



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Peace – February 8, 2026

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

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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

Office Manager: Cecilia Donahoe
Cell: 304-231-4053

Joining the Parish
New parishioners are
welcome! Go to Flocknote to
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84576; click the link

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
Phone: 304-215-4807

Parish Music

Music Director: Shaun Hancher
E-Mail: smhancher14@gmail.com

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Office Manager: Erin McGovern
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Important Numbers

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Rectory: 304-242-6575





Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 8, 2026 Year A

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Matthew 5:16



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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| Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 Collection | Envelopes | Amount |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Collections | 107 | \$7,103.00 |
| Memorial Contributions | 1 | \$100.00 |
| Maintenance Reserve | 51 | \$901.00 |
| Diocesan Collect | 1 | \$5.00 |
| PayPal Online Transfer | 3 | \$71.83 |
| TOTAL | 163 | \$8,180.83 |
| ATTENDANCE | 313 | |

| Date | Money Counters |
|----------------|----------------------------------|
| Feb. 8 | Colleen Megna and Stacy Rohmann |
| Feb. 15 | Geroge Hores and Tiffany Hoffman |

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

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

- **Saturday (Vigil) - February 7**
 - 5:00 p.m.: A. Potts/N.Weaver/Lor. Wycherley; Becky C; MJ Keim; J. Sanders/E. Yahn; Becky G.
- **Sunday - February 8**
 - 8:30 a.m.: R. Ross/D. Lucas/E. Phillips; M. Thalman; P. Schane; M. Zinn/M. Gaughan; Becky D.
 - 10:30 a.m.: J. Cox/D. & I. Zdilla; T. Berisford; C. Zdilla; P. Bach/M. Gantzer; Kemps

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - February 14**
 - 5:00 p.m.: L. Komorowski/ J. Hodgdon/ *svr; Peggy S; C. Yahn; B. Pack/H. Nikolaus; Campbell
- **Sunday - February 15**
 - 8:30 a.m.: Lil Wycherely/T. & G. & N. White; K. Castle; R. Schneid; S. Thompson/T. Burke; Sechrest
 - 10:30 a.m.: Sp & St Benedict/ C. & E. Rogers; T. Morando; B. Kurko; P. Gantzer/P. Bach; Morando

| January 24/25 Collection | Envelopes | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Collections | 53 | \$1,953.00 |
| Infant Prague Noveena | 32 | \$42.00 |
| PayPal Online Transfer | 2 | \$241.90 |
| TOTAL | 87 | \$2,236.90 |
| ATTENDANCE | 264 | |

| Mass Date | Times | Mass Intentions | Readings |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|
| Saturday (Vigil), Feb. 7 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | (4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m. | (Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Steve Mazure by family | Isaiah 58:7-10 Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 |
| Sunday, Feb. 8 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | † Donald Hinton by Bill and Sally Sechrest Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace | 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Psalm 132:6-7, 8-10 Mark 6:53-56 |
| Monday, Feb. 9 | No Mass | -- | 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30 Psalm 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mark 7:1-13 |
| Tuesday, Feb. 10 Memorial of Sain Scholastica | 6:00 p.m. | † Carol Musilli by Al Musilli | 1 Kings 10:1-10 Psalm 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mark 7:14-23 |
| Wednesday, Feb. 11 | (5:00 pm) 6:00 p.m. | (Adoration/Confession/Novena) Rosary Alter Society (Members living and deceased) | 1 Kings 11:4-13 Psalm 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mark 7:24-30 |
| Thursday, Feb. 12 | 8:00 a.m. | † Thomas and Salie John requested by friend | 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Psalm 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mark 7:31-37 |
| Friday, Feb. 13 | 8:30 a.m. | † Karam, Amelia, & Simon Azar requested by friend | Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 |
| Saturday (Vigil), Feb. 14 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | (4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m. | (Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace | |
| Sunday, Feb. 15 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | † Leslie Gaughan by Steve & Kathie Roth Family † Bob Gessler by family | |

Our Lady of Peace Parish & School

MASS SOCIAL Sat & Sun FEB 7/8
FOOD, FUN and FELLOWSHIP!
GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP !


