

Christ the Savior is born...



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH - DECEMBER 25, 2023

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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.

SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00pm
Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am
(followed by the Rosary)
Wednesday: 6:00pm
Adoration: 5:00pm
Confession, Rosary, Benediction
Novena following Mass
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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The child to be born
will be called holy,
the Son of God.

—Luke 1:35



Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should contact Father Joseph to make arrangements for the celebration of this sacrament. A preparation session is required for first-time parents.

Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm; Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45pm. Also make an appointment by calling the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

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

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged by contacting Fr. Joseph. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering hospital.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact the parish office for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Catholic School

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 your 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 Ueltschy, Judy Fetty

Good Shepherd: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking

Joseph Bechtel

Last week's collections	Env	Amount
Weekly envelopes	113	\$ 25,173.00
Paypal Online Transfer	1	193.73
Christmas Flowers	2	145.00
Parish Maintenance Reserve	2	30.00
Memorial Contribution	1	5.00
Immaculate Conception	1	30.00
DWC Retirement for Religious	3	65.00
TOTAL	121	\$ 25,641.73
Attendance: 352— Thank you very much!		

Second Collection

Dec. 24/25: Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation provides hope, provides safety, provides food, provides care. See flyer on the board.

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Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

Servers

Reader; EMHC (Body); EMHC/EMHC (Blood). Greeter

—SATURDAY (Vigil), Dec 30

5:00pm Knights of Columbus

A.Castle; E.Yahn; Nikolaus/B.Pack. Keith B

—SUNDAY, December 31

8:30am A.Glenn/McLeans/C.Rogers.

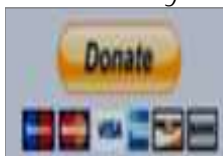
L.Glenn; R.Schneid; Becky/M.Gaughan Sechrest

10:30am E.Kerr/M.McDade/Wycherleys

B. Cox; T. Roth; P. Bach/ C.Donahoe Kemps

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MONEY COUNTERS

Dec 28	Tiffany, George, Sherri (Thursday)
Jan 7	Cecilia Donahoe, Colleen Megna

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL
GOAL \$24,920 35 GIFTS — \$13,076

52%

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sunday, Dec 24 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Vigils) 	4:30 PM 7:00 PM 12 MIDNT	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Steve Mazure <i>by Carol Mazure</i> † Barb Klug <i>by Ron Klug</i>	Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 ----- Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
Monday, Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	10:30 AM	† Donna Gulajski <i>by Family</i>	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday, Dec 26 Saint Stephen	—	No Mass	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17
Wednesday, Dec 27 Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration / Confession / Rosary) † Robert Schmidt <i>by Nathan Schmidt</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents	8:00 AM	† Imelda Motha <i>by Gerard & Martina Saverimuttu</i>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18
Friday, December 29 Saint Thomas Beckett	*8:00 AM	The Legacy Society <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Jason Kociban <i>by Carol Mazure</i>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Lk 2:22-40
Sunday, Dec. 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	(7:45 AM) 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	(Adoration / Rosary) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † J.R. Gessler <i>by Family</i>	
Monday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God <div>not a holy day of obligation</div>	6:00 PM	The Legacy Society <i>by OLP</i> <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

"Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord." --Psalm 96

ECHOING MARY'S DECISION



The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes." We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes."

Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us.



2023 Christmas Flowers

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In Honor of ...*



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The Zinn Family
- - please forgive any
misspelled names.

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1
6:00pm Evening Mass



"And the angel said to her in reply, 'The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, Son of God.'" Luke 1:35 *not a holy day of obligation.

Christmas Flowers Donation

**We gladly acknowledge donation
for the deceased members of the
Winkler and Gladkowski Family**

Jan. 6 First Friday
Sacred Heart of Jesus
5:30 pm Adoration
6:00 pm Mass



Jan. 7 First Saturday
Intention for our
Blessed Mother
10:00am Special Mass. Join in prayer.



