



Palm Sunday!

“Jesus approaches Jerusalem and sends two disciples to fetch a donkey and its colt, fulfilling prophecy about a humble king. He rides into the city while crowds spread cloaks and branches on the road, praising Him as the Son of David and shouting “Hosanna.” The whole city is stirred, and people ask who He is; the crowds answer that He is Jesus, a prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.” - Matthew 21: 1-11

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Our Lady of Peace – March 29, 2026

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

Website: www.olpwv.org E-Mail: parish@olpwv.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

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 Information

Coordinator: Meredith Wycherley

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Parish Music

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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.

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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| Maintenance Reserve | 1 | \$50.00 |
| Infant of Prague | - | \$143.00 |
| Dicese Priest Retirement | 2 | \$10.00 |
| TOTAL | 104 | \$4,503.25 |
| ATTENDANCE | 327 | Thank you for your Generosity! |

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend






This Week we read the Passion at all Masses

- **Saturday (Vigil) - PALM SUNDAY March 28**
 - 5:00 p.m.: A. Mattern/ A. Potts/ N. Weaver/ need svr; S. Huggings; B. Pack; J. Sanders/E. Yahn; need Greet
 - Passion: Narrator/Dan; Speaker/Paula
- **Sunday - PALM SUNDAY March 29**
 - 8:30 a.m.: R. Ross/A. Cook/ T&G&N White; K. Castle; A. Castle; Becky/C. Schane; J. Smith
 - Passion: Narrator/ M. Thalman; Speaker/ need Rdr
 - 10:30 a.m.: D. Zdilla/EI. Kime/E. Rogers/ A. Kurko; Grade 4; C. Zdilla; B. Kime/P. Gantzer; Need Greet
 - Passion: Narrator/ B. Cox; Speaker/ S. Dunlevy

| Date | Money Counters |
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| March 29 | Colleen Megna and Rick Wilson |

Holy Week Liturgical Ministers

- **Thursday, April 2 - HolyThursday**
 - R.Ross/A. Cook/A. Kurko/A. Mattern; MJKeim; J. Sander; Becky/B.Kurko; Campbells
- **Friday, April 3 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**
 - R.Ross/A. Cook/A. Kurko/A. Mattern; A.Castle; B. Kurko; need Greet
 - Passion: Narrator/B. Cox; Speaker/MJ Keim
- **Saturday (Vigil) - EASTER VIGIL April 4**
 - 8:00 p.m.: N. Weaver/R. Ross/A. Kurko/A. Mattern/J. Murrin;
 - Readers: Rdr/S. Huggins/C. DeFazio/N. DeFazio
 - J. Sanders; P. Schane/B. Kurko
 - Greeter: A. Wilson
- **Sunday - PALM SUNDAY April 5**
 - 8:30 a.m.: A. Cook/A. Mattern/B. Castle; R. Schneid; T. Burke; Becky/A. Castle; J. Smith
 - 10:30 a.m.: D. Lucas/D. Zdilla/I. Zdilla/C. Miller
 - Body of Christ: C. Zdilla; P. Gantzer/M. Gantzer
 - Blood of Christ: *need 2 EMHCs
 - Greeter: S. Reilly

| Mass Date | Times | Mass Intentions |
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| Saturday (Vigil), March 28 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | (No Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) 5:00 p.m. | |
|  Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord | | † Diana Melko by Melko Family |
| Monday, March 30 | | |
| Tuesday, March 31  | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. No Mass | † Dr. John Jr., Carmella & Virginia Battaglino requested by friend Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace -- |
| | 8:30 a.m. | Betty Wetzel by Family Rosary Altar Society (Both Living and Deceased) |
| | *No 6:00 p.m. Mass | Pastors of Our Lady of Peace (Both Living and Deceased) GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE |
| Wednesday, April 1 | (Adoration/Confession/Novena) 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. | |
| Thursday, April 2 | 7:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross) | |
| Friday, April 3 | 7:00 p.m. | |
|  Good Friday of the Lord's Passion | (No Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) | |
| Saturday (Vigil), April 4 | 8:00 p.m. | |
| Holy Saturday At the Easter Vigil | 8:30 a.m. | |
| Sunday, April 5 | 10:30 a.m. | Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace |
| The Resurrection of the Lord | THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER | |
| The Mass of Easter Day   | | † Jeff Dougherty by Becky & Lori Dougherty † Ron Patrick by Kathy Antonucci |

I want to share something very close to my heart today.

I grew up in Kerala, India—a place rich in Catholic tradition, where faith was not limited to Sundays or the church building, but was lived every day at home. In our family, 7:00 PM was sacred. No matter how busy the day had been, everyone would gather together for evening prayer—and this continues even today. For about 30 minutes, we prayed as a family. We would sing a few simple devotional songs before and after the prayer, begin with the Rosary, include prayers to the saints, and read a passage from the Bible. It was nothing extraordinary—it was simple, faithful, and consistent. But today, when I look back, I realize something very powerful: those small, faithful moments were one of the ways that shaped me and helped me grow. They played an important part in leading me to where I am today—to the priesthood. That daily family prayer was truly at the heart of our Christian life.

