



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

Fr. Mark Baron, MIC- Parish Administrator

Fr. Peter Lach, MIC- Priest in Residence

Deacon Larry Fudacz

Deacon Pat Kenny

Deacon Frank Vonesh

Business Manager

Kellie Moore.....(630)323-4392

Email: Kmoore@olopdarien.org

Parish Council

Parish Office.....(630)323-4333

(Please call the parish office for current leader contact.)

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

Business Manager.....(630)323-4392

Email: Kmoore@olopdarien.org

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

School Office.....(630)325-9220

Email:

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.

FAITH FORMATION

Adult Formation Classes

Deacon Pat Kenny.....(630)323-4333 x19

Email: Pkenny@olopdarien.org

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

Email: Pkenny@olopdarien.org

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

Email: Lfudacz@olopdarien.org

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

Religious Ed Office.....(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

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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

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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.1.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

Parish Office.....(630)323-4333

(Please call the parish office for current leader contact.)

Younger Than Ever Seniors meet monthly for informative and social gatherings.

SERVICE & OUTREACH

Bereavement Ministry

Deacon Larry Fudacz.....(630) 323-4333 x20

Email: Lfudacz@olopdarien.org

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

Email: Rdcourtney@prodigy.net

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

Email: Dodieprzy@aol.com

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

Email: Ping.amelia@yahoo.com

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

Mary 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

Raye Ann Durr.....(630)323-4333

Tabulate weekly parish offertory and prepare deposit.

Pastoral Ministers for the Sick and Homebound

Deacon Pat Kenny.....(630)323-4333 x19

Email: Pkenny@olopdarrien.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.

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

Email: Hberardi3@yahoo.com

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

Parish Office.....(630)323-4333

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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