



First Sunday in Lent
Our Lady of Peace – February 22, 2026

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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

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Office Manager: Cecilia Donahoe

Cell: 304-231-4053

Joining the Parish

Welcome, new parishioners! You can register by scanning the QR Code, clicking the link, texting OLPWV to 84576, or contacting the Parish Office by phone, email, or in person.



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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

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Important Numbers

Parish Office: 304-242-6579

Parish School: 304-242-1383

Fax: 304-243-5410

Rectory: 304-242-6575



First Sunday of Lent

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“Jesus answered, It is written: ‘Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

- Matthew 4:4

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.

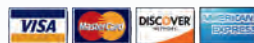
Faith Formation



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
Collections	100	\$4,501.00
PayPal Online Transfer	3	\$630.18
Memorial Contributions	1	\$40.00
Maintenance Reserve	4	\$345.00
Diocesan Collection	3	\$55.00
Infant of Prague Novena	-	\$94.00
TOTAL	111	\$5,665.18
ATTENDANCE	344	Thank you for your Generosity!

Date	Money Counters
Feb. 22	Stacy Rohmann, Marlene Evans & Tiffany Hoffman
March 1	Tiffany Hoffman & Rick Wilson

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - February 28**
 - 5:00 p.m.: N. & G. Thalman/A. Potts; S. Huggins; E. Yahn; B. Pack/L. Simon; Henrys
- **Sunday - March 1**
 - 8:30 a.m.: KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS; W. Medovic; P. Schane; K. Roth; K. Zinn; Gaughan
 - 10:30 a.m.: Er. & El. Kime/ E. Kerr; C. Zdilla; P. Bach; B. Kurko/C. Donahoe; MJ/Kathy

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

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

- **Saturday (Vigil) - February 21**
 - 5:00 p.m.: Lo. Wycherley/ N. Weaver/ A. Mattern; Grade 4; L. Simon; J. Sander/ MJ Keim; Tatar
- **Sunday - February 22**
 - 8:30 a.m.: O. & B. Castle/ A. Glenn; L. Glenn; Becky D.; A. Castle/ C. Schane; Moses
 - 10:30 a.m.: A. Kurko/ C. Miller/ L. Wise; D. Gantzer; P. Gantzer; S. Wilson/T. Morando; S. Wilson

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday (Vigil), Feb. 21 First Sunday of Lent	(4:00 p.m.) 5: 00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Matthew 4:1-11
Sunday, Feb. 22 First Sunday of Lent	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Gertrude and Henry Roth by family † Mike Bee by Antionette Bee	
Monday, Feb. 23	No Mass	--	Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday, Feb. 24	6:00 p.m.	† Larry Stamper by Marquart Family	Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Matthew 6:7-15
Wednesday, Feb. 25	(5:00 p.m.) 6:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Confession/Novena) † Mary "Judy" Ghaphery by Jane Rydzak	Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32
Thursday, Feb. 26	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Jean Brown by Rose Hart	Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12
Friday, Feb. 27	8:30 a.m.	† Linda Gantzer by Siggie Little	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Matthew 5:20-26
Saturday (Vigil), Feb. 28 Second Sunday of Lent	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Diana Melko by Melko Family	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22. 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9
Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Mary Coffield by family	

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"

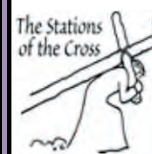
Fish Fry starting Ash Wednesday (Feb. 18) and every Friday in Lent (except on Good Friday) from

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



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Stations of the Cross begin February 20th and continue every Friday during Lent in the Church at 6:00 PM. Retrace the final journey of Christ to Calvary.

Infant of Prague Novena



Reader:
Debbie Gantzer

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

Guest homilist:

Rev. John Soplinski

The week's theme:

"Hope that Does Not Disappoint"

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 2
after 6:00 p.m. mass



Fasting Ideas for Lent

What Is Fasting and Abstinence?

During the Lenten season, the Church invites us to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Two important forms of sacrifice during Lent are:

- Fasting – denying ourselves food or other comforts.
- Abstinence – refraining from eating meat on designated days.

We fast and abstain so that we can turn our hearts more fully toward Jesus.

Jesus tells us that prayer and fasting are powerful weapons against evil. If we want to overcome sin and grow closer to Him, we need both.

- Prayer without fasting is like boxing with one hand tied behind your back.
- Fasting without prayer is just dieting.

To be spiritually effective, they must go together.

So this Lent, don't just give up candy or soda—fast from things that distract you from God and use that time to pray more and love more.

Family Activity: Consider How to Fast

Invite your children to think seriously about what they can fast from this Lent. Fasting doesn't only mean food. We can fast from anything that weakens our relationship with the Lord or distracts us from loving others.

