Our Lady of Peace Parish

Available Ministries, Organizations & Volunteer Opportunities

“God calls us, servants of Our Lady of Peace Parish, to be the light of Christ in our community. Cherishing the traditions of our Roman Catholic faith, we are committed to build the Kingdom of God. Nurtured by the Eucharist, our love of Jesus and Mary compels us to serve one another with prayers and actions.”
PARISH ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Walter Dziordz– Pastor
Rev. Mark Baron– Associate Pastor
Deacon Larry Fudacz
Deacon Pat Kenny
Deacon Frank Vonesh

Business Manager–Parish Manager
Kellie Moore…………………………………………………(630)323-4392
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Parish Council
Eric Koranteng…………………………………..……..……..(630)776-3441
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The Parish Council, in collaboration with the pastor, assumes the overall well-being of the parish, present and future, through strategic planning and proposing practical solutions to the ongoing life of the parish. Members are committed to the parish as a whole, are able to attend meetings and can work collaboratively with each other and the pastor.

Finance Council
Joe Phillips………………………………………….……..….(708)525-5919
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The Parish Finance Council is to assist the pastor in his administrative responsibilities through fiscally prudent management of parish finances and in the administration of parish goods and resources.

School Board
Kimberly Rucinski…………………………………………(630)373-3933
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The School Board is an advisory body that can assist with the school budget, public relations, safety and security, physical plant maintenance, sports related activities, and any other areas designated by the principal.

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FAITH FORMATION

Adult Formation Classes
Deacon Pat Kenny………………………………………………..(630)323-4333 x19
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Various classes are held throughout the year on a variety of Catholic topics. They are announced in advance after all Masses and through the bulletin and website. For information and suggestions please contact Deacon Pat.

Baptismal Prep
Deacon Frank Vonesh………………………………………………..(708)793-3505
Email: Fvonesh@olopdarien.org
First time parents must attend at least one hour of pre-baptismal instruction.

Cursillo
Deacon Pat Kenny………………………………………………..(630)323-4333 x19
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Cursillo focuses on showing Christian laypeople how to become effective Christian leaders over the course of a three-day weekend.

Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy (EADM)
Heidi Berardi…………………………………………………………(708) 259-8916
Email: Hberardi3@yahoo.com
The EADM study Scripture, the Catechism and St. Faustina’s Diary and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for the sick and dying. Members also support the spiritual formation for the laity and works of mercy within the parish and local community, assist with the annual Divine Mercy Holy Hour, nurture genuine belief in the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist, and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

Marriage Prep
Deacon Larry Fudacz……………………………………………..(630) 323-4333 x20
Email: Lfudacz@olopdarien.org
Marriage Prep should begin approximately one year prior to your wedding date.
RCIA
Deacon Larry Fudacz………………………………………………..(630) 323-4333 x20
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RCIA or the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process by which one becomes a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church.

Religious Education
Fr. Mark Baron
Email: Mbaron@olopdarien.org
Jeanne Waliczek………………………………………………………….(630)986-8430
Email: ReligiousEd@olopdarien.org
Religious Education is a volunteer ministry offered to public school students in grades K-8. We welcome new volunteers to help spread the faith! Training and chocolate provided!

Welcome
Deacon Pat Kenny…………………………………………………………(630)323-4333 x19
Email: Pkenny@olopdarien.org
Welcome is a weekend retreat where participants have the opportunity to reflect on their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships with other men or women in the parish. (Men & women attend separate weekends.)

PARISH LIFE/COMMUNITY

OLOP Book Club
Cindy Santay……………………………………………………………..(630)963-9187
Email: Olopbookclub@gmail.com
The Our Lady of Peace Book Club is open to everyone and meets the last Wednesday of the month to share faith filled and inspirational books. We gather in the Art Room of the school for discussion and fellowship from 7-8.30pm.

Couples for Christ
Ray DeLeon Jr……………………………………………………………..(630)247-6064
Email: Rdeleon327@hotmail.com
Couples for Christ is intended for renewal and strengthening of Christian family life.

**Donut Sunday**

Walter Block…………………………………………………………………….(630)852-1797
Email: Blockwalter@hotmail.com
Sunday Donut program invites all parishioners down to the Church Hall for donuts and fellowship. Typically the first and third Sundays from September through June. Volunteers are always appreciated.

**Holy Name Society**

Luis Ferrer……………………………………………………………………..(630)986-0944
Email: Lbfcabo@yahoo.com
The Holy Name Society members of Our Lady of Peace meet monthly, September through June. All men of the parish, 21 years of age or older whose membership is approved by the Reverend Pastor.

