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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

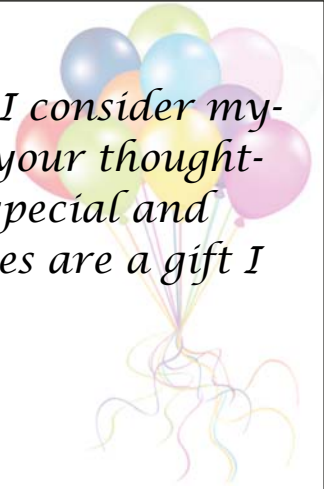
*Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.*

John 3:14-15

Dear Our Lady of Peace Parishioners and Friends,

Many thanks for the birthday greetings and kindness. I consider myself blessed that my life and heart has been touched by your thoughtfulness. May you be richly blessed in return. You are special and know that your friendship, generous spirit and memories are a gift I will always treasure and cherish.

*Love and Blessings,
Fr. Al*



Lent 2021

Stations of the Cross

All Fridays in Lent (Except Good Friday) 2/19, 2/26, 3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Stations will begin at 7pm

Reservations need to be made a minimum of 30 minutes prior to Stations.

NO Booklets for Stations will be provided but you may visit our website and print your own, please be sure to bring it home with you.

Please visit WWW.OLOPDARIEN.ORG for more information.

Diocese of Joliet

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD
Chancellor

March 14, 2021

GOD'S MERCY

Today's reading from the second book of Chronicles contains a sort of "mini-history" of Israel. It highlights God's mercies in choosing Cyrus the Persian to be an instrument of deliverance when the people were in captivity in Babylon. Despite their sinfulness and the deserved punishment they were undergoing, God's mercy was lavished on the people in the form of a miraculous act of liberation.

The Letter to the Ephesians, in much more theological terms, gives a similar account of a God "who brought us to life with Christ—by grace you have been saved." The author stresses that it was when we were "dead in our transgressions" that God saved us, an act of pure grace. He emphasizes that it is not our own efforts that freed us from sin ("this is not from you"); rather, "it is the gift of God." This, of course, is the heart of the entire Pauline corpus, that salvation comes to us by faith in God's mercy, revealed in the death of Jesus.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of the chosen people

(2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23) or 1 Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a.

Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Psalm 137) or Psalm 23.

Second Reading — By grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4-10) or Ephesians 5:8-14.

Gospel — The Son was sent by God so that the world might be saved through him (John 3:14-21) or John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13-16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;

Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Fourth Sunday of Lent

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny; Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: St. Patrick

Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Friday: St. Joseph; Abstinence

Saturday: Spring begins

FEAST OF FAITH

Lent, a Season of the Word

Each year on the First Sunday of Lent we hear one of the Gospel accounts of the temptation of Jesus. In Luke's account, the devil cites the scriptures repeatedly, urging Jesus to interpret them in a false, self-serving way—if God sends angels to protect those whom God loves (as it says in Psalm 91), then prove it! But Jesus resists this insidious temptation by turning to scripture passages that tell of right relationship with God—living by God's word, trusting in God, and worshipping God alone.

Jesus himself listened to the inspired word of God and let it shape and form him. Through the liturgy, we do the same. The readings we hear at Mass can teach us, but that is not their primary function. Rather, the scriptures are meant to reveal the Lord to us, to let us experience his presence, and to form us in our Christian identity. Christ's presence is realized by his spoken word, "since it is he himself who speaks when the Holy Scriptures are read in the Church" (*Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, 7). In the readings proclaimed at Mass, we hear the voice of Christ himself.

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GOD UPHOLDS ME

I take for my sureties: The power of God to guide me, the might of God to uphold me, the wisdom of God to teach me, the eye of God to watch over me, the ear of God to hear me, the word of God to give me speech, the hand of God to protect me, the way of God to go before me, the shield of God to shelter me.

—St. Patrick

BLOSSOMS AND FRUIT

Unless a tree has borne blossoms in spring, you will vainly look for fruit on it in autumn.

—Walter Scott

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Kenneth Ritzert
William Wrobel

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday YTD July-December 2020

Budget: \$429,000

Actual: \$451,296

Surplus: \$22,296

January Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$62,951

Shortfall: \$3,049

February Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$66,382

Surplus: \$382

Christmas Budget: \$50,000

Final Christmas Actual: \$64,196

Surplus: \$14,196

Thank you to all our generous parishioners who continue to support Our Lady of Peace during this difficult time. We currently have over 300 on-line donors, please consider using the online donation portal on our parish website. Our budget is \$16,500 per week.

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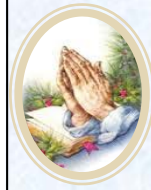
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PARISH REGISTRATION

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

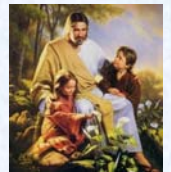


Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below. Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,
Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
Andy Shreckengost



Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already pledged a gift to the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Every gift, large or small, brings us closer to our parish's 2021 CMAA goal of \$95,000.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA. If we raise more than our goal, 70 percent of the amount over goal will be returned to us for our use. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.

