



Third Sunday in Lent
Our Lady of Peace – March 8, 2026

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling, WV 26003

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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.



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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

E-Mail: emcgovern@olpschool.org



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	105	\$7,276.00
PayPal Online Transfer	2	\$47.58
Memorial Contributions	1	\$100.00
Maintenance Reserve	39	\$960.00
Diocesan Collection	2	\$30.00
Easter Flower Offering	51	\$1,124.00
Infant of Prague Novena	-	\$99.00
TOTAL	200	\$9,636.58
ATTENDANCE	354	Thank you for your Generosity!

SECOND COLLECTION: MARCH 7/8

From the Office of the Episcopal Vicar for Clergy Bulletin Announcement Retirement Fund for Diocesan Priests Collection March 7-8, 2026: A special second collection is scheduled for March 7-8, 2026, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

Date	Money Counters
March 8	Colleen Megna and Sissy D'Cagna
March 15	George Hores and Marlene Evans

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **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

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

- Server, Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)
- **Saturday (Vigil) - March 7**
 - 5:00 p.m.: N. Weaver/J. Hodgdon/ L. Komorowski; MJ Keim; H. Nikolaus; C. Yahn/ J. Sanders; Bnbrger
 - **Sunday - March 8**
 - 8:30 a.m.: D. Lucas/J. Paulus/ J. Reynolds; C. Schane; M. Gaughan; M. Zinn/T. Burke; Becky D.
 - 10:30 a.m.: T. Schmitt/Gr. Bishop/D & I Zdilla; G. Bishop; C. Zdilla; M. Gantzer/S. Wilson; Peg/Sheila

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions	Readings
Saturday (Vigil), March 7 Third Sunday of Lent	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Steve Mazure by family	Exodus 17:3-7 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42
Sunday, March 8 Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Betty, Wil, & Lee Hendershot by family	
Monday, March 9	No Mass	--	2 Kings 5:1-15ab Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Luke 4:24-30
Tuesday, March 10	6:00 p.m. *6:30 p.m.	† Jamie Lyn Orth-Taylor requested by family *LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE	Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Matthew 18:21-35
Wednesday, March 11	(5:00 p.m.) 6:00 p.m.	† Rita & Fred John requested by friend	Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Matthew 5:17-19
Thursday, March 12	8:00 a.m.	† Caroline Hackenberg by Don Hellright	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Luke 11:14-23
Friday, March 13	8:30 a.m.	Ladies Auxiliary by Ladies Auxiliary (Both living and deceased)	Hosea 14:2-10 Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mark 12:28-34
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 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41
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	

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 10
after 6:00 p.m. mass

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

3:00 pm–6:00pm



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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

Infant of Prague Novena



Reader:
Sylvia Huggins

The Novena on Monday,
March 9 at 7:00pm.
Guest homilist:
Very Rev. Carlos Melocoton
The week's theme:
"Mary, Mother of Hope,
Walks with Us"

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

Why do we give up something for Lent?

Today we know Lent as a season of conversion: we acknowledge the ways we have turned away from God in our lives and we focus on turning our hearts and minds back toward God. Hence the three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These observances help us turn away from whatever has distracted or derailed us and to turn back to God. Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting.

We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might “give up” a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back towards what God wants for us. A small positive change can have a big impact that lasts beyond the 40 days of Lent. Take the time now to think about what you might give up this year. Is it something you enjoy that you want to sacrifice for a while, like your daily latte? Or is it a bad habit you want to conquer, like running in late to meetings with co-workers? Or perhaps you want to turn your cell phone off for a few hours each day and not let it distract you from the loved ones you are with in real time? Find something that works for you, and whatever it is, may it help you to turn towards God in this holy season of Lent.

Are Forgotten Sins Forgiven?

It is not unusual to forget some sins if you have not been to confession for a long, long time. Frequently, souls in your situation start remembering all sorts of sins they had forgotten. Why? Because the new grace in your soul brings with it light, humility and compunction, all of which give you the courage to recognize and confess your sins.

Don't worry. If you did not deliberately fail to mention mortal sins you were aware of, then you made a good confession: all of your sins were absolved, and you are forgiven. However, the next time you go to confession – and I would not go sooner than a week later, otherwise you might fall prey to scrupulosity – you should mention the sins that you had forgotten. This will increase grace in your soul and give you peace of mind.

The Sacrament of Penance is a great blessing to the Church. Pope Pius XII summarizes the advantages of confession in his encyclical *Mystici Corporis Christi* (on the mystical body of Christ): “By it [frequent confession] genuine self-knowledge is increased, Christian humility grows, bad habits are corrected, spiritual neglect and tepidity are resisted, the conscience is purified, the will strengthened, a salutary self-control is attained, and grace is increased in virtue of the sacrament itself” (No. 88).

Our Lady of Peace Parish & School **AFTER MASS SOCIAL**
GATHER US IN March 7/8

GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

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.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 7th - 13th

Michelle Bartsch, Gianna Gallo, Lillian Gates, Annetta Griffin, Michael Oliver, Steven Kosek, Coleton Barletch, Isadora Crow, Andy Wesolowski, Lyra Marshall, Lawrence Oliver, Bob Potts, John Wolen, and Daniel Dimmick

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.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

1st Prize: \$1,000

2nd Prize: \$500

3rd Prize: 3 winners of \$100



Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus



President: Adele Wilson, Vice President: Carol Mazure, Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Sue Burns

NEXT MEETING: To Be Announced

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.)

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.



Prayer Ministry (Request Prayer)

Bonnie: jake065@comcast.net or call 304-639-4996 Parish Office parish@olpwv.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:** Karen Simons, Julie Stocking **Joseph Bechtel Welty Home:** Sally Kleeh

Feast of St. Joseph is on Thursday March 19, Our Lady of Peace Parish Council is coordinating a sit-down dinner for those who regularly have their supper at Catholic Charities 18th Street Neighborhood Center.

We anticipate serving 80 baked steak/baked potato meals at 3:00 PM on that day.

We will have a collection box in the church vestibule to collect monetary donations to be used for purchasing food and the necessities for the dinner. Thank you for your generosity.



Feast of Saint Joseph
 March 19

We are also in need of volunteers:

- Wednesday, March 18:**
PREP POTATOES (1:00PM)
- Thursday, March 19:**
SET UP/BAG COOKIES (1:00PM)
SERVING STATIONS/SERVE MEALS (3:00PM)
CLEAN-UP (4:00PM)

There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for volunteers to choose which hours are preferred. If you have any questions, contact Patti Schane at 304-374-3729.

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School News!
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- **March**
 - 10 Book Fair Set up in Battaglino Hall
 - 11-13 Book Fair
 - 18 Board Meeting
 - 19 No Mass - Solemnity of St. Joseph
 - 20 School Mass
 - 25 Forensics Spring Tournament @ SVS

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

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

MARCH 10-13:
BATTAGLINO HALL

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.

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!

28 Days Until...

Spring

Mt. Olivet Lions

Student of First Semester:
Nathan Weaver – 8th Grade

2026 CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

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.

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.

All items will be removed throughout the entire Cemetery. Please remove any items which you wish to keep by February 28th. After March 2nd, all items will be removed from the graves.

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.

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

The Cathedral of St. Joseph Important Announcement: Due to renovations, beginning Monday February 2, 2026, the 12:05 daily Mass (M-F) will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Parish. This will include 11:00 am Confessions. Beginning February 7, the 9:00 am Mass and 11:00 am confessions will be at St. Alphonsus Parish. Saturday 6:00 pm, Sunday 7:30 am and 10:30 am Masses will continue at the Cathedral of St. Joseph.

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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