



# 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

#### Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

Website - [www.olph.cc](http://www.olph.cc)

Access to We Share

Email - [olph@alaska.net](mailto:olph@alaska.net)

### PASTORS:

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

262-4749, Option 3

[rgrbergkamp@gmail.com](mailto:rgrbergkamp@gmail.com)

#### Fr. Bob Leising, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

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#### Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

### PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

#### Marlys Verba

262-5542 / 262-4749 option 4

Cell Phone: 252-5954

[marlys.verba@gmail.com](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com)

### SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba: contact info above

### PRAYER CHAIN:

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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.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016** 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 January 4<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

MONDAY, 1/4/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 3:22-4:6  PS 2:7BC-8,10-12A  MT 4:12-17,23-25	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 1/5/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 4:7-10  PS 72:1-2,3-4,7-8  MK 6:34-44	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>St. Vincent meeting at 5pm</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 1/6/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 4:11-18  PS 72:1-2,10,12-13  MK 6:45-52	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>RCIA meets in O'Neill Hall at 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 1/7/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 4:19-5:4  PS 72:1-2,14and15BC, 17  JN 4:14-22	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Adoration after Mass until Friday afternoon</li> </ul>
Friday, 1/8/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 5:5-13  PS 147:12-13,14-15,19-20  LK 5:12-16	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Group 6:30am-8am</li> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 1/9/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1JN 5:14-21  PS 149:1-2,3-4,5-6A and9B  JN 3:22-30	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Martha/Mary Ministry at fireweed: 11:30-1pm: Warm Hearts/ Warm Bodies activity</li> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 1/10/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 42:1-4,6-7  PS 29:1-2,3-4,3,9-10  ACTS 10:34-38  LK:3-15-16,21-22	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass 10 am</li> <li>Faith Formation Classes meet, Presentaion of Circle of Grace</li> <li>Adult Education Class begins at 11:15 in Fireweed</li> </ul>

January 4 <sup>th</sup> – January 10 <sup>th</sup> 2016	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Judy Malkowski
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Connie G. Kathy F. January 10 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Anne B. Haley

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
January 9<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Lectors:**  
Ruthann Truesdell  
Gladys Bailon

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Bill Sadler  
Holly West  
Kathy Bongiovanni  
Rick Dukowitz  
Susan Dukowitz

**Servers:**  
Clyde Crandall  
Cody Quelland

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
January 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Lectors:**  
Kathleen Evenson  
Shelia-Margaret Pothast

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
John Pothast  
Krys Williams  
Dr. McIntosh  
Jane Eveland  
Cindy Kircher

**Servers:**  
Kellie Arthur  
Erika Arthur  
Cameron Blackwell

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

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**January 3<sup>rd</sup>** - A Place at the Table Organizational Meeting after Mass

**January 9<sup>th</sup>** - Martha/Mary Women's Ministry: Warm Hearts/Warm Bodies: Fireweed: 11:30-1pm

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** - Safe/Sacred Training in Classrooms

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** - Adult Education class to begin in Fireweed at 11:15am

**January 10<sup>th</sup>** - Circle of Grace presented in faith formation classes

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Martha/Mary Women's Ministry: "Heart Language" Fireweed at 11:30-1pm

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** - Bunco Game/Potluck after Mass

**January 31<sup>st</sup>** - Second Collection for St. Vincent DePaul organization

**February 6<sup>th</sup>** - Hospitality Baking Ministry at 10am in Fireweed

**February 7<sup>th</sup>** - Renew Groups begin meeting again



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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**January 19<sup>th</sup>** - No Noon Mass; Area meeting

**February 10<sup>th</sup>** - Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

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## DEPLOYMENT

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One of our parishioners Russell Dukowitz was recently deployed overseas. We have just received his address: Cards, Letters, and cookies would be most welcome.

Please continue to pray for not only Russell, but all military serving our country during this holiday time.

Address is: Russell Dukowitz,  
AFSOD-1/OPS  
Unit 61435  
APO, AE 09855-1435

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## NEW PARISH APP

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APP Launch Announcement;  
Download Our New Parish APP!

