

FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT



Advent season is a time to spiritually prepare for a better celebration for Christmas. Pray the rosary, pray for someone; come to daily mass, Adoration. Be especially kind and generous, to one another.



OUR LADY OF PEACE PARISH - DECEMBER 3, 2023

690 Mount Olivet Road, Wheeling WV 26003

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JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to register.
Visit our website: 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

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 2023

Be watchful! Be alert!

You do not know
when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33



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

Liturgical Ministers for Next Week

Servers

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

—SATURDAY (Vigil), December 9

5:00pm M. & L. Komorowski/ Z. Grisell

B. Cox; E. Yahn/ J. Sanders/H. Nikolaus. Cox

—SUNDAY, December 10

8:30am M. & J. Paulus / B. & C. McLean

W. Medovic; C. Schane; K. Roth/B. Dougherty.

—10:30am S. Benedict/ Gi. & Gr. Bishop

J. Benedict; M. Gantzer; C. Donahoe/B. Roth. XXX

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sacristans, Servers, Readers, EMHCs, Greeters: please sign up in back of church. Thank you.

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

Moundsville Healthcare Center: Joseph Bechtel

Contact parish office of parishioner at home, in the hospital, nursing home, etc. who may like to have a visit from Father Joseph. Thank you.

Last week's collections	Env	Amount
Weekly envelopes		\$ 3,157.00
Paypal Online Transfer	1	387.95
Parish Maintenance Reserve	2	15.00
Memorial Contribution	2	105.00
Archdiocese Military Services	1	10.00
TOTAL		\$ 3,674.95
Attendance: 350— Thank you very much!		

December Second Collection

Dec 2/3: Parish Building Maintenance Reserve

9/10: DWC Retirement Fund for Religious

24/25: DWC Catholic Charities West Virginia

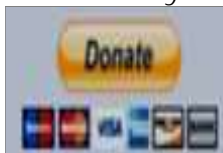
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MONEY COUNTERS

Dec 3	Sherri Mason, Colleen Megna
Dec 10	George Hores, Rick Wilson

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL
GOAL \$24,920 35 GIFTS — \$12,542

50%

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Sat. Dec. 2 1st SATURDAY	10:00 AM	Special Mass Intention of our Blessed Mother	1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) Mary Ann & Ed Palmer <i>Happy 62th Wedding Anniversary!</i>	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 Mt 25:31-46
Sunday, December 3 First Sunday of Advent	(7:45 AM) 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	(Adoration / Rosary) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Lou & Bea Marquart <i>by Greg & Lisa Marquart Family</i>	
Monday, December 4 Saint John Damascene	(8:00 AM) 6:00 PM	(Rosary) † Ed & Helen Mahlke <i>by Family</i>	Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday, December 5	8:00 AM	† Mary Ann Burke <i>by Tom Burke</i>	Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday, December 6 Saint Nicholas	(5:00 PM) 6:00 PM	(Adoration / Confession / Rosary) Ladies Auxiliary <i>by Ladies Auxiliary</i> (members living and deceased)	Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday, December 7 Saint Ambrose	8:00 AM	† Charles Freitas, Jr. <i>by Cecilia Donahoe</i>	Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday, December 8 Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 AM 6:00 PM	Intention of School Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace	Gn 3:9-15, 20 PS 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday (Vigil), Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent	(4:00 PM) 5:00 PM	(Adoration/Divine Mercy/Confession) Frances & Henry Wesolowski <i>by Patti & Andy, Val</i>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11 PS 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 PT 3:8-14 MK 1:1-8
Sunday, Dec 10 Second Sunday of Advent	(7:45 AM) 8:30 AM 10:30 AM	(Adoration / Rosary) Parishioners of Our Lady of Peace † Jack & Matthew McGovern <i>by Family</i>	

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT

Dec 23 Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
Dec 24 Sunday 8:30am / 10:30am

CHRISTMAS (VIGIL) MASSES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:30pm School Mass
7:00pm Evening Mass

12 MIDNIGHT MASS

DECEMBER 25 — Christmas Day
10:30am Mass

MONDAY, DEC 26 — NO MASS

Immaculate Conception

Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday, December 8
8:30am School Mass
6:00pm Evening Mass
** this is a holy day of obligation*

Advent Penance Service**DEC 14**

Receive Sacrament of Reconciliation
Thursday, December 14 at 6:00pm.
Individual confessions by Fr. Joseph.
and visiting priests: Fr. Cyprian,
Fr. Michael and Fr. Joseph Wiley.