Fish Fry starting Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) and every Friday in Lent (except on Good Friday) from Eat-in/Drive-Thru: 3:00 pm-6:00pm

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

Credit Cards Accepted!



Stations of the Cross at 6:00 pm on Fridays in Lent in the Church. Retrace the final journey of Christ to Galvary.



Our Lady of Peace Parish Infant of Prague Novena



The Novena on Monday, February 9 at 7:00pm.
Guest homilist: Rev. Ronald Prechtl
The week's theme: "Mercy Opens the Door of Hope"


Reader: Marlyn Thalman

MARDI GRAS




February 17th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. in the Peace Family Center! Be sure to SIGN-UP in back of church or call/text parish office.

Ash Wednesday February 18th



Mass Times:
• 8:30 am (School Mass)
• 12:00 pm
• 6:00 pm

First Reconciliation February 19th



"Bless me Father, for I have sinned. This is my first confession," followed by listing their sins and concluding with "I am sorry for these and all my sins."

First Sunday in Lent! February 21/22



Matthew 4:4 (or Luke 4:4): "One does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God"

BELIEVING IN THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS

When I forgive somebody, one of the things that allows me to forgive is faith. God can convert something good even out of evil. Let's say I've lived through an evil; I have suffered, I was wounded, but I believe that God is powerful enough to bring goodness out of everything, even the evil committed against me. In the Gospel reading for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the angel tells Mary that nothing is impossible for God. If we have faith that God can convert a good thing out of evil—an evil that we've suffered through—then God can heal our wounds, and forgiveness is easier. In the world today we have a hard time forgiving, and one of the reasons is our lack of faith. We are convinced that our wounds are definitive and will never be healed; we think there is no remedy for evil.

Forgiveness is also an act of hope. When I don't forgive, I'm condemning someone. That means that I'm identifying the person with the evil he or she has committed. I see the person as guilty and bad. I don't want to forgive him or her. I have no hope for the person; I don't think he or she can change. On the contrary, forgiving someone is a very beautiful act of hope. This person did something bad, he or she committed a wrong act, but I don't want to identify the person with the bad action because God still loves this person who has done something bad. God is working in that person's heart. Perhaps the person will convert. The person I'm judging and condemning will perhaps one day be a great saint. When we look at the lives of the saints, there are assassins, adulterers, criminals—but grace changed their hearts....

When we forgive someone, we set that person free of revenge or judgment. But it's not only the other person we set free; it's also ourselves. Every time that I forgive somebody, I set myself free.... Be encouraged to ask for the grace of forgiveness and practice it.

Is not keeping statues in churches idolatry?

Idolatry is an act of worshipping or praying to any image, statue, figure, icon as if it is God. It is the violation of the first commandment (Ex. 20:4-5). Catholics venerate or honor and love saints and pray for their intercession before Christ the only intercessor between God and man. 1) We keep the photographs of our loved ones in our wallet or around our home or office. It is to remind us of people we love, to help us feel that they're close to us when we are not together, or to share with people you meet. It does not mean that we worship those pictures. 2) God has by no means banned the creation of all religious images. On the other hand, the Lord commands the making of statues. For example: "And you shall make two cherubim of gold over the "mercy seat" in the Temple (Ex. 25:18-20). It means that actually commanded their use in religious contexts as long as people don't worship them. Besides, David's plan for the Temple, included statues of angels (1 Chr. 28:18-19). Similarly, Ezekiel 41:17-18 describes graven (carved) images of cherubim in the idealized temple he was shown in a vision. During a plague of serpents sent to punish the Israelites during the exodus, God told Moses to "make [a statue of] a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it shall live (Num. 21:8-9). It proves that shows that statues could be used ritually, not merely as religious decorations. 3) Catholics also use statues as teaching tools. In the early Church they were especially useful for the instruction of the illiterate. Many Protestants have pictures of Jesus and other Bible pictures in Sunday school for teaching children. 4) Catholics also use statues to commemorate certain people and events, much as Protestant churches have three-dimensional nativity scenes at Christmas. 5) Though bowing (Deut. 5:9) can be used as a posture in worship, not all bowing is worship. A Catholic who may kneel in front of a statue while praying isn't worshipping the statue or even praying to it, any more than the Protestant who kneels with a Bible in his hands when praying is worshipping the Bible or praying to it. 6) If we cherish the memory of statesmen, war heroes and even sports celebrities by making statues of them, then what can be our objection to honor the heroes of the faith (Sir 44: 1-15).

