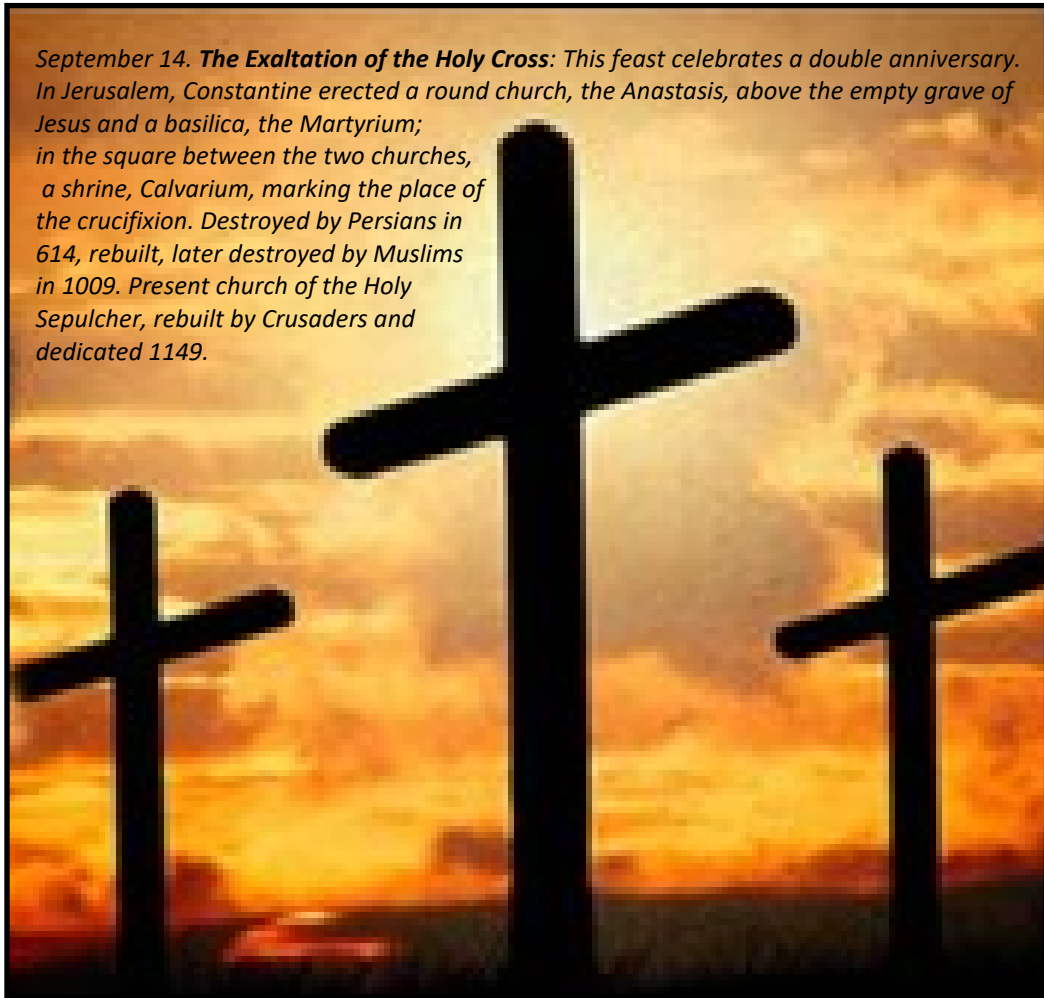


September 14. **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross:** This feast celebrates a double anniversary. In Jerusalem, Constantine erected a round church, the Anastasis, above the empty grave of Jesus and a basilica, the Martyrium; in the square between the two churches, a shrine, Calvarium, marking the place of the crucifixion. Destroyed by Persians in 614, rebuilt, later destroyed by Muslims in 1009. Present church of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by Crusaders and dedicated 1149.



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

OUR LADY OF PEACE - SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

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Cecilia Donahoe, Office Manager
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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

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 14, 2025 Year C

"Do not forget the works of the Lord."

—Psalm 78



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)

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

Welty Home: Sally Kleeh

Last Weekend Collection	Env	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	110	5,716.00
PayPal Online Transfer	3	222.35
Memorial Contribution	3	350.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	54	1,198.00
Diocesan Collections	5	60.00
Special Collect: Gaza Relief	4	355.00
TOTAL	179	\$ 7,901.35

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE: 309

Upcoming Second Collections

Sept 13/14: Mission. More information in back of church and in the bulletin.