Today, things are very different. Families are busy—work, school, sports, social media, television, and so many other responsibilities fill our days. Slowly, prayer begins to disappear from the home. And when prayer disappears, peace also begins to fade.

Recently, I met a few people who told me something that touched me deeply: “Father, we don’t even know how to pray.” That stayed with me. It made me reflect and pray about what I could do to help.

That is why I want to offer you something special. I am preparing a small prayer book for our parish families and individuals. It will not be complicated—just simple, short prayers for the morning, evening, before meals, and for different moments of the day. Something practical. Something anyone can use.

I would like to offer this to you as a small Easter gift—a reminder to bring God back to the center of our homes.

My hope is very simple: that every home in our parish will rediscover prayer again. Even if it is just a few minutes a day. Gather together as a family, or take a quiet moment personally, and invite God into your day. Because one truth has never changed: A family that prays together stays together.

This prayer book is for you and your loved ones. Keep it in your home. Use it daily. Let it gently guide you back to prayer. Let our homes become small churches again. And I truly believe that if we begin to pray together again, God will do beautiful things in our families.

-Fr. George

As we celebrate Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we are reminded that Lent is coming to close and the Resurrection is nearing. In one week, we will celebrate Easter Sunday. Pray that the Lord allow you to accompany him serenely during these Easter mysteries and you may emerge from them renewed in faith, hope and charity. **Palm Sunday** is a moveable feast that falls on the Sunday before Easter. The Feast commemorates Jesus' Triumphal entry into Jerusalem, an event mentioned in each of the four Gospels. Palm Sunday marks the first day of Holy Week, the last week of the Christian solemn season of Lent that precedes the arrival of Eastertide. A triumph was a ceremonial and celebratory procession through the streets of a city. The message of Palm Sunday is one of promise and absolute faith and the importance of believing God, prior to seeing final results. Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday was foretold long before it happened. "Say to Daughter Zion, 'See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'" (Zechariah 9:9) Palm Sunday carries Christ toward the ultimate sacrifice of his life on the cross, whereby his sacrifice we are healed! Its central message is that God sees us and loves what he sees. The only requirement from us is that we welcome him and his peace, and exercise faith in his ultimate healing — on earth or in heaven. The Easter Triduum begins with the Vigil of Holy Thursday. It marks the end of the forty days of Lent and the beginning of the three-day celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council reminded us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his paschal mystery: dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life. Therefore, the Easter Triduum of the passion and resurrection of Christ is the culmination of the entire liturgical year." (General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, # 18) These last Forty Days were a time of preparation for these great Three days, which is what Triduum means. These three days lead us to an empty tomb and an Octave, eight days of celebrating the Resurrection. They also introduce an entire liturgical season, the Easter Season, which lasts for Fifty days until Pentecost.

Why should we participate in the Holy Week liturgy?

It is on Palm Sunday that we enter Holy Week and welcome Jesus into our lives, asking Him to allow us a share in His suffering, death, and resurrection. During this sacred time, we do not simply remember past events—we relive the mystery of our redemption. The Church, through her liturgy, brings these saving events into the present, allowing us to experience here and now what Jesus went through then.

But to truly receive this grace, we are invited to actively participate in the most important celebrations of Holy Week:

Holy Thursday invites us into the Upper Room. We remember the gift of the Eucharist and the priesthood. Jesus washes the feet of His disciples, teaching us humility and service. It reminds us that we are called not only to receive His love, but also to share it with others.

Good Friday brings us to the foot of the Cross. We reflect on the suffering and death of Jesus, who gave His life out of love for us. It is a day of silence, prayer, and deep gratitude. As we venerate the Cross, we bring our own struggles, sins, and wounds to Him, trusting in His mercy and healing.

The Easter Vigil is the greatest and most beautiful liturgy of the whole year. Beginning in darkness, we celebrate the victory of light over darkness, life over death. We listen to the story of salvation, renew our baptismal promises, and rejoice in the Resurrection of Christ. It is also the time when we joyfully welcome new members into the Church in full communion.

Just as Jesus gave Himself completely, we too are invited to offer our lives by participating in these sacred liturgies. In doing so, we allow Him to forgive our sins, heal our wounds, and transform us more fully into His image. Holy Week becomes truly "holy" for us when we enter into it with faith and devotion.

At the same time, we are called to live what we celebrate—by reaching out to those in need: the poor, the sick, the lonely, and the suffering, through acts of charity and mercy.

I personally invite each one of you, and especially your families, to join us for these sacred celebrations. Come together. Pray together. Walk with Jesus through His passion, death, and resurrection. If we journey with Him, we will also share in His joy. Let us make this Holy Week truly meaningful—by being present, by praying together, and by opening our hearts to God's grace.

