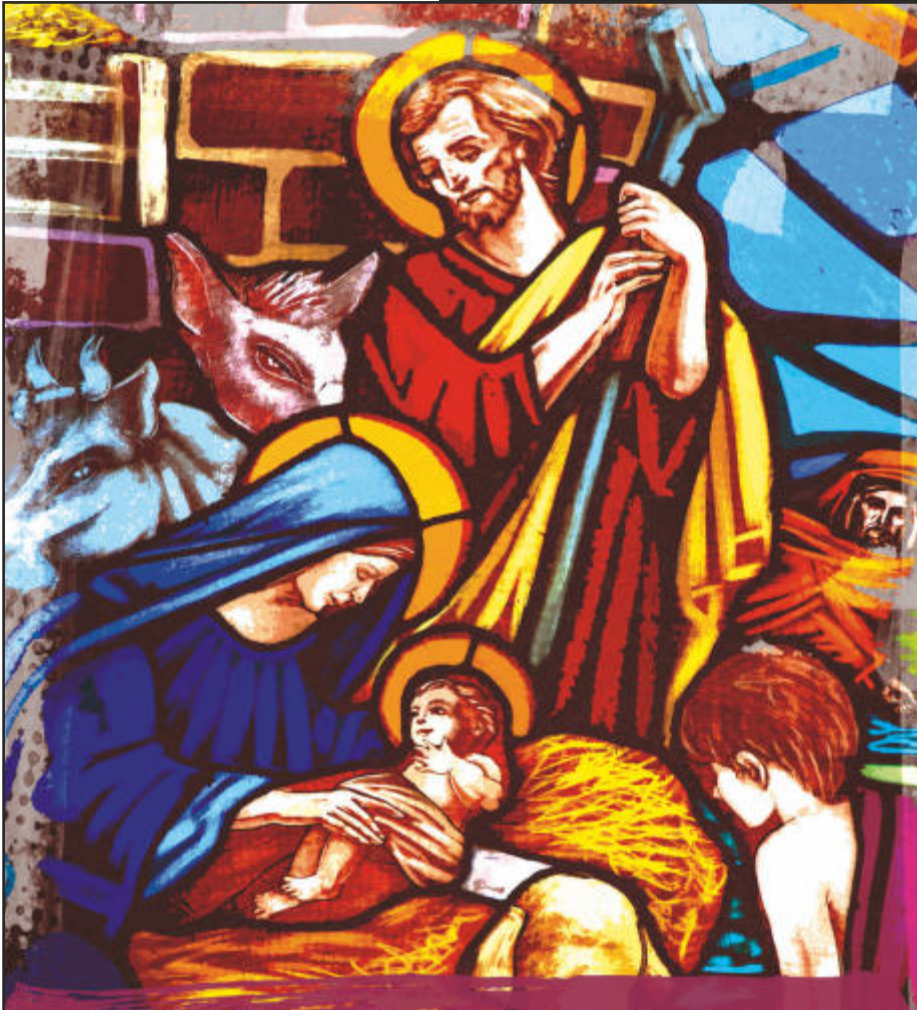




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DECEMBER 25-26, 2021



Pastor: Fr. Alfred Obiudu

Deacon: Deacon Brian Crim

Mass times:

**Monday, Thursday, Friday:
12:00pm**

Wednesday: 7:00pm

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am

Confession:

Wednesday, 6:30pm

Saturday, 4:30pm

**Confession also available by
appointment. Please contact
the parish office.**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born
for you who is Christ and Lord." - Lk 2:11

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Office hours:

Monday through Thursday-9am-4pm

Friday-9am-3pm

Saturday December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00am +Daniel Gargano by his family

+Basil and Grace Singleton by the Singleton Family

Readings: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Sunday December 26

9:00am +Angie Cataldo by Carla and Charlie Hopkins

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21
/Lk 2:41-5

Monday, December 27

12:00pm NO MASS SCHEDULED

Readings: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday, December 28

5:00pm NO Bingo

Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday, December 29

7:00pm NO MASS SCHEDULED

Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday, December 30

12:00 NO MASS SCHEDULED

Readings: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Friday, December 31

12:00pm NO MASS SCHEDULED

Readings: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday, January 1 HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

10:00am +Anthony W. Domenico, Sr. and +Dean M. Domenico
by Diane Domenico

5:00pm +Martha Ferris by Mary Osborne

Readings: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Sunday, January 2

9:00am +Peggy Soberalski by John Woynicz

Readings: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]
/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12



COLLECTIONS

General (first collection used for operating expenses) \$NA

Debt Reduction (second collection used to pay the

mortgage) \$NA

Pantry \$NA

On-line donations \$NA

Thank you to everyone that has mailed in their contributions and donated online. Your support is critical and much appreciated during this difficult time. God Bless you for your generosity!