Sept 27/28 Catholic University of America.

Funds provide for academic scholarships at the University in Washington DC.

**Gaza Relief Collection by Bishop Brennan
Special envelopes available in back of church*

DATE	MONEY COUNTERS
Sept 14	George Hores, Marlene Evans
Sept 21	Rick Wilson, Tiffany Hoffman

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), September 13

5:00pm J.Hodgdon / N.& G. Thalman

B. Cox; L. Simon; C.Yahn / P.Bach A. Wilson

—SUNDAY, September 14

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

R.Schneid; P.Schane; T.Burke/C.Schane Smith

10:30am L.Wise/ Lo & Lil Wycherley

D.Gantzer; S.Wilson; Pat/C.Donahoe Peg/Sheila

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), September 20

5:00pm A.Mattern / A.Potts / *server

Peggy S; H.Nikolaus; E.Yahn/C.Yahn Bonenbrgr

—SUNDAY, September 21

8:30am R.Ross/ O. & B.Castle

C.Schane; K. Castle; Becky D/P.Schane Becky

10:30am D.& I.Zdilla/ C.& E.Rogers

Gr.8; C.Zdilla; M.Gantzer/B.Kurko Guidi/Anton



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: \$8,055 collected — 34 gifts — 30%

MASS DATE	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday (Vigil), Sept 13 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Marlene Tice <i>by Jennifer & Mark Jarrett</i>	Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
Sunday, Sept 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	† Alberta Medovic <i>by Medovic Family</i> Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	
Monday, September 15 <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	—	No Mass	1 Timothy 2:1-8 Psalm 28:2, 7, 8-9 John 19:25-27
Tuesday, September 16 <i>Saints Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	6:00 PM	Mary Jo Keim <i>request by Mary Uhly</i> <i>Happy Birthday!</i>	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6 Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday, September 17 <i>Saint Robert Bellarmine</i> <i>Saint Hildegard of Bingen</i>	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration//Confession/Novena) Rosary Altar Society <i>by RAS</i> <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Luke 7:31-35
Thursday, September 18	8:00 AM	† Judy Ghaphery <i>requested by family</i>	1 Timothy 6:13-16 Psalm 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Luke 8:4-15
Friday, September 19 <i>Saint Januarius</i>	8:30 AM	† George Azar <i>request by a friend</i>	1 Timothy 6:2c-12 Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20 Luke 8:1-3
Saturday (Vigil), Sept 20 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ord Time	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Elizabeth & William Murphy <i>by daughter Bonnie & Ernie Carroll</i>	Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-13
Sunday, Sept 21 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ord Time	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Bob Denning <i>by Irene Denning</i>	

"Do not forget the works of the Lord!" ---Psalm78

September 15. Our Lady of Sorrows: Presentation of Jesus in the Temple; flight into Egypt; Jesus being lost in Jerusalem; meeting of Mary and Jesus on way to Calvary; the crucifixion; taking down of Jesus' body from the cross; his burial.



September 17. Saint Robert Bellarmine: brilliant Jesuit scholar, preacher, writer; cardinal archbishop of Capua; patron of catechists and catechumens.
"Charity is that with which no man is lost, and without which no man is saved."



September 17. Saint Hildegard of Bingen: was a German Benedictine abbess, write, composer, philosopher, poet, Christian mystic, visionary and polymath of the High Middle ages; especially know as a composer of sacred monophony and is considered a patron saint of musicians and writers. Her Optional Memorial as added to the General Roman Calendar in 2021 by Pope Francis.
"Our souls should be like a transparent crystal through which God can be perceived."



September 16. Saints Cornelius and Cyprian: Cornelius opposed Novatian and the rigorists in the lapsi controversy; buried in cemetery of Callistus. Cyprian, decapitated under Valerian; ally of St. Cornelius; bishop of Carthage; Cyprian disagreed with Pope Stephen I over the question of the rebaptism of heretics and schismatics; first African bishop to be martyred; patron of North Africa and of Algeria; both mentioned in the Roman Canon.

"Be constantly committed to prayer or to reading Scripture; by praying, you speak to God, in reading, God speaks to you." — St. Cyprian

September 19. Saint Januarius: according to his legend, thrown to bears at Pozzuolo under Diocletian; bishop of Benevento; as early as 1389, his blood has liquified on this and other days each year; patron of Naples. *"Be silent, O unhappy man, and do not insult in my hearing Him who created heaven and earth, lest the Lord God may hear such a blasphemy as that which proceeds from you mouth and he may destroy you and you shall be mute and deaf, not hearing and like a blind man not seeing"*



A Note from Fr. George

Why can't I "I just follow my conscience?"

