



First Sunday of Advent

OUR LADY OF PEACE - NOVEMBER 30, 2025

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PARISH OFFICE

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JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
 Contact the parish office to register.
 Visit our website: olpww.org to print out our registration form. Or stop by the parish office Monday-Friday (8:00am to 4:30pm)

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION AND PENANCE

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

FAITH FORMATION (PSR)

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The First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025
Year A

"You . . . must be prepared,
for at an hour
you do not expect,
the Son of Man will come."
— Matthew 24:44



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

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF 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 (FORMER RCIA)AN

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 Parish School, contact school office at 304-242-1383.

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR)

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

RECEIVE BULLETIN (BY MAIL OR EMAIL)

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

Please Remember in Prayer

Infirm and Shut-ins, the Sick of our Parish

Continuous Care: Carla Ueltsch

Good Shepherd: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking
Joseph Bechtel

Welly Home: Sally Kleeh

Last Weekend Collection	Env	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	97	\$ 3,947.00
Votive Candles	—	250.00
Paypal Online Transfer	3	460.24
Cathedral of St. Joseph	—	294.26
Maintenance Reserve Fund	1	25.00
TOTAL	101	\$ 4,976.50

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE: 336

Cathedral of St. Joseph 100th Years of Faith

The Cathedral stands as the mother church of our diocese and sign of unity for all the faithful.

Donation envelopes are available this weekend in pews, back of church. Please be generous.

December Second Collections

6/7: Parish Maintenance Reserve Fund.
13/14: Retirement Fund for Religious
24/25: Catholic Charities WV (Christmas)

DATE	MONEY COUNTERS
Nov 30	Sissy D'Cagna, Tiffany Hoffman
Dec 7	Stacy Rohmann, George Hores

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

Svr; Reader; EMHC (Body); EMHC/EMHC (Blood). Grtr

—SATURDAY (Vigil), Nov 29

5:00pm: Knights of Columbus

C. Schane; E. Yahn; Knights of Columbus

—SUNDAY, November 30

8:30am: E. Philipps / B. & C. & M. McLean

K.Castle; A.Castle; Becky D./M.Gaughan *greeter

10:30am: G.Bishop / Lo. & Lil Wycherley

G.Bishop; B.Kurko; C.Donahoe/T.Morando greet

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

Svr; Reader; EMHC (Body); EMHC/EMHC (Blood). Grtr

—SATURDAY (Vigil), December 6

5:00pm: R. Williams/ L. Komorowski/N. Weaver

Becky C.; C.Yahn; B.Pack / H.Nikolaus Henrys

—SUNDAY, December 7

8:30am: Knights of Columbus

A.Castle; K.Zinn; S.Thompson/R.Schneid Mike G.



10:30am: Er.&El Kime/ L.Wise/ E.Kerr

Grade 7; B.Kime; B.Kurko/M.Gantzer Kempes




2025 goal \$26,500. First 50% of parish goal goes to the diocese to support various ministries, outreach efforts. Everything over 50% of parish goal goes to the parish (free of assessment).

As of date: \$8,625 collected — 34 gifts -- — 33%

MASS DATE	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday (Vigil), November 29 First Sunday of Advent 	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Don Klug <i>by Kevin & Sheila McCormack</i>	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44
Sunday, Nov. 30 First Sunday of Advent	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Barb Klug <i>by Ron Klug</i>	
Monday, December 1	Rosary 8:00am	No Mass	Is 4:2-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Matt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 2	6:00PM	† Don Klug <i>by Family</i>	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 3 <i>Saint Frances Xavier</i>	5:00PM 6:00PM	(Adoration/Confession/ Rosary/ Novena)) Rosary Altar Society <i>by RAS</i> <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Matt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 4 <i>Saint John Damascene</i>	8:00AM	† Edward "Bud" Mahlke <i>by daughters</i>	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Matt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 5	8:30AM	† George Azar <i>by Family</i>	Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Matt 9:27-31
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 6 Second Sunday of Advent	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Maria Smith <i>by Family</i>	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Rom 15:4-9 Matt 3:1-12
Sunday, Dec. 7 Second Sunday of Advent 	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Paul Megna <i>by Family</i>	

"Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." --Psalm 122


Immaculate Conception




Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, December 8
Mass times: 8:30am & 6:00pm
**this is a holy day of obligation*

Caroling to the Homebound

Join us Friday, **Dec. 12** at 5:30pm, in the Battaglini Center. Car pool, sing carols to our homebound, followed with a fun, social with refreshments. Sign-up sheet in bulletin, or call.



December 3: Saint Francis Xavier: from Navarre; on of the founding Jesuits; preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan; with St. Therese of the Child Jesus; copatron of the apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions. *"No one can ever excel in great things, who does not first excel in small."*



Advent Penance Service will be on Wednesday, **December 10**, after 6:00pm mass; Fr. George and visiting priests will be available for individual confessions. Come early and join us for 5:00pm Adoration.



