



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 9:00 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; 8:00 am to
2:00 pm Tuesday - Thursday

Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

Website - www.olph.cc

Access to We Share

Email - olph@alaska.net

PASTORS:

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(Lead pastor)

262-4749, Option 3

rgrbergkamp@gmail.com

Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

PARISH LIFE COORDINATOR:

Marlys Verba

262-5542 / 262-4749 option 4

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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.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 21st, 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 **October 29th/30th, 2016** during 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.

Calendar for August 22nd - 28th 2016

Monday, 8/22/2016	
Readings:  2THES 1:1-5,11-12  PS 96:1-2A,2B-3,4-5  MT 23:13-22	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 8/23/2016	
Readings:  2THES 2:1-3A,14-17  PS 96:10,11-12,13  MT 23:23-26	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am No Mass
Wednesday, 8/24/2016	
Readings:  REV 21:9B-14  PS 145:10-11,12-13,17-18  JN 1:45-51	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am No Mass
Thursday, 8/25/2016	
Readings:  1COR 1:1-9  PS 145:2-3,4-5,6-7  MT 24:42-51	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am No Mass No Adoration this week
Friday, 8/26/2016	
Readings:  1COR 1:17-25  PS 33:1-2,4-5,10-11  MT 25:1-13	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Garage Sale at Redemptorist Ctr: 9-3pm
Saturday, 8/27/2016	
Readings:  1COR 1:26-31  PS 33:12-13,18-19,20-21  MT 25:14-30	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garage sale 10-3pm Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 8/28/2016	
Readings:  SIR 3:17-18,20,28-29  PS 68:4-5,6-7,10-11  HEB 12:18-19,22-24A  LK 14:1,7-14	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 9am. Faith Formation Kickoff, Parish Breakfast and Activities after Mass A Place at the Table 4-6pm in Fireweed

August 15 th – August 21 st 2016	
Mops and Bucket Crew	
Collection Counters	Karl K. Cindy K. August 28 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	RESUME IN THE FALL

Saturday 5:00pm
August 27th 2016

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Please check the bulletin board

Servers:
Danny McIntosh
Quinn Cox

Sunday 9:00 am
August 28th 2016

Lectors:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Please check the bulletin board

Servers:
Jackson Blackwell
Cameron Blackwell

THE MONTH AHEAD

August 1st - 28th - Open registration for Faith Formation in foyer

August 22nd - 25th - OMI'S gone for area meetings

August 26th - 27th - Garage Sale: proceeds for A Place at the Table

August 28th - A Place at the Table 4-6pm

August 28th - Parish Breakfast after Mass. Faith Formation Registration Roundup with activities

September 7th - Confirmation Class at O'Neill Hall 6-8pm

September 10th and 14th - RCIA Open House in Community Room 6-7pm

September 13th - Why Catholic? gathering at OLPH at 6:30pm

September 14th - Prayerful discernment on Citizenship 7-9pm in church

September 18th - Movie - The Letters: Story of Mother Teresa in Fireweed at 10:30am and 12:30pm

September 21st - Faith Formation Classes begin

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

August 21st - Blessing of the backpacks at Mass

August 22nd - 25th - *No daily mass, no adoration this week, daily mass resumes on Friday, August 26th.* OMI's gone to meetings

September 18th - Catechetical Sunday Commissioning of Catechists at Mass

October 9th - Confirmation at 9am Mass

Back Pack Blessings

This Sunday, all students are asked to bring their backpacks for school to church for a special blessing at the Mass; Let's send our kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support!

Be sure to join us and to include all of our young people in your prayers as they go back to school this week.



Blessing of the Backpacks

ADORATION

Please note that there is an opening for 12-1am on Friday morning.

Please check with Pat Murray at 262-7801 if you are interested in trying out this slot of time.

CHURCH CAMPUS

The preparation work for the lawn in the back of Fireweed continues. The generous donation of Peninsula Construction of the topsoil and preparation of the area and the hydro seeding of the area by Moore's Landscaping has allowed us to complete this. Thank you!

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

A Place at the Table will take place on **August 28th** from 4-6pm. If you would like to help prepare the meal and serve, please come to Fireweed Hall by 2pm.

See Sharon for specifics, if questions.

The food list is posted on the bulletin board. Please consider donating to the menu.

We will be facilitating the garage sale on **August 26th and 27th**, and would appreciate any help for that.

Please see Thelma if you would like to help.

GARAGE SALE

The Perpetual Help garage sales will have a week break again to reorganize and prepare for the last week of garage sales. We so appreciate all of the donations from everyone. The final session of sales will be from **August 26th - 27th** from 9am-3pm. The proceeds will go to A Place at the Table.

ST. FRANCIS STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

Now through **September 9** the Archdiocese of Anchorage is accepting nominations for the 2016 St. Francis Stewardship Awards. These awards formally recognize five volunteers, couples, and/or groups whose lives of stewardship bring out the best in others and the community. Winners will be announced at an awards banquet **October 13**. To nominate someone from your parish, please visit <https://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org/st-francis-stewardship-awards> for nomination form and instructions.

WHY CATHOLIC?

Interested in breaking open the contents of our Catholic Catechism, deepening one's own faith, and gaining inspiration from others' faith stories?

WhyCatholic? is a small group of 6-8 people gathering to share and explore Christian morality.

