

Marv. Queen of Peace Church

Seraphim Singers

2018-2019 General Information

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(leave a message up to 4:30 pm including the day of rehearsal)

Service Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
Sunday	October 7, 2018	9:30 am	First Sunday Mass – 27 th Sun. Ord.
Sunday	November 4, 2018	9:30 am	First Sunday Mass – 31 st Sun. Ord.
Sunday	December 2, 2018	9:30 am	First Sunday Mass – 1 st Sun. Advent
Monday	December 24, 2015 (Mandatory)	4:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
Sunday	February 3, 2019	9:30 am	First Sunday Mass – 4 th Sun. Ord.
Sunday	April 7, 2019	9:30 am	First Sunday Mass – 5 th Sun. Lent
Sunday	April 21, 2019(Mandatory)	9:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass
Saturday	May 4, 2019 (Mandatory)	10:00 am	First Communion Mass
Saturday	May 4, 2019 (Mandatory)	1:00 pm	First Communion Mass

The *Seraphim Singers* will sing throughout the year from September 10, 2018 to May 6, 2019.

The 2018-2019 season of service will begin with rehearsal on Monday, September 10, 2018.

This year, we will have TWO rehearsals on Mondays. There will be one at 3 pm and one at 4:30 pm. We will begin and end promptly. If singers are prompt and attend regularly, there will be plenty of time for preparation for service. A rehearsal schedule is included in this packet. **Parents/carpool drivers may line up in front of church at the end of practice in a “car line” to pick up their children. Please tell your child to let the director know if they need to go to “after care” following rehearsal.**

Singers are to report to the warm-up room in the Parish Life Center promptly 45 minutes prior to any scheduled service (8:45 a.m. before First Sunday Mass) for vocal warm-up.

Dress should be seasonally appropriate (it gets cold on the choir risers – send sweaters all year) as well as appropriate to how one would dress when spending an hour in the Lord’s presence in His house.

A Higher Purpose

The *Seraphim Singers* Children’s Choir gives young people the opportunity to live the Mission Statement of Mary, Queen of Peace Parish:

“Mary, Queen of Peace is a vibrant Catholic community that embraces our baptismal call to life in Christ and responds by welcoming all in worship, encouraging commitment to Christian service and inviting all to grow in faith, hope, and love.”

Did you know your child is interested in serving the Lord through song because of your encouragement of prayer and music in your family? You can continue to encourage your child’s desire to serve by showing him or her your response to her or his service as you sing and praise our Lord with us at mass.

Membership

Eligibility for membership in the *Seraphim Singers* is very simple:

Singers must be in the third grade or older as of September 1 of the current school year. Singers are not required to be Catholic

Singers may join the choir from September through November

Singers are welcome to encourage their eligible friends to join the choir – it’s fun singing together!

The Contract

By participation in the *Seraphim Singers* Children's Choir, each of us, parent, singer, and director, verbally agrees to certain responsibilities:

Singers agree to:

- ~ Sing
- ~ Come to rehearsals and services ready to sing to the best of their ability.
- ~ Attend regularly
- ~ Inform the director if they know they will not be present on a given date.
- ~ Abide by the director's decisions regarding singing assignments.
- ~ Follow the rules:
 1. Love the Lord your God with your whole heart, mind, and soul; love your neighbor as yourself.
Translation: Be Nice!
 2. Don't touch the Microphones
 3. Don't talk when the director is talking.
 4. **Parents agree to:**
- ~ Encourage singing.
- ~ Attend Mass with their children (a lot of valuable practice praising the Lord goes on at Mass on the weeks when we DON'T sing.)
- ~ Sing at Mass with their children (God gave us all these voices; that must mean His idea of good singing is different from ours, and that it is more the quantity of praise than the quality that matters most.) Provide transportation for singers to and from rehearsals and services. Communicate with the director when singers will be absent.

The director agrees to:

- ~ Teach and encourage singing.
- ~ Build a repertoire of music that will provide a base for a lifetime of praise in song.
- ~ Provide an enjoyable environment in which to foster a love of sung prayer.
- ~ Provide an understanding of liturgy and liturgical seasons.
- ~ Encourage the development of personal and communal relationships with the Holy Trinity
- ~ Take responsible care of all singers while at rehearsal or service.
- ~ Reward singers for their efforts.

Attendance

As with other extracurricular activities, singers must attend practice (rehearsal) in order to be properly prepared to serve at Mass. Attendance will be recorded at all rehearsals. The presence of each singer is very important to us – we miss you when you're gone!

It is very important that singers communicate to the director, either by phone or in person, whether or not they expect to attend rehearsals and services. **Preparation for service is a building and learning process. Singers who attend rehearsals regularly feel well prepared and confident when they serve at Mass.** They remarkably have the gift inherent in young minds of memorizing most of the music, allowing them to provide stronger service at Mass. Singers who meet attendance goals will receive frequent recognition and rewards. There are a few Masses throughout the year where Mandatory attendance is required.

Singers who attend regularly and learn the music well are eligible to sing in smaller harmony groups as their ensemble skills develop.

Individual Opportunities

Singers who attend regularly are eligible for roles as song leader, cantor, or soloist, depending on how well they meet certain criteria, among which include:

Ability to sing:

Good intonation and Strong Volume, as well as overall musicality: Ability to contribute to the ensemble, to follow notation cues, to take direction, and to recognize and respond to accompaniment cues.

Ability to serve:

Awareness of the role of music as a specialized form of prayer within the Mass.

Awareness of their role of service to God through ministry to the assembly in helping them to worship Him to the best of their ability through sung prayer.

Knowledge of the order of the Mass, and the ability to sing with confidence alone in front of a large group.

Cost/Fees

There are no fees associated with membership in the choir. Your financial support of the parish helps offset music and administrative expenses incurred by the choir. Thank you!

Rewards

Singers will receive occasional rewards for good concentration, appropriate behavior, and achievement of goals: singing requested favorite songs; singing in the foyer (it echoes!); singing in another part of the building or outside; dancing while singing; directing the group; etc.

Rehearsals

September 10	No Rehearsal January 21 (MLK Day)
September 17	January 28
September 24	Mass on February 3- 9:30 am
October 1	February 4
Mass on October 7 – 9:30 am	February 11
October 8	February 18
October 15	February 25
October 22	No Mass on March 3 (Mardi Gras Holiday)
October 29	No Rehearsal March 4 (Mardi Gras Holiday)
Mass on November 4 – 9:30 am (DST)	March 11
November 5	March 18
November 12	March 25
No Rehearsal November 19 (Thanksgiving Break)	April 1
November 26	Mass on April 7 – 9:30 am
Mass on December 2 – 9:30 am	April 8
No Rehearsal December 3 (Staff Day of Reflection)	April 15
December 10	Mass on April 21 – 9:30 am (Easter Sunday)
December 17	No Rehearsal April 22 (Easter Holiday)
Mass on December 24 – 4:00 pm	April 29
No Rehearsal December 31 (Christmas Holiday)	Mass May 4 – 9:30 am and 12:30 pm (1 st Communion)
January 7	May 6 (End of the year skit party)
January 14	

Please fill out and detach the bottom portion of this page, and return to the Church Office.

Child’s Name _____

Child’s Age/Grade _____

Parent’s Names _____

Parent’s E-mail (must have this!!) _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact _____

Phone Number _____