



# 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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### PASTORS:

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**(Lead pastor)**

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### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

**Marlys Verba**

262-5542 / 262-4749 option 4

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### SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

### ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

**Marlys Verba:** contact info above

## 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.



✠ **23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 30<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – Sept 15<sup>th</sup>

### MONDAY, 9/9/2013

**Readings:**




-  Col 1:24-2:3
-  PS 62:6-7, 9
-  Lk 6:6-11

**Events:**

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Centering Prayer 8:15am

### TUESDAY, 9/10/2013

**Readings:**




-  Col 2:6-15
-  PS 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11
-  Lk 6:12-19

**Events:**

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Mass at 12:05

### WEDNESDAY, 9/11/2013

**Readings:**




-  Col 3:1-11
-  PS 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab
-  Lk 6:20-26

**Events:**

- Morning Prayer 7:30am
- Mass at 12:05 pm
- Serving at THE Way 3:30 – 7:00 pm
- RCIA open house at the church at 6:30 pm

### THURSDAY, 9/12/2013

**Readings:**




-  Col 3:12-17
-  Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6
-  Lk 6:27-38

**Events:**

- Morning Prayer 7:30 am
- Adoration 12:45 pm until Friday at noon

### FRIDAY, 9/13/13

**Readings:**





-  1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14
-  PS 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11
-  Lk 6:39-42

**Events:**

- Morning Prayer 7:30 am
- Adoration until noon
- Mass 12:05pm
- Men's Group: 6:30 am-8 am at O'Neill Hall

### SATURDAY, 9/14/2013

**Readings:**





-  Nm 21:4b-9
-  PS 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38
-  Phil 2:6-11
-  Jn 3:13-17

**Events:**

- Reconciliation 3:15-3:45 pm
- Mass 4 pm
- Anointing of the Sick after mass

### SUNDAY, 9/15/2013

**Readings:**

-  Ex 32:7-11, 13-14
-  Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19
-  1 Tm 1:12-17
-  Lk 15:1-32

**Events:**

- Mass 9 am
- Anointing of the Sick after mass
- Catechetical Sunday: Blessing of Catechists at Mass
- Parish Breakfast for EVERYONE

# RETROUVAILLE

A Lifeline for Marriage – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vii) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides tools and techniques to help get your marriage back on track. This program provides you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. It has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on October 18, 19 & 20, call 1-800-470-2230, or log on to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SPECIAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, our parish will take up the annual **Catholic Schools Special Collection**. Your contribution will help support the nearly 500 students in your Archdiocese's Catholic School System. As the costs of education soar, it is important that children in your archdiocese have the opportunity to attend a school that provides an outstanding education steeped in the Catholic tradition. 100% of your gift will benefit the Archdiocese of Anchorage's Catholic Schools. Please give generously.

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Lectors:**
**1st Reading:**

Carolyn Cannava

**2nd Reading:**

Charles Miller

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

- Shirley Aleckson
- Aida Burgess
- Kathy Culling
- Joe Deveaux
- Linda Hutchings

**Servers:** Danny McIntosh

Sunday 9:00 am  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup>, 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
- Ron O'Lena

**Servers:** Hannah Pothast & Belle Henry

**Mop & Bucket 9/8-9/14:**

John Walker Family

**Collection Counters 9/15:**

Robert & Myrna Schuh

**Children's Liturgy of the Word 9/15**

RuthAnn Truesdell & Ava Gabler

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> are:

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

### The servers for September 18<sup>th</sup> are:

- Carolyn B
- Julia W
- Lynn F (person in charge)
- Alan W

## *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 26<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>. Those interested in attending can call Ron at 398-1001 or email [kenaipenacts@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Meet and Greet for new parishioners

We would like to officially welcome all new parishioners to our parish with a pizza meet and greet. The signup sheet for the first meet and greet is on the bulletin board; for planning purposes, please sign up if you can make it.

