



# 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 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am

### WEEKDAY MASS:

Tues - Fri 12:05 pm

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

12:30 pm Thursday to 12 noon  
on Friday

## CONTACT US: PARISH OFFICE

### Office Hours:

Closed on Monday; 9:00 am to

3:00 pm Tuesday - Friday

Franceska Robinson, Secretary,

Phone: 262-4749

### Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

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Access to We Share

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## PASTORS:

### Fr. Roger Bergkamp, OMI (Lead pastor)

262-4749, Option 3

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### Fr. Bob Leising, OMI

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262-4749, Option 3

## PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

### Marlys Verba

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Marlys Verba: contact info above

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For verbal prayer requests, please  
call the parish office.

## 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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## SACRAMENTS

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

- Thursday: 12:45 pm and Saturday 4:15 – 4:45 pm

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

- Infants / children – Parents Preparation class is required. Contact the parish office to register.
- Children 8 and older - Contact the office to register for RCIA
- Adults – Contact the office to register for RCIA

### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

- Please contact the parish office for preparation of marriage, allowing at least 6 months.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK OR COMMUNION:























- Anointing of the sick will be **January 24<sup>th</sup>/2<sup>th</sup>, 2015** 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*
- *Homebound individuals wishing to receive the Eucharist need to contact the parish office.*

FUNERALS: Contact parish office immediately after the death.



Please Note: Submissions/articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted via email by Wednesday at noon to Marlys [marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com).

Calendar for December 1<sup>st</sup> - December

MONDAY, 12/1/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 2:1-5  PS 122:1-2,3-4B,4CD-56-7,8-9  MT 8:5-11	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Centering Prayer 8:15am</li> <li>• Renew Meeting at noon O'Neill Hall</li> <li>• Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 12/2/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 11:1-10  PS 72:1-2,7-8,12-13,17  LK 10:21-24	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Daily Mass: 12:05 pm</li> <li>• St. Vincent's Meeting at 5pm</li> <li>• Renew Meeting at 6:30 O'Neill Hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 12/3/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 25:6-10A  PS 12:1-3A,3B-4,5,6  MT 15:29-37	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>• Daily Mass: 12:05 pm</li> <li>• Choir practice at 6pm</li> <li>• RCIA Class @ O'Neill Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 12/4/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 26:1-6  PS 118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27A  MT 7:21,24-27	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily Mass: 12:05 pm</li> <li>• Adoration following Mass until Friday noon</li> </ul>
Friday, 12/5/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 29:17-24,  PS 27:1,4,13-14  MT 9:27-31	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adoration until noon</li> <li>• Daily Mass: 12:05 pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 12/6/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 30:19-21,23-26  PS 147:1-2,3-4,5-6  MT 9:35-10:1,5A,6-8	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitality baking Ministry: 10-2pm at Fireweed Hall</li> <li>• Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>• Mass at 5pm</li> <li>• Bake Sale after Mass</li> </ul>
Sunday, 12/7/2014	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 40:1-5,9-11  PS 85:9-10,11-12,13-14  2PT 3:8-14  LK 3:4,6	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass 10 am</li> <li>• Bake Sale</li> </ul>

December 1 <sup>st</sup> - December 7 <sup>th</sup> 2014	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Chard Arthur Family
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Jane G. Edwina T. December 7 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Anne B. Cameron B.

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Lectors:**  
Ruthann Truesdell  
Dennis Murray

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Susan Dukowitz  
Rick Dukowitz  
Holly West  
Sean McQuire  
Aida Burgess

**Servers:**  
Daniel McIntosh

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
December 7<sup>th</sup> 2014

**Lectors:**  
Barb O'Lena  
Kathleen Evenson

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Myrna Coward  
Pat Murray  
Ron O'Lena  
Sharon Shassetz  
Thelma Antila

**Servers:**

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

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**December 12<sup>th</sup>** - Fill Christmas Baskets 1pm @ Salvation Army in Kenai

**December 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** - Silver Bell Ringing 11am-7pm

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Parish Christmas Breakfast and Children's Pageant after Mass at Fireweed Hall

**December 21<sup>st</sup>** - Christmas Caroling to follow at 12:30pm-2:30pm

**December 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Christmas church cleaning and decorating for Christmas at 1pm.

**December 30<sup>th</sup>** - Open house celebration of Fr. Roger's 50th Ordination at 6:30 - 8:30pm at Fireweed Hall

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**December 8<sup>th</sup>** - Solemnity of Immaculate Mary Mass at noon

**December 9<sup>th</sup>** - Evening of Remembrance vespers at 7pm

**December 11<sup>th</sup>** - Advent Reconciliation at 7pm at OLPH

**December 19<sup>th</sup>** - Advent Reconciliation Service at OLA at 6:30pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Eve: Children's Mass at 5pm

**December 24<sup>th</sup>** - Evening Mass at 9pm

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** - Christmas Day Mass at 10am

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## RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

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RCIA class takes the next step in the process of joining the Church. Sunday, **November 30<sup>th</sup>**, at 10 a.m. the following people will participate in the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens: David Barnette and Michael Setering. Also the following people will participate in the Rite of Welcoming Baptized candidates preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist and full reception into the Catholic church: Scott Aase, Laura Harman, Jeff Landrum and Lesley Quelland. Please keep these people in your prayers as they continue to learn about the teachings of Jesus and grow in their faith.

