

# FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH - DECEMBER 24, 2023

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## JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.  
Contact the parish office to register.  
Visit our website: [olpww.org](http://olpww.org) to print  
out our registration form.

## SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 5:00pm  
Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet 4:00pm  
Confession, Rosary, Benediction  
Sunday: 8:30am, 10:30am

## WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday: 6:00pm  
Tuesday, Thursday: 8:00am  
(followed by the Rosary)  
Wednesday: 6:00pm  
Adoration: 5:00pm  
Confession, Rosary, Benediction  
Novena following Mass  
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

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# Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2023

The child to be born  
will be called holy,  
the Son of God.  
—Luke 1:35



### Sacrament of Baptism

Parents should contact Father Joseph to make arrangements for the celebration of this sacrament. A preparation session is required for first-time parents.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm; Wednesdays from 6:00-6:45pm. Also make an appointment by calling the rectory.

### Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples should contact Fr. Joseph at least six months prior to desired wedding date.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Individual reception of the sacrament can be arranged by contacting Fr. Joseph. Anyone who is anticipating surgery is encouraged to request this sacrament prior to entering hospital.

### Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact the parish office for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

### Catholic School

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 your 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 Ueltschy, Judy Fetty

Good Shepherd: Karen Simons, Julie Stocking

Joseph Bechtel

Last week's collections	Env	Amount
Weekly envelopes	113	\$ 25,173.00
Paypal Online Transfer	1	193.73
Christmas Flowers	2	145.00
Parish Maintenance Reserve	2	30.00
Memorial Contribution	1	5.00
Immaculate Conception	1	30.00
DWC Retirement for Religious	3	65.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>\$ 25,641.73</b>

**Attendance: 352— Thank you very much!**

### Second Collection

Dec. 24/25: Catholic Charities West Virginia helps tens of thousands of brothers and sisters in need every year. Your donation provides hope, provides safety, provides food, provides care. See flyer on the board.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUAL PARISH SUPPORT

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call 304-242-6579 for office hours

ONLINE Personal Banking (checking acct)

### Liturgical Ministers for Next Weekend

#### Servers

Reader: EMHC (Body); EMHC/EMHC (Blood). Greeter

—SATURDAY (*Vigil*), Dec 30

5:00pm Knights of Columbus

A.Castle; E.Yahn/ Nikolaus/B.Pack. Keith B

—SUNDAY, December 31

8:30am A.Glenn/McLeans/C.Rogers. Sechrest

L.Glenn; R.Schneid; B.Dougherty/M.Gaughan

—10:30am E.Kerr/M.McDade/Wycherleys

B. Cox; T. Roth; P. Bach/ C.Donahoe Kempes

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to all who helped out with masses last weekend!

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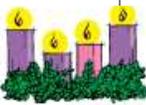
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### MONEY COUNTERS

Dec 28	Tiffany, George, Sherri (Thursday)
Jan 7	Cecilia Donahoe, Colleen Megna

**CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL**  
GOAL \$24,920 35 GIFTS — \$13,076

**52%**

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent 	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Leo Bartsch, Sr. <i>by Family</i>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38
Sunday, Dec 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent	7:45 AM) 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	(Adoration / Rosary) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Dr. John Battaglino, Jr. <i>by OLP Family</i>	
Sunday, Dec 24 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas (Vigils) 	4:30 PM 7:00 PM  12 MIDNT	Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Steve Mazure <i>by Carol Mazure</i>  † Barb Klug <i>by Ron Klug</i>	Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29. Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 ----- Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13. Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
Mon. Dec 25 The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day	10:30 AM	† Donna Gulajski <i>by Family</i>	Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6. Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday, Dec 26 Saint Stephen	—	No Mass	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17
Wednesday, December 27 Saint John, Apostle, Evangelist	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration / Confession / Rosary) † Robert Schmidt <i>by Nathan Schmidt</i>	1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8
Thursday, December 28 The Holy Innocents	8:00 AM	† Imelda Motha <i>by Gerard &amp; Martina Saverimuttu</i>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18
Friday, December 29 Saint Thomas Beckett	*8:00 AM	The Legacy Society <i>(members living and deceased)</i>	1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) † Jason Kociban <i>by Carol Mazure</i>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5. Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 LK 2:22-40
Sunday, Dec. 31 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	(7:45 AM) 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	(Adoration / Rosary) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † J.R. Gessler <i>by Family</i>	
Mon. January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God	6:00 PM  <i>not a holy day of obligation</i>	† Doris & Bernard Oleska <i>by Family</i>	Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Jan. 6 First Friday  
Sacred Heart of Jesus  
5:30 pm Adoration  
6:00 pm Mass  
  
