

2025- This year's theme: GROW with God -2026



"The more you seek God,
the more you GROW
into who He created you to be."
Have a blessed school year!

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

OUR LADY OF PEACE - AUGUST 24, 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

Rev. Fr. Tijo George, Pastor
Email: tgeorge@dwc.org
Cecilia Donahoe, Office Manager
Cell 304-231-4053
Lorie Lipinski, Secretary

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

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Marty Medovic, PSR Coordinator
E-mail: mmedovic@comcast.net
Phone: 304-312-8954

PARISH MUSIC

Shaun Hancher, Music Director
Email: smhancher14@gmail.com

PARISH SCHOOL STAFF

Maureen Kerr, Principal
Email: mkerr@olpschool.org
Erin McGovern, Office Manager
Email: emcgovern@olpschool.org
Amy Thalman, Development
Email: thalman@olpschool.org

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-242-6579
Parish School: 304-242-1383
Fax: 304-243-5410
Rectory: 304-242-6575



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 24, 2025 Year C

Strengthen your drooping hands
and your weak knees. Make
straight paths for your feet,
that what is lame may not be
disjointed but healed.
— Hebrews 12:12-13



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	101	\$ 4,863.00
PayPal Online Transfer	2	120.81
Memorial Contribution	1	200.00
Maintenance Reserve Fund	3	310.00
The Assumption of Mary	39	760.00
Education of Seminarians	44	1,250.00
TOTAL	190	\$ 7,503.81

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE: 317

Upcoming Second Collections

Sept. 6/7. Parish Building Maintenance Reserve.

Funds help to cover cost of maintenance of church and school buildings and property.

Sept 13/14: Mission. Details in back of church

Sept 27/28 Catholic University of America.

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

**Special Gaza Relief Collection by Bishop Brennan
Sept 6/7: Envelopes will be provided at the masses.**

DATE	MONEY COUNTERS
Aug 24	Marlene Evans, Sherri Mason
Aug 31	Colleen Megna, Rick Wilson

Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), Aug 23

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

Peggy S; C.Yahn; B.Pack/H.Nikolaus Campbell

—SUNDAY, Aug 24

8:30am R.Ross; T.&G.& N.White

T.Burke; R.Schneid; S.Thompson/Mike G. Moses

10:30am Sp&St.Benedict/Lo&Li Wycherley

J.Benedict; M.Gantzer; S.Wilson/Tess Morando

Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), Aug 30

5:00pm N.Weaver/ J. Hodgdon/ R.Williams

S.Huggins; P.Bach; J.Sander/L.Simon B.Cox

—SUNDAY, Aug 31

8:30am J.Reynolds/ J. & E. West

M.Thalman/K.Castle; P.Schane/R.Schneid Mike

10:30am Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus



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: \$8,020 collected — 34 gifts — 30%

MASS DATE	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday (Vigil), August 23 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Elizabeth & William Murphy <i>by daughter Bonnie & Ernie Carroll</i>	Is 66:18-21 Ps 117:1, 2 Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 Lk 13:22-30
Sunday, August 24 21 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Bud Mahlke <i>by Family</i>	
Monday, August 25 <i>Saint Louis</i> <i>Saint Joseph Calasanz</i>	(No Mass)	(Rosary at 8:00am)	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday, August 26	*5:30 PM <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">*No 6:00pm Evening Mass</div>	School Covenant Mass	1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday, August 27 <i>Memorial of Saint Monica</i>	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration//Confession/Novena) † Dr. John, Jr., Carmella, Virginia Battaglino <i>requested by a friend</i>	1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab Mt 23:27-32
Thursday, August 28 <i>Memorial of Saint Augustine</i>	*8:30 AM	School Mass † Evelyn Ghaphery <i>by Family</i>	1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17 Mt 24:42-51
Friday, August 29 <i>MEMORIAL OF PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</i>	*8:00 AM	† Thomas Kirchgessner <i>requested by a friend</i>	1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 Mk 6:17-29
Saturday (Vigil), August 30 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Mary E. Prettyman <i>by family</i>	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14
Sunday, August 31 22 Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Stanley "Stacky" Wojcik <i>by Family</i>	



Covenant Night Mass

We begin 2025-2026 school year and welcome current and new school families on Tuesday, **August 26** at 5:30pm Mass.