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## FATHER ROGER'S CELEBRATION

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Father Roger is celebrating his 50th year of ordination in December. We would invite you to celebrate/share your good wishes with him at an open house on Tuesday, **December 30<sup>th</sup>** from 6:30-8:30pm in Fireweed Fellowship Hall.

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## UPCOMING

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Signup sheets are available in the foyer on the bulletin board for two upcoming activities in December: Christmas Fill the Baskets for the needy. Many hands needed to fill 350 plus boxes to be delivered for the holidays. Our parish will be helping Salvation Army to do this on FRIDAY, **DECEMBER 12<sup>th</sup>** at 1pm.

Any age is welcome, with parent (grandparent) supervision.

Silver Bell Ringing will happen on Friday and Saturday, **December 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** at both entrances of Fred Meyers from 11am-7pm.

Many helpers are needed for this hour long commitment to ring bells. Small children must be accompanied by adults. If you remember from last year, our two days were the highest collections of the season and we had fun, too! Please direct questions to Scott.

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## 2014 RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

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Next weekend, our archdiocese will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious (RFR). 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. Please plan to offer what you can to the care of women and men who have made such enormous contributions to our Church.

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## EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

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Holidays are always a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones. Come join us on Tuesday **December 9<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm for an EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE prayer vigil to remember your loved ones with prayer, reflection, music and candle lighting. Reception to follow in Fireweed.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

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On this First Sunday of Advent, we are invited to examine our relationship to God as we prepare for the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This is a time for us to deepen our connection to the Lord through various opportunities and paths. As sinners we are expected to reconcile with God. In the Gospel from Mark, Jesus advises us to "Be watchful! Be alert!" The Lord is not speaking about next week, nor even the Christmas for which we prepare. This is something He expects us to do today, this instant. Christ makes reference to a Master who, like God, leaves others in charge of His household. God expects each of us to be stewards of His household. He has left us His household, His Church, and we are supposed to build and maintain that. He has given us free will; in other words God has given us authority over the gifts He has given us. Finally, He expects each of us to fulfill our role in His Kingdom. Stewardship invites every one of us to participate and to contribute to the good of the whole, our faith community — not next week, not just at Christmas, but now. "God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

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## POUND FUNDRAISER

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Everyone is invited to Our Lady of the Angels 21st annual Cookies "buy" the Pound fundraiser on Saturday, **December 6<sup>th</sup>** 10am to 2pm, and Sunday, **December 7<sup>th</sup>** 11:30 to 1pm. Homemade cookies and treats will be sold by the pound. All proceeds go to youth activities, including our summer mission trip. Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church is located 225 S. Spruce St in Kenai. Any questions please call 283-4555.

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## FAIR TRADE COFFEE

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We have a new shipment of coffee that will be available just in time for the holidays. There are different roasts available as well as some gift packages to use for your gift giving. The present coffee will be sold at \$8/bag. Please see the new display area. Please remember this is FAIR TRADE COFFEE and you are supporting the indigenous farmers of Guatemala with this purchase for a fair wage for their work.

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## FAITH FORMATION

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Faith Formation classes will meet on **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. Confirmation class will also gather at 11:15am. The children will begin preparation soon for the Christmas Pageant that will be presented at the Parish Breakfast on Sunday **December 21<sup>st</sup>** in Fireweed Hall. We invite the parish to join us. In addition we are planning on some Christmas caroling in the community and invite you to join us for the fun. Particulars regarding that will be upcoming.

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## CHRISTMAS WREATHS

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We are expecting the delivery of the Christmas Wreaths soon. We will have work sessions to assemble. Those who have signed up to help will be called. Signup sheet for wreaths wanted is found in the table in the foyer.

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## REMEMBRANCE CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

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You will have an opportunity to purchase (\$12/plant) a poinsettia to be used during the Christmas liturgies in memory of a loved one. Please put the name of the loved one as well as donation in the envelopes provided in the foyer. Please purchase by **December 21<sup>st</sup>**. Flowers may be picked up after the weekend liturgies on **December 28<sup>th</sup>**.

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## ADVENT RETREAT

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On **November 30<sup>th</sup>** OLA will have our Advent retreat. We will begin with a light lunch 10:00-1:30. The retreat will be 1:30-4:30. Brenda Maiman will be the leading the retreat. The retreat is titled "Advent: A Deeper Call to Stewardship".

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## HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

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The Hospitality Ministry will bake this Saturday from 10-2pm in the Fireweed Kitchen. Questions: Please see **Sharon Shassetz**.