



# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Our Lady of Peace – January 11, 2026

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### Parish Office

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**Office Manager:** Cecilia Donahoe

Cell: 304-231-0453

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New parishioners are welcome.  
Contact the parish office to  
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out our registration form. Or stop  
by the Parish office.

### Weekend Masses

- Saturday (Vigil): 5:00 pm
  - Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, 4:00 pm
  - Confession, Rosary, Benediction
- Sunday Masses: 8:30 am, 10:30 am

### Weekday Masses

- Monday: No Mass
- Tuesday: 6:00 pm
- Wednesday:
  - Adoration: 5:00 pm
  - Confession, Rosary, Benediction
  - Novena following Mass
- Thursday: 8:00 am
- Friday: 8:00 am (Summer)
- School Mass 8:30 a.m. (see bulletin)

### Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

- Saturdays: 4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
- Wednesdays: 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm
- By Appointment: 304-242-6575

### Faith Formation

**Coordinator:** Meredith Wycherley

E-Mail: [mlwhychy@gmail.com](mailto:mlwhychy@gmail.com)

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### Important Numbers

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Parish School: 304-242-1383

Fax: 304-243-5410

Rectory: 304-242-6575





# Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

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He saved us through the bath of rebirth, renewal by the Holy Spirit. — Titus 3:5

## Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should contact Father George to make arrangements for celebration of this sacrament. A preparation session may be required for any first - time parents.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 4:00 - 4:45 pm; Wednesdays from 5:00 - 5:45 pm. Also make an appointment by calling the rectory.

## Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact Fr. George at least six months prior to the wedding date.

## Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged. Contact Fr. George if anticipating surgery to request this sacrament prior to entering the hospital.

## Becoming Catholic OCIA

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact the parish office for information regarding The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## Catholic School Education

Information regarding enrolling your child at Our Lady of Peace School, contact the school office at 304-242-1383.

## Faith Formation

Classes meet every Sunday from 9:20 - 10:20 am from September to May. Registration in August.

## Receive Bulletin (By Mail or E-mail)

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Weekly Envelopes	98	\$5,891.00
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Maintenance	48	\$896.00
Solem Mary	36	\$742.00
DWC	3	\$65.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>\$7,787.75</b>
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>290</b>	

Date	Money Counters
Jan. 11	Colleen Megna and Marlene Evans
Jan. 18	George Hores and Tiffany Hoffman

## Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

Server, Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)

- **Saturday (Vigil) - January 10**
  - 5:00 p.m. : N. & G. Thalman/R. Williams; Peggy S.; H. Nikolaus; C. Yahn/J. Sanders; E. Tatar
- **Sunday - January 11**
  - 8:30 a.m. : A. Glenn/L. Daykota/ O. & B. Castle; L. Glenn; K. Zinn; M. Zinn/P. Schane; Sechrest
  - 10:30 a.m. : M. McDade/E. Kerr/ Lil Wycherley; Lara W.; C. Zdilla; C. Donahoe/S. Wilson; T. Morando

## Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - January 17**
  - 5:00 p.m. : N. Weaver/A. Mettern/A.Potts; S. Huggins; M.J. Keim; B.Pack/L.Simon; Henry's
- **Sunday - January 18**
  - 8:30 a.m. : T., C., & N. White/ J. Paulus; T. Burke; C. Schane; S. Thompson/M. Gaughan; Gaughan
  - 10:30 a.m. : Er. & El. Kime/ C. & E. Rogers; S. Dunlevy; B. Kime; M. Gantzer/B. Kurko; S. Wilson

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions	Readings
<b>Saturday (Vigil) Jan. 10</b> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	(4:00 p.m.) 5: 00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Don Klug by Don Stenger	Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Sunday, Jan. 11</b> Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Jamie Kish by Craig and Renee Schneid Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	
<b>Monday, Jan. 12</b> First Week in Ordinary Time	<b>No Mass</b>		1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 13</b>	6:00 p.m.	† Judy Ghaphery by Sylvester A. Kukich	1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28
<b>Wednesday, Jan. 14</b>	(5:00 pm) 6:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Confession/Novena) Rosary Altar Society (Members living and deceased)	1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 Mark 1:29-39
<b>Thursday, Jan. 15</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Sister Joan Kirsch by family	1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45
<b>Friday, Jan. 16</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Rosita Pascual by Cecilia Donahoe	1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a Mark 2:1-12
<b>Saturday (Vigil), Jan. 17</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Steve Mazure by family	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34
<b>Sunday, Jan. 18</b> Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Margaret Ann Thalman by Ray and Marilyn Thalman Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**January 10–16, 2026**