Our Lady of Peace Parish
Infant of Prague Novena

Begins January 22, 2024

7:00pm for (9) Mondays
Exposition, Adoration, Benediction

Guest homilists, special intentions
Pray with us.

"The More You Honor Me, The More I will Bless You"

Christmas is here! Our hearts are filled with the joy of our Saviors' birth. I wish you all a very beautiful Christmas filled with joy, friendship and family. May you always experience the joy of Christmas in your hearts and lives.

I thank all the various groups we have here like the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary, Rosary Altar Society, Social Committee, Funeral Luncheon Committee, Decoration group especially Michelle & Leo Bartsch. Thank you for all you do for the Our Lady of Peace community.

Thank you all for your continuous support through your generous contributions to sustain both the parish and the school. I have experienced some real gestures of kindness and generosity from some members and groups (new monstrance, chalice, altar chairs in the sanctuary).

Let us remember one another in prayer in this holy season. I specially pray for all those families going through a hard time in these holidays due to the loss of a loved one. May you always find your peace and comfort in our friendship and community.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Father Dwyer

Our Lady of Peace
Parish & School
GATHER US IN
GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

**AFTER MASS
SOCIAL
JAN 6/7**



The Parish Office will be closed in observance of Christ's birth the week of December 25-29.

Messages checked daily.
Call/text 304-231-4053.

Merry Christmas to all ♥



December 23-31 Birthdays

Alena Costain, Jane Mahlke, Gary Pickett, Mike Gaughan, Marilyn Burkle, Celia Callahan, Asher Cunningham, Isaac Hickman, Camille Seidler, Samantha Zimla, Mary Beth Breault, Marlene Evans, Thomas Jafrate, Hayden Jones, Madeline Komorowski, Steve Latacz, Alex Lehrke, James McClure, Joseph Miehle, Matthew Zdilla, Jessica Bell, C.J. Hores, Laurel Robb, Patricia Schane, Johnna Cramer, Marlene McGovern **Welcome 2024!**

"All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God." --Psalm 98

Tuesday, Dec 26. **Saint Stephen:** one of seven deacons of the Acts of the Apostles; first disciple to be martyred; mentioned in the Roman Canon. *"While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died."*
-Acts of the Apostles 7:59-60



Thursday, December 28.
The Holy Innocents: this day is for special prayers for innocents who have perished through abortion, starvation, and war.



Wednesday, December 27. **Saint John,** Apostle, Evangelist: authored three letters, the book of Revelation, and the most spiritual of the gospels; symbolized by the eagle; patron of Asiatic Turkey, mentioned in the Roman Canon. *"Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be*



Friday, December 29. **St Thomas Beckett:** killed by order of Henry II; eight years chancellor of England; as archbishop of Canterbury defended the freedoms and rights of the Church; canonized only three year after his death; considered the most famous martyr of the Middle Ages. *I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me."*



The Legacy Society is made up of individuals/families that have been blessed and wish to share those blessings when they finalize their will and plan their estate. A mass will be said once a month for those generous individuals/families, in honor of the Legacy Society and your family name will be memorialized on the Legacy Society Tree which is found on the wall in the vestibule of church, making a lasting testament for generations to come. Questions, or for more information, call parish office 304-242-6579.
 Our current members: †Battagliano Family (John, Virginia, Carmella), Jim Blatt Family, Dan Boston Family, †Dr. John Braddock, Mary Jean Brown, †Mr. & Mrs. William Braddock, †Goldie Edgel Family, Mr. & Mrs. George Ferdinand, †Stanley Gorsky, †Fr. Raymond D. Jablinske, †Tom & Grace Kolibash, William Kuster Family, Rev. Robert E. Lee, Curt Mason Family, †Paul & †Marcella McGinnis, Judith Sanders, George Saseen Family, †Bishop Emeritus Bernard W. Schmitt, Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., †Joseph & Margaret Synowiec, †George Weaver, Bruce Wilson Family.



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