



# 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

Tuesday/Thursday 8:30 am to  
3:00 pm

Wednesday 8:30am to 7:30pm

#### 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

#### Fr. Ron Meyer, 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:

[tairtrl@gmail.com](mailto:tairtrl@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.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017

## 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 **May 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>, 2017** 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 April 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

Monday, 4/3/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  DN 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62  PS 23:1-3A,3B-4,5,6  JN 8:1-11	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room</li> </ul>
Tuesday, 4/4/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  NM 21:4-9  PS 102:2-3,16-18,19-21  JN 8:21-30	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Word and Communion Service: 12:05pm</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Renew meeting at 1pm in O'Neill Hall</li> <li>Centering Prayer 7pm at Community room</li> </ul>
Wednesday, 4/5/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  DN 3:14-20,91-92,95  DN 3:52,53,54,55,56  JN 8:31-42	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Faith formation dinner at 5:30pm</li> <li>Faith Formation classes at 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Thursday, 4/6/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  GN 17:3-9  PS 105:4-5,6-7,8-9  JN 8:51-59	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Quilting Ministry in Fireweed 10am-3pm</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Followed with Adoration until Friday at noon</li> </ul>
Friday, 4/7/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  JER 20:10-13  PS 18:2-3A,3BC-4,5-6, 7  JN 10:31-42	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Men's Group 6:30am-8am</li> <li>Morning Prayer 7:30am</li> <li>Adoration until noon</li> <li>Daily Mass: 12:05pm</li> <li>Soup Supper at 5:30pm</li> <li>Reconciliation service at 6:30pm</li> </ul>
Saturday, 4/8/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  EZ 37:21-28  JER 31:10,11-12ABCD, 13  JN 11:45-56	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Choir Practice at 3pm</li> <li>Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm</li> <li>Mass at 5pm</li> </ul>
Sunday, 4/9/2017	
<b>Readings:</b>  IS 50:4-7  PS 22:8-9,17-18,19-20, 23-24  PHIL 2:6-11  MT 26:14-27:66	<b>Events:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 10am (Palm Sunday: gather in Fireweed)</li> </ul>

April 3 <sup>rd</sup> - April 9 <sup>th</sup> 2017	
<b>Mops and Bucket Crew</b>	Ryan Kapp family
<b>Collection Counters</b>	Bob E. Kathleen E. April 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	Ruthann T.

**Saturday 5:00pm**  
April 8<sup>th</sup> 2017

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**Lectors:**  
Ruthann Truesdell  
Dennis Murray

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Linda Hutchings  
Rick Dukowitz  
Susan Dukowitz  
Holly West  
Sean McGuire

**Servers:**  
Haley Buckbee  
Zachary Buckbee

**Sunday 10:00 am**  
April 9<sup>th</sup> 2017

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**Lectors:**  
Kathleen Evenson  
Pat Cowan

**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
Myrna Cowan  
Bob Evenson  
Dr. McIntosh  
Jane Eveland  
Cindy Glassmaker  
Jane Fellman  
Jim Fellman

**Servers:**  
Erika Arthur  
Andrew Arthur

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## THE MONTH AHEAD

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**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Seven Deadly Sins: Seven Lively Virtues: Community Room after Mass

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Panoramic Egg production after Mass

**April 8<sup>th</sup>** - Into Centering Prayer workshop 9:30am-3pm

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Place at the Table

**April 25<sup>th</sup>** - Ministries Appreciation evening: 5:30pm - 7:30pm in Fireweed

**May 7<sup>th</sup>** - Crowning of Blessed Mary. Parish Breakfast after Mass

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## UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

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**April 4<sup>th</sup>** - Word and Communion Service

**April 6<sup>th</sup>** - Chrism Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7pm

**April 7<sup>th</sup>** - Lenten Reconciliation and Station of the Cross at 6:30pm

**April 9<sup>th</sup>** - Palm Sunday

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** - *Holy Thursday*: liturgy At 7pm followed by Adoration until midnight in Fireweed

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** - *Good Friday*: Stations Walk around Town beginning at noon from O'Neill Hall

Stations of the Cross at Church at 3pm

Liturgy at 7pm at church

**April 15<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 9pm. Dessert Buffet after Mass in Foyer

**April 16<sup>th</sup>** - Easter Sunday Mass at 10am followed by Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt hosted by Chatty Catholics

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Children's led Mass

**April 30<sup>th</sup>** - First Eucharist at 10am

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## A NOTE FROM FR. RON

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Hi There, you all! Greetings from your newest Oblate. While my mom calls me Ronald, most of my family and friends, know me as Fr. Ron. I grew up in Wisconsin and Illinois. The oldest of 15 children, ordained in Rome, I began ministry near the Twin Cities, Richfield/Bloomington, Minnesota in the summer of 1972. Now, 45 plus years a priest, I have pastored, preached, taught, mentored and traveled in all 50 states and many foreign countries. Seventy two years old, I will be here for a 6 month trial period. Having lost over 80 pounds in the last 13 months, (Weight Watchers), I need to be sure I can maintain my health and your sanity!!

After the review, I may be here for who knows how long! God Bless!

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## REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS

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As we approach Easter, we are again given the opportunity to remember our loved ones during this holy season by a Easter Lily in the sanctuary. Please put your loved ones name, \$12/flower into basket on foyer table. Flowers need to be requested by Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your help.

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## LENT TIDBITS

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Join us on the Fridays of Lent for a meatless soup supper at 5:30-6:30pm in Fireweed followed by the Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm and a presentation that will vary each week.