**Hospitality Committee**

Kathy Wanta…………………………………………………………………..(630)915-6814
Email: Kathy.wanta@gmail.com
Linda Profetto…………………………………………………………………..(630)632-5696
The Hospitality Committee is comprised of men and women from the parish who work in fellowship to serve the parishioners of Our Lady of Peace through the ministry of hospitality. We share our time and talents in whatever way we are called upon to provide refreshments to accompany a parish event or gathering.

**Mayslake Knights of Columbus**

Joseph Marchese……………………………………………………………..(630)254-2421
Email: Jcj60561@yahoo.com
The Mayslake Knights of Columbus is a “RoundTable” Council that services three parishes, with Our Lady of Peace as its “home base.” Our organization was founded in the 1880’s by the Venerable Michael J. McGivney in order to meet the needs of poor in the Baltimore area, specifically to provide food, shelter, clothing and financial security and aid for widows and orphans. Since then, the order has grown in its
mission; now serving to support programs that benefit people with intellectual disabilities, lend financial support to programs such as Special Olympics, and support each parish with its spiritual and organizational needs. We are a unique band of brothers with shared values and with the support to live out our Catholic faith more fully.

**St. Teresa of Calcutta Prayer Group**

Debi Kenny………………………………………………….(630)569-6621  
Email: Debra.l.kenny@gmail.com  
Please join us Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm in the back chapel of the church to unite in prayer. The needs of this world, our country and our parish are great. As we gather in prayer we will pray for all of these needs and many more. Each week we will pray the rosary and as well as pray for the needs of our fellow parishioners.

**Simbang Gabi**

Aurora Jung………………………………………………….(630)336-8763  
Email: Auju2@att.net  
“Simbang Gabi” (Night Mass) is a Philippine Advent tradition of 9 masses (novena) held from Dec. 15 to 23rd at a predawn hour (4 or 5 am) to accommodate farmers and fishermen’s early start of work.  
Here in US modified schedule is from Dec 14 to 22nd at 9 different churches held at evening hours.

**Younger Than Ever Seniors**

Tom Peknik…………………………………………………(630)887-0371  
Email: Lpeknik@aol.com  
Younger Than Ever Seniors meet monthly for informative and social gatherings.

**Youth Ministry**

Rissa Loucks………………………………………………….(630)487-1507  
Email: Rloucks@olopdarien.org  
Youth Ministry is a teen-centered ministry that encourages teens to discover how a love of God will change their lives. They have fun, learn, and grow as disciples of God.
**Young Adult Ministry**
Rissa Loucks..............................................................(630)487-1507
Email: Rloucks@olopdarien.org
Young adult Ministry is for young adults ages 18-35ish who are interested in seeking God. It is open to all people who seek God.

**SERVICE & OUTREACH**

**Bereavement Ministry**
Deacon Larry Fudacz..................................................(630) 323-4333 x20
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NOT GRIEF COUNSELING. You will meet with the grieving family and help them prepare the funeral Mass for the deceased.

**Blood Drive**
Rosemarie Courtney....................................................(630)964-8415
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For over 45 years Our Lady of Peace has been part of the City of Darien Blood Drive. Over the years many parishioners have felt a commitment to help those in need. Their commitment has been strong enough to give their time and themselves to support this worthy cause. They have donated blood and assisted at the July blood drive. Any healthy adult over the age of 17 and who weighs at least 100 lbs. can donate. Each pint donated aids 3 individuals. We hold 5 blood drives each year. February, May, September and November are held at Eisenhower Jr. High and July is held at Our Lady of Peace school gym.

**Deacon Paul Brachle Food Pantry**
Len Benes.................................................................(630)971-1902
Email: Lkbenes@aol.com
Collect, sort and distribute food for those in need on a weekly basis. Serves the communities of Darien, Burr Ridge, Hinsdale, Clarendon Hills and Willowbrook.
Golden Hands

Dodie Przybycien………………………………………………….(630)323-7929
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Golden was started many years ago in conjunction with Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. For many years the two parishes alternated between them, one parish having it in the fall and the other in the spring. Golden Hands started as a dinner and bingo for seniors - not limited to the two parishes - but is geared for seniors are not able to get out very often. Golden Hands does not charge for the event and the food is donated by the parishioners of both parishes.

Legion of Mary

Amelia Pecora………………………………………………..(630)973-0488
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Legionary meet for rosary, pray the Catena and summarize the works of Mary done by each legionary for the week as their evangelizing work. It may include leading rosary at a wake or assisted living, providing transportation to parishioners in need, visit the cemetery, assist other activities of parish ministries, etc. Legion of Mary's motto...“We come to serve and not be served; to Jesus through Mary.”

