



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; 9:00 am to
3:00 pm Tuesday - Thursday

Parish Office Phone: 262-5542

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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(Lead pastor)

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Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

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Marlys Verba

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SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIM

ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

September 4th, 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 September 5th - 11th 2016

Monday, 9/5/2016	
Readings:  1COR 5:1-8  PS 5:5-6,7,12  MK 6:6-11	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church
Tuesday, 9/6/2016	
Readings:  1COR 6:1-11  PS 149:1B-2,3-4,5-6A and 9B  LK 6:12-19	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm.
Wednesday, 9/7/2016	
Readings:  1COR 7:25-31  PS 45:11-12,14-15,16-17  LK 6:20-26	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Confirmation Class 6-8pm
Thursday, 9/8/2016	
Readings:  MIC 5:1-4A  PS 13:6AB,6C  MT 1:1-16,18-23	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm. Adoration follows Mass until noon Friday
Friday, 9/9/2016	
Readings:  1COR 9:16-19,22-27  PS 84:3,4,5-6,12  LK 6:39-42	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm
Saturday, 9/10/2016	
Readings:  1COR 10:14-22  PS 116:12-13,17-18  LK 6:43-49	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ACTS 9am in O'Neill Hall Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm RCIA Open House 6pm in Community Room
Sunday, 9/11/2016	
Readings:  EX 32:7-11,13-14  PS 51:3-4,12-13,17,19  1TIM 1:12-17  LK 15:1-32	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 9am.

September 5 th – September 11 th 2016	
Mops and Bucket Crew	
Collection Counters	Judy Marchiando Peter Marchiando September 11 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Anne McCabe Resume September 18th

Saturday 5:00pm
September 10th 2016

Lectors:
Dave Nelson
Carlos Valenzuela

Eucharistic Ministers:
John Bonk
Barb Bonk
Bill Sadler
Rick Dukowitz
Susan Dukowitz

Servers:
Danny McIntosh
Christian Thompson

Sunday 9:00 am
September 11th 2016

Lectors:
Barb O'Lena
Gladys Bailon

Eucharistic Ministers:
Alyson Stogsdill
Jim Stogsdill
Bruce Emerson
Gloria Sweeney
Helen Knopp
Jane Fellman
Jim Fellman

Servers:
Kellie Arthur
Andrew Arthur

THE MONTH AHEAD

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

October 11th - Presentation in Fireweed Frank Mercadante: 5:30pm-6:15pm Light dinner and Presentation: 6:30-8pm

October 15th - Fall Youth Rally 9-3pm at Lumen Christi

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

September 8th - Special Adoration petition during the 7-8pm hours of adoration on Thursday

September 18th - Catechetical Sunday Commissioning of Catechists at Mass

October 9th - Confirmation at 9am Mass

"REACHING OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS"

Come meet Frank Mercadante!

Frank is an incredible and inspiring Catholic husband and Dad! After experiencing a powerful conversion at seventeen, Frank could think of nothing better to give his life to than sharing with others the same Good News that so transformed his life. He is an author, speaker and educator. He received the National Catholic Youth Ministry Award in Training from the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry in 2008. Tuesday **October 11th**: OLPH at Fireweed Missionary Discipleship: "Reaching Our Younger Generations", presentation to begin at 6:15-8pm. Light dinner offered from 5:30pm-6pm. Appropriate presentation for all parents, those interested in youth ministry and reaching out to our students.

Saturday **October 15th** 10am-3pm at Lumen Christi School, Anchorage Fall Youth Rally 2016: "Positively Dangerous".

Registration forms can be found on the Faith Formation Bulletin Board in Foyer. We are hoping to get a large group to attend from the peninsula; please check in with Marlys with the registration forms and further information.

Frank will also be giving two other presentations while in Anchorage. Please see the bulletin board for that information.

PRAYERFUL CITIZENSHIP

Faithful Citizenship is a topic very important to each of us. Prayerful Citizenship will be presented on Wednesday, **September 14th** in the church by Father Roger. Please join us from 7-9pm for that gathering.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE

The next gathering for the Place at the Table is **September 25th** from 4-6pm. This free meal and conversation is a wonderful couple of hours to visit with community members and our church family. Consider coming to help at 2pm with the preparation.

ST. FRANCIS STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

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 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral. 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 13th** at 6:30pm at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Soldotna.

You do not have to have participated in previous sessions, to come to this retreat gathering or participate in the upcoming session. Signup sheets are available for this sessions at different times.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 18th Catechetical Sunday themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Prayer the Faith Prayed is the motto this year. Our catechists in all areas of faith formation will be blessed at the Sunday Mass.

Please join us for hospitality afterwards to greet the catechists.

WE SHARE NOTE

The special collections part of WE SHARE has now been set up so the opportunity to donate through this, is available. We want to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offerings, also. Please visit: www.olph.cc to access.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4TH

At the end of today's Gospel Reading from St. Luke, Jesus says a lot about what it means to be His disciple — the demands and the expectations. As His final statement in the reading, He says, "...anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

This is another case where the translation from the original Greek may produce misunderstanding. Most of us understand the word "renounce" as meaning "reject" or "hand over." However, another meaning of the Greek word might be "to say goodbye to." That is the real message, and it is one with a strong stewardship element.

What the Lord may be trying to communicate is our possessions can stand in the way of being His disciple and being a good steward. It is a question of trust. Trust is at the center of a stewardship way of life. Jesus tells us that we need to trust in Him to a greater extent than in ourselves or in what we may possess. That is, of course, not easy for us.

Nevertheless, to place our trust in the Lord is exactly what it means to be His disciple. Psalms perfectly captures the challenge we face and provides the answer to the challenge as well. In Psalms we are told: "Man says to God, 'Show me and I will trust You.' And God replies "Trust me and I will show you'."

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.

OLA CRAFT BAZAAR

Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their 4th Annual Craft Bazaar on Friday **October 7th** & Saturday **October 8th** from 10:00am - 4:00pm both days. We are extending an invite to you to join us as a vendor or a customer. To reserve a table call: Karen (907)350-0843 or Lori (907)283-3315

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Registration is ongoing in the foyer for the faith formation classes which will begin on Wednesday, **September 21st** at 6pm with a light dinner in Fireweed and classes to begin directly at 6:30pm in O'Neill Hall. A Google DOC will be set up so that you may go on line to sign up to help with the dinners each week. Please leave your information on the signup table in the foyer. There are also many adult education opportunities to check out and register for so that materials may be ordered.

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

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.

RETROUVAILLE

Are you or someone you know considering Divorce? Do you feel helpless dealing with the troubled relationship with your spouse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vii) helps spouses re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. The program is very successful in helping troubled marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. The relationship you and your spouse enjoyed early in your marriage is waiting for you to re-claim. For information about, or to register for the next program beginning with the weekend on October 21, 22 & 23, 2016, call 907-863-8000, or log on to www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

EARTH ANGELS

The ministry of Earth Angels will be cleaning our section of the Sterling Highway on **Sunday the 18th of September**. We'll be meeting at **1:00pm** at the DOT parking lot which is just beyond Skyview Middle School on the left. Please consider joining us. If you have any questions you can contact Theresa Carroll at: 398-9882.