Jan. 7 First Saturday  
Intention for our  
Blessed Mother  
10:00am Special Mass



Our Lady of Peace Parish  
Infant of Prague Novena  
Begins January 22 at 7:00pm  
(9) nine consecutive Mondays  
  
Guest homilists, special intentions  
All are welcome.

*“The More You Honor Me, The More I will Bless You”*

**CHRISTMAS (VIGIL) MASSES**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24**  
 4:30pm & 7:00pm

**12 MIDNIGHT MASS**

**Christmas Day**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 25**  
 10:30am Mass

**Have a Merry Christmas!**  
**Safe travels, Fr. Joseph**

**TUESDAY, DEC 26 — NO MASS**

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1  
6:00pm Evening Mass



*“And the angel said to her in reply, “The holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, Son of God.” Luke 1:35 \*not a holy day of obligation.*

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★ **CONGRATULATIONS SHAUN!** ★  
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★ Our very own organist/cantor has received his  
★ Master’s Degree last weekend at WVU.  
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★ **BRAVO!** ★

★ 2017-2021 WVU (undergraduate studies)  
★ 2021-2023 **WVU Master’s of Music**  
★ in Conducting  
★



Parish Office will be closed in observance of Christ’s birth the week of Dec 25-29. Messages checked daily. Call/text 304-231-4053.

**Merry Christmas to all ♥**



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 304-231-4053. To get on the morning mass calling list for cancellation notification of morning mass



Have **YOU** thought about **BECOMING CATHOLIC?**

Meet Thursdays at 9:00am in Battaglino Hall or by Zoom Classes (email McKenna for more details).

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

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**December 23-31 Birthdays**

Alena Costain, Jane Mahlke, Gary Pickett, Mike Gaughan, Marilyn Burkle, Celia Callahan, Asher Cunningham,; Isaac Hickman, Camille Seidler, Samantha Zimla, Mary Beth Breault, Marlene Evans, Thomas Jafrate, Hayden Jones, Madeline Komorowski, Steve Latacz, Alex Lehrke, James McClure, Joseph Miehle, Matthew Zdilla, Jessica Bell, C.J. Hores, Laurel Robb, Patricia Schane, Johnna Cramer, Marlene McGovern **Welcome 2024!**

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Parish & School   
**GATHER US IN**  
GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

**AFTER MASS**  
**SOCIAL**  
**JAN 6/7**



Knights of Columbus — Council 12195 — Grand Knight, Ed Yahn  
 MEETING. Next meeting Tuesday, January 2, at 6:00 pm in the Battaglino Center.  
 FOOTBALL FRENZY WINNERS. CONGRATS TO WK 1-6 WINNERS: Week 2 (AI Musilli);  
 Week3: Dee Nikolaus, Evan Kerr, Todd Higgins; Week 4: Jerry McGlumphy.  
 Good luck in the next round of games.

**IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL**

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month: We send CONGRATULATIONS to the Chris Ducci Family in recognition of service to better our council, parish, community.



Ladies Auxiliary of the K of C ★ President - Marilyn Thalman  
 NO MEETING IN JANUARY. Meet February at 6:00pm in the Battaglino Hall,  
 GABRIEL PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR DONATIONS!  
 ENJOY BOOKS. Be sure to tell family and friends —few books left to sell.  
 Merry Christmas to all. See you next year!