Be ready in mind and heart for the
coming of Christ, which we are soon
to celebrate in the Mass of Christmas.



A new year begins. The church begins a new liturgical year on the Sunday closest to the feast of apostle Andrew (November 30). This weekend, December 3 is First Sunday of Advent. We begin Year B in the liturgical cycle. **Happy Advent!**



OLP ADVENT EVENING Mon, Dec. 4
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL!

Take some time during the busy season to prepare your hearts and minds for the coming of Emmanuel: God with us. Please join us, beginning with Mass at 6:00 pm, followed by time of reflection in Battaglino Hall. Thank you to Monday night Chosen Group for hosting and providing the refreshments.

ST. JOHN'S HOME FOR CHILDREN



- Choose an ornament on tree.
- Purchase or donate gift card.
- Wrap, attach ornament tag.
- Return to tree by December 15.

You do not have to wrap gifts this year! High school students will wrap gifts for service hours.

Gift cards are gladly accepted!



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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Fr. Joseph Augustine: jaugustine@dwc.org
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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 call or text number above. Thank you.

Our Lady of Peace
Parish & School
GATHER US IN

GOOD FOOD, FUN & FELLOWSHIP

AFTER MASS
SOCIAL
Dec 2 & 3

Caroling to the Homebound

Be sure to sign-up for our Annual caroling! Join us Friday, December 15 at 5:30pm. Meet in Battaglino Center; followed with a fun, social with refreshments.



HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

Join us Friday, December 22 at 10:00am. Many hands make light work. Please help us prepare for the birth of our Lord. All are welcome. Bring the whole family.

Monday, December 4. **Saint John Damascene:** raised a Christian yet served as a finance minister at the court of the caliph where he was respected for his competence, fairness, and humility; became a monk, later a priest as the monastery of St. Sabas; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the BVM, especially her assumption; last of the Greek Fathers. *"The whole earth is a living icon of the face of God."*



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.



December 2-8 Birthdays

Erin Hough, Nicole Lauri, Mark Musilli, John Palotay, Jonathan White, Patrick Biega, Nicole White, Kaitlyn Blake, Kelsey Schau, Janice Banks, Lance Bibey, Christina Zdilla, Mira McLean, Corey Bryan, Brett Garber, Amanda Macri



Knights of Columbus — Council 12195 — Grand Knight, Ed Yahn

MEETING. Next meeting Tuesday, December 5, at 6:00 pm in the Battaglino Center.
Christmas Party. Members and families! Join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00pm in the Battaglino Hall. \$10/person or \$20/family. \$10 gift exchange.

IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL

The Knights of Columbus Family of the Month: We send CONGRATULATIONS to the Chuck Wallace 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. Drop off your items in back of church before Christmas.

ENJOY BOOKS. Be sure to tell family and friends —6 books left to sell.

CHRISTMAS PARTY. Join us for appetizers on Tuesday, December 12 at 6:00pm in Battaglino Hall.

Vice President: Sylvia Huggins

Treasurer: Marlene McGovern

Secretary: Marlene Klamut



Rosary Altar Society ★ President - Mary Jo Keim

Bake Sale. Christmas homemade goodies will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses Saturday/ Sunday, December 16/17. Please be sure to visit our tables in the back of church to purchase holiday treats. If you would like to donate baked goods, please bring before mass. All proceeds help supply altar linens and other liturgical items for the church. Thank you to everyone for your continual support.

Wednesday, December 6. **Saint Nicholas:** model pastor noted for charity; popularized as Santa Claus; patron of children, bankers, sailors, pawnbrokers, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, fishermen, dock workers,

brewers, poets, and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine, and Apulia in Italy where his relics are enshrined in Bari. *"The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic Gods giving, by grace, through faith, and this is not of ourselves."*



Thursday, December 7. **St. Ambrose:** *born of noble parents, classically educated; while a catechumen, chosen by popular acclaim as Bishop of Milan; compelling preacher; defender of orthodoxy against Arianism; composed several liturgical hymns; declared one of the four great doctors of the Latin Church.* *"It is not enough just to wish well; we must also do well."*



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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: December 4, 11, 18.

