



Fourth Sunday in Lent Our Lady of Peace – March 15, 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

Email: 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

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

Parish School Staff

Principal: Maureen Kerr

E-Mail: mkerr@olpschool.org

Development: Amy Thalman

E-Mail: thalman@olpschool.org

Office Manager: Erin McGovern

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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
Collections	113	\$4,552.00
PayPal Online Transfer	3	\$266.02
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Maintenance Reserve	12	\$180.00
Diocesan Priest Retirement	41	\$864.00
Lenten Healing Mass	-	\$206.00
Infant of Prague Novena	-	\$85.00
TOTAL	173	\$6,473.02
ATTENDANCE	314	Thank you for your Generosity!



**SERVERS, READERS,
 EMHCs, GREETERS.
 ALL ARE NEEDED.
 SIGN-UP SHEETS FOR
 HOLY WEEK ARE IN
 BACK OF CHURCH.**

Date	Money Counters
March 15	George Hores and Marlene Evans
March 22	Tiffany Hoffman and Stacy Rohmann

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **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

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

- Server, Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)
- **Saturday (Vigil) - March 14**
 - 5:00 p.m.: Lor. Wycherley/R. Williams/ J. Hodgdon; B. Cox; C. Yahn; B. Pack/H. Nikolaus; Campbell
 - **Sunday - March 15**
 - 8:30 a.m.: R. Ross/ B. & C. & M. McLeans; A. Castle; K. Castle; P. Schane/K. Zinn; Sechrest
 - 10:30 a.m.: D. & I. Zdilla/ John & Jase Cox/ A. Kurko; Grade 2; C. Zdilla; B. Kurko/T. Morando; S. Wilson

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday (Vigil), March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	† Ron Patrick by Jim & Helen McClure	1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Sunday, March 15 Fourth Sunday of Lent	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Leslie Gaughan by Ray & Marilyn Thalman Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
Monday, March 16	No Mass	--	Isaiah 65:17-21 Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b John 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 17	6:00 p.m.	† The McGovern Family by Family (Members Living and Deceased)	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 John 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 18	(5:00 p.m.) 6:00 p.m.	Jeff Dougherty by Becky & Lori Dougherty	Isaiah 49:8-15 Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 John 5:17-30
Thursday, March 19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph	8:00 a.m.	† Mary Jean Brown by Erma Tatar	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Friday, March 20	8:30 a.m.	Rosary Altar Society by RAS (Members Living and Deceased)	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday (Vigil), March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent	(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 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45
Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Charles (Butch) Gotard by Ray & Marilyn Thalman † Kyleigh & Parker Stotton by Marquart Family	

Baptism

March 8, 2026



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

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

3:00 pm–6:00pm



Credit Cards Accepted!

Eat-in/Drive-Thru:

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

Joe Trubiano

July 31, 1947 – March 5, 2026



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

Infant of Prague Novena



Reader:
Tom Burk

The Novena on Monday,
March 16 at 7:00pm.

Guest homilist:

Rev. Jeelson Stephan

The week's theme:

“Called to be Missionaries
of Hope”

Stations of the Cross

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

NO MEAT ON FRIDAYS OF LENT?

You know you are in a Catholic town when, during Lent, almost every restaurant advertises fish! Even major fast-food chains highlight the date of Ash Wednesday. Suddenly everyone seems to notice the Church's liturgical season.

But why does the Church ask Catholics to abstain from meat on Fridays (as well as Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) while allowing fish?

First, why Friday? It is believed that Jesus suffered and died on a Friday. From the earliest days, Christians set aside Friday as a day of penance, remembering Christ's Passion and uniting their sacrifices with His.

Historically, meat was associated with feasts and celebrations. In many cultures it was a luxury, eaten mainly during special occasions. Because Friday is meant to be a day of penance rather than celebration, Christians abstained from meat as a small sacrifice.


Fish, however, has traditionally been considered a simpler food and not a festive meal. The Church's law of abstinence applies to meat from land animals and birds (such as beef, pork, or chicken), while fish and other cold-blooded animals are permitted.

