



Advent

A time to spiritually prepare for a better celebration for Christmas.

Pray the rosary, pray for someone; come to daily mass, Adoration. Call to be especially generous, and kind to one another.

Third Sunday of Advent Our Lady of Peace – December 14, 2025

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Parish Office

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Office Manager: Cecilia Donahoe

Cell: 304-231-0453

Joining the Parish
New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to
register. Visit our website to print
our out registration form. Or stop
by the Parish office.

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

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Important Numbers


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Rectory: 304-242-6575



| Mass Date | Times | Mass Intentions | Readings |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Saturday (Vigil) Dec. 13 Third Sunday in Advent GAUDETTE SUNDAY  | (4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m. | (Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace | Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11 Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Luke 3:4, 6 Matthew 17:9a, 10-13 |
| Sunday, Dec. 14 Third Sunday of Advent | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | † Peg Shepherd by Patti and Cork Schane † Wally Harbison by Family | |
| Monday, Dec. 15 | No Mass | | Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Psalm 85:8 Matthew 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday, Dec. 16 | No Mass | | Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Matthew 21:28-32 |
| Wednesday, Dec. 17 | 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m. | (Adoration/Rosary) † Margaret Rayen by Gerard & Martina Saverimuttu | Genesis 49:2, 8-10 Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Matthew 1:1-17 |
| Thursday, Dec. 18 | 8:00 a.m. | † Nick George by Wife and Daughter | Jeremiah 23:5-8 Psalm 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Matthew 1:18-25 |
| Friday, Dec. 19 | 8:00 a.m. | † Ronan Donahoe by Cecilia Donahoe | Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Luke 1:5-25 |
| Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent  | (4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m. | (Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † William Medovic by Family | Isaiah 7:10-14 Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Luke 1:26-38 |
| Sunday, Dec. 21 Fourth Sunday of Advent | 8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. | † Peter A. Daniel by Patti & Cork Schane Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace | |

Help Beautify Our Church for Christmas!



WE WILL DECORATE ON **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21** AFTER THE 10:30AM MASS. ALL ARE WELCOME! THE MORE, THE MERRIER! MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK. HELP PREPARE THE BIRTH OF OUR LORD.



Wednesday, Dec. 24 - CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASSES:
 4:30PM / 7:30PM /
 Midnight - Prelude 11:30PM
Thursday Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY:
 10:30AM MASS



The Third Sunday of Advent

December 14, 2025
Year A



"Then Elijah arose, a prophet like fire, and his word burned like a torch. He brought a famine upon them, and by his zeal he made them few in number. By the word of the Lord he shut up the heavens, and also three times brought down fire. How glorious you were, Elijah, in your wondrous deeds! Whose glory is equal to yours?" - Sirach 48:1-4

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 (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 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.



GO TO www.olpww.org
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CLICK DONATE button PAY with Pay
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| Last Weekend Collection | Envelopes | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| Weekly Envelopes | 103 | \$6,615.00 |
| Thanksgiving | 3 | \$246.60 |
| Christmas Flowers | 12 | \$230.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | 5 | \$120.00 |
| Maintenance Reserve Fund | 48 | \$1,134.00 |
| TOTAL | 171 | \$8,345.60 |

Second Collections in December

13/14 Retirement Fund for Religions distributes financial assistance to religious institutes in U.S.

24/25 Catholic Charities WV provides services to people of WV who need it the most; funds used to provide food, clothing, shelter for the poor, elderly, homeless, and those fighting addictions.

| Date | Money Counters |
|---------|--------------------------------|
| Dec. 14 | Marlene Evans, Tiffany Hoffman |
| Dec. 22 | Colleen Megna, Sherri Mason |

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

Scr., Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)

- **Saturday (Vigil) - December 13**
 - 5:00 p.m.: A. Mattern/ A. Potts/ *server; Peggy S.; L. Simon; M.J. Keim/ J. Sanders; B. Cox
- **Sunday, December 14**
 - 8:30 a.m. : J. Paulus/ B. & M. McLean/ E. Philipps; W. Medovic; A. Caslte; C. Schane/Becky D.; Sechrest
 - 10:30 a.m. : C. & E. Rogers/ J. Cox/ A. Kurko; D. Gantzer; C. Zdilla; C. Donahoe/Tess M.; S.Wilson

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - December 20**
 - 5:00 p.m. : J. Hodgdon/ S. & L. Kasserman/ R. Williams; S. Huggins; E. Yahn; C. Yahn/ B. Pack; A. Wilson
- **Sunday, December 21**
 - 8:30 a.m. : A. Cook/ R. Riley/ C. McLean; M. Thalman; K. Castle; P. Schane/K. Roth; Becky D.
 - 10:30 a.m. : T. Schmitt/ C. Miller/ Lil. Wycherley/ M. Braswell; M.J. Guidi; S. Wilson; P. Gantzer; B. Kime; MJ/ Kathy