God longs to forgive us and offers this chance to directly experience his unending mercy and forgiveness

Other times of Confessions are:
 Wednesday 5-5:45 pm & Saturday 4-4:45 pm



November 29- December 5 Birthdays

Adriana Moses, Joseph Chappellear, Andrew Moretz, Andrew Narrish, Jennifer Resczynski, Bradley Cottrell, Erin Hough, Nicole Lauri, Mark Musilli, Jonathan White, Patrick Biega, Nicole White

A Note from Fr. George

What is advent? Why do we observe it?

The word “Advent” is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning “coming,” which is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*. Christians often speak of Christ’s “first advent” as a baby in the manger and “second advent” (second coming) as a judge in glory. Advent is a period for devout and joyful expectation. It was not until the Middle Ages that the Advent season was explicitly linked to Christ’s first coming at Christmas. Today, the Advent season lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Sundays of this season are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent. Advent begins four Sundays before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It is observed as a time of penance, prayer and renewal of life preparing ourselves for the rebirth of Jesus in our lives. The purple or violet color of advent vestments used by priests signifies seriousness, repentance, and royalty. **The color rose may be used in joyful expectation, on Gaudete Sunday (Third Sunday of Advent).** The Advent wreath is a ring or wheel of evergreens decorated with four or five candles in the center. The wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ. The four colored candles represent the four Advent weeks, and the white central candle represents Jesus the light of the world.

ADVENT: A TIME OF WAITING, CONVERSION & HOPE

- **Waiting:** the memory of the first, humble coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh; and for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge;
- **Conversion:** to which the Liturgy at this time often refers, quoting the prophets, especially John the Baptist, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand";
- **Joyful hope** that the salvation already accomplished by Christ and the reality of grace in the world, will mature and reach their fullness, thereby granting us what is promised by faith, and "we shall become like him for we shall see him as he really is" (John 3,2).

Various expressions of popular piety connected with Advent have emerged throughout the centuries. These have sustained the faith of the people, and from one generation to the next, they have conserved many valuable aspects of the liturgical season of Advent:

Placing four candles on green fronds in an **Advent Wreath** has become a symbol of Advent in many Christian homes, especially in the Germanic countries and in North America. The Advent wreath, with the progressive lighting of its four candles, Sunday after Sunday, until the Solemnity of Christmas, is a recollection of the various stages of salvation history prior to Christ's coming and a symbol of the prophetic light gradually illuminating the long night prior to the rising of the Sun of justice (cf. Mt 3,20; Lk 1,78).



The Liturgy frequently celebrates the Blessed Virgin Mary in an exemplary way during the season of Advent. It recalls the women of the Old Testament who prefigured and prophesied her mission; it exalts her faith and the humility with which she promptly and totally submitted to God’s plan of salvation; it highlights her presence in the events of grace preceding the birth of the Saviour. The faithful are sensitive to the difficulties faced by the Virgin Mary during her pregnancy, and are deeply moved by the fact that there was no room at the inn for Joseph and Mary, just as she was about to give birth to the Christ child. Mary, who was "intimately united with the birth of the Church in America, became the radiant Star illuminating the proclamation of Christ the Saviour to the sons of these nations".



Knights of Columbus — Council 12195 — Grand Knight, Steve Roth

MEETING: Tuesday, **December 2 Christmas Party** at 6:30pm in the Battaglino Hall
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: CONGRATULATIONS goes to **PAT & KELLY GANTZER** for service to better our council, parish, school and community.



Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C ★ President - Adele Wilson

CHRISTMAS PARTY Sunday, December 7 at 2pm. No meetings in November, January.
QUARTER AUCTION: Thank you Ladies for ALL your hard work. Another successful event!

Vice President: Caroll Mazure · Treasurer: Marlene McGovern · Secretary: Sue Burns



**MASS SOCIAL
Sat & Sun
DEC 6/7**

GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP !



*Next meeting Dec. 7
Questions, concerns,
keep in contact with
Fr. George and
OCIA team.*



Tess 304-280-9282
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K of C CHRISTMAS BASKET DONATION

Knights of Columbus will once again ask for any monetary donations during the Christmas season. Envelopes are available in the back of church. Pick up envelope in back to donate; drop off in collection basket or parish office. Thank you!



PENANCE SERVICE
Wednesday, Dec. 10 after 6:00pm mass
Adoration 5:00pm

CAROLING TO HOMEBOUND
Friday, December 12 at 5:30pm

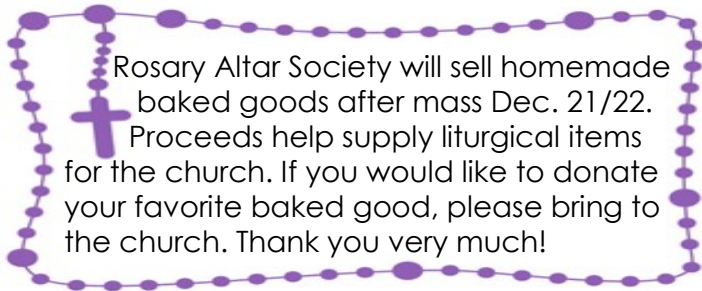
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY BAKE SALE
Sat/Sun, December 20/21

DECORATE THE CHURCH
Sunday, Dec. 21 after 10:30 mass

CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES
December 24:
4:30pm/7:30pm/Midnight

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS
December 25 at 10:30am

**HAVE A BLESSED,
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



2026 Enjoy Books are in!!

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE this weekend after mass in the back of church. Cost is \$40. Or call Marilyn at 304-233-2544 or stop by the parish office....GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFT!