All are welcome. Note:
 *NO 6:00pm Evening Mass that Tuesday.
-8:30am School Mass Thursday, August 28
-8:00am Morning Mass Friday, August 29
2025-2026 School Theme: GROW WITH GOD!

OurLadyofPeaceChurchWheelingWV


FOLLOW OUR PARISH ON INSTAGRAM!

Scan QR Code. for uplifting messages, event updates, Be inspired, stay informed let us grow in faith with our community one post



WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD." In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, reign of God.



A Note from Fr. George

Recently, I had two very encouraging encounters that I would like to share with you. A parishioner from a neighboring parish attended Mass here at OLP and told me afterward how impressed she was with the way our people participate so attentively—singing, responding, and praying with devotion. Another visitor remarked on the sacredness of our church, noticing that our parishioners respect the presence of the Lord by keeping silence and refraining from unnecessary conversation inside the church.

Hearing these positive comments brought me great joy. They are a reminder that our actions—big or small—speak powerfully to others. I encourage you to keep this spirit alive: continue to take part in the Holy Mass actively, sing and respond with joy, and above all, keep our church a sacred space where we honor the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.



Our Lady of Peace School 25-26

This week we also reopen our parish school for a new academic year. Let us keep our students, Principal, teachers, staff, and school families in our prayers. May this year be a fruitful one, filled with learning, growth, and the presence of God’s grace in every classroom. May our school continue to be a place where faith and knowledge walk hand in hand, and where children not only grow in wisdom but also in love for the Lord.

Let us continue to build a parish community that radiates faith, reverence, and joy in the Lord—both in our church and in our school.

In Christ,
Fr. George

*You can reach me by email at: tgeorge@dwc.org.
(304) 242-6579(office) or (304) 242-6575(rectory)
Let us journey together in faith and love.*

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News." ---Psalm 117

***Halle Corinne Bolduc
Ayla Brynn Bolduc***

Parents: Brandon & Katie Bolduc
Godparent: Ty Medovic
Christian Witness: Brady Medovic 8/16/2025



***Cadence Rae
Carp***

Parents: Michael & Paige Carp
Godparents: Nathan & Lindsey Tucker
Grandmother: Beth Carp 8/17/2025

Lord, surround these children with goodness. Lead them in Your light each day. Protect them as they grow.



August 23-29 Birthdays

Patricia Dorfner, Philip Russell, Courtney Dougherty, Chloe Groome, Kurt Benedict, John Greskevitch, Lorri Grisell, Spencer Benedict, Rita Castle, Briana Edgel, David Meeker, McKenna Moretz, Jane Straughn, Jude Veltri, Braxton Muldovan, Marilyn Thalman, Zada Grisell, Josephine Riedel, Bradley Stocking



Contact Fr. George at tgeorge@dwc.org or email parish@olpww.org or call the Parish Office at **304-242-6579**

OCIA is a journey through which adults explore the Catholic faith and prepare to become full members of the Catholic Church. It is designed for:
—those never baptized (catechumens)
—those baptized in another Christian tradition but seeking full communion (candidates)
—baptized Catholic who never received Sacrament of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. **CALL TODAY!**



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

MEETING. Next meeting on Tuesday, September 1 at 6:30pm in the Battaglino Hall
FOOTBALL FRENZY TIME! Tickets \$10. Buy two and get one free (online). All proceeds go to benefit Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Tickets available in the parish office or Tom Burke (304) 281-6640. Monetary prizes awarded each week.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH: CONGRATULATIONS goes to **Ed & Cindee Yahn Family** for service to better our council, parish, school and community. New members welcome.



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

MEETING: (due to Covenant Night) **WE WILL MEET MONDAY, AUGUST 25 AT 6:00PM** in the Battaglino Hall for a fun, picnic meal. NEW MEMBERS WELCOME, bring a friend or two.

CONGRATULATIONS to new officers, Adele and Sue! Welcome back Marilyn and Marlene.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SHOES COLLECTION A SUCCESS. 3,200 PAIRS OF SHOES! BRAVO.

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



We are seeking parents and young adults who would be interested in helping plan, lead the Youth group. Last meeting was full of GREAT, fun ideas for the upcoming months. Next meeting Wednesday, **Aug. 27**

at 6:30pm. Join us, call the parish office for a copy of minutes. contact Amanda Castle at 304-839-5438, or amandacastle09@gmail.com.



