

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Catholic Community

Holy Family/Octave of Christmas

December 26, 2010

Served by the Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate

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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 27, 2010 - January 2, 2011, with Daily Readings

December 27, Monday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Centering Prayer 8:15am	December 28, Tuesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon Legion of Mary 12:45pm	December 29, Wednesday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon	December 30, Thursday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Mass 12noon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Adoration of Blessed Sacrament: Thursday 12:30pm — Friday Noon </div>	December 31, Friday: Morning Prayer 7:30am Vigil 5:00pm Mass 12noon	January 1, Saturday: Reconciliation 4:00pm Mass 5:00pm HAPPY NEW YEAR!	January 2, Sunday: Mass 10am
1 Jn 1: 1-4 Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20: 1a and 2-8	1 Jn 1: 5-2: 2 Ps 124: 2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2: 13-18	1 Jn 2: 3-11 Ps 96: 1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2: 22-35	1 Jn 2: 12-17 Ps 96: 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2: 36-40	1 Jn 2: 18-21 Ps 96: 1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1: 1-18	Nm 6: 22-27 Ps 67: 2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4: 4-7 Lk 2: 16-21	Is 60: 1-6 Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2: 1-12

Saturday, January 1, 2011, 5:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Bonk, John Bonk, Margaret Johnson, Bill Sadler, Ruthann Turesdell

Lectors: 1st Reading: Mary Bailey 2nd Reading: Dave Nelson

Altar Server: _____

Sunday, January 2, 2011, 10:00am

Eucharistic Ministers: Sonja Foutty, Kate Forrest, Rose Henry, Helen Knopp, John Pothast

Lectors: 1st Reading: Shelia Margaret Pothast 2nd Reading: Eli Woodvine

Altar Server: _____

Mop & Bucket 12/27 -1/1: Scott Aleckson Family

Collection Counters: 1/2: _____



DECEMBER EVENTS

December 25: Christmas Mass 10:00am (only)
December 25: No Reconciliation today
December 26: Mass 10:00am
December 30: Adoration after Mass to
December 31: Friday at 12:00 noon
December 31: Vigil Mass 5:00pm
January 1: Mass 5:00pm (only)

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Providing marriage preparation primarily for couples who are planning to marry in the Catholic Church. However, couples who are not Catholic are also welcome to attend one of our weekends. Weekend dates include: January 7-9, May 20-22, and October 7-9, 2011. For more information please contact Deacon Mick Fornelli at mfornelli@caa-ak.org or telephone (909) 297-770 and (907) 223-1090 cell.

E-SCRIP

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).

THANK YOU

To those who took time to come help clean the church and decorate, you are very appreciated!!! To those who helped in many areas of the liturgies (decorating, music, eucharistic ministers, lectors, servers ushers, facilitators/participants of Gospel presentation at the children's liturgy, saying "yes" to requests, preparations, etc.) God's blessings on each of you during this holy season.

JUSTICE CHALLENGE

Sunday's Gospel describes Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt to protect Jesus from Herod. They were refugees from injustice, forced to leave their own country to protect their family. The first week of January is National Migration Week. Your challenge this week is to prepare for this event by educating yourself on migration. Go to the United States Bishops' website www.uscb.org/mrs/nmw/index.shtml and learn about migration through the lens of faith. Then choose one concrete action recommended on the Bishops' website which you can do to stand with refugees in today's world.

TRADITION

Simbang Gabi is one of the longest and most popular among the Filipino traditions. It is when Catholic Churches across the world welcome the faithful to the Simbang Gabi Mass. Mass is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother to welcome the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. St. Peter's Catholic Church in Ninilchik will be celebrating this tradition for the first time TODAY, December 26th at a 6pm Mass. It is celebrated by Fathers Ben Torrento and Fr. Jaime Mencias. For more information please contact Ed @ 235-8436 or the priests. In light of our Mission this past week, attending and participating would be an act of solidarity with our Filipino brothers and sisters. May God bless you.



KNOM

We have generated \$648 so far to the KNOM radio fund. This will greatly help to share the light of Christ with our Native villages and remote Alaska. Thank you for donating funds and for participating. The drive for KNOM will continue through the month of December and the container may be found in the church foyer.

POINTSETTIA CARE

Thank you to all who participated in the pointsettia remembrance this year. There were 30 flowers purchased to grace the sanctuary in remembrance of loved ones. The flowers may be taken home after Sunday, January 2nd's Mass. Please pray for these loved ones during the Christmas season:

John & Margaret Fox, Robert Fox, Jimmy Fox, Sam & Evelyn Maloney, Walter & Helen Sill, Pat Murdock, Hal Alsip, Lisa Barrett, Leo & Evangeline Minnehan, Nick & Margaret Bailey, Don Oberg & all grandparents, Father Wells & all priests, James & Ruth Hannan, Mike & Sophia Bonk, John W. Smith, John Bonk Jr., The Murray & Witte families, Erin Gabler, Keith Bradwick, Rita Frombley, The Cowan & Ellington family, The Williams family, The Piszko family, Bob Antila, Laurette Antila, Norma Carey, David Leach, Joseph Dilley & Mary Ellen Nimershiem, Lena Berta, Matthew Johnson, and Ken Nushart Jr. & Sr.



GENERATIONS OF FAITH

The GOF sign up sheet for the upcoming January 9th GOF event may be found in the church foyer. Please remember that unless we are notified of a need for childcare in advance, that will not be provided for you. The next topic for January is "Living the Moral Life". Our presentors are Father Andy and Kevin & Eli Woodvine. This session seeks to help us realize that living the moral life involves more than simply avoiding actions that are sinful. The moral life is more than a simplistic set of "don'ts". Rooted in the Scripture and the Christian Call to Reach out to the World, the MORAL LIFE must engage our heads (thoughts), our hearts (emotions), and our hands (actions).

THANKS!

Thank you to Ron Davis for the snow plowing of the church parking lots before services. It is a cold task and we are always grateful for your efforts to clear the way!

HOSPITABLE YOU

Dear Parishioners, A special word of gratitude for your gracious hospitality during my visit to the Kenai Peninsula. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to join you in prayer and to share some of the good news about Catholic Social Teaching and the work of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in this challenging and exciting missionary field. We have a great web site www.omiusajpic.org which provides more details on a number of topics that we discussed. While there you can sign up for a hard copy or an electronic copy of our newsletter and also the updates and action alerts which come out periodically but not too often. Please visit the site for further info and do not hesitate to drop a note if you have questions or comments. May the Advent journey and the celebration of Christmas be filled with new life. Peace, Fr. Seamus Finn, OMI