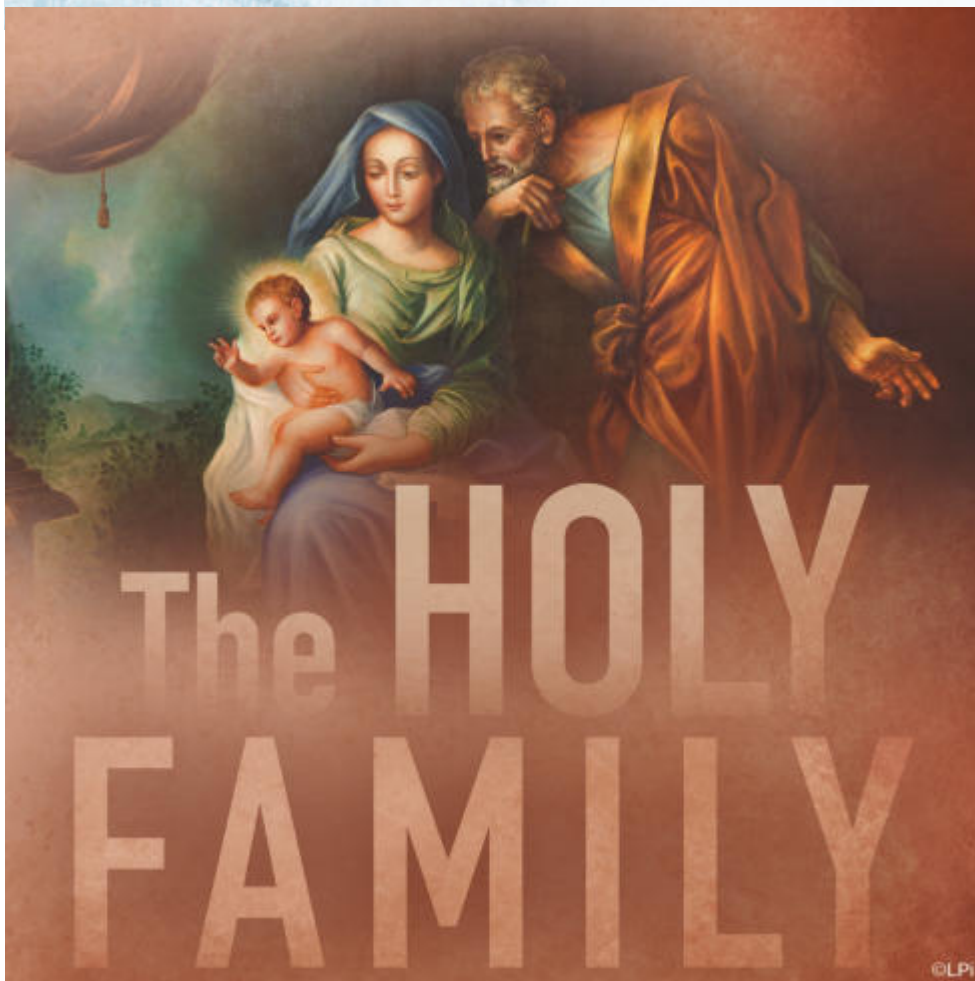


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DECEMBER 26, 2021 | THE HOLY FAMILY



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In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Fr. Dennis Schuelkens, ext. 270 or call the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Weekend Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Confession

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.
or by appointment



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MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

The new Maintenance Committee will hold their first meeting on January 3rd, 2022 at 7:00 in the Parish Center. If you wish to participate, please contact Jim Carvelli or Janet Cox in the office. Meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.



Have a prayer intention or interested in being a part of the "Prayer Line" Group, Please Call
Mary Shields @ 304-685-8252
or
Janet Cox @ 304-641-8696

MASS INTENTIONS

THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday December 26th

8:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:00 am † Joe LeRoy by Mr. & Mrs. Larry Palumbo

Monday December 27th

9:00 am † Naomi Dorsey by Dave & Connie Anderson

Tuesday December 28th

9:00 am † Louise Bartos by John & Mary Shields

Wednesday December 29th

9:00 am † Joe LeRoy by Phil & Renee Wyatt
7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel

