



## Our Lady of Peace – May 17, 2026 The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

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](mailto: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.



[olp.flocknote.com/register](http://olp.flocknote.com/register)

### 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: 304-242-6579

### Faith Formation

**Coordinator:** Meredith Wycherley

E-Mail: [mlwhychy@gmail.com](mailto:mlwhychy@gmail.com)

Phone: 304-215-4807

### Parish Music

**Music Director:** Shaun Hancher

E-Mail: [smhancher14@gmail.com](mailto:smhancher14@gmail.com)

### Parish School Staff

**Principal:** Maureen Kerr

E-Mail: [mkerr@olpschool.org](mailto:mkerr@olpschool.org)

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E-Mail: [thalman@olpschool.org](mailto:thalman@olpschool.org)

**Office Manager:** Erin McGovern

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### 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.

## DONATE ONLINE

Giving online is simple and convenient. Just point your phone camera at the QR code and follow the link provided. Thank you for your generous support and for being a blessing to our parish community!



Last Week's Collection	Envelopes	Amount
Collections	106	\$4,756.00
PayPal Online Transfer	3	\$295.18
Maintenance Reserve	3	\$75.00
Memorial	1	\$100.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>\$5,226.18</b>

**Thank you for your Generous Donation!**

## Mission 2026 -- June 6/7 - Second Collection

Please be most generous in your gift to the Missions today. The monks of Saint Vincent Archabbey are helping people all over the world and you can join in this wonderful work of spreading the Good News of Christ throughout the world through your gifts and your prayers.

## Liturgical Ministers for this Weekend

Server, Reader, EMHC (Body), EMHC/EMHC (Blood)

- **Saturday (Vigil) - May 16**
  - 5:00 p.m.: R. Williams/N. & G. Thalman/ J. Hodgdon; S. Huggins; L. Simon; E. Yahn/ MJ Keim; Tatar
- **Sunday - May 17**
  - 8:30 a.m.: J. & E. West/ A. Cook/ R. Ross; C. Schane; R. Schneid; M. Zinn/M. Gaughan; J. Smith
  - 10:30 a.m.: Jn & Js Cox/E. Kerr/ I. Zdilla; M. Wycherley; C. Zdilla; M. Gantzer/C. Donahoe; S. Wilsom



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 the CSA table in the back of church for prayer cards and more information.

**Raised \$10,295 of \$28,000 with 30 gifts 37%**

### Support Our Parish!

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## Liturgical Ministers for next Weekend

- **Saturday (Vigil) - May 23**
  - 5:00 p.m.: Lor. Wycherley/N. Weaver/ S. & L. Kasserman; P. Bach; MJ Keim; H. Nikolaus/C. Yahn; Henry
- **Sunday - May 24**
  - 8:30 a.m.: A. & J. Reynolds/ O. & B. Castle; A. Castle; T. Burke; S. Thompson/K. Roth; K/S Roth
  - 10:30 a.m.: I. Melko/ G. Bishop/ A. Kurko; T. Berisford; B. Kime; P. Gantzer/T. Morando; Morando

Mass Date	Times	Mass Intentions
<b>Saturday (Vigil), May 16</b> The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace
<b>Sunday, May 17</b> The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Jack Wycherley by Family † Austin Ghaphery requested by Family
<b>Monday, May 18</b>	--	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 19</b>	6:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of the Saverimutto Family by Gerard & Martina Saverimutto
<b>Wednesday, May 20</b>	--	<b>No Mass</b> <b>Graduation Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 21</b>	8:00 a.m.	† Larry Stamper by Bill & Peggy Bach
<b>Friday, May 22</b>	8:30 a.m.	† Joe Trubiano by Family
<b>Saturday (Vigil), May 23</b> Pentecost Sunday	(4:00 p.m.) 5:00 p.m.	(Adoration/Chaplet/Confession) † Evelyn & Carl Remick by Patti, Andy, and Val Wesolowski
<b>Sunday, May 24</b> Pentecost Sunday	8:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	† Stella Sechrest by Bill & Sally Sechrest Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace

**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.

**May is the Month of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

Mary's life on Earth was dedicated to bringing the Savior to humanity. Now that she is in Heaven, she continues to bring our concerns to her Son. Praying the "Hail Mary" is a wonderful way to honor our Heavenly Mother.

**Hail Mary, full of grace:** Conceived without Original Sin, Mary's will and intellect were predisposed to holiness. Grace helped her to live a difficult life without sinning.

**The Lord is with thee. Blessed are thou among women:** Mary was honored to be chosen as Jesus' mother.

**Blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus:** Mary knew how great Jesus would be but she also knew what the prophets wrote about how he would suffer and die. As his mother, she wanted to share his joy and his sorrow.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God:** Mary loved her child even more than most parents because he was her Lord and Savior, too.

**Pray for us sinners.** When Jesus took his last breaths on the Cross, Mary's job of being Mother of the Savior broadened to becoming Mother of the world. Now she cares for us.


