

# LENT

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## **Fifth Sunday in Lent** **Our Lady of Peace – March 22, 2026**

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

**Website:** [www.olpww.org](http://www.olpww.org) **E-Mail:** [parish@olpww.org](mailto:parish@olpww.org)

**Parish Office Number:** 304-242-6579 **Business Hrs.:** Monday - Friday, 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

### **Parish Office**

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Tijo George

Email: [tgeorge@dwc.org](mailto:tgeorge@dwc.org)

**Office Manager:** Cecilia Donahoe

Cell: 304-231-4053

### **Joining the Parish**

Welcome, new parishioners! You can register by scanning the QR Code, going to the link, Text OLPWP to 84576, reaching out to the Parish Office by phone, email, or in person.



[olp.flocknote.com/register](http://olp.flocknote.com/register)

### **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

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### **Parish Music**

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### **Parish School Staff**

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### **Important Numbers**

**Parish Office:** 304-242-6579

**Parish School:** 304-242-1383

**Fax:** 304-243-5410

**Rectory:** 304-242-6575



## 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)

Call 304-242-6579 or email at parish@olpww.org.



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Last Week's Collection	Envelopes	Amount
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<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	<b>359</b>	Thank you for your Generosity!



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SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR  
HOLY WEEK ARE IN  
BACK OF CHURCH.**

Date	Money Counters
March 22	Tiffany Hoffman and Stacy Rohmann
March 29	Colleen Megna and Rick Wilson

## Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - March 28**
  - 5:00 p.m.: S. Mattern/ A. Potts/ N. Weaver; B. Cox; B. Pack; J. Sanders/C. Yahn; Tatar
- **Sunday - March 29**
  - 8:30 a.m.: D. Lucas/ A. Cook/ R. Ross/ N. White; K. Castle; A. Castle; Becky D./ C. Schane; Dougherty
  - 10:30 a.m.: E. Kime/ B. Castle/ E. Rogers/ \*svr; Grade 4; C. Zdilla; B. Kime/ P. Gantzer; Guidi/Anton

## Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

- Server, Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)
- **Saturday (Vigil) - March 21**
    - 5:00 p.m.: N. & G. Thalman/L. Komorowski; M.J. Keim; E. Yahn; L. Simons/J. Sanders; B. Cox
  - **Sunday - March 22**
    - 8:30 a.m.: A. Glenn/ T.&G. White/E. Phillips; L. Glenn; M. Gaughan; M. Zinn/S. Thompson; Moses
    - 10:30 a.m.: L. Wise/ G. Bishop/ M. Braswell; Grade 4; C. Zdilla; B. Kime/P. Gantzer; Guidi/Anton

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions	Readings
<b>Saturday (Vigil), March 21</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
<b>Sunday, March 22</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Charles (Butch) Gotard by Ray & Marilyn Thalman † Kyleigh & Parker Shotton by Marquart Family	Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
<b>Monday, March 23</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	--	Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 John 8:1-11
<b>Tuesday, March 24</b>	6:00 p.m.	† Judy Ghaphery by Selena Meeker & Family	Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 John 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday, March 25</b> <b>Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</b>	(5:00 p.m.) 6:00 p.m.	† Diana Melko by Erma Tatar	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38
<b>Thursday, March 26</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Larry Stamper by Family	Genesis 17:3-9 Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 John 8:51-59
<b>Friday, March 27</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Karen Simons by Family	Jeremiah 20:10-13 Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 John 10:31-42
<b>Saturday (Vigil), March 28</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b>	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	† Diana Melko by Melko Family	Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7
 <b>Sunday, March 29</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Dr. John Jr., Carmella & Virginia Battaglino requested by friend Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14—27:66

### Infant of Prague Novena



**Reader:**  
**Cork Schane**

**The Novena on Monday, March 23 at 7:00pm.**

**Guest Homilist:** Rev. Tijo George

**The week's theme:**

“The Eucharist: Food for Pilgrim Journey”

**Light Reception to Follow in the Battaglino Hall**

### Fish Fry every Friday in Lent (except on Good Friday) from

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- Fish Sandwich
- Sides: Onions Rings, French Fries, Coleslaw, Cabbage & Noodles, and Mac & Cheese
- Drinks: Water, Pop, & Coffee
- Desserts Available for Purchase

### Stations of the Cross

continue every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:00 PM. Retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary.

Romans 8:8–11:

Those controlled by their sinful nature can't please God. But you aren't controlled by that nature—you're led by the Spirit if God's Spirit lives in you. Anyone without Christ's Spirit doesn't belong to Him. If Christ is in you, your body may die because of sin, but your spirit is alive because of righteousness. And just as God raised Jesus, He will give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit living in you.