After Mass SOCIAL Sept 6/7

GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP at the **BATTAGLINO HALL**

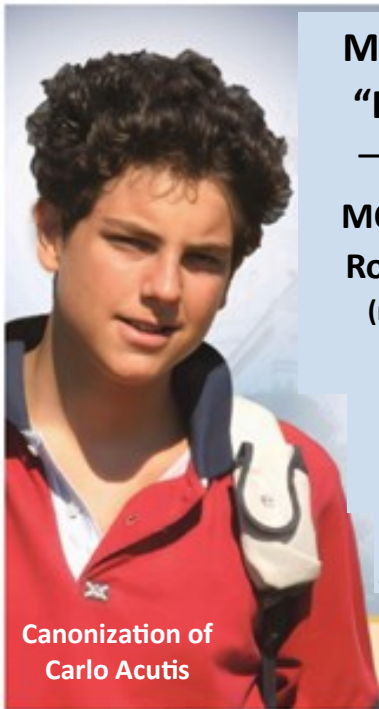


BACK - TO - SCHOOL Pancake Breakfast
FREE Breakfast Sunday, **September 21** begins 9:00am, Peace Family



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

HAPPY CATECHETICAL SUNDAY!



MAKE IT A GREAT "FAMILY NIGHT"

—PIZZA, POPCORN—

MOVIE: Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality
(movie will be shown in the courtyard)

SATURDAY SEPT 6 at 7pm

See flyer in back of church for detailed information.

Canonization of Carlo Acutis

Please RSVP at DWC.ORG



FAITH FORMATION

(formerly Parish School of Religion)

This program provides religious instruction to our parish children who do not attend a catholic school. Formation Classes meet on Sundays, September to May; 9:20 –10: 20 am (our Sunday masses are 8:30 and 10:30).

REGISTRATION PACKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE BACK OF CHURCH
PARISH OFFICE 304-242-6579

Remember to join us for Back-to-School Pancake Breakfast Sunday, **September 21**. Bring you packets, bring your questions and concerns. This year we will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



American Red Cross NEXT BLOOD DRIVE AT OLP — SEPT 15

Be part of a lifesaving journey.

Donate blood.



Covenant Night Mass
5:30pm

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

- AUG 22** Opening Faculty Mass/Breakfast
- 26** COVENANT NIGHT/MASS
 - new families 4:45pm
 - Mass 5:30pm
 - current families 6:30pm
- 27** First Full Day for K-8
- 28** First School Mass 8:30am
PK4 Orientation
 - Last Name A-H 9:30-10:30
 - Last Name K-Z 12:30-1:30
- 29** PK3 Orientation
 - Last Name A-F 9:30-10:30
 - Last Name G-Z 12:30-1:30



*"Spiritual **GROW**th is not about doing more for God; it's about being more with Him."*



Our Lady of Peace School 25 - 26

SCHOOL OPENING PACKETS

Will be available at the church at weekend masses August 23/24 **You will need this packet before Covenant night.** If you have preschooler, you can pick up the packet at Orientation or they will be available in the school office on August 25. Welcome back Staff & Students!



ATTENTION COLLEGE BOUND..

Keep rooted in your faith...

Are you a high school senior or parent? Sign up today to make sure you (or your child) stay connected to a Catholic faith community after graduation!

Parishioners, want to help?

Join us in praying for our seniors and encouraging THEM TO STAY CONNECTED.

CONNECT TO CAMPUS MINISTRY

CONNECT HERE



Monday, August 25. Saint Louis: model ruler, father of eleven children; Franciscan tertiary, cared especially for lepers; while on his second crusade, died of the plague near Tunis; patron of masons and sculptors. *"I would rather lose all the kingdoms of the world than commit a mortal sin."*



Saint Joseph Calasanz: from Aragon; founded Clerics Regular of Religious Schools; dedicated to helping poor children; patron of all Christian schools dedicated to assisting the poor. *"Those who instruct many in justice, will shine as stars for all eternity."*



Wednesday, August 27. Saint Monica: after thirty years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her dissolute pagan husband; guidance of St. Ambrose, she won the conversion of her eldest son, St. Augustine; patroness of mothers.

"Nothing is far from God."

