

OLP Parish Council/Committee Groups Explanation

Bereavement

Bereavement group works with families after the loss of a loved one to help plan the Funeral Liturgy. The group also is responsible for the Bereavement Support group meetings to help those who participate in their journey through the grieving process.

Helping Hands

Sends cards periodically to those who have lost a loved one throughout the year, in particular Easter and Christmas. Also, in conjunction with the Bereavement Committee, send out invitations for the Memorial Mass in November.

Board of Limited Jurisdiction

The purpose of this board is to promote and advance the mission of the school for the education and instruction of students in assisting them to “reach the fullness of the Christian life.” Following criteria prescribed by the Office of Catholic Education of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, board membership represents the constituency it serves – including the school, alumni, parishes and those supportive of Catholic education. The Board strives to have members with various areas of expertise including business, education, finance and law. Members serve a three year term and may serve two consecutive terms. The Board consists of these committees: Executive, Development, Marketing/Enrollment, Membership, Facilities and Finance.

Carinval

The Carnival Committee plans and executes the annual parish carnival, a significant fund raising activity for the parish. This includes scheduling, coordinating the activity with the different components of the parish and local authorities, advertising, purchasing supplies, soliciting contributions and volunteers, assigning the volunteers to a particular job and time, and managing the operation and receipts during the event. It also involves initiating events at the carnival which will attract the largest possible crowds. All are welcome to participate.

Christmas Bazaar

The committee for Christmas bazaar is to organize our annual Christmas Bazaar which is a huge fundraiser for the parish and us usually held the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Communion Call

This group of Eucharistic Ministers visits any parish member who is unable to attend weekly Mass or is considered a “shut in” to bring them Communion. This is done on a weekly basis, but can be accommodated upon request at any time. Parishioners are urged to provide the names of any loved one, family, friend or neighbor in the parish to the rectory so that our Eucharistic Ministers can visit them.

CYO

Our Lady Of Peace Parish offers our youth the opportunity to grow in faith and a relationship with God.

Children will grow great sense of sportsmanship, and learn the meaning of teamwork.

Drama Program – Children K-8

This program allows parish children attending Notre Dame School or attending OLP Prep program to participate. The program performs an annual Broadway show in the early Spring at the OLP gym, and normally performs four shows. The program encourages self-confidence, communication, imagination, social interaction, public speaking and teamwork. It also promotes the arts and provides growth opportunities for all varieties of learners. Besides being incredibly fun, musical theater helps young people develop many of the skills necessary for success in today's world. The production normally begins with auditions in the Fall and some short rehearsals before the end of the year. Full production begins in January with preparations for the show to include set build & design, costume groundwork, rehearsals and planning for the show.

Finance Council

The Parish Finance Council was established to oversee the management and financial performance of the Parish. The Council manages both short term and long term investments; establishes strategic planning and reviews short term and long term expenses to ensure the Parish is fiscally responsible meeting all of its obligations. Currently the council consists of 12 parish members.

Liturgical Ministers

This group of parishioners serves the parish by ministering as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at all Masses throughout the year.

Pastoral Council

The Parish Council was established to review the necessities and desires of the parish to include, but not restricted to fund raising, ground and building improvements, social and community obligations, and the spiritual growth of our parishioners. Together, we will be dedicated to inspire and strengthen all members to know our faith and serve the needs of others.