The real purpose of this practice is not simply following a rule but making a sacrifice that draws us closer to Christ. By giving up something we enjoy, we remember the great sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross.

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF LENT (answers at the **bottom** of the page)



1. How many days are there in Lent?
2. What was the original meaning of the word "Lent"?
3. What is the first day of Lent called?
4. What do we call the day before Lent begins?
5. What color vestments does the priest wear during Lent?
6. What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?
7. What word is never said or sung during Lent?
8. What do Catholics abstain from eating on Fridays?
9. On what days are Catholics required to fast during Lent?
10. What snack originated during Lent because it contains only flour, water and salt?
11. What food was traditionally eaten the day before Lent begins?
12. What Irish saint's feast day takes place during Lent?
13. How do Italians celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19?
14. What important feast day occurs on March 25?
15. On what Sunday during Lent does the priest bless palms?
16. What event in the life of Jesus do the palms recall for us?
17. On what day during Lent does the Bishop bless holy oils for the year?
18. How many Stations of the Cross are there?
19. How many times does Jesus fall in the Stations?
20. Who helped Jesus carry His cross?

1. Forty 2. "Spring" 3. Ash Wednesday 4. Shrove Tuesday, Fat Tuesday, or Mardi Gras 5. Purple 6. The Gloria 7. Alleluia 8. Meat 9. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday 10. Pretzels 11. Pancakes 12. St. Patrick 13. St. Joseph's Table 14. The Feast of the Annunciation 15. Palm Sunday 16. The entrance into Jerusalem 17. Thursday of Holy Week 18. Fourteen 19. Three 20. Simon of Cyrene



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.

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.

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.

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.



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Place your order for pies, cookies and rolls. Items will be delivered to the school on Friday, April 3rd, in time for Easter!

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5 Days Until... *Spring*



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 Informed and Shut-ins, the Sick of our Parish

Continuous Care: Carla Ueltsch Good Shepherd: Julie Stocking and Joseph Bechtel Welty Home: Sally Kleeh



HAPPY BIRTHDAY


March 14th – 20th

Caleb Gamble, Matthew Deel, David Park, Ray Thalman III, Michael Hewitt, Ginny Mancuso, Matthew Schau, Ella Finley, Bob Francis, Denise Kinnick, Rhett Schodzinski, Sean Fahey Jr., Laurie Henry, Stephani Seidler, Ted Callahan, and Matthew Uhly

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: Caroll Mazure, Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Sue Burns

NEXT MEETING: To Be Announced



A Gift for Our Parish

We are grateful to Dr. David Ghaphery for donating a beautiful new grand piano to our parish in loving memory of his mother, Judy Ghaphery. This wonderful gift will enrich the music at our liturgies and help our community lift our hearts in prayer and praise to God. Please join us in thanking Dr. Ghaphery and praying for God's blessings upon the Gaphery family, and for the eternal rest of Judy Ghaphery. 🙏



“Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord, so live as children of light—doing what is good, right, and true, exposing darkness, and awakening to the light of Christ.” Eph. 5:8-14



Feast of Saint Joseph
March 19

St. Joseph Dinner.

SIGN UP to volunteer for the dinner; there are some open slots available. **COOKIE BAKERS:** bring cookies to the parish office by 11:00am on March 19. Any questions, contact Patti 304-374-3729 or the parish office 304-242-6579.

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



Old palms around the house? Do not throw these blessed items away! Bring them to church to be properly disposed. Container is available in the back of church. Thank you.

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.



Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

School News!

304-242-1383

info@olpschool.org

- **March**
 - 18 Board Meeting
 - 19 No Mass - Solemnity of St. Joseph
 - 20 School Mass
 - 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



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.



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!

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.

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.



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.

5% Raised \$1,280 of \$28,000 with 9 gifts.

WE ARE THE PEOPLE OF PEACE

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 kstillion@dwc.org
 or by calling 304-233-0880, ext. 261
 More Details on Community Board



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.)

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

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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