

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Week Three, Advent

December 12, 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



PAX

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.

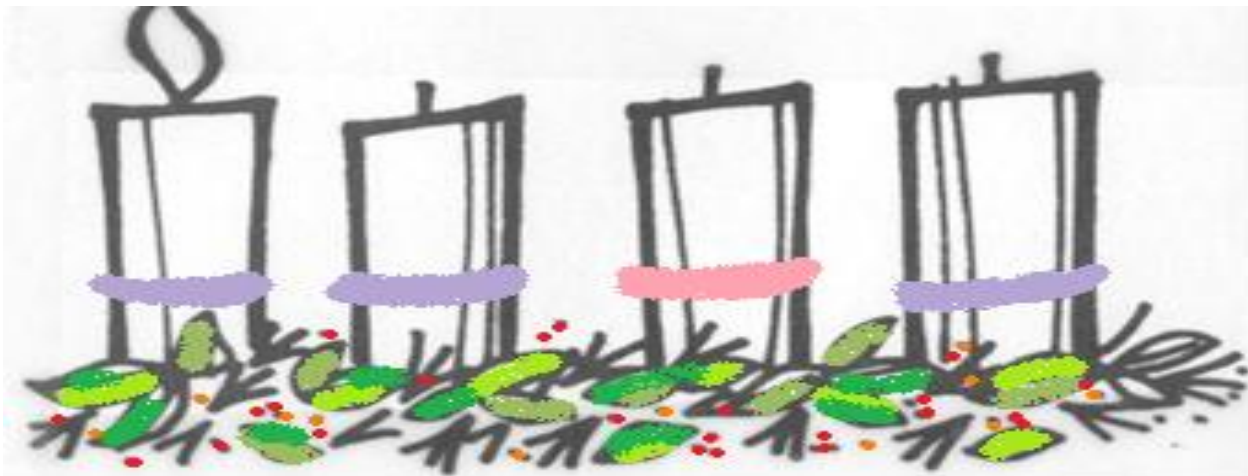
Prayer Chain: pjham@alaska.net, Pat Hamilton 262-5250

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 13, 2010 - December 19, 2010, with Daily Readings

December 13, <u>Monday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am	December 14, <u>Tuesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm Teen Music Practice 7:00 pm	December 15, <u>Wednesday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon RCIA Class 6:30pm	December 16, <u>Thursday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Eucharistic Serv. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 12:30pm — Friday Noon</div>	December 17, <u>Friday:</u> Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12 noon	December 18, <u>Saturday:</u> RCIC Meeting 1:00pm Choir Practice 2:00pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass	December 19, <u>Sunday:</u> Mass 10am
Nm 24: 2-7, 15-17a Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21: 23-27	Zep 3: 1-2, 9-13 Ps 34: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 Mt 21: 28-32	Is 45: 6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85: 9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7: 18b-23	Is 54: 1-10 Ps 30: 2 & 4, 5-6 11-12a & 13b Lk 7: 24-30	Gn 49: 2, 8-10 Ps 72: 1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1: 1-17	Jer 23: 5-8 Ps 72: 1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1: 18-25	Is 7: 10-14 Ps 24: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Rom 1: 1-7 Mt 1: 18-24



Saturday, December 18, 2010, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Bob Ermold, Barb Dilley, Ruthann Truesdell, Cheryl & Stere Hammarstrom

Lectors: 1st Reading: Judy Nelson; 2nd Reading: Jackie Swanson

Altar Server:

Sunday, December 19, 2010, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Connie Dunn, Diane Garske, Debbie Stanton, Alyson & Jim Stogsdill

Lectors: 1st. Reading: Barb O'Lena; 2nd Reading: Eli Woodvine

Altar Server:

Mop & Bucket 12/13 -12/18: Christmas Crowd!

Collection Counters: 12/19: Kathryn Dunagan & Cathy Haas

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

Sign-up sheets for different ministries for the Christmas Eve/Day Liturgies are posted. Please sign up if you can help. Please only sign for one liturgy to give everyone a chance to serve the holy day.

RFR

Please give to this weekend's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. This collection supports the day-to-day care of thousands of senior religious, the cost of which has increased. Help care for those who've dedicated their lives to serving the people of our Church. Thank you!

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 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 7pm @ church
December 14: Presentation by Fr. Seamus after mass in our church foyer
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 30: Adoration Mass to Friday at 12:00 noon
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)

CHOIR

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



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.



JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Sunday's Gospel has Jesus answering the question of who he is by stating "Go back and report to John what you hear and see; the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them" (Mt 11:2-11). Jesus equated his very identity with care for the poor and marginalized. Your challenge this week is to identify the blind, the lepers, and the poor in your life. Discuss whom God is calling you to serve. Then decide what your identity is in relation to the poor and what action you are called to do as a result, just as Jesus did. Then...just do it!

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.



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

Today, December 12th in O'Neill Hall we will focus on PEACE/SOLIDARITY with Father Seamus Finn, OMI facilitating. 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 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

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. Invite a friend too!

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.