**Now and at the hour of our death.** On Earth, Mary brought her Son to us. Now she brings us to the heart of her Son. She prays for us always because that is what a mother does. **Amen.**

LET'S CELEBRATE YOU

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**May 16 - 22**

Emily Megna, Andie Cook, Becky Dougherty,  
Patricia Trubiano, Claudia Templin, Cadence Carp, Colton  
Tucker, Stephen Philipps, Jodie Braswell, Patricia Narrish,  
Liam Glenn, and Brooks Paulus



## SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter, is the final act of our redemption that Christ began on Good Friday. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11).

The reality of Christ's Ascension is so important that the creeds (the basic statements of belief) of Christianity all affirm, in the words of the Apostles' Creed, that "He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead." The denial of the Ascension is as grave a departure from Christian teaching as is denial of Christ's Resurrection. Christ's bodily Ascension foreshadows our own entrance into Heaven not simply as souls, after our death, but as glorified bodies, after the resurrection of the dead at the Final Judgment. In redeeming mankind, Christ not only offered salvation to our souls but began the restoration of the material world itself to the glory that God intended before Adam's fall. The Feast of the Ascension marks the beginning of the first novena, or nine days of prayer. Before His Ascension, Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit to His apostles. Their prayer for the coming of the Holy Spirit, which began on Ascension Thursday, ended with the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday, ten days later. Today, many Catholics recall that first novena by praying the Novena to the Holy Spirit between Ascension and Pentecost, asking for the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

### Why Does Our Lady Appear on Earth?

Throughout history, God has sometimes allowed the Blessed Virgin Mary to appear to people in different parts of the world. Apparitions such as those at Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fátima, and Our Lady of Guadalupe are powerful reminders that heaven is close to us and that God continues to care for His people.

In a world often filled with materialism, secularism, confusion, and indifference toward faith, Marian apparitions serve as a wake-up call. Through Mary, God reminds humanity that He exists, that the Gospel is true, and that every person is called to holiness, prayer, repentance, and peace.

The message of Mary in almost every approved apparition is simple and consistent:

pray, return to God, repent of sin, care for one another, and remain faithful to Jesus Christ. Mary never draws attention to herself alone; she always leads people to her Son. She is a loving mother guiding her children back to God.

The Church is always very careful and cautious in examining reports of apparitions. Private revelations never replace Sacred Scripture or the teachings of the Church. As the Catechism teaches, their purpose is to help people live the Gospel more fully. Authentic Marian apparitions deepen faith, encourage conversion, inspire prayer, and bring many people back to the sacraments.

History shows the great spiritual fruits that have come through these apparitions. Countless people have experienced healing, reconciliation, renewed faith, vocations, and deeper devotion to Christ. Places like Lourdes and Fátima continue to attract millions of pilgrims seeking spiritual strength and peace.

Perhaps the increase of Marian apparitions in modern times also reminds us that the world today is in great need of God's mercy and guidance. Mary comes not to frighten us, but to encourage us, warn us lovingly, and help us return to her Son before it is too late.

Mary is the perfect disciple of Jesus and the Mother of the Church. She prepares the way for Christ in every age. Through her apparitions, she continues to call humanity to prayer, conversion, holiness, and trust in God.

Where Mary is welcomed, hearts are changed, faith is renewed, and people are led closer to Jesus.

**Knights of Columbus – Council 12195  
Grand Knight, Steve Roth**



**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday, June 2.  
**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FAMILY OF THE MONTH:**  
**CONGRATULATIONS** goes to

**Jim and Peg Blatt** 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**

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday, May 21 at 6:00  
pm in the Battaglino Hall



**Olive Wood Sale**

Be sure to stop by the tables after mass to see  
a large variety of items from the Holy Land  
available for purchase. **May 16/17**



**Vacation Notice:**



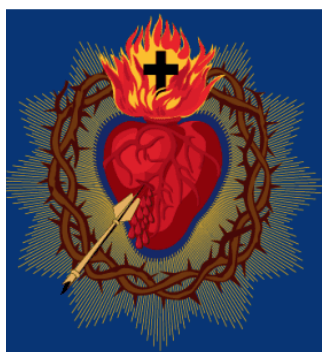
Dear Parishioners,

Father George will be away on vacation, traveling home to  
India, from **May 25th to June 17th.**

If you have any pastoral needs, please be sure to contact him  
beforehand, or you may call the parish office for assistance  
during this time.



The Parish office  
will be closed on  
**Monday, May  
25<sup>th</sup>** in Honor of  
Memorial Day.



**Cor Prayer Group**

COR is Latin for “heart” and  
is the root of the word  
courage. The mission of COR  
is to refocus men on Jesus  
Christ and strengthen them  
in faith and virtue through a

brotherhood committed to prayer, faith formation,  
and fraternity. Hear what it is all about this weekend  
masses. The next session is **May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.**

Guest speaker is TBD. Light Refreshments.