Thursday December 30th

9:00 am † Chris Price by Mary Ellen & Margaret Ann Lydon

Friday December 31st

5:00 pm † Joe LeRoy by Jeff & Joann Barger

Church Sanctuary Lamp Shines

For the victims of the Kentucky Tornados

Chapel Sanctuary Lamp Shines

For the victims of the Kentucky Tornados

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Saturday January 1st

5:00 pm † Joe LeRoy by Jim & Rosanna Funk

Sunday January 2nd

8:00 am Our Lady of Perpetual Help
10:00 am † J Frank J. Seti by Family

2022 MASS CALENDAR OPEN FOR SCHEDULING MASSES

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY OFFERING

December 11/12

Regular	\$ 8,222.00
Food	\$ 175.00
Other	\$ 1,812.00
Total	\$ 10,309.00



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AMAZON SMILE & KROGER COMMUNITY DONATIONS!

Amazon Smile Donation as of Aug \$102.94(qtr.)/\$181.44(yr)
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Instructions are on the webpage at OLPWV.com.



IN OUR PRAYERS

- *John Clutter
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- *Charlotte Rathman
- *Delores Barnes
- *Fr. Chuck McGinnis
- *Raymond & Barbara Smith
- *Robin DePolo
- *Kurt Skasik

- *Mike Corcoglioniti
- *Lee Foster
- *Patrice Majewski
- *Vincent McNemar
- *John DeGarmo
- *Justin Martin
- *Jerome Biesczad
- *Fr. Kent Durig

- *Florence Krivosky
- *Jana Matish Larson
- *Bill Betler
- *Natalie & Ron Studer
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- *Joseph Martin
- *Charlene McGuire
- *Terry & Tina Antonacci
- *Mary Ann Malcolm
- *Greg Cyphert

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- *Pam Cavallo
- *Tom Moots
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- *Ramona Pishner
- *Larry Pishner
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- *Suzanne Neimeyer
- *Lee Kelley
- *Guy Scarnati

- *Frankie Scarnati
- *Ann Scarnati
- *Aslyn Hurst
- *Lindsay Palmer
- *Melva Roush
- *Jimmy & Eric Loar
- *Jacqueline Thomas
- *Kim Nicholson

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

FAMILY OF FAITH

There will be no Sunday School the next few Sundays. See you January 9th

RCIA



Friends and Family questioning your Faith? Think they might want to become Catholic?

RCIA & RCIC REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

PLEASE CONTRACT

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SCAN WITH YOUR PHONE



LECTORS

December 31, 2021 (Friday)

5:00 p.m. Judy Labdik

January 1, 2022 (Saturday)

5:00 p.m. Rebecca Leonette

January 2, 2022 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Theresa Post

10:00 a.m. Debbie Kurka

ALTAR SERVERS

December 31, 2021 (Friday)

5:00 p.m. Richard Morrison

January 1, 2022 (Saturday)

5:00 p.m. Emma Lee Marple

January 2, 2022 (Sunday)

8:00 a.m. Kristian McLean

10:00 a.m. Jonathon Brown

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE ON MOBILE APP

PARISH MESSAGE BOARD

HOLY HOUR



Every Week with the last Wednesday to be offered for an increase in vocations, requested by the Serra Club.

HOLY FAMILY:

This weekend is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. The feast celebrates the unity and love so evident in the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and one of the main things the Church prays for on this feast is that our families might imitate the virtues of the Holy Family.

The opening prayer for Mass praises the Holy Family as a shining example, and it asks that “we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity.” The Prayer over the Offerings makes another petition for our families when it asks that “through the intercession of the Virgin Mother of God and Saint Joseph, you [God] may establish our families firmly in your grace and your peace.” Imitation of the Holy Family is invoked a third time, in the Prayer after Communion, as that prayer asks that we might “imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,” adding the petition that “after the trials of this world, we may share their company forever.”

No family is perfect; all families have conflict and all families deal with less-than-ideal situations. Don't get caught up in the idea that your family cannot live up to the ideal of the Holy Family; just put into practice as best you can the Christian virtues of love, compassion, forgiveness and sacrifice. Pray for your family, using the thoughts and words of those prayers of the Mass for the Holy Family; ask for the grace for you and all the members of your family to imitate the virtues lived by Jesus, Mary and Joseph as the Holy Family. Perhaps a great gift we could all give to our families would be to do the hard work of soul-searching and examining our conscience, to try to discern what we could change about ourselves in order to better imitate the love and self-giving of the Holy Family.

May the Holy Family shower abundant blessings on all the families in our OLPH community.