Our new OLPH Parish App is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass and much more. Help foster a stronger parish life at OLPH and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our APP today at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) or search your phone's App store for myparish.

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## CALENDARS, ENVELOPES

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2016 Calendars, Envelopes for the new year and the directories are available in the foyer.

If you did not have your picture taken for the directory, the cost is \$5/copy of the directory.

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## CIRCLE OF GRACE PRESENTATION

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These are the Safe/Sacred Environment classes which are required by the Archdiocese for students in Faith formation. All classes this upcoming Sunday will have a presentation on various topics. The materials will be available for the parents to view both this weekend and next.

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## RETROUVAILLE

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REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE – RETROUVAILLE (pronounced retro-vii) simply means "rediscovery". The program offers couples struggling in troubled marriages the chance to rediscover themselves, their spouse and a loving married relationship. Ten's of 1000's of couples headed for divorce have saved their marriage by attending this program. For information or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on February 26, 27 & 28, 2016, call 907-863-8000 or log on to [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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## **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>**

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The story of the Magi — the wise men — as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew makes several facts very clear. We often focus on the gifts that were brought as examples of stewardship, and, in truth, this story was certainly one of the inspirations for the giving that occurs at Christmas.

However, as is often the case, there is a deeper and more meaningful message found here. When they found the child Jesus, they opened their treasures and they gave "Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." They did not present the gifts to His parents; they presented them directly to Him. The baby Jesus had no real need for these gifts, and we assume that Mary and Joseph used them in Christ's behalf, to support Him.

That is what we do when we give to the Church. Although our gifts need to be viewed by us as gifts to God, we also must have a trust, which includes the understanding that those who will use the gifts will use them wisely and justly. The Magi trusted that their gifts would be used in a way that was beneficial. We need to have that same kind of trust. Most of all, we need to understand the importance of giving, of being good stewards.

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## **CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST**

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CONVERSION, FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST is a seven week session DVD program by Fr. Robert Barron using six stories of conversion from the Bible to demonstrate how six ordinary people were met by Jesus where they were and called to a better life through him. "Jesus calls us in thousands of different ways to follow Him as we strive on the path for spiritual excellence, explains Fr. Barron. We will look at Bartimaeus, the Rich Young Man, Matthew, Jonah, the Woman at the Well and the Journey of the Magi. Please consider joining us after Sunday Mass in Fireweed Fellowship hall beginning on **January 10<sup>th</sup>**. Barb Dilley will be facilitating the sessions.

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## **MARY AND MARTHA'S WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

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Mary and Martha's Women's ministry begins this year with a service project: Warm Hearts, Warm Bodies putting together fleece blankets for Lee Shore. Join in the activity and stay for a potluck lunch. Meeting time of Saturday, **January 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11:30-1pm, Please bring something to share for lunch, two yards of fleece to make a blanket if you can. If not, please come anyway.

Please mark your calendar for **January 23<sup>th</sup>** for the following gathering of Mary/Martha's Women's Ministry at 11:30am-1pm when Brenda Maiman and Bonnie Bezousek will join us for a presentation on Heart Language.

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## **UPGRADING**

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We are grateful to Harold Martin for the donation of the flat screen to be used for the hall.

Please join us for the adult education presentation next Sunday in Fireweed after mass.

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## **A YEAR OF MERCY WITH POPE FRANCIS**

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Mercy has become the theme of his entire papacy. It is his primary means for communicating the Gospel to others as he stated in a homily on March 17 2013. "I think and I say it with humility that this is the Lord's most powerful message: Mercy."

As we begin the Year of Mercy, each week a quote from Pope Francis will be included here for reflection on during the week. In addition the bulletin board in the foyer will have different suggestions/articles for you to check out.

"I would like to recall (the Seven Corporal Works of Mercy), because it will be good to hear them again: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to clothe the naked, to harbor the homeless, to visit the sick, to visit the imprisoned, to bury the dead. I encourage you to carry on your work with joy and to model it after Christ's. Allowing all who suffer to encounter you and count on you in time of need." Address, June 14 2014.