December 12: Generations of Faith 11:15am-2:15pm
Week of December 13 to 17: Fill the baskets at the Salvation Army
- December 13: Parish Mission begins 7:00pm
- December 14: Presentation by Fr. Seamus after mass
Presentation by Fr. Seamus with reconciliation 7:00pm
Teen music practice Kenai 7:00pm
- December 15: Parish Mission presentation 7:00pm
- December 18: Salvation Army bell ringing 11am-7pm
- December 19: Youth Ministry Mass/activity 4:00pm
- December 21: Salvation Army bell ringing 11am-7pm
St. Vincent's meeting in hall 5:00pm
- December 23: No Adoration today
Clean/Decorate Church 1:00pm
- December 24: Christmas Eve Mass 5:00pm
Midnight Mass
- December 25: Christmas Mass 10:00am (only)
- December 26: Mass 10:00am
- December 31: Vigil Mass 5:00pm
New York style New Years Eve Party in hall 6:00pm-10:00pm
- January 1: Mass 5:00pm (only)

REMEMBRANCE

Poinsettia Remembrance continues until December 19th. For only \$12, a poinsettia is placed in the Sanctuary during Christmas to remember your loved one. The container is in the foyer. Please remember to include your loved one's name with payment. Thank you.



CHOIR

Choir practice for the Midnight Mass: anyone interested; musicians or vocalists, please contact Steve Hileman at dianehastings@catholic.org or dial 262-2629

CLEAN THE CHURCH

Clean and decorate the church for Christmas on Thursday, December 23rd at 1:00pm. Please bring vacuums, if you can. Come, if only for an hour - this is a busy time for everyone and many hands make good work.

Military Care Packages, Thank You

Many thanks to all of you for your very generous donations to the Christmas Military Care Packages 2010. And, to all the volunteers for assisting with assembling and mailing the gift boxes. A special thanks to our teens who helped with the set up and assembly of the packages. With your generous support, we were able to send out 33 Christmas care packages to our military people serving in Afghanistan. Those boxes are sure to bring Christmas Joy to our brave men and brave women.

God bless you and have a Merry Christmas!

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, Laura Kapp.

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

December 12th in O'Neill Hall we will focus on PEACE/SOLIDARITY with Father Seamus Finn, OMI facilitating. Please register if childcare is needed as it will NOT be provided if no one signs up.

Father Seamus is an outstanding presenter on this topic. He has been a member of the Justice/Peace and Integrity of Creation Ministry Team of the OMI since 1986. He will be talking on the topics of peace, solidarity, rights and responsibilities during the Parish Mission that follows in the days after the Generations of Faith presentation. These are all topics of social justice that our Church teaches. Father's time here is as follows:

DECEMBER 9 @ 7PM: PRESENTATION IN KENAI
DECEMBER 11 AFTER 5:15 MASS: GOF IN KENAI
DECEMBER 12 @ 11:15/12:30 PM: LUNCH AND GOF PRESENTATION IN SOLDOTNA
DECEMBER 13 @ 7PM: PARISH MISSION, OLPH
DECEMBER 14 @ 12NOON: PRESENTATION AFTER MASS IN FOYER W/LIGHT LUNCH
DECEMBER 14 @ 7PM: PRESENTATION WITH RECONCILIATION AVAILABLE
DECEMBER 15 @ 12NOON: PRESENTATION AFTER MASS IN FOYER
DECEMBER 15 @ 7PM: PRESENTATION

An offering will be taken at each presentation. If you have any questions, please call Marlys 262-5542

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!