Shannon Bowman, Robin Fox, Erica Kime,  
Mary Ann Palmer, Maria Huck, Melanie Miller,  
Peggy Blatt, Ryland Robb, Kerry Wise,  
Patricia Greskevitch, Alizabeth Cox,  
Howard Dabrawsky, Mark Jarrett,  
and Sara Harvey

## **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

The Christmas season comes to its close when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

To begin his public ministry, Jesus presented himself to be baptized by John the Baptist, and God manifested Jesus as the divine Son. Because we associate baptism with the forgiveness of sins, the idea that the sinless Jesus would undergo baptism seems out of place. But the baptism of Jesus had nothing to do with forgiveness; it had everything to do with manifestation. It was a new beginning because it publicly revealed Jesus' identity, and that testimony came not from just any witness but from God. Three incidents in the Bible are traditionally called the 'epiphany' events or the 'manifestations of Jesus': the visit of the magi, the baptism, and the miracle at the wedding in Cana. Paul Turner

*All the Old Covenant prefigurations find their fulfilment in Christ Jesus. He begins his public life after having himself baptized by St. John the Baptist in the Jordan. After his resurrection Christ gives this mission to his apostles: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."*

Our Lord voluntarily submitted himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to "fulfill all righteousness." Jesus' gesture is a manifestation of his self-emptying. The Spirit who had hovered over the waters of the first creation descended then on the Christ as a prelude of the new creation, and the Father revealed Jesus as his "beloved Son." Catechism of the Catholic Church 1223-1224

### **What is the catholic teaching on infant baptism?**

Fundamentalists often criticize the Catholic Church's practice of baptizing infants. According to them, baptism is for adults and older children, because it is to be administered only after one has undergone a "born again" experience—that is, after one has "accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior." But we don't find any example in the New Testament of a child raised in a Christian home who is baptized only upon making a "decision for Christ." Besides, since the New Testament era, the Catholic Church has always understood baptism as a sacrament which gives us remission of sin, both original sin and actual sin, and makes us children of God and heirs of heaven (Acts 2:38, 22: 16 & I Peter 3: 21) .

Furthermore, Paul notes that baptism has replaced circumcision, which was done on Jewish children in the Old Testament and on adult pagan converts (Col. 2:11-12). Besides, the Bible nowhere says that baptism is to be restricted to adults. On the other hand, the Acts of the Apostles speak of the baptism of the entire household (including children) of Lydia (Acts 16:15), the Philippian jailer (Acts 16:33), and Stephanas (1 Cor. 1:16). In all these cases, whole households or families were baptized, definitely including children. Probably, there were both younger and older children. Fathers of the Church unanimously taught the need of infant baptism. Origen, for instance, wrote in the third century that "according to the usage of the Church, baptism is given even to infants" (Homilies on Leviticus, 8:3:11 [A.D. 244]). The Council of Carthage, in 253, condemned the opinion that baptism should be withheld from infants until the eighth day after birth.



## Knights of Columbus – Council 12195 Grand Knight, Steve Roth

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, February 3, 2026

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: CONGRATULATIONS** goes to John and Chris Mazelon for service to better our council, parish, school and community.



## Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus

**President: Adele Wilson, Vice President: Caroll Mazure,  
Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Sue Burns**

**MEETING:** There will be no meeting in January

### Our Lady of Peace Parish Infant of Prague Novena



**January 26 - March 23 (9)**

Mondays at 7:00 pm

Adoration and Guest Homilist

“The More You Honor Me, The More I will Bless You”

### Operation: Un-Decorate!

We need your help **Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>** to put things back in order. Let's clear out the Christmas cheer so we can focus on the year ahead.

**We will meet in the church after 10:30 am mass.**



When making New Year's resolutions this year, consider one change that will bring you closer to God. Here are some ideas to strengthen prayer, serve the poor, and evangelize our faith... Prayer life growing stale? Come to Adoration on Wednesdays at 6:00pm. Sit in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Help recite the Rosary. Everyone is incredibly busy, but take the time to help out at the Catholic Neighborhood Center 18th Street in preparing, serving or delivering hot meals to the homeless and working poor. Jesus said, “When I was hungry, you gave me food to eat.” Children all grown up? Help teach religious education class in our parish. “What better way to spread our faith than to children?”