-Fr. George

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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 4th will begin at
8:00 pm



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 28th – April 3rd

James Tankovits, Witten West, Steve Hillard,
 Luke Jarrett, Eli Rogers, Jackson Bell,
 Isabella DeFazio, Dana Doyle, Isabella Roth,
 Declan Smith, Nancy Ducci, Anne Marie Potts,
 Dr. Brad Schmitt, and Adeline Schneid

**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.



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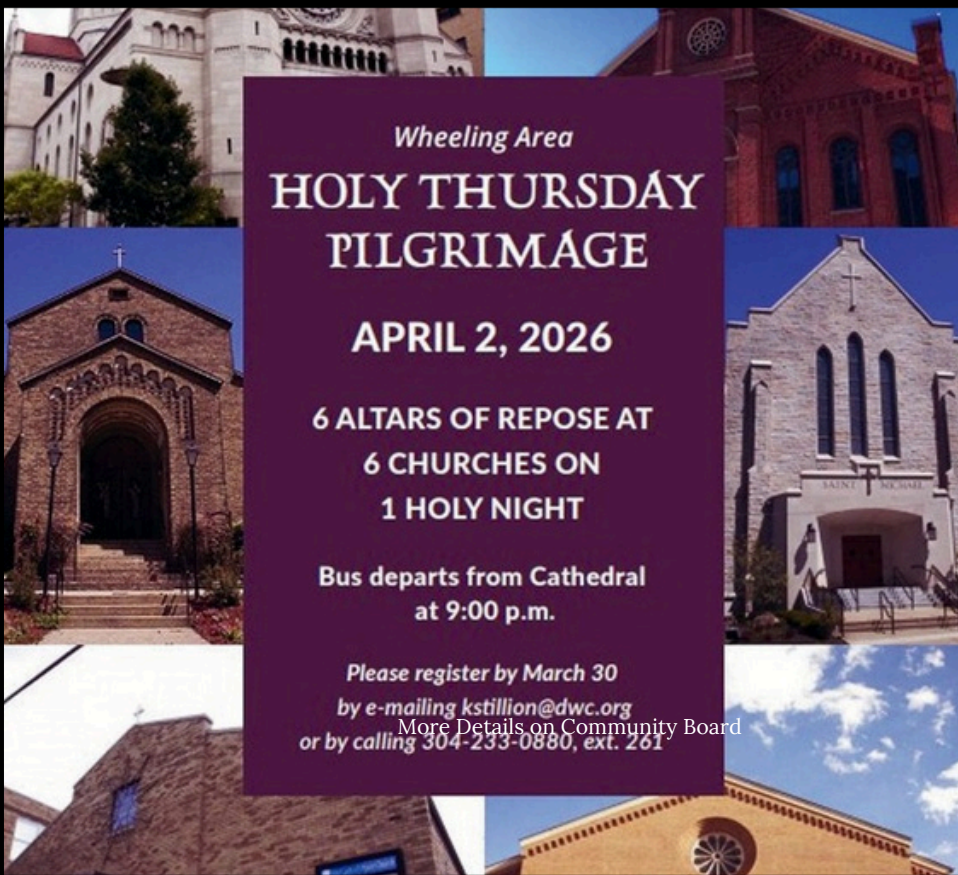
NEXT MEETING: TBA

**THE
 CHOSEN**



LAST SUPPER

Come and watch *The Chosen*
 Last Supper
 at Our Lady of Peace
 at 6:00 on Monday, March 30th



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

**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.

School News!

304-242-1383
info@olpschool.org



- **March**
 - **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
 - **7** Classes Resume



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 will be collecting bottles **TODAY** 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.



Chrism Massst

Tuesday, March 31 at 4:00pm
at the Cathedral



NOTE: There is No Mass at 6:00 pm this day at OLP

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)

Check the **BAND** App for Schedule!

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



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.

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.



1st Prize: \$1,000
2nd Prize: \$500
3rd Prize: 3 winners of \$100 Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday Youth Group



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



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
Wetly Home: Sally Kleeh

Spiritual Adoption Thank You after 6 Months



I am developing quite beautifully now. At 1 1/2 to 2 pounds and 12 inches long. I am twice as big as I was last month. I am sitting up most of the time to accommodate the final movement of all my internal organs. From 26 weeks, babies exhibit a whole range of typical baby behavior and moods, including scratching, smiling, crying, hiccupping, and sucking. Babies born prematurely at this time have a very good chance of surviving. Don't forget to pray for my mother and me.

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.)



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

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

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 30th 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 10th at 5:30pm. The Saint Monica Group WILL NOT meet on April 1st because of Holy Week. The Saint Monica group will meet again on May 6th 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


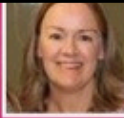
Women's Retreat, "Finding God in the Everyday" - This retreat will take place at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, WV from March 20 - 22, 2026.

ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA - May 2025 and extending a full year to May 2026.

St. Vincent's Summer Camp - Register at SVSCamp.com. Camp is running from June 14th - 20th.

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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