If you wish to donate online, please visit our website-www.stleo.com-and scroll down to the donate button. You can choose a one time donation or set up a recurring donation.

If you wish to mail a donation into the church, please use the following address: P.O. Box 93, Inwood, WV 25428.

Attendance

Saturday 5:00PM-NA

Sunday 9:00AM-NA

Please join us on Sundays after the 9:00am Mass for coffee social in the kitchenette area. Share some coffee, cookies, and fellowship with your church friends!

The Altar Wine for the month of **December** is offered by Mary Ann Jacobs in memory of Rosemary Hall.

The Sanctuary Candles for the month of **December** are offered by Connie Marino in memory of her mom, dad, brother, and Mikey.

The Hosts for the month of **December** are offered by The Bageant Family in memory of George & Evelyn Komisak.

St. Leo is raffling off a beautiful quilt, handmade by our own Kathy Rice. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. Chances will be sold after the Masses. All proceeds benefit our Building Fund. Winner will be drawn at the Epiphany Dinner.

The Catholic Spirit is available by email! To be added to the e-list, send an email to crowan@dwc.org with "The Catholic Spirit e-list" in the subject line. Please let us know your preference by saying "Email only, remove me from print mailing list" or "I would like both print and email versions"

The electronic version of every issue of The Catholic Spirit is now available under "Downloadable Spirit" at thecatholicspiritwv.org.

A message from the Finance Council

If you are a retiree over the age of 70 and 1/2, you may want to consider donating to St. Leo's from your IRA via a Qualified Charitable Distribution. The advantage of doing this is that these funds are NOT taxed by the federal government. However, you must follow the rules to make this work. First, contact your investment company and have them make out a check to St. Leo's in the amount you desire and send it to your home. That way, you can send it to St. Leo's with a letter so that we know that the check is coming from you. Second, when you prepare your federal tax return, make sure that you list the total amount of distributions from your retirement accounts on Line 4a but subtract your QCD from the amount you list on Line 4b. Write QCD next to it so that the IRS knows why the amount is reduced.

This may sound complicated but, once you set it up, it's fairly easy. You can give up to \$100,000 this way each year (don't we wish!).

If you are a retiree over the age of 72, and thus are required to withdraw funds from your IRA each year via Required Minimum Distributions, you can do so via a QCD as indicated above and not need to pay income tax on that distribution.

If you need further information, call our chair, Anne Dewey-Balzhiser, at 540-869-1317.

Congratulations to Joseph Ash for being selected as Knight of the Month for November 2021. Joseph's fervent support and dedication to his Knights of Columbus Council, its members and our St. Leo Parish Family is truly appreciated.



Please join us on Sunday, January 9, 2022 for St. Leo's Epiphany Dinner in our Fellowship Hall at 1:30pm. A sign up sheet is in the Narthex; please let us know how many will be attending. Those with last names beginning with A-K are asked to bring side dishes; L-Z are asked to bring desserts. Bring something that highlights your ethnic heritage or something that tastes good! We hope to see you all there!

The Food Pantry is looking for the following items which will be used for the Homeless in Martinsburg:

Tote Bags
Small pop top Baked Beans
Small individual cereal boxes
Fruit cups, protein bars
Pop tarts, peanut butter/cheese crackers
Cereal bars, small box raisins, boxed tuna/chicken salad.

General pantry needs for Food Distribution:

Shelf or dried milk, 1lb canned ham, canned chicken, broth, soups, stews, 1 or 2lb bags of rice, pancake mix, syrup, cereal, small jars jelly, small jars peanut butter, small jars of oil, pasta sauce, pasta, yams, gravy, small bag sugar/ flour (1lb) pudding and jello, cake mix and frosting, canned pumpkin pie and fruit filling, graham cracker pie crust, instant coffee/tea.

We will continue to take donations of turkeys however, we cannot redeem bulk certificates.

As always, thank you all for your support and generosity!