Thursday, August 28. Saint Augustine: born in north Africa; received baptism at age 39 from St. Ambrose; elected bishop of Hippo; considered a founder of monastic life in the West; one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church; called the "Doctor of Grace."



"Take care of your body as if you were going to live forever; and take care of your soul as if you were going to die"

Friday, August 29. Memorial of The Passion of Saint John the Baptist: memorial originates in the celebration of the

dedication, perhaps on this day, of church of St. John at Sebaste (Samaria) where according to the tradition, John the Baptist was buried by his disciples. *Faith rests not on human wisdom but on the power of God and his commands. Like John the Baptist, may we always hold to the truth.*



PRAYER MINISTRY (request prayers)

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

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



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

BEREAVEMENT GATHERING GRIEF FROM A FAITH PERSPECTIVE - They are held at Saint John Parish Center in Bentwood, 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Next meeting **August 25**.

SAINT MONICA MASS FOR THE CONVERSION OF LOVED ONES - Wednesday, **August 27** at 6:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Come pray for loved ones in need of conversion and return to Christ.

WEST VIRGINIANS FOR LIFE - "Calling All Young People" Pro Life Conference, Saturday, **September 6**.

FEED THE HUNGRY (WV Knights of Columbus): Come and pack 60,000 meals with us **September 13**

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.

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.

Lara Cottrill




MARY KAY
COSMETICS

304-215-8191



YAHN ELECTRIC COMPANY

Electrical Contractors
Technology & Security Specialists

(304) 232-5070 www.yahnelectric.com



You are invited to put your **faith in action**
[kofc.org/join us](http://kofc.org/join-us)

Knights of Columbus - Council #12195
Meetings held 1st Tuesdays of each month



Panhandle
CLEANING & RESTORATION

304.232.2321
Robert Contraguerra, Sr. - President

MALLETT

LAW OFFICES

304-233-0003

"Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough. Repent, pray, do good, love God and neighbor."

PRAYER REQUEST MINISTRY

Bonnie Henry
Jake065@comcast.net
or call
304-639-4996.



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

Faithfully Serving the Ohio Valley since 1845.



Chapline Street - Elm Grove
South Wheeling - Woodsdale
Burke Chapel, Warwood
304-232-5110

FUNERAL HOMES

James B. Kepner & John D. Kepner, Presidents
www.kepnerfuneral.com



main FDIC

Main Street Bank

You Deserve A Bank This Good.

2001 Main Street | Wheeling | 304-232-2001
2088 National Road | Elm Grove | 304-242-6005
1010 Commerce Street | Wellsburg | 304-737-2345
112 N. Lafayette Avenue | Moundsville | 304-845-2211

www.mymainstreetbank.com

"The Pre-Arrangement Funeral Home"



Call: 304-232-0330

WHEELING
ELM GROVE
MOUNDSVILLE
BENWOOD/McMECHEN



Jimmy Altmeyer
President

Jim Altmeyer
Chairman

Gene Fahey
Vice President

www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com

Flowers for all occasions.



2125 Market Street, Wheeling

304-233-3320

800-528-5177



Michael Hough
Broker/Owner

NMLS #2144413

Phone: (304) 905-8525 |

Cell: (304) 639-5201

mike.hough@mottomortgage.com

www.mottomortgagevalor.com

1132 National Road
Wheeling, WV 26003

Office NMLS #2284155

Each Office:

-Independently Owned

-Operated and Licensed



BLEIFUS TIRE SERVICE

304-547-5300



Lorri Grisell

YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOR
THAT WILL HELP
PROTECT WHAT IS
IMPORTANT TO YOU!

CALL US FOR A FREE QUOTE!



304-905-6900

Good Shepherd treats
us like family



www.WeltyHome.org
(304) 242-1093

SINCE 1847



Funeral Homes & Crematory

400 Jefferson Ave.
Moundsville, WV 26041
304-845-0400

1 Ridgecrest Road
Bethlehem, WV 26003
304-232-0400

751 Third Street
New Martinsville, WV 26155
304-455-1800

400-33rd Street
Bellaire, OH 43906
740-676-3155

125 Clarinda Drive
Clarington, OH 43915
740-458-1372

37234 Mound Street
Sardis, OH 43946
740-483-1302

www.grisellfuneralhomes.com

Connie E. Grisell, President * Elliott Grisell * Michael Mathieu



2226 Market St • Centre Market • 304-232-8510