Vice President: Sylvia Huggins Treasurer: Marlene McGovern Secretary: Marlene Klamut

**"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord." --Psalm 89**

Tuesday, Dec 26. **Saint Stephen:** one of seven deacons of the Acts of the Apostles; first disciple to be martyred; mentioned in the Roman Canon. *"While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died."*  
*-Acts of the Apostles 7:59-60*



Wednesday, December 27. **Saint John,** Apostle, Evangelist: authored three letters, the book of Revelation, and the most spiritual of the gospels; symbolized by the eagle; patron of Asiatic Turkey, mentioned in the Roman Canon. *"Our love should not be just words and talk; it must be*



Friday, December 29. **St Thomas Beckett:** killed by order of Henry II; eight years chancellor of England; as archbishop of Canterbury defended the freedoms and rights of the Church; canonized only three year after his death; considered the most famous martyr of the Middle Ages. *I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me."*



Thursday, December 28. The Holy Innocents: this day is for special prayers for innocents who have perished through abortion, starvation, and war.



**PARISH YEAR- JOIN US AT OUR LADY OF PEACE**

See what is happening in our parish  
 See flyer in back of church for Nov/Dec

Rosary for a Eucharistic Revival: we have some books available. Pick one up in back of church.  
 The Chosen: Meet after the 6:00pm Mass in the Battaglino Hall. January 8, 15.  
 Facebook: search "OLP people of Peace"  
 Every other week the post is a written reflection by a fellow parishioner.  
 Eucharistic Adoration: presence of the Lord  
 Sun/7:45am Wed/5:00pm Sat/4:00pm

Beautiful Eucharist. Book of simple reflections on the Eucharist by various authors will be distributed after all masses on Christmas.  
 In the words of Matthew Kelly, one of the authors: "Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist should be like touching heaven, and that should change way we live here on earth." Be sure to pick up your copy. Merry Christmas to all!



### 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

6:00pm at S.t John's Parish Hall (700 Maint Street in Benwood). Bring a friend, all are welcome. Next meeting **December 18**.

To celebrate the Year of the Holy Eucharist, Corpus Christi Parish has been hosting an evening Holy Hour every third Monday of the month. You are invited to attend this event in the month of December on the 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to PRAY FOR PEACE: peace in our world, especially in the Ukraine and the Middle East, peace in our families, peace in our hearts.

### PRIEST DISCERNMENT

This discernment trip is for men who are at least 18 years and older. The retest will run Sunday, March 10 until Monday, March 11. There is no cost for the trip itself, although the men will be responsible for their own transportation to and from the seminary. All other needs, including food and lodging will be taken care. There will be prayer, classes, talks. If you have any questions, email Fr. Phillip Szabo at pszabo@dwc.org

### Catholic Neighborhood Center 18th Street Volunteer Opportunity

The center is in need of route drivers to deliver meals to shut-ins throughout Wheeling area. The center delivers hot meals six days a week. Call Tracey 304-232-7157, ext 2004 for details of days, and route information.

The Pike Route is in need of another driver in the rotation. Call the parish office if you would like **to "ride along" the route. It covers three houses, Brookpark Apts and Petropolis Apts.**

### Euchre Tournament at St. Vincent de Paul

Friday, January 19  
Marist Centre at 6:30pm  
Tournament begins at 7:00pm. Cash Prizes.



8 Hand Limit per table  
then rotate with partner.

You may wish to offer a Mass for several reasons: for example, in thanksgiving, the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday), or most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. Call parish office 304-242-6579 schedule mass intentions.

The 2024 Mass Book now available for scheduling.

Saturday/Sunday \$20  
Weekdays \$10



**T**he Legacy Society is made up of individuals/families that have been blessed and wish to share those blessings when they finalize their will and plan their estate. A mass will be said once a month for those generous individuals/families, in honor of the Legacy Society and your family name will be memorialized on the Legacy Society Tree which is found on the wall in the vestibule of church, making a lasting testament for generations to come. Questions, or for more information, call parish office 304-242-6579.

Our current members: †Battaglino Family (John, Virginia, Carmella), Jim Blatt Family, Dan Boston Family, †Dr. John Braddock, Mary Jean Brown, †Mr. & Mrs. William Braddock, †Goldie Edgel Family, Mr. & Mrs. George Ferdinand, †Stanley Gorsky, †Fr. Raymond D. Jablinske, †Tom & Grace Kolibash, William Kuster Family, Rev. Robert E. Lee, Curt Mason Family, †Paul & †Marcella McGinnis, Judith Sanders, George Saseen Family, †Bishop Emeritus Bernard W. Schmitt, Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., †Joseph & Margaret Synowiec, †George Weaver, Bruce Wilson Family.



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