I wish you all a Blessed and Happy New Year, 2022!



ST. STEPHEN | FEAST DAY DECEMBER 26

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

FOR THE WEEK...

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading:

"I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." (1 Sm 1:27-28)

Psalm: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord. (Ps 84)

Second Reading:

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. (1 Jn 3:1)

Gospel:

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. (Lk 2:46)

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WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer:

If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: The Holy Family

Monday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

Tuesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

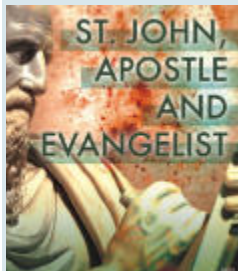
Wednesday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

Thursday:

Friday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve

Saturday: New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace

Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church



QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

FIRST READING:

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, and Samuel's father are portrayed as parents of deep prayer and great faith. How would you describe the faith of your mother or father?

SECOND READING:

John teaches us that if we believe in Jesus and love one another, "we may be called children of God." How do you show gratitude for being part of this holy family?

GOSPEL:

Luke is the only Evangelist to preserve a story about Jesus from his youth. In this account, Mary and Joseph are filled with "great anxiety" as they searched for Jesus who they thought was lost. How do you seek God's help for the anxious moments in your family?

TEC stands for Teens Encounter Christ. TEC is an international, spiritual-renewal movement in the Catholic Church that strives to bring young people and adults into a close, personal relationship with Jesus Christ. TEC is a community, led by the Holy Spirit, that gathers people into Christian groups of faith, while attempting to incorporate its ministry into the overall ministry of their members' dioceses and parishes.

The primary method employed to gather people into Christian community and form them in the Christian life is that of the weekend retreat. At the weekend retreat, which usually runs from Friday evening to Monday afternoon, the participants are led into Christ's Paschal Mystery, through a combination of presentations, activities, talks, prayer, community building, and liturgy.

The next TEC retreat that will take place in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston will be held from Friday, January 14th to Monday, January 17th, at the St. John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, West Virginia. It will be free for all teens who are in their junior year of high school through first year of college.

You can register on the Diocesan website, at <https://dwc.org/diocese/ministries/youth-and-young-adult-ministry/youth-ministry/tec/>, or you can contact Jeanne McKeets at the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis to register: 304-233-0880, ext. 374 or jmckeets@dwc.org.

Thank you for continuing to wear your mask in Church. Bishop Brennan agrees that wearing a mask is an annoyance but not a grave hardship. We are honoring the Lord's command, "Love your neighbor as yourself" with these safety measures.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

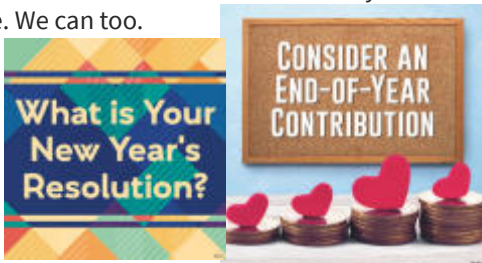
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.

Consider joining one of the OLPH Ministries in the coming year!



Martha Mary Christmas Gathering enjoyed by all!



RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us. But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR KENTUCKY TORNADO VICTIMS

Next weekend, January 1st & January 2nd, we will have a special collection basket to support the recovery efforts related to the recent tornados in Kentucky leaving severe damage and significant loss of life. Proceeds from this collection will support the humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities agencies on the ground, working in the communities affected by the tornados. Thank you for your support.

A THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM FR. KUMAR:

From the bottom of my heart Thank and appreciate each and every one for the many generous gifts, cards and good wishes – your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. God bless you all this Christmas season and throughout the coming year. May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts and in your homes.

Fr. Kumar Reddimasu, Deacon John and Janet Cox, we wish you all a "Holy, Blessed & Peaceful Christmas". We are blessed to have you all as part of our OLPH family.

Big Thanks to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to preparing the church/liturgy and helping us all in our worship of God. Thanks to all those who came to deep clean the Church and decorating, the Hospitality ministers, the choir, cantors and the organists, those who play or contribute to the Music Mass, all who serve on the alter, the readers and sacristans those who set up and clear away before and after mass, and each and every one who has helped throughout the year.

Thanks to Janet Cox for coordinating everything. Your help is invaluable and very much appreciated.

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