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Gaudete (Joyful) Sunday

“The awareness that in difficulties we can always turn to the Lord, and that he never rejects our invocations, is a great reason for joy. Shout with joy, rejoice, rejoice: this is the invitation of this Sunday. No worries, no fear, will ever take away the serenity that does not come from human things, from human consolations, no, the serenity that comes from God, from knowing that God lovingly guides our life, and always does. It is at the Annunciation, that in a remote village in Galilee, in the heart of a young woman unknown to the world, God ignites the spark of happiness for the whole world. The same message the Angel Gabriel gave to Mary on that day is also addressed to the entire Church, he stated: ‘Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you.’ So, how does one welcome the Lord’s invitation to joy? By asking, like the people who listened to the preaching of John the Baptist: ‘what must we do?’ This question is the first step in the conversion that we are invited to take in this Advent time. Each of us asks ourselves: what should I do? May the Virgin Mary help us to open our hearts to the God who is coming, because he floods our whole life with joy.”

~ Pope Francis

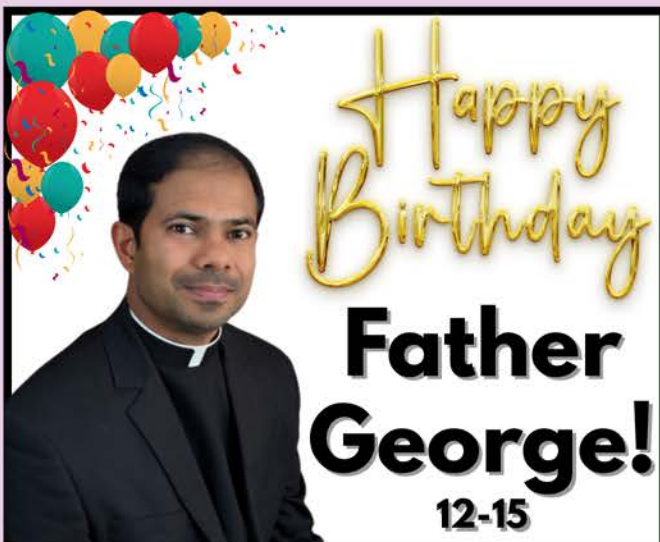


Advent



What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church’s history, this Sunday had a special name: “Gaudete” Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called “St. Martin’s Lent.” “Gaudete Sunday” was the Advent counterpart to “Laetare Sunday,” which marks the midpoint in Lent. On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday. On this day, we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-colored, or if you prefer, pink. The word “Gaudete” is Latin for “Rejoice.” In times when the focus of our anticipation is often on the negative and fearful, this celebration is a reminder that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await his coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy. - Father George





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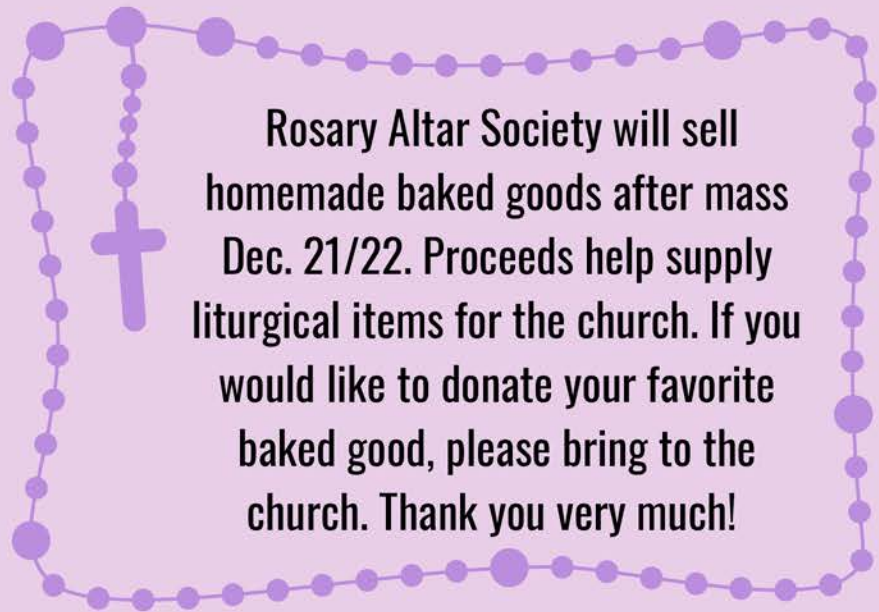
MEETING: Next meeting Tuesday, January 6, 2026

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: CONGRATULATIONS goes to Roy and Sylvia Huggins 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**



Rosary Altar Society will sell homemade baked goods after mass Dec. 21/22. Proceeds help supply liturgical items for the church. If you would like to donate your favorite baked good, please bring to the church. Thank you very much!



Youth Christmas Party!

Sunday, December 21st, following the 10:30 am mass. Join us for food, cookies, games, and fellowship. We will be making blankets for St. John's home for boys. Please come and help give the boys some warmth this Christmas. We are collecting toiletries for them as well.



