



Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF PEACE - SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling WV 26003
 Website: www.olpww.org Email: parish@olpww.org
 Parish Office number: 304-242-6579 Business Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am-2:00pm

PARISH OFFICE

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 Cecilia Donahoe, Office Manager
 Cell 304-231-4053

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

FAITH FORMATION (PSR)

Meredith Wycherley: Coordinator
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PARISH MUSIC

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God . . . wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth.
— 1 Timothy 2:4



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 4:00-4:45pm; 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

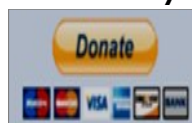
Good Shepherd: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking
Joseph Bechtel

Welly Home: Sally Kleeh

Last Weekend Collection	Env	Amount
Weekly Envelopes	104	\$ 4,460.00
Memorial Contribution	1	100.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	1	25.00
Education of Seminarians	1	25.00
Votive Candles	—	201.00
Mission in Tanzania	8	2,850.00
TOTAL	115	\$ 7,661.00

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE: 310

Online: PayPal



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Upcoming Second Collections

Sept 27/28 Catholic University of America. Funds provide for academic scholarships at the University in Washington DC. Thank you.

DATE	MONEY COUNTERS
Sept 21	Rick Wilson, Tiffany Hoffman
Sept 28	Sherri Mason, Stacy Rohmann

Liturgical Ministers for this 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

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), September 27

5:00pm S.Kasserman/N.& G.Thalman

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

—SUNDAY, September 28

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 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>	
Monday, September 22	—	No Mass	Ezra 1:1-6 Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday, September 23 <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	6:00 PM	† Larry Stamper <i>by Theresa Reese</i>	Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday, September 24	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration//Confession/Novena) Ladies Auxiliary <i>by Ladies Aux</i> <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	Ezra 9:5-9 Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 Luke 9:1-6
Thursday, September 25	*8:30 AM	† Margaret Lewis & Family <i>requested by friend</i>	Haggai 1:1-8 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Luke 9:7-9
Friday, September 26 <i>Saints Cosmas and Damian</i>	*8:00 AM	† Evelyn Ghaphery <i>request by family</i>	Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 43 :1, 2, 3, 4 Luke 9:18-22
Saturday (Vigil), Sept 27 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ord Time	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Stanley "Stacky" Wojcik <i>by Andy & Patti Wesolowski</i>	Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Luke 16:19-31
Sunday, Sept 28 Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ord Time	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	† Alberta & William Medovic <i>by Family</i> Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	

"Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor." -- Psalm 113



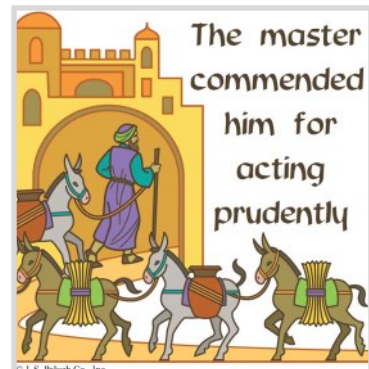
Weekday Mass Change

Thurs, Sept. 25: 8:30am School Mass
 Fri, Sept 26: 8:00am Morning Mass
 *Monday, Sept 29: 8:30am School Mass with Bishop Brennan. All are welcome.

Fr. George will be away this week (attending a retreat September 22-26). Please keep him and fellow priests in your prayers as he takes this time for rest, reflection, and renewal. We welcome Fr. Douglas Sutton who will cover the masses.



Tuesday, September 23. Saint Pius of Pietrelcina: "Padre Pio" was born in small Italian village of Pietrelcina; a Capuchin priest who had received the stigmata, he spent fifty years at monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he was much sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays." His life was devoted to the Eucharist and to prayer; considered patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents. "Let your whole life be spent in self-surrender, in prayer, in work, in humility, in giving thanks to our good God."



GOD IS ON THE SIDE OF THE POOR

Two of today's readings make it quite clear that God is on the side of the poor. Amos describes in detail the exploitation of the poor and needy. The psalm repeats that God acts to benefit the poor and lowly. But Luke turns things upside down, telling a tale of a conflicted steward, about to be fired, who demonstrates his cleverness and is rewarded. Like the community to whom Paul writes in Timothy, these readings are personal, directed to believers, members of the Jewish and Christian communities, who struggle to deal with personal choices about how to conduct their lives. They offer an outline for how God wishes us to live in a world as complicated and as confusing as our own.

A Note from Fr. George

Why do we cross ourselves three times; on the forehead, on the lips and over the heart before we listen to the Gospel?

For Roman Catholics, there is a quick gesture that can often go unnoticed before the recitation of the Gospel reading at Mass. It is a brief tracing of the cross that is not the typical gesture usually performed and contains much symbolism. The Roman Missal states, "Then, with the thumb of his right hand, he [the priest or deacon] makes the sign of the cross first on the book at the beginning of the Gospel to be read, and then on himself on the forehead, mouth, and breast."