Topics include the Beatitudes, forming one's conscience, grace, and stewardship of God's gifts to us. Join us at one of the following presentations to find out more:

Tuesday, **September 13** at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Soldotna

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 18th Catechetical Sunday

Prayer the Faith Prayed is the motto for this year's faith formation. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. It is also an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

ONE BREAD: ONE BODY

Thank you for your generous support of the 2016 One Bread, One Body Annual Catholic Appeal. Members of our faith community have shared \$46,895.03 to support ministries that serve children and adults throughout our local Church. If you have not yet pledged your support, it's not too late! Please join your fellow parishioners in helping to make possible the vital work of your local Church.

SLIPPERY GULCH

St. Michael's Catholic Parish in Palmer, Alaska invites all State Fairgoers to stop by our parish-run eatery, Slippery Gulch. We are located in the blue metal building with white trim, on the Green Trail, near the mid-way and the Rat Race booth. Slippery Gulch has been at the State Fair for 51 years and is run entirely by volunteers. We serve delicious burgers, hot dogs, grilled cheese, grilled ham & cheese and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches, chili, homemade soups, hot & cold drinks, desserts, and our FAMOUS HOMEMADE PIES! Indoor seating is provided for your comfort and respite. For those of you looking for spiritual nourishment we offer Saturday night Mass at "The Gulch" both Saturday evenings of the Fair beginning at 10:30 PM....please enter by the back door. See you at the Fair!!

For any questions please call St. Michael's at 745-3229.

CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

September 7th - Reflection 7 – The Eucharist, Nourished through the Holy Spirit at 6pm-8pm (meal)

Choosing a Saint Name, Verify all documents in order (baptism, First Eucharist) - please be sure Marlys has a record of these documents for each student.

September 21st – Reflection 8 – Confirmation, Sealed with the Holy Spirit, *Vocabulary p. 146 - 149, Confirmation Questions Packet finished as a group* at 6pm – 8pm (meal) with sponsors.

September 25th – **Confirmation/Youth Retreat at OLPH** with Matthew Beck, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries for the Archdiocese of Anchorage. Begin with 9am Mass as a group, concluding by 4pm – lunch and snacks provided.

October 5th – Reflection 9 – Confirmation, Celebrating the Rite at 6pm – 8pm (meal)

Sponsors join us at 7:30pm in the church for Confirmation practice

October 9th - Rite of Confirmation, 9am Mass, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Students and Sponsors report to Fireweed Hall at 8:30am.

"HOW TO PASS ON VIBRANT FAITH TO YOUTH"

Father Shields to speak on "How to Pass on Vibrant Faith to Youth"

Catholic young people are falling away from the faith at a staggering rate as families and relatives struggle with how best to respond. Catholics United for the Faith in Anchorage invites the public to an evening with Father Michael Shields as he addresses some of the most pressing challenges now facing Catholic families. Why do young people leave the faith? What can be done to help stem the tide? How can adults ensure that children have a living, active and internal faith rather than merely a rote family tradition? What are some effective family practices that can help young people grow and persevere in their walk with God once they leave home?

Father Shields will address these and other aspects of passing on the faith to the up and coming generation of Catholics. The evening runs 7-9pm on Friday, **August 26th** at the Lunney Center of Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral in Anchorage. The presentation will include a talk followed by a question and answer discussion. A potluck dessert reception will follow the talk. For more information, call 243-8168.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Resuming of Faith Formation classes for the upcoming fall will begin soon. We will have open registration the month of August, with the registration forms found in the foyer of the church. Early registration is necessary to get the necessary catechists and supplies needed. Please fill out a registration form and put into the basket. Please note that all faith formation classes will be held on Wednesday evening this year, beginning with a light dinner at 6pm and classes starting at 6:30pm-7:30pm. We are hopeful of providing outreach projects/activities for the classes and parish as a way of learning more together and practicing our faith together on Sundays.

On Sunday, **August 21st**, the students are asked to bring their backpacks to church for a blessing. This is a way for our children to know that our God is with them while they are at school, every day as well as our prayers. On Sunday, **August 28th**, we will have the kickoff for the Faith Formation year with a parish breakfast and activities for the students. At that time, there will be an opportunity to begin signing up for the adult education offerings for the year.

Classes will begin on Wednesday, **September 21st** at O'Neill Hall.

Confirmation class will adhere to their own schedule, beginning on Wednesday **September 7th** at 6pm-8pm leading up to Confirmation Mass on **October 9th** at 9am Mass.

If you are interested in helping with the Faith Formation class as a catechist/helper, please see Marlys.

RCIA CLASSES

Time to register for RCIA classes:

Anyone interested in learning about the teachings of the Catholic Church is encouraged to sign up now. The classes start Wednesday, September 21, 2016 in the Church Community Room. Class will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and continue each Wednesday through May 24, 2017. These classes are for those considering joining the Church, for Catholics who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation and for anyone who wants to know more about the Catholic Church. Please sign up by calling Shirley at 262-9654 or Marlys at 262-5542.

RCIA Open House scheduled for Saturday, **September 10th** or **14th** 6-7pm in community room. If you know of anyone interested in this process, please encourage them to come to this informational hour.

GET WELL CARD SHOWER

We are requesting a get well card shower for Ria O'Lena, who is hospitalized in Seattle.

Her address is: UW Medicine

6 South East

Oncology/Medicine

1959NE Pacific St. Box 356091

Seattle, Washing 98195-6091

Ria O'Lena: gofundme.com

RETRouvaille

The next Retrouvaille program in Anchorage begins **October 21 – 23**, 2016. Phone 907-863-8000, or log on to: www.HelpOurMarriage.com