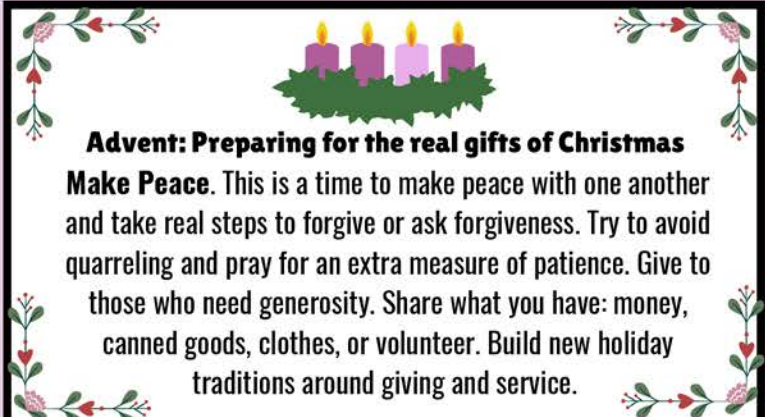
2026 Enjoy Books are in!! AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

This weekend after mass in the back of church. Cost is \$40. Or call Marilyn at 304-233-2544 or stop by the parish office...while supplies last.

A Note from the Knights of Columbus regarding the Donation Box in Back of Church:

"Thank you so much for your gracious donations—we truly appreciate your support." This will be the final week to give to the K of C Christmas Donations.

THANK YOU



Advent: Preparing for the real gifts of Christmas Make Peace. This is a time to make peace with one another and take real steps to forgive or ask forgiveness. Try to avoid quarreling and pray for an extra measure of patience. Give to those who need generosity. Share what you have: money, canned goods, clothes, or volunteer. Build new holiday traditions around giving and service.

School News!



304-242-1383
info@olpschool.org

December :

- o 15-18: Grades 6-8 Exams
- o 17: Faculty Christmas Breakfast
- o 18: Santa's Shop & PK3/PK4 Christmas Party
- o 19:
 - Faculty Christmas Dinner
 - K-8 Christmas Party
 - School Mass
 - Holiday Dinner Theater/Noon Dismissal



Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

FAITH FORMATION

Coordinator: Meredith Wycherley
mywychy@gmail.com
(304) 215-4807



Check the BAND App for Schedule!

PK-1; Gr. 2 (1st COMMUNION); GR. 3-6
Sundays, 9:20-10:20am - Meet in Parish Office
Teachers: Kait, Ashby, Stephanie, Meredith

Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)
Saturdays at 4pm - Meet in Battaglino Hall
Teachers: Lori and Jill



Keep in contact with Fr. George and OCIA team.

Tess: 304-280-9282
Mark: 304-312-0583
Darlene: 304-281-4968
Lisa & Greg: 304-312-9940

Morning Mass is canceled when there is a delay or cancellation for Marshall County or Ohio County Schools, Be safe, stay home, stay warm. See morning local news; call or text Ceclia at 304-231-4053.



WINTER COAT DRIVE

As the colder months approach, many in our community are in need of warm clothing. Our parish is holding a Coat Drive to help those in need to stay warm this winter. We are kindly asking for your donations of gently worn coats—adult, children's sizes are welcome.

DONATION BOX IN BACK OF CHURCH



Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect the baby in its mother's womb, especially _____, whom I have spiritually adopted. Please give the parents of this child the help they need to keep their baby strong and healthy. Amen.

St. John Home for Children

- Choose ornament from the tree
- Purchase gift, wrap and return to the tree
- Attach the ornament on the outside of present



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: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking Joseph Bechtel Welty Home: Sally Kleeh

WAIT for the Lord + PREPARE for the Lord

Gaudete Means "Rejoice"

Gaudete Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, the day we light the rose candle on the Advent wreath



This day reminds us of the joy that is to come, as servers, admit this season of penance, as a kind of "break" when we recall the hope we have because of the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ

2026 Confirmation

SERVICE HOURS: Turn in service sheet when completed to: Mrs. Schneid (OLP) or Lori, Jill (Faith Formation). Thank you.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR: Sponsor must have a Letter of Eligibility from the parish where they are registered parishioners; must be 16 years or older; not parent of child to be confirmed; received sacraments: baptism, communion, confirmation, married according to the Catholic Church. Have

Questions? Email Fr. George tgeorge@dwc.org

*DATE OF CONFIRMATION TO BE DETERMINED

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

CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH - Musical Celebration of Hope for the Advent/Christmas Season: featuring John Angotti.
Thursday, December 18 at 6:30pm

Living Nativity by Moundsville Area Ministerial Association and McMechen Ecumenical Association: The event begins and ends at St. Jude Hall with Christmas Caroling, Refreshments & Fellowship. The event will take place on Dec. 22 at 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS - "The most beautiful and stirring adventure that can happen to you is the personal meeting with Jesus, who is the only one who gives real lives." Taking place on January 10th & 11th in Kearneysville, WV

2026 MEN'S DISCERNMENT RETREAT: This event will take place on February 13 - 15 at Priestfield Pastoral Center

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

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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