We often hear people saying "I don't need any guidance from anyone because I just follow my conscience." They claim that their conscience will tell them what is true or false, right or wrong. But what they are really doing is just following their feelings or personal preferences, regardless of what may be the right or moral thing to do. Conscience is a unique faculty or power given to us by God to guide us to what is good, right, true and just. The purpose of conscience is to lead a person to the truth. It is a person's "*most secret core and sanctuary*" where a person can sense the inner voice of God calling them "*to love and to do what is good and avoid evil*" (CCC#1776). First we should have an *informed conscience* by learning right and wrong in the light of the Sacred Scriptures as interpreted by the teaching authority given to the Church. If we do not inform our conscience, then it won't be dependable and trustworthy. The Catechism reminds us that "*the education of the conscience is a lifelong task.*" We do this by studying Sacred Scripture, by knowing the moral teachings of the Church and our Christian tradition, and through prayer.

— Fr. George

MCBS Mission Appeal - September 13/14 — Transforming Lives in Tanzania

*Warm greetings from the Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (MCBS) in Tanzania.
This is the same religious order to which Fr. George belongs.*

Missionary Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament is a religious order from India working in Tanzania for over 15 years. Our missionaries currently serve 83 village churches across 6 dioceses in Tanzania bringing the Gospel to life through works of compassion, education, and community development. Each day, we strive to meet both the spiritual and physical needs of the people we serve, especially children, the elderly, and the most vulnerable. Thank you for your generosity. Guest Speaker: Fr. Joby



Homebound ministry is helping those who are unable to attend mass or church events due to age, illness, or other circumstances that make them unable to leave home. Some may be homebound temporarily; recovering from their surgery or injury; and some are in hospice or in long-term care facilities. Fr. George and our members of the Homebound Ministry are available to help. Contact the parish office 304-242-6579



Questions, concerns?
contact Fr. George at tgeorge@dwc.org
parish office: 304-242-6579
or parish@olpww.org

WHAT TO EXPECT. You will participate in:
—classes or meetings to learn about Catholic beliefs, practices and traditions. *Time determined by group*
—prayer and reflection
—support from Fr. George, sponsors, catechists and your parish community
—special invite to come to mass (prayer buddy); if you like, come up for a blessing at Communion.
MEETINGS WILL BEGIN SOON. CALL PARISH OFFICE.



-September 13-19 Birthdays

Lora Kociban, Michael McDade, Samantha Simon, Mary Jo Guidi, Elaine Malloy, Chase Winiesdorffer, Douglas Fox, Jason Haller, Sarah Irvin, Mary Jo Keim, Zoe Kosek, George Betras, Donna Milliken, Anne Nettles, Jennifer Nettles, Craig Nickerson, Allison Saseen, Craig Schneid, James Smith, Joseph Ernst, Lindsey Tucker



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

MEETING. Next meeting on Tuesday, October 7 at 6:30pm in the Battaglino Hall
We welcome new members: **PETE YOCHUM, ADLER ROTH, DR. BRAD SCHMITT.**
If you are a practicing Catholic man age 18 and older, join us! We are the largest Catholic men's organization in the world. www.kofc/joinus or contact any Knight."

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: CONGRATULATIONS goes to **Mike & Leslie Gaughan Family** for service to better our council, parish, school and community.



Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C ★ President - Marilyn Thalman

MEETING: We are set to meet Monday, **September 22** at 6:00pm in Battaglino Hall.

ENJOY BOOKS are coming in October. Updates of new coupons are coming soon.

QUARTER AUCTION. Date for this event in Sunday, November 16. Work on your baskets, bring in your lottery tickets and thank you for paying your yearly dues. New members are welcome.

Vice President: Adele Wilson · Treasurer: Marlene McGovern · Secretary: Sue Burns

Join us Thursday, **September 18** for a fun time of cards, board games and good company or just relax and socialize, RSVP Toni at 304-242-1697 All are welcome. Come play with us.



BACK - TO - SCHOOL Pancake Breakfast

FREE Breakfast
Sunday, **September 21** begins 9:00am, Peace



Family Center. Menu includes pancakes, sausage patties, scramble eggs. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus. Wishing our OLP & Faith Formation students have a **WONDERFUL** academic, religious school year!