When the priest proclaims the Gospel, he prays these words silently:

Cleanse my heart and my lips, almighty God, that I may worthily proclaim your holy Gospel. When the deacon is instructed to proclaim the Gospel, the priest will give him a blessing. The laity and all others attending Mass, are invited to make a similar prayer and gesture before the Gospel is read. They are encouraged to say interiorly a brief prayer that prepares them to receive the Word of God. **Lord, may Your Word be on my mind, on my lips, and in my heart.**

We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts and purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy and incline us to share the Gospel with others. We cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. All of this is so that we might know, proclaim and love Jesus Christ all the more. When we make such a gesture at Mass, it is truly a profound prayer, opening ourselves up to the words of Jesus Christ. Every time we listen to the Gospel, Jesus is knocking at the door of our heart, waiting to enter. We just have to open the door.

— Fr. George

Thank you Dan for dropping off your parish registration last week ... Welcome back Dan & Kim Angalich!

The **PRESENT** is the only time you have to merit Heaven and escape Hell. The **PAST** you cannot recall, and of the **FUTURE**, you are not sure. Be sure to use the present well and decide daily whether you wish to be in Heaven or in Hell. ----- *Baltimore Catechism No. 4, #421*

PRAYER MINISTRY (request prayers)

Bonnie: jake065@comcast.net
or call 304-639-4996

Parish Office parish@olpww.org
or call 304-242-6579



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

Our First OCIA class will begin on Sunday, October 5, after the 10:30am mass. Meet in Battaglini Hall. If you cannot make it, please let the parish office know.



-September 20-26 Birthdays

Georgia Hull, Tom Cottrill, Lauren Deel, Oaklynn Digiandomenico, John Blackwell, Mark Simon, Sean Donahoe, Sean Gantzer, Agnes Moretz, Nora Thalman, Melissa Bowen, Aaden Ward, Owen Castle, Tenley Schmitt, Daykota Lucas,



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

Our Lady of Peace
Parish & School

MASS SOCIAL
Sat / Sun
OCT 4/5

GATHER US IN



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 available in parish office. Cost is \$10. Multiple chances to win. Buy two, get third ticket free online. See Tom Burke for parish office for tickets. Deadline to turn in stubs and money **Oct. 5. Good luck**



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



American Red Cross

We had an Awesome Blood Drive. **THANK YOU** to our donors & volunteers, especially the Knights of Columbus, Steve Roth, Tess & Tome Morando. Together we worked to save over 150 lives! Our Next Blood Drive will be November 13, 12:30-5:30 pm.

Come help us Save Lives!



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

Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

SEP 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
Oct 3 Blessing of the Animals 2:00pm
7 Faculty Meeting
10 School Mass (Gr. 3 leads)
14 Board Meeting
17 School Mass (Gr. 2)
 Family & Friends Day
 Noon Dismissal
18 Fall Festival Event
21-22 Girls V'Ball Tourney at CC
24 School Mass (Gr. 8)



FAITH FORMATION (PSR)
(formerly Parish School of Religion)
CLASSES HAVE BEGUN

PK-1; Gr. 2(1ST COMMUNION); GR. 3-6
Sundays, 9:20-10:20am
Meet in the Parish Office

Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)
Saturday at 4pm
Meet in the Battaglino 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!

OLP Parish/School
Outback STEAK FRY
 Saturday, October 18, 6-10:00pm
 Peace Family Center



Bring your family and friends! Watch the Game on the Big Screen WVU vs UCF. Beer, Set ups, 50/50 Basket Raffle, Tip Board and more. Cost \$30/person. Outback Steakhouse will be cooking the steaks. The dinner includes baked potato, salad, bread and dessert.

Make your reservation by October 10
Bring your place setting and appetizers



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

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
 (patron saint of animals). We celebrate on Friday, **October 3** at 2:00pm with blessing of the animals. Bring your family pet(s) to the church parking lot.





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.



Kroger Community Rewards
 Support Our Lady of Peace Parish & School by shopping at Kroger. Enroll in Kroger Community Rewards® and earn rewards **EVERY TIME** you shop, using your Plus Card or alternate ID#. Call the parish office at 304-242-6579 for help setting up or renewing your account. Already a member? Be sure to check for Our Lady of Peace listed on bottom of receipt. Get you family, friends to join this great program. Everybody WINS! School receives quarterly check of percentage of sales. (gas, tobacco, alcohol, gift cards, pharmacy excluded)

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@olpwv.org or call 304-242-6579.



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**

ARISE: "SMALL GROUP FOR WOMEN EXPERIENCING INFERTILITY: meet 2nd & 4th Saturdays, beginning October 2025-February 2026 in Steubenville OH

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; 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

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"for God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

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