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

OLP Advent Evening. December 4. Join us for an beginning with Mass at 6:00 PM, followed by a time of reflection in the Battaglino Hall.

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." Merry Christmas!

PRAYER CARDS AVAILABLE IN BACK OF CHURCH. TAKE ONE, PRAY DAILY FOR OUR PARISH AND SUCCESS OF THIS REVIVAL.

“Watch!” This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of “watch” leaves no doubt as to what the story is about. ■ We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work—the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.



It is Christmas every time you let God love others through you... yes, it is, Christmas every time you smile at your brother and offer him your hand.

-Mother Teresa

Family Advent Activities. Together as a family, write your Christmas cards. Let everyone sign the card and let the older kids address the envelopes and the younger kids seal them. Or pick a Christmas card you have received this week and pray for the person who sent it.

2024 calendars. “The Saints Among Us” THANK YOU to the Altmeyer Funeral Homes & Crematory for the beautiful calendars. Pick one up in back of church while supplies last.



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.† John's Parish Hall

(700 Main Street in Benwood). Bring a friend, all are welcome. Next meeting December 18.



The 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: †Battaglini Family (John, Virginia, Carmella), Jim Blatt Family, Dan Boston Family, †Dr. John Braddock, †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.

We welcome our newest member, Mary Jean Brown.



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304-242-1383
SCHOOL NEWS

DEC 3 Advent Begins
5 Dress Rehearsal-Christmas Show
6 Christmas Show Matinee at 1:00pm
7 Christmas Show at 6:30pm
8 Immaculate Conception *holy day
School Mass 8:30am —Noon dismissal
Evening Mass 6:00pm
9 Faculty Christmas Dinner
11-15 Grades 6-8 Exams

Parish School of Religion



Dec 3 Class Dec 10 Class
Dec 17 Class Dec 24 No Class

Tess Morando, PSR Coordinator 304-280-9282

Family Advent Activities. ✓ Have a Family Movie Night and make popcorn and watch a Christmas movie. ✓ Put up, decorate your family Christmas tree. Stand back and admire your work.

2024 Confirmation



SERVICE HOURS: Turn in sheet when completed to:
Mrs. Schneid (OLP)
Mrs. Morando (PSR).

5/CHURCH 5/SCHOOL 10/FAMILY 2/18TH STREET
Remember, volunteer hours are hours that go above and beyond your normal daily chores.

18TH STREET MEAL DELIVERY
Call parish office 304-242-6579 for the monthly available dates on Saturdays; 10:00am –noon. Need 2 students or parent/child.

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

Knights of Columbus

Grade 8 Catholic Citizen Essay Winners

"How can We Evangelize in a Digital World?"

1st Place: Morgan Miehle

2nd Place: Aaden Ward

3rd Place: Madeline Komorowski

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Morgan's essay will be forwarded to the state level, and she will read her essay at the K of C Christmas Party. Great job Morgan!

FOURTH SUNDAY of ADVENT
Dec 23 Saturday (Vigil) 5:00pm
Dec 24 Sunday 8:30am / 10:30am

DEC 24 CHRISTMAS (VIGIL)

4:30pm School Mass
7:00pm Evening Mass

MIDNIGHT MASS

DEC 25 Christmas Day
10:30am Mass

Works of Mercy

CORPORAL SPIRITUAL

feed the hungry
give drink to the thirsty
shelter the homeless
visit the sick
visit the prisoners
bury the dead

counseling the doubtful
instructing the ignorant
admonishing the sinner
comforting the sorrowful
forgiving injuries
bearing wrongs patiently
praying for the living and the dead

Corporal Works of Mercy: how we should treat all others as if they were Christ in disguise.

Spiritual Works of Mercy: guide us to help our neighbor in their spiritual needs.

Coat Service Project

School is collecting any new, gently worn coats, jackets, Drop off in school or in box in the back of church. Thanks!



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