Knights of Columbus – Council 12195

Grand Knight, Steve Roth

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, March 3

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH:
CONGRATULATIONS goes to T.C. & Paula Chappellear
for service to better our council, parish, school and
community.



Baptism

February 1, 2026



*Lord, surround these children with goodness.
Lead them in Your light each day. Protect them as they grow.*

Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus

**President: Adele Wilson, Vice President: Caroll Mazure,
Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Sue Burns**
NEXT MEETING: Thursday, February 26th at
6:00 pm in the Battaglino Hall



2026 Confirmation!

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



Caroline Hackenberg

January 29, 1940 – January 30, 2026



*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them.*

Knights of Columbus Annual Seminarian Support Raffle

Tickets are available at the back of the church. 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.

RAFFLE

- 1st Prize: \$1,000**
- 2nd Prize: \$500**
- 3rd Prize: 3 winners of \$100**

Joseph G. Griffin

November 9, 1942 – February 1, 2026



*Eternal rest grant unto them,
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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.

Central Catholic High School
WINTER OPEN HOUSE
THURSDAY, FEB 12
6-8 PM
Register at cchsknights.org

Rosary Altar Society will have their first annual membership meeting and current members on Thursday, February 12 at 6:00pm in the Battaglino Hall. We thank Mary Jo Keim and Mary Bonenberger for their many years of dedicated service and welcome Stephanie Thompson and Christine Kerwood as new officers. All are welcome.



Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

School News!

304-242-1383
info@olpschool.org



February

- o 12 PK3 & PK4 Valentines Party
- o 13 K - Gr 8 Valentines Party
- o 16 President's Day- No School
- o 16-18 7-8 Boys and Girls Tourney at St. Mikes
- o 18 Ash Wednesday/Fish Fry
- o 19 Grade 2 First Reconciliation
 - Midterms Sent
 - Diocesan Social Studies Faith @ CCHS



Congratulations to Aiden Glenn on receiving the Catholic Schools Aquinas Award!



February 7th -13th

Kathleen Antonucci, Gregory Breault, Cruz Fazio, Noah Knorr, Nicole Paulus, Tammy Wycherley, Carol Young, Creed Fazio, Allison Henry, Lorri Schodzinski, Megan Wise, Charles Adams, Patrick Henry, Cel Schneid, Mick Reilly, George Saseen, James Pastorius, Joelle Tucker, Jerome Henry, Michael Tordella, and Leah Zinn

Spiritual Adoption Thank You after 4

Well, I now weigh six ounces and mom can feel my movements. I have fingernails, eyelashes, and my own unique fingerprints, which will remain the same for the rest of my life. My taste buds are working and my sense of hearing is developing. I have soft hair all over my body. I can touch my hand to my face and grasp my feet. Basically, there will be no major new developments from here on. I just need nourishment, protection, and love...and prayers.

"It is a poverty to decide that a child must die so that you may live as you wish." - Mother Teresa

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

12:30-5:30 pm in the Battaglino Hall at Our Lady of Peace. Save time at donation site; pre-register online on day of the blood drive at this website:

Our Lady of Peace Parish

Invites you to find rest and restoration at our

Lenten Healing Retreat

Saturday, March 7
9:00 AM - 12:00PM

Step away from the noise of the world and open your heart to a morning of grace, peace, and prayer.



We welcome Rev. Sunil Thomas

Former Director of the St. Vincentian Retreat Center, New Jersey
As he leads in

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lenten Retreat and Talk | Eucharistic Adoration |
| Benediction | Anointing of the Sick |

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

We look forward to sharing this morning of healing with you.

FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Meredith Wycherley

mywychy@gmail.com

(304) 215-4807



Check the BAND App for Schedule!

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

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

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via email & text



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Prayer Ministry (Request Prayer)



Bonnie: jake065@comcast.net or call 304-639-4996 Parish Office
parish@olpwv.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

Lenten Little Black Books available in back of church next weekend. Prepare for Lent.



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

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 28TH - JULY 4TH

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COMMUNION is relationship with GOD.

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