



Our Lady of Perpetual Help

✠ 222 west redoubt avenue ✠ soldotna, ak 99669 ✠

Catholic Community Served by the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

MASS SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Thurs 12:30 pm to Fri noon.

CONTACT US:

PARISH OFFICE

Office Hours (for Summer):

8am to 3pm Tues-Thurs

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.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 1st, 2013

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- Thursday: 12:45 pm and Saturday 3:15 – 3:45 pm

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

- Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Call Marlys for reservations (best done prior to birth).
- Adults – Contact the office about RCIA
- 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.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:



Anointing of the sick will be August 31st and September 1st after mass

- *NOTE: Because of privacy 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*

FUNERALS: Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin via email must be in by Wednesday at noon to Marlys: marlys.verba@gmail.com.

Calendar for September 2nd – September 8th

RETROUVAILLE

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – RETROUVAILLE
 (pronounced retro-vii) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving marriage relation-ship. 10's of 1000's of couples headed for divorce have saved their marriages by attending the program. For information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on Oct.18, 19 & 20, 2013 call 1-800-470-2230 or email us at 6001@retrouvaille.org or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com

MONDAY, 9/2/2013	
Readings: 1 Thes 4:13-18 PS 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Centering Prayer 8:15am
TUESDAY, 9/3/2013	
Readings: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 PS 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Mass at 12:05 • St Vicent DePaul meeting 5:00 pm at O'Neill Hall.
WEDNESDAY, 9/4/2013	
Readings: Col 1:1-8 PS 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30am • Mass at 12:05 pm • Serving at THE Way 3:30 – 7:00 pm
THURSDAY, 9/5/2013	
Readings: Col 1:9-14 PS 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • Adoration 12:45 pm until Friday at noon
FRIDAY, 9/6/13	
Readings: Col 1:15-20 PS 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Morning Prayer 7:30 am • Adoration until noon • Mass 12:05pm • Men's Group: 6:30 am-8 am at O'Neill Hall
SATURDAY, 9/7/2013	
Readings: Col 1:21-23 PS 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 pm • Mass 4 pm • Anointing of the Sick after mass
SUNDAY, 9/8/2013	
Readings: Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 Phmn 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mass 9 am • Anointing of the Sick after mass

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1ST

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenged the social structure of the Pharisees and teaches his hosts and their guests some profound lessons in humility. Pharisees maintained deep social divisions between who they considered "holy" and "unholy", rich and poor, honored and despised. They didn't invite someone to a banquet or dinner who couldn't reciprocate. And the lowly, the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind had no capacity to reciprocate.

Good stewards realize that if they embrace a humility that allows them to be generous to those who cannot repay them, they give evidence of having the kind of heart that will enjoy the Lord's intimate friendship. This week let's reflect on our attitude towards those who cannot repay our generosity. What is the extent of our hospitality toward others? Are we generous with those who cannot repay us?

**Saturday 4:00pm
Sept 7th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Carolyn Cannava
2nd Reading: Charles Miller

Eucharistic Ministers:
 • Shirley Aleckson
 • Aida Burgess
 • Kathy Culling
 • Joe Deveaux
 • Linda Hutchings

Servers: Bruce Emerson

**Sunday 9:00 am
Sept 8th, 2013**

Lectors:
1st Reading: Linda Houglum
2nd Reading: Sheilah-Margaret Pothast

Eucharistic Ministers:
 • Jane Fellman
 • Jim Fellman
 • John Pothast
 • Tonilyn Spring
 • Alyson Stogsdill
 • Jim Stogsdill
 • Rose Henry

Servers: Hailey B and John Mark P

Mop & Bucket 9/1-9/7: David Stropes Family	Collection Counters 9/8: Elaine Woodburn & Linda McLane	Children's Liturgy of the Word ✂ Will Resume on September 15th
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THE WAY CAFE



At the end of August, the First Baptist church will reassess the serving for THE WAY CAFE: They are hopeful they will be able to continue serving meals, if not at the present location, somewhere to serve the needs.

The servers for September 4th are:

- Marlys V
- Nan F
- Thelma A (person in charge)
- Kathryn D

The servers for September 11th are:

- Dave N
- Jay R
- Judy N (person in charge)
- Jane R

Kenai Peninsula A.C.T.S. Retreats

The A.C.T.S. (Adoration, Community, Theology & Service) teams want to remind the community of the upcoming retreats.

MEN'S RETREAT: September 26th – 29th. Those interested in attending can call Ron at 398-1001 or email kenaipenacts@gmail.com. More information will be available after weekend masses.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: October 10-13, 2013: A Christ centered retreat weekend as taught by the Apostles (ACTS 2:42). **For info concerning the retreat, contact:**
Retreat Director: Elaine Agosti 907-252-1602
Retreat Co-director: Mary Mussman 907-953-3131



THE MINISTRY OF EARTH ANGELS

will be cleaning our section of the Sterling Highway on Sunday, September 8th. We'll be meeting at noon at the DOT parking lot (just beyond Skyview High School on the left). Please consider joining us. If you have any questions you can contact Theresa Carroll at: 398-9882.