### 2026 Holy Days of Obligation

- Jan 1 (Mary, Mother of God)
- May 17 (Ascension)
- Nov 1 (All Saints)
- Dec 8 (Immaculate Conception)
- Dec 25 (Christmas)

# School News!

304-242-1383  
info@olpschool.org

- January
  - 16: Grades Close
  - 19: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
  - 22: Report Cards sent home
    - Early Childhood Evening
  - 23 Mass/Academic Fair - Judging
  - 24-25 CSW Open House/Academic Fair/Mass
  - 30 Catholic School Week



Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

# FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Meredith Wycherley  
mywychy@gmail.com  
(304) 215-4807



**PK-1; Gr. 2 (1st COMMUNION); GR. 3-6**  
Sundays, 9:20-10:20am - Meet in Parish Office  
Teachers: Kait, Ashby, Stephanie, Meredith

**Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)**  
Saturdays at 4pm - Meet in Battaglino Hall  
Teachers: Lori and Jill

**Check the BAND App for Schedule!**

## Tax Information You May Want to Know:

Donations made to the church may entitle you to a contribution deduction against your income tax if you itemize deductions. The actual cost of the donation is reduced by your tax savings. 2025 Tax Statements are available. Please call the parish office 304-242-6579. They can be mailed, emailed, picked up at the office. Thank you for your continual generosity.



**Keep in contact with Fr. George and OCIA team.**

Tess: 304-280-9282  
Mark: 304-312-0583  
Darlene: 304-281-4968  
Lisa & Greg:  
304-312-9940

Morning Mass is canceled when there is a delay or cancellation for Marshall County or Ohio County Schools. Be safe, stay home, stay warm. See morning local news; call or text Ceclia at 304-231-4053.



Church collection envelopes will be mailed to your homes two months at a time. January/February envelopes should have arrived already. Have questions or concerns, please stop by or call the parish office at 304-242-6579. Thank you.



## Prayer Ministry (Request Prayer)

Bonnie: jake065@comcast.net or call 304-639-4996 Parish Office parish@olpww.org or call 304-242-6579

**Please Remember in Prayer Infirm and Shut-ins, the Sick of our Parish**

Continuous Care: Carla Ueltschy Good Shepherd: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking Joseph Bechtel Welty Home: Sally Kleeh

Our parish continues the transition to Flocknote to better communicate with parishioners and streamline ministries. If you haven't already, please use the link below to update your information so our data is complete. Thank you for helping us grow the Flock at OLP!

<https://olpww.flocknote.com/register>

Keep in touch with us via email & text



**TEXT OLPWW to 84576**

## 2026 Confirmation

**SERVICE HOURS:** Turn in service sheet when completed to: Mrs. Schneid (OLP) or Lori, Jill (Faith Formation). Thank you.

**CONFIRMATION SPONSOR:** Sponsor must have a Letter of Eligibility from the parish where they are registered parishioners; must be 16 years or older; not parent of child to be confirmed; received sacraments: baptism, communion, confirmation, married according to the Catholic Church.

Have Questions? Email Fr. George tgeorge@dwc.org

**\*DATE OF CONFIRMATION TO BE DETERMINED**

# For more information, see flyers on our Community Board in back of Church

**ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS** - "The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real lives." Taking place on January 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> in Kearneysville, WV

**MARCH FOR LIFE** - In conjunction with March for Life in Washington, D.C., St. Michael Church will be offering **ALL DAY** Eucharistic Adoration in the church Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**2026 MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT:** This event will take place on February 13 - 15 at Priestfield Pastoral Center

**2026 TOGETHER IN FAITH: WHEELING VICARIATE** - Two ways to join the group; have current member invite someone or search "Wheeling Vicariate Together in Faith" and we will approve membership

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** — "It is better to give than to receive" This Catholic lay organization leads women and men to join together to service those who are needy and suffering. If you would like to attend a meeting, call Mary Lou Kent 740-298-535

**ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA** - May 2025 and extending a full year to May 2026.

**ENCOUNTER GOD IN THE MOUNTAINS** - REGISTER TO ATTEND CAMP CARLO'S CATHOLIC YOUTH ADVENTURE CAMP RUNNING FROM JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> - JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

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**COMMUNION is relationship with GOD.**

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