



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

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Access to We Share

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PASTORS:

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Fr. Tom Rush, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

Fr. Ron Meyer, OMI

262-4749, Option 3

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Marlys Verba

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Marlys Verba: contact info above

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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.



SECOND SUNDAY EASTER SUNDAY
(SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

April 23rd, 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 **April 29th/30th, 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.

Calendar for April 24th - 30th 2017

Monday, 4/24/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 4:23-31  PS 2:1-3,4-7A,7B-9  JN 3:1-8	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centering Prayer: 8:15am at Church at Community Room
Tuesday, 4/25/2017	
Readings:  1PT 5:5B-14  PS 89:2-3,6-7,16-17  MK 16:15-20	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Centering Prayer 7pm at Community room Ministries appreciation in Fireweed 5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, 4/26/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 5:17-26  PS 34:2-3,4-5,6-7,8-9  JN 3:16-21	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Faith formation dinner at 5:30pm Faith Formation classes at 6:30pm
Thursday, 4/27/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 5:27-33  PS 34:2and9,17-18,19-20  JN 3:31-36	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm Followed with Adoration until Friday at noon Reconciliation available after Mass at 12:30pm
Friday, 4/28/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 5:34-42  PS 27:1,4,13-14  JN 6:1-15	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Group 6:30am-8am Morning Prayer 7:30am Daily Mass: 12:05pm
Saturday, 4/29/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 6:1-7  PS 33:1-2,4-5,18-19  JN 6:16-21	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconciliation 4:15-4:45pm Mass at 5pm
Sunday, 4/30/2017	
Readings:  ACTS 2:14,22-33  PS 16:1-2,5,7-8,9-10,11  1PT 1:17-21  LK 24:13-35	Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass at 10am

April 24 th – April 30 th 2017	
Mops and Bucket Crew	Linda McClane Kathy Fruhwirth
Collection Counters	Pat C. Myrna C. April 30 th
Children's Liturgy of the Word	Sandy H.

Saturday 5:00 pm
April 29th 2017

Lectors:

Dave Nelson
Judy Nelson

Eucharistic Ministers:

John Bonk
Barb Bonk
Bill Sadler
John Pothast
John Mark Pothast

Servers:

Haley Buckbee
Zachary Buckbee

Sunday 10:00 am
April 30th 2017

Lectors:

Karl Kircher
Becky Applebee

Eucharistic Ministers:

Cindy Kircher
Myrna Cowan
Ron O'Lena
Sharon Shassetz
Thelma Antila
Meg Zerbino
Bob Evenson

Servers:

Danny McIntosh
Isabella Valenzuela

THE MONTH AHEAD

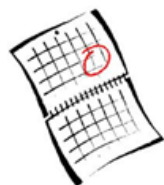
April 23rd - Place at the Table is 4-6pm

April 25th - Ministries Appreciation evening: 5:30pm - 7:30pm in Fireweed

May 6th - Marion Day presented by Fr. Ron at St Peter the Apostle Church, Ninilchik at 11-2pm

May 7th - First Eucharist celebration after Mass. Crowning of Blessed Mother. Parish Breakfast after Mass

May 21st - Celebration of our graduates with reception after Mass



The Month Ahead

UPCOMING LITURGICAL SERVICES

April 23rd - Children's led Mass

May 7th - First Eucharist at 10am Mass followed with crowning of the Blessed Mother and a breakfast

May 21st - Graduation Mass with celebration to follow May 21st at 10am Mass

MARY, MOTHER OF ALL PEOPLES

A celebration of Mary, Mother of all Peoples will be hosted at St. Peter the Apostle Church in Ninilchik, on Saturday, **May 6th**.

Set-up is at 10am with the gathering beginning at 11am, potluck at noon and presentation and ritual by Fr. Ron.

If you have any questions, please check with Fr. Ron.

THANK YOU

Thank You's are needed for all of the very special people who helped in so many ways during the past Holy week: with the liturgies, with the receptions, with the Stations of the Cross around town, decorating and cleaning. Please know that you are so appreciated for what you do so willingly.

GRADUATING SENIORS

We will be celebrating our graduating seniors at the Sunday Mass on **May 22nd**, followed by a reception in Fireweed.

Our graduating seniors are: Austin Asp, Danielle Hills, Leah McCabe, Jackson Blackwell, Ava Gabler, Jenna Helminski.

If you are not listed and are a senior, please contact the office.

REMEMBRANCE FLOWERS

Please remember to pray for all the loved ones remembered with Easter lilies this season, souls in Purgatory;

Frank/Gloria Wisecarver, Antonio/Ildefousa Buenaobra, Flor Buenaobr and Jose Niabi air, Isabell Balion, Layton Batey,

Fred/Patricia Bauman, Korman/Jean Houglum, Grey Nuns of Sacred Heart, Murray Family, Witte Family, Shirley Sandercock, Wes Kennedy, Frank/Toni DePietro, Oberg family members, Friends of the Obergs, Priests, Ross/Antila family, Bob Antila, Rick Johnson, Bernard Johnson, Cecelia/John Heier, Rose/Nick Zerbinos, Marie Theriault, Gross Family, Dezos Family, John R. Bonk Jr., John/Eileen Smith, Mike/Sophia Bonk, George Wallin, Hoke Family, Fellman family, Piszko family, Williams family, Bill Gabler, Fr. Dan Gannon, Wendy Young, Hugh McPeck, Mo and Steve, Art/Brett Snell, Joseph Dilley, George Dilley, Mary Ellen Nimershiem, Dale Parker, Hal Alsip, Don Donney, Joe Vachowski, Margie Marino, Cathy Etzler, Masak Davson, Aunt Ginny, Carl Hammarstrom, Annette Young, Lance Hammerstrom, Viola Davis, Mary New, Leonard Rose.