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Please Pray For Our Military

S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz, *deployed*

Ryan Toelle, *Army*, Lone Star Dust Off,
El Paso, TX

Cpt. Philip Allen, *Marines*, *deployed*

Mason Willett, *Army*

Lari Bittinger, *Air Force*,

Zane Craighead, *Marines*,

Ryan Christopher Walker, *Navy*

Joshua Tristan Walker, *Navy*

Conor Clapsaddle, *Coast Guard*

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Lt. Melanie Arehart, *Army*,

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Joseph Zygmunt, *Air Force*

2nd Lt. Kaige Edgar, *Army*

SrA James Rand, *Air National Guard*

PFC Carlos Jared Sanchez,

Nebraska National Guard,

Fr. Josh Stephens, *Air Force*, **Chaplain**,

Columbus AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Shailey Petik, *Air Force*,

Offutt AFB, Nebraska

Maj. Blake Bennet, *Air Force*, *deployed*

Do you have a family member or friend currently serving? Please let us know. Call the office at 304-229-8945 or email secretary@stleo.com.

Gift cards are sold before Mass on Saturdays and after Mass on Sundays. They are also available from the parish office Monday through Thursday, 9:00am-4:00pm. You can contact Joseph Ash in the office during the week at 304-229-8945 or business@stleo.com. We have Sheetz, Royal Farms, Martins, Food Lion, Weis, Target, Walmart, Lowe's, and Amazon cards on hand. Christmas orders need to be in by December 5th!

If you would like to order retail/restaurant cards for gifts, there is a list on the gift card table. You can also find the list on our website-www.stleo.com. Simply email Melanie Nesselrodt with your order at nesselrodtmelanie@gmail.com.

St. Leo receives a percentage of every card sold which helps us pay down our mortgage debt. Please consider supporting this ministry!

And if you shop Amazon frequently, please use smile.amazon.com and choose St. Leo as your charity of choice. A percentage of your purchase will come back to St. Leo.

Thank you to all and God Bless!

IN MEMORIAM

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Maynard, beloved father of Nancy Jenkins. Mr. Maynard died on December 13, 2021.

We ask our Heavenly Father to watch over this family and comfort them during this difficult time.



WOMEN'S RETREAT – EMBRACED WITH COMPASSION...EMBRACING THE WORLD. Please join us for our annual Women's Retreat, co-Sponsored with the DWC Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, February 25-27, 2022, at St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston. Presented by Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler. The weekend will consist of presentations, quiet reflection, small group break-out sessions, media resources, and communal prayer. For more information contact Gerri Wright at 304-552-3662 or gerwright1@aol.com. You can register online at www.dwc.org/2022-Womens-retreat. \$150/pp single occupancy, \$125/per person double occupancy.

Change in enrollment dates

As the result of a directive from the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, the re-enrollment and enrollment dates for Saint Joseph School have changed for the 2022-23 academic year:

Friday, Feb. 4, 2022: Re-enrollment opens for current families

Friday, Feb. 11, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for parishioners of area Catholic churches who are new to the school

Friday, Feb. 18, 2022: Applications/enrollment open for the general public

Please note that the families of current students only have from Feb. 4 to 10 to re-enroll their children before enrollment opens to new families.

If you have any questions, please email Principal Patrick Blanc at pblanc@sjswv.org.

MARY'S REFUGE, A MINISTRY OF SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

With a sense of joy and celebration, we announce a new ministry at Saint Joseph Catholic Church!

Father Gallagher wanted to find a use for the empty convent, and through prayer, reflection and the intercession of Mary, the concept of a maternity home began.

A maternity home is a warm, home-like environment where pregnant mothers in crisis can feel safe, nurtured and supported. The program is based on the needs of the individual mothers and their unique situations. The goal is to stabilize the family so they are able to see a positive and productive future, and gain independence.

We will call our maternity home Mary's Refuge to honor Our Most Blessed Holy Mother in a wonderful way.

There are many parts to creating this vision of a vibrant and beautiful home for mothers, including your loving support. We are hoping to welcome moms in late spring, early summer of 2022, into a safe, structured setting to celebrate the most wonderful creation - a newborn child!

Over the next few months, you will receive requests for support. We will focus first on fixing the electrical system, roof and plumbing, and then turn our attention to the rooms and how they will be refurbished. We will provide periodic progress reports about the house.

Kim Roche has been the driving force behind the ministry, and we appreciate her passion and energy concerning this project. Please reach out to her at kimroche.marysrefuge@gmail.com if you want more information about this ministry.

If you want to contribute to the project, please contact Pat Michel by calling 304-267-4893 or emailing pmichel@stjosephwv.org. We welcome ideas, as well as financial and volunteer support.

Thank you, and God Bless you all.

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MARY'S CORNER

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the
Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.
Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.
For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace
of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and
fearful,

wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one
another

and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land
and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are
our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause
of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your
protection,

keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son,
Jesus. Amen.

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Virginia. You can read the Bishop's
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