Our pastor recently mailed a pledge envelope to everyone in our parish. Please either return it, or the pledge card you received from the diocese, in the mail. You may also make a secure gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org or text DONATE to (815) 205-1949.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that serve the vulnerable and marginalized at home and abroad. Support the collection at Mass!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On *Laetare Sunday*, the Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 14), our diocese will take up the **Catholic Relief Services Collection**. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in the guise of the poor and vulnerable in some of the most marginalized communities in our world.

Catholic Relief Services was founded in 1943 by the Catholic Bishops of the United States to serve World War II survivors in Europe. Since then, with the generous support of our parishioners, CRS has expanded and served over 130 million people in more than 100 countries across five continents. It is the official international humanitarian agency of the Church in the United States.

This past year during the global pandemic, CRS is responding in the world's most vulnerable communities - distributing soap, hygiene kits and personal protection equipment, sharing prevention messages that help minimize risk, and ensuring access in these communities to food and clean water.

For over 75 years, their mission has been to assist impoverished and disadvantaged people overseas, working in the spirit of Catholic social teaching to promote the sacredness of human life and the dignity of the human person. They serve people based solely on need, regardless of their race, religion or ethnicity. Within the United States, CRS engages Catholics to live their faith in solidarity with the poor and suffering people of the world.



Truth about the Equality Act

The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith, threatens unborn life, and undermines the common good.

Human dignity is central to what we believe as Catholics. Every person is made in the image of God and should be treated accordingly, with respect and compassion. That means we need to honor every person's right to be free of unjust discrimination.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

The Equality Act:

- exempts itself from the bipartisan Religious Freedom Restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principles, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith

- forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities

- requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys

- forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down

- jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives

- hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated with "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's design motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

Take Action

The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life. Tell your elected officials to oppose it!



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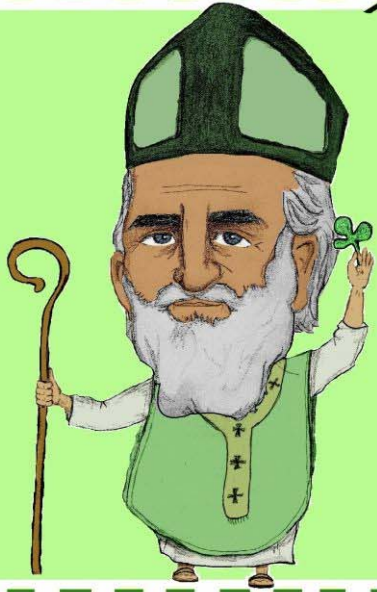
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Christ in every
eye that sees me,
Christ in every
ear that hears me.

St. Patrick

5th-century British missionary known
as "the Apostle of Ireland"

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March 17

Part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant Finance Office

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant for the Finance Office. The part-time Accounts Receivable Accountant is responsible for depositing all checks received by the diocese and applying payments to the appropriate accounts. This position also requires following up on all past due accounts and investigating any billing discrepancies. In addition, the Accounts Receivable Accountant will assist the Senior Accountant and Internal Auditing Director with special projects throughout the year. This position will vary between 15 and 20 hours a week.

Some College preferred. A minimum of three years' experience in an accounts receivable/bookkeeping position required. Must have the ability to handle and maintain confidential information. Experience working with multiple software databases including, but not limited to, Microsoft Word, Excel, and Peachtree/Sage Accounting Software. Experience with Blackbaud Financial Edge accounting software a plus, but not required. Ability to organize, prioritize work, meet deadlines, and work independently with minimal supervision. Must be proficient in multitasking and possess excellent interpersonal skills.

Applicants meeting the necessary qualifications please email cover letter and resume to: humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org.

To view a full job description, please visit our website at: <https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/jobdetail.php?id=650>.

St. Jude Parish New Lenox, IL Job Description

Position: Maintenance Morning or Evening Full Time

Objective: to assist with the smooth operations of St. Jude Parish by keeping facilities clean, safe, and in good repair. Have primary responsibility for locking the facilities at night. (If choose night shift). To assist the other maintenance staff with major set-ups, snow removal, summer projects and weekend coverage of events.

- Work with Supervisor to complete all summer projects including by not limited to stripping and waxing all floors, cleaning desks and chairs and cleaning classrooms.
- Assist with repairs and maintenance as needed and authorized by supervisor.

Knowledge & Skills:

- Basic knowledge of cleaning and sanitation
- Ability to work with or without supervision
- Ability to recognize and set priorities
- Ability to see a situation that needs attention and act on it

Minimum Qualifications:

- Must be able to lift 50 pounds
- Basic knowledge of sanitation and chemicals is essential
- Ability to work with or without supervision
- Ability to prioritize and manage multiple tasks

If interested, please contact Doug Slusarski, Maintenance Director, dslusarski@stjudes.org or 815-474-5130.

MARIAN COMMUNITY

Fr. Mark Baron, MIC -Parish Administrator
mbaron@olopdarien.org

Fr. Peter Lach, MIC- Priest in Residence
plach@olopdarien.org

Rev. Al Micka, MIC - Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Anthony Kelsas, MIC

Msgr. Jim Burnett - Assistant
Email: jburnettolp@gmail.com

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PARISH WEBSITE www.olopdarien.org

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MARRIAGE:

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Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 104.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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