Lilies may be picked up after the liturgies next weekend. Thank you again for your generosity.

PERPETUAL GARAGE SALE

Perpetual Garage Sale is starting up again for the summer months.

If you are cleaning, disposing of, or downsizing and need a place for your treasures, the Redemptorist Hall will be open to receive donations for the summer sales beginning on **April 10th**.

The doors will be unlocked Monday - Friday from 9am-5pm.

We are also soliciting help for the perpetual garage sales. If you are interested in helping with the garage sale, please check with the office.

Dates for the beginning of the Garage sales haven't been set yet, but will begin sometime middle of May.

PENINSULA WIDE CATHOLIC MASS AND PICNIC

Please mark your calendars for the annual Peninsula Catholic gathering which is scheduled for Sunday, **June 11th** at Ninilchik Fairgrounds.

The event this year is hosted by Ninilchik, St. Peter the Apostle church and Homer, St. John the Baptist Catholic church. Mass will be celebrated at 11am with a potluck following as well as activities. Other information will be forthcoming.

Please note: There will only be a Saturday mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish that weekend so we may join in the concelebrated Mass at 11am. We are hopeful one of the Archbishops will join us.

Our parish has volunteered to handle the children's games.

If you would be able to help with that organizing, please see Marlys.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 23RD

Our First Reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents us with a glimpse of the early Church, the early Christian community. This passage is often misunderstood in some ways. When it speaks of "communal life," that term is based upon a brief translation of a Greek word which means much more than what it might seem.

The Greek word is *Koinonia* (κοινωνία), which is a broad term meaning association, communion, fellowship, and joint participation. It means to share in something. This is an excellent example of stewardship which has meaning for us today. Our parish is a community, one in which we are all called to share and to participate. *Koinonia* identifies an almost ideal state of fellowship and unity which should exist in the Church, the Body of Christ. It should be more than just attending Mass.

When we speak of stewardship, we understand that it means much more than placing something in the collection basket. It means that we share all of our gifts, our time and talent also, with the community and others in need. It will be difficult for us to ever match the sense of association and the joy of that early Church, but it is a model for us to which we as a faith community should aspire.

To be community and to be in communion with one another and with God requires active participation, not passivity. Father Thomas Merton O.C.S.O. once wrote: "The deepest level of communication is not communication, but communion...beyond speech...beyond concept."

ACYC 2017

The Alaska Catholic Youth Conference comes to Anchorage on **June 5 – 8, 2017**.

Now is the time to register online at www.archdioceseofanchorage.org and take advantage of the Early Bird Special until **May 1st**. This year's theme, He has done great things. ACYC will engage teens to look at where the greatness of the Lord has been present, magnificently pouring His love, grace, and mercy into our lives. The Lord is inviting youth to say "Yes" to live as today's disciples of Christ, following the example of Mary, who said "Yes" as a teen to the angel, Gabriel. Many will be present to challenge and guide the young people that come to ACYC including Archbishop Etienne, Meg Hunter-Kilmer, Jesse Manibusan, local parish leaders, and many others. The week will be packed with sacraments, prayer, music, inspiration, learning, food, games, and fun. Find The Alaska Catholic Youth Conference on Facebook, [acycconference](https://www.facebook.com/acycconference) on Instagram, and ACYC on Twitter to get all the latest updates as they become available. We look forward to seeing you at ACYC 2017!

For more information, please contact Bonnie Bezousek at 907-297-7732.

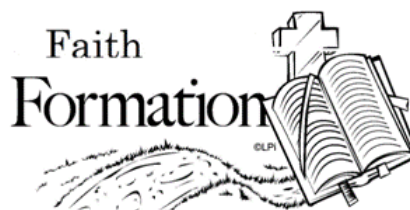
FAITH FORMATION

We have one class left (**April 26th**). As always, attendance still is very important.

Confirmation meet for the last session this school year but will continue will gathering times and community projects throughout the summer. Stay tuned to your email for those informational pieces.

Our First Eucharist students will celebrate First Eucharist at the 10am Mass on Sunday, **May 7th**. They will have a mini-retreat and breakfast on Saturday, **May 6th** at 9am-11am.

Please pray for them during this preparation time.



MINISTRY APPRECIATION GATHERING

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 25th**, 5:30-7:30pm for Hors D'oeuvres, wine and conversation.

EARTH ANGELS

The ministry of Earth Angels will be cleaning our section of the Sterling Highway on Sunday **May 21st**. 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.

ALMS FOR THE POOR

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.

Rice Bowls need to be returned to the church by **April 30th**. Thank you for your generosity with this alms giving.

We delivered #200 pounds of food to the food bank as well as the monetary donations we received.