Lending Closet

Dan Sackett……………………………………………………..(630)247-9483

The Lending Closet is available to parishioners who are in need of canes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs and transport chairs. These items are free of charge. We ask that they be returned to us when no longer needed.

Make and Take a Meal

Kathy Petrak……………………………………………………(630)910-4573

Prepare and deliver meals on a short-term basis to parishioners in crisis.

Money Counters

Joe Phillips………………………………………………………..(708)525-5919

Tabulate weekly parish offertory and prepare deposit.

Pastoral Ministers for the Sick and Dying

Deacon Pat Kenny……………………………………………..(630)323-4333 x19
Email: Pkenny@olopdarien.org

Visitation and Eucharistic ministry to homebound and hospitalized parishioners.
WORSHIP & LITURGY

Altar Servers
Deacon Frank Vonesh.................................................(708)793-3505
Email: Fvonesh@olopdarien.org
Students who assist parish clergy as servers during Mass and who appreciate the liturgy, sacraments and worship experience.

Art & Environment
Leslie Bertram...........................................................(630)464-4926
Email: Bertram.leslie@gmail.com
The Our Lady of Peace Art and Environment Ministry is a group of parishioners working together to enhance and affirm the worship space of our church, as well as the church’s campus. Our goal is to create an amenable environment of prayerful participation, while respectfully maintaining liturgical accuracy. We are responsible for flowers, furnishings, and other environmental objects used in liturgical celebrations. Art and Environment work is often sporadic and seasonal. The ministry welcomes interested parishioners willing to share their time and talents to enhance this work.

Children’s Liturgy
Rissa Loucks............................................................(630)487-1507
Email: Rloucks@olopdarien.org
The Children’s Liturgy of the Word is offered at the 10:15am Mass on Sundays from September–May. No registration is necessary. All children ages 3–11 are welcome and encouraged to attend. The children are invited to go with weekly leaders to the Church Hall. During this special time, the volunteer teacher leads the children through prayers, songs and readings that are simplified for children. Volunteers are needed to teach the lessons each week, as well as to assist with the supervision of the children. Please contact Rissa if interested in helping.
Choir/Music Ministry

John Berardi…………………………………………….……(708)828-2138
Email. Jberardi@olopdarien.org

**Adult Choir** Sing with other adult members of our choir during the 10:15am Sunday Mass. All vocal parts are welcome!

**Cantor** leads the congregation in song during the celebration of Mass.

**Joyful Song Ensemble** This group of Contemporary singers minister to our 6:30pm Sunday Mass. They rehearse on Thursday evenings and before 6:30pm Mass.

**Resurrection Choir** This dedicated group of singers ministers at our funeral liturgies, which are usually Monday–Saturday. The choir arrives a half hour before the Mass to warm-up and rehearse.

Divine Mercy

Heidi Berardi…………………………………………….……(708)259-8916
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The Divine Mercy Feast is celebrated on the second Sunday of Easter. Our Lady of Peace hosts a Holy Hour at 3:00pm with the intention to honor and ask for God’s mercy. There are many opportunities to assist with the Feast Day preparations.

Eucharistic Adoration

Deacon Frank Vonesh…………………………………………………..……(708)793-3505
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Come and pray before our Lord in the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour each first Friday of the month.

Greeters

Pat Charnas……………………………………………………………..……(630)341-1782
Deb Serrao…………………………………………………………………………………..……(630)963-3998

“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7)

Greeters serve as representatives of the faith community in welcoming parishioners and visitors to the weekend Masses.
Lector of the Word
Deacon Frank Vonesh………………………………….…….(708)793-3505
Email. Fvonesh@olopdarien.org
Serves the liturgical assembly by proclaiming the sacred scripture during the Liturgy of the Word at Mass with clarity, conviction, dignity and understanding.
Expresses reverence and decorum in carrying out this and other aspects of his/her role (including reading of weekly parish announcements and possibly the Prayers of the Faithful). Is faithful to the schedule of assignments and helpful in assuring that all the parish’s liturgical assemblies are adequately served with this ministry.

Sacristans
Larry Krupicka…………………………………………….(630)985-9882
Prepare and clean up the sacramental articles for celebration. Care for the condition of the entire worship space is crucial, as well as for the vestments, vessels, candles and bread and wine.

Ushers
Call Parish Rectory……………………………………………….(630)323-4333 x17
Persons or families greet parishioners as they enter church, assist the assembly with seating, the reception of communion and emergency needs. Ushers also take up the collection and distribute bulletins.
Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10