BE PREPARED

It's that simple. As this Advent season opens before us, the Lord Jesus summons us to stand ready for his coming. At this time of year much of our attention is focused on being prepared for the details that accompany the holiday season. We purchase gifts; we decorate our homes, inside and out; we prepare foods that we eat only during the holidays; we write and send Christmas cards; we attend holiday concerts; we prepare either to welcome family and friends into our homes or arrange for visits to their homes. We really can't escape the details that make up the season. Perhaps this Advent is a time to attend to all

those details with a different spin. As we prepare to celebrate the feast of Christmas, why not be deliberate about acknowledging the presence of the Lord as we go about these tasks? The Lord often comes to us in wonderfully surprising ways. Let us be prepared.

Our Lady of Peace School 25 - 26



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School News

- DEC 1** Classes Resume
- 5** School Mass
- 6** Breakfast with Santa
- 8** School Mass *holy day of obligation
- 9** Dress Rehearsal
- 10** Christmas Show Matinee
Advent Penance Service
- 11** Christmas Show
- 12** Noon Dismissal — No Mass
7/8 Grade Dance @ CC
- 15-18** Grades 6-8 Exams

Faith Formation

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

Nov 23/30 Thanksgiving Break (resume Dec. 7)
Teachers: Kait, Ashby, Stephanie, Meredith

Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)
Saturdays at 4pm - Meet in Battaglini Hall

Nov 22 No Class Dec. 6 Class Dec. 13 Class
Teachers: Lorri, Jill

ST. JOHN'S HOME FOR CHILDREN

- Choose ornament from the tree
- Purchase gift, wrap and return to the tree
- Attach the ornament on the outside of present



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Note: gift cards gladly accepted from Wendys, McDonalds, Dairy Queen to provide the boys with occasional outings.

Update: few ornaments were added this week due to immediate placement. Thank you!

WINTER COAT DRIVE

We are holding a Coat Drive to help those in need to stay warm this winter. Donations of gently worn coats: all sizes accepted.



DONATION BOX IN BACK OF CHURCH

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 6 at 9:00am

CHRISTMAS PLAY (MATINEE)

Wednesday, December 10 at 1:00pm

CHRISTMAS PLAY (BIG SHOW)

Thursday, December 11 at 6:30pm

SANTA SHOP: Thursday, December 18

CHRISTMAS BREAK DEC. 22-JAN. 4

Spiritual Adoption



I have been quite active this first month. I am already 10,000 times bigger than at conception. My eyes and nose are starting to form and I already have arm buds and leg buds. I have developed the foundations of my brain, spinal cord, and nervous system. My heart began to beat on the 21st day. Thank you for the prayers that the Lord of Life might help my mother give me the most precious gift of all - gift of life.

2026 WISDOM FROM THE POPE. Thank you Altmeyer's Funeral Home & Crematory for donation of calendars in back of church. Pick up one while supplies last.

LITTLE BLUE BOOK (Advent / Christmas Seasons 25/26) available in back of church, while supplies last. Enjoy the reflections on the Sunday Gospels for Year A

Monday, December 4. Saint John Damascene: raised a Christian yet served as a finance minister at court of the caliph; he was respected for competence, fairness, humility; became monk, priest at monastery of St. Sabas; composed hymns, preached homilies in honor of BVM, especially her assumption last of the Greek Fathers. *"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."*



*Susanna Claus
Saves Christmas*



*Written by Jean-Marie R. Bralley
Illustrated by McKenna C. Moretz*

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Bralley**

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Moretz**

It's now available for purchase online in hardcover and softcover editions at Amazon (also on Kindle), Barnes and Noble, and other major retailers.

Released Nov. 2025—flyer in back of church

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

DELEGATE FOR CONSECRATED LIFE: Marian Retreat for girls ages 12-17 on December 5-7 with the daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus, Steubenville OH

ST. JOSEPH RETREAT CENTER - December 2 Advent Evening by the Fire / Dec 8 Enhance Your Life Through Drumming stjosephretreatcenter.org / 304-232-8160 / 137 Mount St. Joseph Rd, Wheeling

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH - Musical Celebration of Hope for the Advent/Christmas Season: featuring John Angotti. Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm

ARISE: "SMALL GROUP FOR WOMEN EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY: meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays, beginning **October 2025-February 2026** in Steubenville OH

DIocese of Steubenville Pilgrimage: FATIMA, AVILA, LOYOLA, AND LOURDES: September 10-20, 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.

Lara Cottrill




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Jesus coming into our hearts.
He brings joy and peace.
He brings us something
no one else can:
SALVATION."

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