## What are the Three Holy Oils?

The Church makes use of three holy oils: the oil of the sick, the oil of the catechumens and the holy chrisem oil. The first two are blessed, and the bishop consecrates the third, ordinarily during the annual Chrism Mass. Each has a distinctive purpose in the Church.

**Oil of the Sick** - The oil of the sick, which is pure olive oil, is used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. While ideally celebrated with the community during the Mass for the anointing of the sick, this sacrament can be administered any time and in any place. The priest lays hands on the sick or elderly person, says special prayers and anoints the person by placing oil in the form of a cross on the forehead and hands.

Through this sacrament, God gives the sick person grace and strength to bear the illness or infirmity. In addition, many Catholics have witnessed the power of this anointing to bring spiritual, emotional and even physical healing.

**Oil of the Catechumens** - Both adults and infants prior to baptism are anointed with the oil of the catechumens, which is also pure olive oil. For adults, this pre-baptismal anointing often takes place during a special initiation ceremony when the person begins to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. At the beginning of the process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), each person preparing for initiation is anointed with the oil of the catechumens.

This rite most often takes place during Mass, prior to holy Communion. The priest or deacon anoints the catechumens. Then he prays that God will instill them with wisdom for discernment and with the strength necessary to avoid evil during their inquiry into the Catholic faith and their preparation for a life with Christ.

In a similar way, an infant is anointed just before receiving the waters of baptism. This anointing is to help the child ward off evil, avoid temptation and possess the faith necessary to carry the cross of Christ throughout life.

**Holy Chrism Oil** - The third oil, holy chrisem oil, is olive oil mixed with balsam. The oil symbolizes strength, and the fragrant balsam represents the “aroma of Christ” (2 Cor 2:15). Anointing with chrisem oil signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is used to consecrate someone or something to God’s service.

Each year we witness the use of the holy chrisem when young people are confirmed, and at the Easter Vigil when adults are confirmed after baptism. The bishop traces the Sign of the Cross with chrisem oil on the forehead of the one being confirmed and says, “[Name], be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Chrisem oil is also part of the baptismal rite. Following an infant’s baptism with water and before he receives the white garment, the cross with chrisem oil is traced on the crown of the child’s head, marking him as a Christian. Anointing on the head is also administered at the baptism of an adult if the person does not immediately receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Holy chrisem oil is used as well during the ordination of a priest (the Sacrament of Holy Orders) and the consecration of a bishop. It is the anointing used in the consecration of a church and the blessing of an altar and the vessels used at Mass.



**OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH**

Palm Sunday (Saturday Vigil) Mass, March 28 at 5:00pm  
 Palm Sunday Mass, March 29 at 8:30am & 10:30am  
 Holy Thursday Mass, April 2 at 7:00pm  
 (Altar of Repose 8:00pm - midnight)  
 Good Friday Service, April 3 at 7:00pm  
 Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) Mass, April 4 at 8:00pm  
 Easter Sunday, April 5 at 8:30am & 10:30am  
 (Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30am Mass)  
 690 Mt. Olivet Road, Wheeling WV 304-242-6579

**NOTE MASS TIME CHANGE:**  
 Easter (Vigil) -  
 Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> will begin  
 at 8:00 pm

**Lenten Pastoral Visits to the Homebound**

As we prepare our hearts for Easter, I would be happy to visit our homebound parishioners to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to bring Holy Communion to those who are unable to come to church. If you or a loved one would like a visit before Easter, please call the parish office to make arrangements. Let us make this holy season a time of grace and spiritual renewal for everyone.  
 -Fr. George

There are still baby bottles in the back of the church to fill! Knights will be collecting bottles after the **Palm Sunday Masses (March 28-29)**. The bottles are to be filled with donations, loose change, check (payable to Knights of Columbus). All the proceeds from this collection are donated to The Gabriel Project which provides all necessary support for mothers in need, including pregnant mothers. Your cooperation with this project would be greatly appreciated.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**  
 March 21st – 27th  
 Tyler Fox, Susan Berisford, Lila Cook,  
 Zachary Higgins, Roy Higgins Jr., Ricky Szeligo,  
 Damian Zdilla, Nadene Thiele, Brian Ghaphery,  
 Sophia Kurko, Maverick Droginske, Kathleen Ford,  
 Kathleen Gantzer, Rene Henry, George Weaver,  
 Mark Witzberger, Isaac Riedel, and Colton Wise

**Knights of Columbus – Council 12195**  
**Grand Knight, Steve Roth**  
 NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, April 7  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH:**  
**CONGRATULATIONS** goes to **Tom & Tess Morando** for service to better our council, parish, school and community.



**Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus**  
 President: Adele Wilson, Vice President: Carol Mazure, Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Sue Burns  
 NEXT MEETING: To Be Announced



Wheeling Area  
**HOLY THURSDAY PILGRIMAGE**  
**APRIL 2, 2026**  
 6 ALTARS OF REPOSE AT  
 6 CHURCHES ON  
 1 HOLY NIGHT  
 Bus departs from Cathedral at 9:00 p.m.  
 Please register by March 30  
 by e-mailing [kstillon@dwcc.org](mailto:kstillon@dwcc.org)  
 or by calling 304-233-0880, ext. 261  
 More Details on Community Board

# Chrism Mass

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm  
at the Cathedral



Rosary Alter Society is accepting new membership. Dues are only \$10 per year. Join us in honoring Mary, our Mother. Call Stephanie (304-280-0996) or Chris (304-830-1337) for details.



# School News!

304-242-1383

info@olpschool.org



Our Lady of Peace School 25 - 26

- **March**
  - 25 Forensics Spring Tournament @ SVS
  - 30 PK3 P/T Conference - No PK3 Classes
    - PK4 - 8 P/T Conferences - No PK4 Classes,
    - K-8 Noon Dismissal
  - 31 Mass/ Noon Dismissal for Easter Break
- **April**
  - 1-6 Easter Break



## 2026 Confirmation!

Confirmation will be held on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal will be Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 am Mass. Please turn in your saint name, service sheet, and sponsor form now.



### Knights of Columbus Annual Seminarian Support Raffle

Tickets are available at the back of the church until **April 27**. All proceeds support the diocesan seminarians.

Tickets are \$5 each. Place your stub and donation in an envelope addressed to the Knights of Columbus and return it in the collection basket. Thank you for your generosity.

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1,000

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$500

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 3 winners of \$100

**RAFFLE**

### 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; Julie Stocking and Joseph Bechtel  
Welly Home: Sally Kleeh



# 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: Meredith, Michelle, Stephanie, Kait, Ashby, and Kenzie

**Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)**

Saturdays at 4pm - Meet in Battaglino Hall  
Teachers: Lori and Jill

Check the **BAND** App for Schedule!

# Congratulations

to our Knights of Columbus and Lady Knights Students of the Month for February 4th Graders  
**Cannan Fazio and Jordy Yeager!**



## Sunday Youth Group

This Sunday regular meeting after 10:30 mass. Palm Sunday will be our Easter Party after the 10:30 mass. Please RSVP for the party by Friday 3/27 to Amanda Castle: amandacastle09@gmail.com or text/call 304-839-5438



Our Lady of Peace 2026 CSA goal is \$28,000. The first 50% of the parish goal goes to the diocese to support the various ministries and outreach efforts. Everything over the 50% of the parish goal goes to parish (no assessment). Visit CSA table in the back of church for prayer cards and more information.

Our Lady of Peace Parish, Wheeling

Raised \$3,395 of \$28,000 with 15 gifts

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# Catholic in Recovery

Beginning Thursday, March 5, 2026, the Catholics in Recovery Meeting at St. Alphonsus Parish will meet at 7:00 P.M. (previously 7:30 P.M.)

### Pastoral Visits, Holy Communion, and Home Blessings

If you are homebound, or if you know someone who is unable to come to church, please know that you are remembered and cared for by our parish family. Through our Homebound Ministry, trained and compassionate volunteers regularly visit homebound parishioners and bring them Holy Communion. You may contact the parish office to arrange these visits.

If you would like a personal visit from Fr. George, or if you wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fr. George will be happy to come. Please contact the parish office, and we will be glad to make the arrangements.

Fr. George is also available to bless your home. A house blessing is a beautiful way to invite God's grace and peace into your home and offers an opportunity for Fr. George to get to know parishioners better. If you would like to schedule a home blessing, please contact the parish office.

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

**NOTE FROM DEACON DOUG BREIDING:**  
The next Bereavement Gathering will be March 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at St. John's Parish Hall Benwood. Because the First Friday next month will be Good Friday, the monthly Mass at Mount Calvary Cemetery will be held on Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. The Saint Monica Group WILL NOT meet on April 1<sup>st</sup> because of Holy Week. The Saint Monica group will meet again on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

**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

**Women's Retreat, "Finding God in the Everyday"** - This retreat will take place at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV from March 20 - 22, 2026.

**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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