



# 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

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. 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:

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

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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME

September 11<sup>th</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 **October 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:marlys.verba@gmail.com).

Calendar for September 12<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

Monday, 9/12/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1COR 11:17-26,33  PS 40:7-8A,8B-9,10,17  LK 7:1-10	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 9/13/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1COR 12:12-14,27-31A  PS 100:1B-2,3,4,5  LK 7:11-17	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Why Catholic? renew retreat program at 6:30pm in O'Neill hall</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 9/14/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  NM 21:4B-9  PS 78:1BC-2,34-35,36-37,38  PHIL 2:6-11  JN 3:13-17	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>RCIA Open house 6-7pm in Community room</li> <li>Presentation on Prayerful Discernment on Citizenship 7-8:30pm in Church</li> </ul>
Thursday, 9/15/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1COR 15:1-11  PS 118:1B-2,16AB-17,28  JN 19:25-27	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm.</li> <li>Adoration follows Mass until noon Friday</li> <li>Special hour of adoration 7-8pm for Peace and unity</li> </ul>
Friday, 9/16/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1COR 15:12-20  PS 17:1BCD,6-7,8B and 15  LK 8:1-3	<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> <li>Garage Sale in Redemptorist Center: 9-3pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 9/17/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  1COR 15:35-37,42-49  PS 56:10C-12,13-14  LK 8:4-15	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ACTS 9am in O'Neill Hall</li> <li>Garage Sale in Redemptorist Center 10-3pm</li> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 9/18/2016	
<b>Readings:</b>  AM 8:4-7  PS 113:1-2,4-6,7-8  1TIM 2:1-8  LK 16:1-13	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 9am.</li> <li>Catechist blessing at Mass</li> <li>Letters: Mother Teresa movie 10:30am-12-30 pm with lunch break in-between</li> <li>Earth Angels HWY Cleanup: Meet at DOT ay 1pm</li> </ul>

September 12 <sup>th</sup> – September 18 <sup>th</sup> 2016	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Robert Schuh Myrna Schuh September 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Anne McCabe Resume September 18 <sup>th</sup>

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
September 17<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Lectors:**  
Barb Dilley  
Jackie Swanson

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Cindy Glassmaker  
Kathy Cullings  
Linda Hutchings  
Kathy Bongiovanni  
Carm Bongiovanni

**Servers:**  
Faith Glassmaker  
Caleigh Glassmaker

**Sunday 9:00 am**  
September 18<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Lectors:**  
Pat Cowan  
Kathleen Evenson

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Bob Evenson  
Joe McElroy  
Krys Williams  
Dr. McIntosh  
Jane Eveland  
Kristine Shine  
Myrna Cowan

**Servers:**  
Drew Cox  
Quinn Cox

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

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**September 13<sup>th</sup>** - Why Catholic? gathering at OLPH at 6:30pm

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** - RCIA Open House in Community Room 6-7pm

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** - Prayerful discernment on Citizenship 7-9pm in church

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

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** - Faith Formation Classes begin

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** - Presentation in Fireweed Frank Mercadante: 5:30pm-6:15pm Light dinner and Presentation: 6:30-8pm

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** - Fall Youth Rally 9-3pm at Lumen Christi

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**September 18<sup>th</sup>** - Catechetical Sunday  
Commissioning of Catechists at Mass

**October 9<sup>th</sup>** - Confirmation at 9am Mass

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## "REACHING OUR YOUNGER GENERATIONS"

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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 11<sup>th</sup>**: 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## A PLACE AT THE TABLE

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The next gathering for the Place at the Table is **September 25<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## ST. FRANCIS STEWARDSHIP AWARDS

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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.

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## WHY CATHOLIC?

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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<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

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**September 18<sup>th</sup>** 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.

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## WE SHARE NOTE

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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](http://www.olph.cc) to access.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>

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In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, God speaks to Moses. In the midst of revealing to Moses what the Israelites have done and how they have violated His trust in them, the Lord says, "I see how stiff-necked this people is." As is often the case in Holy Scripture, the term "stiff-necked" has a basis in agriculture, and one with which we may not be familiar.

Farmers at that time used the term "stiff-necked" to describe an ox or horse which did not respond to directions. When an animal like that would not move and resisted direction, the animal tended to stiffen and freeze, thus the term "stiff-necked" for one who is stubborn and uncooperative.

God may consider us to be stiff-necked at times, might He not? In spite of the Lord's appeals to us to trust Him and to follow Him, we sometimes stiffen and resist. Usually we do that because following the Lord may prove uncomfortable for us. God's terms for us and His expectations of us may sometimes seem unreasonable and even impossible.

Yet, that is the challenge of living stewardship as a way of life. It is not always easy, and it may put us in positions where we feel uncomfortable and even vulnerable. Moses pleads the case for his people to God and the Lord responds to Moses' plea, his prayer, and Scripture tells us "So the Lord relented in the punishment." We do need to trust the Lord, and we do need to pray to Him, as He will respond with love and mercy.

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## CONFIRMATION CLASS SCHEDULE

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Please note the confirmation class schedule posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

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## OLA CRAFT BAZAAR

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Our Lady of the Angels will be holding their 4th Annual Craft Bazaar on Friday **October 7<sup>th</sup>** & Saturday **October 8<sup>th</sup>** 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

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## PRAYERFUL CITIZENSHIP

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Faithful Citizenship is a topic very important to each of us. Prayerful Citizenship will be presented on Wednesday, **September 14<sup>th</sup>** in the church by Father Roger.

Please join us from 7-9pm for that gathering.

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## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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Registration is ongoing in the foyer for the faith formation classes which will begin on Wednesday, **September 21<sup>st</sup>** 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 7<sup>th</sup>** at 6-8pm. Confirmation will be on Sunday, **October 9<sup>th</sup>** at the 9am Mass.

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## RCIA CLASSES

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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 10<sup>th</sup>** or **14<sup>th</sup>** 6-7pm in community room. If you know of anyone interested in this process, please encourage them to come to this informational hour.

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## RETRouvaille

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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](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com).

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## EARTH ANGELS

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The ministry of Earth Angels will be cleaning our section of the Sterling Highway on **Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.