## THE MONTH AHEAD

**September 11<sup>th</sup> | Open House for RCIA** at 6:30 pm in the church

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

**September 18<sup>th</sup> | Renew: WHY PRAY? Training** for facilitators at O'Neill Hall

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> | 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. For more info visit: <http://casafamilyday.org/familyday/>

**September 24<sup>th</sup> | Confident Communicators Class:** 6-8pm at O'Neill Hall

**September 26-29<sup>th</sup> | Men's ACTS retreat**

**October 10-13<sup>th</sup> | Women's ACTS retreat**

## Upcoming Liturgical Services

- **Sept 15;** Catechetical Sunday: Blessing of the teachers
- **Sept 15:** Spanish Mass at OLA at 6:30 pm



*Update*

You may have noticed that the dirt equipment is working at the site for the new hall. Although there has been a number of meetings and a lot of work already done, 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, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>** after Mass at 10:30am. Coffee and treats will be provided. At this meeting, we will give 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, are interested in the process, or want to know how you can help, please join us on Sunday, Sept 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am at the hall. Everyone's help is requested.**

## ADORATION HOUR

There is an opening starting in OCTOBER for adoration on Thursday nights from 10pm until 11pm. Please consider this hour for your quiet time with the Lord. Call Maria for any questions @ 262-1703. Thank you!

## CONFIDENT COMMUNICATORS

This **6 week course will begin on Tuesday, September 24th from 6 to 8PM.** If you have not signed up, please do so soon. You may register at the office: 262-5542.

### NOW AVAILABLE!

## TITHING MADE EASY

It is now possible to make your church donation for Sunday offering, the Building Fund, or St Vincent DePaul online. Simply log on to the highly secure, parish website at: [www.olph.weshareonline.org](http://www.olph.weshareonline.org) to begin or go to the parish website at [www.olph.cc](http://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 change. Donations may be made either by direct withdrawal from a checking account or by credit card. Donations may be scheduled at a frequency that fits your schedule.

Please note that the parish pays a fee for each transaction; making monthly or biweekly donations will incur fewer fees than weekly donations. There are also more fees associated to credit card donations than direct withdrawal donations.

☺ Many thanks go to **TERRI DAVIS** for doing the legwork to get this started. ☺

## WHY CATHOLIC? PRAY

The first session of WHY CATHOLIC? PRAY will begin in October; Christian Prayer looks deeply at our relationship with God and how we nurture that relationship in prayer. Small community groups will be meeting weekly for 6 weeks for 90 minutes to focus on prayer itself and how God communicates with us. Different forms of prayer, some difficulties we experience in prayer, and a deeper look at the Lord's Prayer are part of this process also. If you are interested in hosting a small group or facilitating a group, please see Marlys. A training session for facilitators of the small groups will be on Wednesday, September 18th at the hall from 6pm-8:30pm. Further information regarding signups will be available next Sunday at breakfast.

## 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.



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



## Faith Formation

Next Sunday is **Catechetical SUNDAY:** There will be a blessing of all catechists at the 9am Mass; following Mass, there will be a parish breakfast. Information and registration for all of the faith formation opportunities at OLPH will be available during the breakfast. Faith formation classes will start the following SUNDAY: September 22nd at 10:15am-11:30am in O'Neill Hall.

## Children 's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again next Sunday; Children 3yrs-7yrs are encouraged to participate in this gathering which lasts approximately 20 minutes during Mass. Adult leaders will give an age-appropriate reflection on the readings. We are still in need of a catechist to help with this ministry as well as two student volunteers to assist. See Marlys for more information or to sign up.

## CONFIRMATION YEAR TWO

The Confirmation YEAR TWO group will meet on **Sunday, September 15th after the 9am Mass.** There will be a brunch after mass and **our group will have a parent/student meeting after the brunch.** Parents & Students: please plan to attend Mass that day and stay for the brunch and meeting. This meeting will cover a number of important aspects for our Year Two that all students and parents need to be aware of. The class calendar for the year will be distributed at that time. Please contact Sheilah-Margaret Pothast at [agr8fulmom@hotmail.com](mailto:agr8fulmom@hotmail.com) with any questions. Thank you!