Here are some practical ideas:

1. **Fast from video games during the week.** Use that time to play board games or talk together as a family.
2. **Fast from TV.** Spend that time reading—either individually or as a family.
3. **Fast from eating immediately.** Before meals, say a prayer and count to 40, remembering the 40 days Jesus spent in the desert.
4. **Fast from complaining.** Each time you feel like complaining, say a prayer of thanksgiving instead.
5. **Fast from hurtful words.** Only speak words that are kind, helpful, and loving.
6. **Fast from doing schoolwork on Sundays.** Finish work ahead of time so Sunday can truly be the Lord's Day.
7. **Fast from dessert.** Skip sweets after dinner as a simple daily sacrifice.
8. **Fast from being first.** Let others go ahead of you—in line, in conversations, or when sharing.
9. **Fast from extra sleep.** Wake up a few minutes earlier (or go to bed a little later) and use that time for prayer.
10. **Fast from arguing.** Instead of fighting, choose forgiveness. Ask for forgiveness and offer it freely.

The goal of all these sacrifices is not to make life miserable—but to make room for grace.

Abstinence on Fridays

During Lent, Catholics abstain from eating meat on Fridays. We do this to honor Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. On Good Friday, Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by giving His life for our sins. Abstaining from meat is a small but meaningful way to unite ourselves with His sacrifice. It reminds us that Lent is not just about self-improvement—it is about love. It is about remembering what Jesus has done for us.

A Final Thought

Lent is a journey. Fasting helps us detach from things that control us so that we can attach ourselves more deeply to Christ. When we fast with prayer, our hearts become freer, more grateful, and more loving. May this Lent be a time when our families grow stronger, our prayer becomes deeper, and our love for Jesus becomes greater.

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.

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

The Knights of Columbus will once again
 be passing out Baby Bottles at Lent to
 benefit the Gabriel Project! Knights will
 be at all Masses the weekend of **March**
21-22 passing out bottles to be returned
 by 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
 February 21st – 27th
 Heather White, Sophia Gallo, Kathleen McCabe,
 Patti Wesolowski, Amber Fahey, Nathan Spangler,
 Nicole Spangler, Brody Groome, and
 Daniel Montgomery

OLP Ladies Auxiliary Easter Bake Good Fundraiser!

Touch of Amish Baked Goods Fundraiser

Apple & Dutch Apple Blackberry Blueberry Cherry & Cherry Crumb Peach Triple Berry	Banana Chocolate Peanut Butter Coconut Lemon Meringue Peanut Butter	Pecan Pie
White and Wheat Dinner Roll	Seasonal Iced Sugar Cookies	Vanilla and Maple Cinnamon Roll

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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.

Knights of Columbus Annual Seminarian Support Raffle

Tickets are available at the back of the church. All proceeds support the diocesan seminarians.



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

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.

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.



Baptism
 February 18, 2026

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

**K of C Dist. Free Throw Winners
at St. Michael's**

**Quinn Bell - Age 9 Nora Thalman - Age 12
Dahlia Poling - Age 9 Evan Kerr - Age 13**

These four will advance to the K of C State Free Throw Contest on Sunday March 1 at St. Patrick's school gym in Weston, WV. Competition begins at 1 PM. Doors open at noon. Remember to take your entry form/scoresheet with you. Congratulations and good luck!



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.



School News!
304-242-1383
info@olpschool.org



- **February**
 - 19-25 WPL 5&6 Boys Basketball Tournament at OLP
 - 27 K-Screening - No K classes
- **March**
 - 3 Faculty Meeting
 - 5 Diocesan Science Fair
 - 7 WPL Cheering Showcase @ CCHS
 - 10 Book Fair Set up in Battaglino Hall

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!

<https://olpww.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@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

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.

Mount Calvary Cemetery; Wheeling, WV - Spring Clean-up

We will be conducting our Spring clean-up at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Wheeling, WV, weather permitting, beginning March 2nd and concluding by March 15th.

All items will be removed throughout the entire Cemetery. Please remove any items which you wish to keep by February 28th. After March 2nd, all items will be removed from the graves.

Please do not place any items in the Cemetery until after March 15th.

Further information is available at Mount Calvary Cemetery Office by calling 304-242-0460. Copies of the Rules and Regulations are available at Mount Calvary Cemetery's Main Office.

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

The Cathedral of St. Joseph Important Announcement: Due to renovations, beginning Monday February 2, 2026, the 12:05 daily Mass (M-F) will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Parish. This will include 11:00 am Confessions. Beginning February 7, the 9:00 am Mass and 11:00 am confessions will be at St. Alphonsus Parish. Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 am and 10:30 am Masses will continue at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

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 28th - July 4th

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