Children 's Liturgy of the Word

Are you interested in facilitating the children's gathering to break open the Word during the Mass for approximately 20 minutes once a month? If you would like to try this ministry, please see Marlys; we are in need of two catechists to help with this as well as 2 student volunteers to assist in the classroom.

☛ THE MONTH AHEAD ☛

September 2-6th | Fr. Roger away for meetings

September 3-6th | Fr. Bob away on retreat

September 11th | Open House for RCIA at 6:30 pm in the church

September 15th | Blessing of Catechists: there will be a celebratory **Parish Breakfast** after mass.

September 18th | Renew: WHY PRAY? Training for facilitators at O'Neill Hall

September 22nd | Faith Formation classes begin, 10:15 to 11:30 am

September 23 | Family Day- Monday — A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children is a national effort to promote family dinners as a natural, effective way to reduce teen substance abuse risk. The goal of Family Day is not simply to promote family dinners on the day in question, but to symbolize the importance of regular family dinners and to encourage Americans to make family dinners a regular feature of their lives. Parent Power is the most potent--and underutilized--tool in preventing substance use. Like the Great American Smokeout, Family Day is meant as a reminder of the importance of spending time with your family every day. Family Day will take place on the fourth Monday in September. For more information please visit:

<http://casafamilyday.org/familyday/>

September 24th | Confident Communicators Class: 6-8pm at O'Neill Hall

September 26-29th | Men's ACTS retreat

Upcoming Liturgical Services

- **August 31st and September 1st:** Anointing of the Sick after Mass
- **September 15th:** Catechetical Sunday: Blessing of the teachers
- **September 15th:** Spanish Mass at OLA at 6:30 pm

Meet and Greet for new parishioners

We are excited to announce a new hospitality ministry to welcome new parishioners to our parish. Beginning this September, we will have a **pizza night to welcome new parishioners to OLPH**, and do so on a regular basis to meet and greet everyone. Jane Gabler will be the contact person for this event. We will be posting upcoming information regarding the date, time and place. **STAY TUNED.**

CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS

The purpose of this 6 week course is developing an awareness of communication in one's life, practicing positive communication habits, and developing a personalized plan for continuing communication effectiveness beyond our time together.

The presenter is Homer resident, Michelle Waclawski, a member of St. John's parish. This course is being offered to the parishioners of the Catholic churches here on the peninsula. The course will run every Tuesday for 6 weeks, Sept 24-Oct. 29, 6-8pm at O'Neill Hall. This course is a \$50 investment in yourself; make checks payable to OLPH. To gain the most benefit from these classes, attendance is important as each week builds on the previous weeks' lesson. **PRE-REGISTRATION is required; the deadline is Sept 15th. *Ten Participants are needed** for the class to proceed; please register soon if you are planning on coming.

Space is limited. Call Marlys at 262-5542 for questions; registration forms are on the bulletin board.

NOW AVAILABLE!

TITHING MADE EASY

It is now possible to make your church donation for the Sunday offering, the Building Fund, and St Vincent DePaul online. Simply log on to the highly secure, parish website at:

www.olph.weshareonline.org to begin or go to the parish website at www.olph.cc and click on Electronic Giving.

You will be asked for your e-mail address which will be your identification number and you will receive a temporary password which you may later choose to change.

You may make your donations either by a direct withdrawal from your checking account or by credit card. You will be able to schedule the frequency of these payments to fit your schedule. Please note that there are transactions fees paid by the parish for each transaction so it helps the parish if you choose to make your donation less often than weekly. The parish also incurs more fees with a credit card transaction than with a direct withdrawal.



RCIA holds Open House

If you have wondered what you would learn in the RCIA class, who teaches the class or have any questions about the Church and RCIA process come to one of the following Open Houses. OLPH, Soldotna, will hold its Open Houses on Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m. We will meet in the Church. This is a good opportunity to find out more about the RCIA process before signing up for the classes. Refreshments will be served. Contact Shirley 262-9654

RCIA

Classes for anyone interested in the Catholic Church will be held each Wednesday starting September 25th at OLPH in O'Neill Hall from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please sign up by calling Shirley at 262-9654.



Faith Formation

Faith Formation classes will begin on September 22nd at 10:15 to 11:30 am each Sunday after Mass. Classes are available for preschool (Ages 4-5) to high school. If you have not already registered, registration will be available the next two weekends after Mass in the foyer.



You may have noticed that the dirt equipment is working at the site for the new hall. There have been many meetings and much work has been done to get to this point. Of course, there is still a lot to do to see the project through to completion. There will be a meeting **FOR ALL PARISHIONERS** in the hall on Sunday, September 8th after Mass at 10:30am. Coffee and treats will be provided. At this meeting, we will provide an update on the project to date, what has been accomplished, and determine what still needs to be done. We will identify people who can take on those tasks. We need to identify ongoing fundraising opportunities and continue to formulate the capital campaign plan. Linda Hutchings is chairing this important committee.

Whether you have been on a committee or are just interested in the process or how you can help, please join us on Sunday, September 8th at 10:30am at the hall. Everyone's help is requested.