Black books for daily meditations are available in the foyer. The Lenten bulletin board in the foyer will have many suggestions for this journey through Lent for all ages. One of the opportunities is choosing a slip of paper with Lenten actions on it, which are Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy to challenge you during the week. On Sunday, put that opportunity in writing in a hanging book and add to our Work of Mercy Tree. Choose another one for the current week. Hopefully, by Easter, our tree will be covered with those opportunities we've been given during these 40 days to come closer to the Lord. All ages are invited to participate.

The website for signup for the soup supper is: [perfectpotluck.com/](http://perfectpotluck.com/) coordinator:verba / password:olph

The upcoming weeks will be facilitated by the following:

6<sup>th</sup> Week **April 7<sup>th</sup>**: We will be the Reconciliation Service at 6:30pm

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## UPCOMING EASTER EGG HUNT

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Donations are needed of Easter eggs and small candies/toys to stuff them for the Easter Egg Hunt coming soon! Chatty Catholics want to collect these items and get them stuffed for the hunt.

Please bring to the foyer of the church to the marked box for collection by Sunday, **April 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you in advance!

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## EASTER LITURGY

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Sign Up sheets for the Easter liturgies may be found on the bulletin board.

After the Saturday Easter Vigil, to celebrate the new members of our family, we invite you to bring your favorite dessert to share afterwards in the Foyer.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RCIA ELECT

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There are three people in RCIA this year. It is a Mom and her two children. They attend Mass on Thursdays due to the Mom's work schedule. On **March 23** Amanda, Serena and Keegan celebrated the Rite of Election. They will be Baptized, Confirmed and receive the Eucharist on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil. We ask for prayers for this young family as they prepare to become members of our Church.

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## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 2<sup>ND</sup>

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Easter is two weeks away. There is an understandable and logical reason that we hear the Gospel Reading from St. John about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Jesus' Resurrection is ever nearer for us. His miracle of raising Lazarus is the last recorded by John, but its timing is exactly what the Lord wished it to be.

In the Gospel, Jesus makes it all clear to us. The Lord says, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." That understanding and acceptance and rejoicing at the Resurrection is what Lent has been about and what our preparations in these final days of Lent should be about as well.

Phillips Brooks is probably best known as the author/composer of one of the most endearing Christmas Carols "O Little Town of Bethlehem." However, Brooks also understood what faith is all about. He said, "Let every man and woman count himself and herself immortal. Let them catch the revelation of Jesus in His resurrection. Let each say not merely, 'Christ is risen,' but also 'I shall rise'."

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1002) says, "Christ will raise us up 'on the last day'; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth in participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ." It is this truth, this hope, that we are to embrace as Easter approaches.



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## ALMS FOR THE POOR

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We are halfway through Lent, in the middle of our journey to LENT. One key part of Lent is almsgiving, which means giving money or necessities to people who need them. You are challenged to bring alms (food for the Food Bank) in the remaining weeks of Lent until Holy Thursday, to the church foyer.

The word "alms" comes from the Greek word for "compassion." Showing compassion for people takes a lot of practice.

Can we start with this small step?

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## NEED OF GLASS

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WE ARE IN NEED OF GLASS containers (baby food jars) for the dispersing of the new Holy Water on Holy Saturday. Can you help us with that?

Please bring to the foyer to the appropriate basket there. Thank you in advance.

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## FAITH FORMATION

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Only four more classes left. Attendance is still very important. (**April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>.** )

Please pray for our students who made their First Reconciliation on Saturday this week, that they may continue to come often to the sacrament.

They will continue preparation for First Eucharist which they will receive on Sunday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. They will have a Come to the Table retreat on Saturday, **April 29<sup>th</sup>** from 9-11am.

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## CENTERING PRAYER

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There will be a Centering Prayer Introductory Workshop on **April 8<sup>th</sup>**, Saturday, 9:30-3PM, in O'Neil Hall at OLPH.

Centering Prayer is a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian Contemplative Tradition. It is a method of consenting to the presence and action of God in our lives. The fruit of this prayer is a growing sense of God leading us beyond anxiety into an inner stillness and peace, and outward in compassion and service. The workshop is for those who are new to Centering Prayer and for those who wish to renew their practice. Please bring a sack lunch.

For more information and to sign up, please call Meg Zerbinos, 398-4831

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## PROFESSIONAL PRINTS

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St. Therese of Lisieux: Professional prints of "St. Therese of Lisieux", the patron saint of Alaska, by Byron Birdsall are available for purchase. Standard prints are available for \$100. These are limited to 100 and also signed and numbered by Byron. All proceeds help offset the cost of installation celebrations and transition expenses.

Please contact the Parish Office if interested.

Also, Alaska's Archdiocese: Faith in the Far North, a history of the Archdiocese is available for \$14.95.

Please see the office if interested.

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## MINISTRY APPRECIATION GATHERING

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We appreciate the many, young and old, who are involved in the ministries which we, as parish, pursue to live out the Gospel. Some occur daily, some weekly, some monthly and others seasonally. We want to celebrate those gifts.

All who are involved in any of the various ministries are invited to Fireweed Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, **April 25<sup>th</sup>**, 5:30-7:30pm for Hors D'oeuvres, wine and conversation.

We request RSVP to Jackie at 262-3286 (leave a message) or [kasilofriverretreat@yahoo.com](mailto:kasilofriverretreat@yahoo.com) by Sunday, **April 16<sup>th</sup>**.