FOOTBALL FRENZY TICKETS are available in parish office. Cost is \$10. Multiple chances to win. Buy two, get third ticket free online. See Tom Burke for tickets. Deadline to turn in stubs and money **Oct. 1. Good luck to all.**



Pumpkin Patch Bake Sale

The Rosary Altar Society will be selling delicious, homemade baked goods after all the Masses weekend of **October 11/12.** If you would like to donate your favorite baked goods, bring them to church. Proceeds help supply liturgical items and altar linens. Thank you.

Rosary Prayer Rally

Bring your family and join us for a special Rosary Rally as we come together in faith to grow in prayer and community on Saturday, **October 12** at noon in parking lot of Grisell's Funeral Home, Bethlehem. All are welcome.

18TH ST. CENTER NEEDS DESSERT DONATIONS (PIES, SHEET CAKES, ETC). **CONFIRMATION HOURS: SERVE, BUS TABLES, WRAP SILVERWARE. CONTACT ASHLIE: akotson@ccwva.org

Quarter Auction

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 16** and plan to attend this fun-filled event sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open at noon, auction begins 1:00pm. Tickets each \$5 (paddle included; additional paddles are \$1 each; max 3 paddles) GREAT variety of Baskets Auction; GREAT variety of vendors,



Members of Ladies Auxiliary will be selling 50/50 tickets. Watch for more details coming soon.



Catholic Charities
Neighborhood Center
Spaghetti Dinner | **Sept. 21** Sunday 11a-5p
ccwva.org GET TICKETS ONLINE or at 125 18th Street, Wheeling

OFFICE OF SAFE ENVIRONMENT — DWC

The SEPTEMBER bulletin is available in back of church for reading. There is also copy of Safe Environment with minor changes. Questions or concerns, contact: parish@olpww.org or call 304-242-6579.





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

Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

SEP 15-19 NWEA Test Week

- 16** Board Meeting
- 19** School Mass 8:30am
Gr 7/8 Dance @ OLP 7-8:30pm
- 20** Gr. 8 Car Wash 10-2:00pm
- 21** K of C Pancake Breakfast
- Catechetical Sunday
- 24** School Pictures PK3-Gr8
- 25** (Thursday) School Mass 8:30am
-Midterms
- 26** OLP Fun Run
- 29** (Mon) School Mass w/Bishop 8:30am



FAITH FORMATION (PSR)
(formerly Parish School of Religion)

Faith Formation Classes will meet on Sundays, September to May; 9:20 –10: 20am (between Sunday masses) for Grades PK5 to grade 6


—CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 14—
—meet in the Parish Office

Grade 7/8 ** CONFIRMATION CLASS **
CLASSES BEGIN SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
—meet in the Battaglini Hall

Knights of Columbus
Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast

Breakfast on Sunday, **September 21**. Be sure to turn in your packet or pick up a packet that day before class begins.


Happy Catechetical Sunday!
 Teachers are invited to 10:30 mass to receive a blessing from Fr. George
HAVE A GREAT YEAR!



Grade 8 Carwash
 Auto Zone, Elm Grove
September 20, 10-2pm

Get Your Car Wash On!

Proceeds to benefit Gr. 8 trip to Washington DC in May. Auto rosaries available for purchase at the carwash while supplies last! **THANK YOU ALL.**



Canned Food Drive

We will be collecting canned Good **September and October**. Drop off in school, parish office, or in boxes in back of church. Non-perishables accepted and taken to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center 18th Street. We all **CAN** support this great cause. Make a difference.



Come to Youth Group!
 Saturday, **September 20**
 6:00-8:00pm (after 5pm Mass)
 Battaglini Hall
 All are welcome.
 See flyer in back of church.



We planted a tree. As we watch our tree grow daily it will be a reminder for us to walk and grow in His grace throughout our school year and beyond!



"Let your roots GROW deep in the LORD, and He will make you unshakable."



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

INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA at Cathedral of St. Joseph begins Monday, **September 8** for (9) Mondays.

SPAGHETTI DINNER (CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER) SUNDAY, **SEPTEMBER 21**; 11-5:00PM

DAY OF REFLECTION (for those in second half of life): Thursday **September 25** at the St. Joseph Retreat Center, Wheeling. Presentation, prayer, reflection. Space is limited.

RUMMAGE SALE : Our Lady of Lebanon church Basement Hall **Saturday, September 27**

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING GRIEF FROM A FAITH PERSPECTIVE - They are held at Saint John Parish Center in Bentwood, 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Next meeting **September 29**.

TOGETHER IN FAITH: WHEELING VICARIATE - Two ways to join the group; one is to 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.

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