Contact: Rick - (304) 281 - 1407

**MAY 23/24 Catholic Relief Services**

Funds provide food to the hungry,  
support displaced refugees and bring  
Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable  
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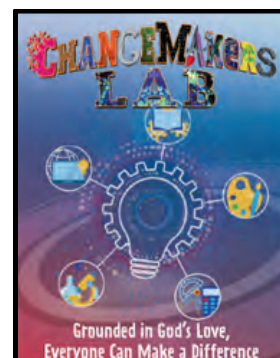
**Next Blood Drive is Monday,  
June 29 from 11 to 4:30pm  
in the Peace Family Center  
(gym)**

**Vacation Bible School:**

June 14-18. Welcome  
volunteers

---(registrations, pre-  
show, class, snack,  
activities)

**CHANGEMAKERS LAB**



**Rosary Altar Society**

We have planned a meeting on **June 30 at  
6:30pm, following the 6:00pm mass.** We  
encourage all our members and well as new  
members to attend. We are excited to share ideas  
for this year and would love to have your input.

**Newspapers.** Drop off in box in back of church.

**Soda Cans.** Bring to Quigley’s (663 Fairmont Pike, Mt. Olivet). Mention  
OLP for credit.

**Pop Tabs.** Grade 6 collects the tabs to give to the Ronald McDonald  
House

**Used Ink Cartridges.** Bring in any used toner or cartridge to parish  
office or school to get rewards used to purchase office supplies.

# 8<sup>th</sup>

## GRADE TRIP TO D.C.!



### ALTER SERVER PICNIC



Ladies Auxiliary is collecting new, gently worn shoes. Men, women, children; athletic shoes, casual shoes and dress shoes (even stilettos!) The goal is to collect 2,500 pairs by August 1.

**NOTHING TO BUY ——— NOTHING TO SELL!**

This fundraiser is to benefit parish and school needs.



Start collecting shoes at home. Call parish office for pick-up.

Call Adele at 304-281-2882 or parish office 304-242-6579

Mark your calendars! **Parish Picnic, June 28** at Benwood Park. Watch for details.



## School News!

304-242-1383  
info@olpschool.org

- **May**
  - 18 - 22 Grade 6-7 Exams
  - 19 Graduation Banquet
  - 20 Graduation Liturgy
  - 25 Memorial Day - No School
  - 28 Closing Mass/Report Cards/ Awards/ 12:00 PM Dismissal
  - 29 School Picnic
- **June**
  - 2 Last Day for Faculty
  - 12 School Office Closes



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: Meredith, Michelle, Stephanie, Kait, Ashby, and Kenzie  
**Gr. 7/8 (CONFIRMATION CLASS)**  
Saturdays at 4pm - Meet in Battaglino Hall  
Teachers: Lori and Jill

## Sunday Youth Group



Youth Group will be meeting Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at Battaglino Hall

**Bereavement Gathering: Grief from a Faith Perspective.** If you, or someone you know has lost a loved one and may benefit from a gathering for those grieving. Please join us on the following dates this year at 6:00pm at St. John Fellowship Hall, Benwood. Facilitators, Deacon Doug Breiding, Deacon Tom and Michele McFadden. Sponsored by Mount Calvary Cemetery.

### GATHERINGS FOR 2026:

They are held at Saint John Parish Center in Benwood, WV at 6:00pm to 7:00pm.

May 18th, 2026\*

June 29th, 2026

July 27th, 2026

August 31st, 2026

September 28th, 2026

October 26th, 2026

November 30th, 2026

December 28th, 2026

Dates are subject to change.

\* Not the last Monday of the month



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[parish@olpww.org](mailto:parish@olpww.org) or call 304-242-6579

Please Remember in Prayer Infirm and Shut-ins, the Sick  
of our Parish

Continuous Care: Carla Veltschy Good Shepherd: Julie Stocking and  
Joseph Bechtel Welty Home: Sally Kleeh



## Catholic in Recovery

Catholics in Recovery Meeting at St. Alphonsus  
Parish will meet at 7:00 P.M. (previously 7:30 P.M.)

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

**ROSARIES FOR VOCATIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA** - May  
2025 and extending a full year to May 2026.



**Polish Heritage Day** - Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

**St. Vincent's Summer Camp:** Taking place June 14-  
20. Register at [SVSCamp.com](http://SVSCamp.com).

**Quo Vadis Retreat:** This is for 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys'  
Discernment from Jun 28 to July 1 at Priest Field  
Pasoral Center in Kearneysville, WV. Register at  
[WVPriest.org](http://WVPriest.org).

**Encounter God in the Mountains** - Register to  
attend Camp Carlo's Catholic Youth Adventure Camp  
running from June 28<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>

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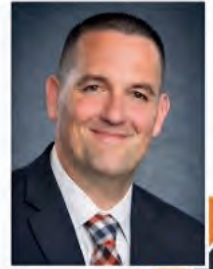
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