

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Oak Hill, West Virginia

2021



Nov. 29 - Dec. 5,
2021

Second Sunday
In Advent



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Liturgical Schedules

Autumn Schedule

Masses :

Weekday Masses : Tuesdays to Thursdays

Confessions 4:15 - 5:15p.m.

Adult Parish Mass 5:30p.m.

School Mass: Fridays 8:30a.m.

Vigil Mass: Saturday Evening

Confessions 4:15 - 5:15p.m.

Adult Parish Mass 5:30p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:00 and 10:30a.m.

Week of Mass Readings:

Nov. 29 - Dec. 5, 2021

Nov. 29 – Monday – Advent Weekday

Is. 2: 1 - 5; Ps. 122: 1 - 9; Mt. 8: 5 - 11

Nov. 30– Tuesday – St. Andrew, Apostle

Rm. 10: 9 - 18; Ps. 19: 8 - 11; Mt. 4: 18 - 22

Dec. 1 – Wednesday - Advent Weekday

Is. 25: 6 - 10a; Ps. 23: 1 - 6; Mt. 15: 29 - 37

Dec. 2 – Thursday -Advent Weekday

Is. 26: 1 - 6; Ps. 118: 1, 8 - 9, 19 - 21, 25 - 27a; Mt. 7: 21, 24 - 27

Dec. 3 – Friday – St. Francis Xavier, Priest

First Friday of December

Is. 29: 17 - 24; Ps. 27: 1 - 4, 13 - 14; Mt. 16: 15 - 20

Dec. 4 – Saturday – Advent Weekday/BVM

Vigil of Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 5 – Sunday - Second Sunday in Advent

Bar. 5: 1 - 9; Ps. 126: 1 - 6;

Phil. 1: 4 - 6, 8 - 11; Lk. 3: 1 - 6

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov. 27 **Vigil**
5:30p.m. †Joyce Lokant by, Becky Williams

Sun. Nov. 28 **1st Sunday of Advent**
8:00a.m. For All Parishioners

10:30a.m. Raymond Childers by,
 Hundley, Childers, Wagner & Kemlock Families

Tue. Nov. 30
5:30p.m. †Delancy & Hope Caldwell
 Ron & Anna Sheehan

Wed. Dec. 1
5:30p.m. †Souls in Purgatory by Paula Lagos

Thu. Dec. 2
5:30p.m. †Raymond Lokant by Family

Fri. Dec. 3
5:30p.m. †William Gerence by Family

Sat. Dec. 4 **Vigil**
5:30p.m. †M/M Theodore Dixon by,
 M/M Marvin Vandall

Sun. Dec. 5 **2nd Sunday of Advent**
8:00a.m. †Fonce DiCostantina by,
 Steve & Debbie Hatcher

10:30a.m. For All Parishioners



Now Streaming our 10:30a.m. Mass service on our Facebook Page!

Look for **Spss Church** (account Name) and click on the link.

Sacraments:

Anointing of Sick/Last Rites & visiting of the sick/homebound - please notify Fr. Tony at (707-812-0084).

Baptism:

After proper Instructions - contact Fr. Tony to make arrangements.

Marriage:

After proper instructions, Pre-Cana seminars, contact Fr. Tony **6 months in advance** before date of marriage.

Scheduled Second Collection: **December**

December 12, 2021 Retirement Fund for Religious
December 25, 2021 Catholic Charities

++R.I.P.++

Our sincere sympathy is extended to Kathy Baird, Family and Friends on the death of her mother, Dorothy Cicarello.



May she rest in the peace of Christ.

School Notes and News

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 2021 - 2022 PRE - K TO GRADE 6

Sts. Peter & Paul School is now open for enrollment for the school year 2021-2022. We invite all to call us (304-465-5045) or come for a tour of our school and what we offer. This school has a high level of success records among our alumni. Many are very successful people today.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus in Oak Hill, WV has an Outreach Program for our needy families. We have been distributing food bags to Mt. Hope and Scarbro. If you know any district where the Knights of Columbus can distribute food for needy families, please let us know.

Monetary donations can be made to SSPP, mark memo "Food Pantry."

Other News for the our Knights of Columbus:

- (1) The KOC will be collecting "Coats For Kids" and adults. They are looking for new or gently used coats, along with scarves, hats and gloves. **Last Day for Drop Off: Dec. 6, 2021 Fr. Moore Room.**
- (2) The KOC would like to thank everyone for making the Annual Rumage Sale a huge success. Proceeds have been distributed to several groups with in the SSPP Parish.
- (3) In the Father Moore Room, the KOC have Christmas magnets (\$5), Christmas Lapel Pins (\$1) and Saint Peter and Paul Magnets (\$2).
 [If you have and questions or need more information, contact Tony Gerard, KOC]

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar (Luke) First Sunday of Advent

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.

Last Weeks Attendance and Giving

 (Nov. 20/21, 2021)

	Attendance	Regular Collection	Combined Masses
		Wkly Offering	\$3,353.00
5:30 pm	55	School	\$55.00
		Food Pantry	\$00.00
8:00 am	50	Votives	\$17.00
		Parish Maint.	\$75.00
10:30 am	53	Mass Stipends	\$25.00
		All Souls	\$10.00
		CSA	\$750.00
		2nd Col. Camp. Human Develpt	\$215.00
		Online	\$495.00
		Give Love, Live Love Campaign as of Oct. 29, 2021	\$62,462.74

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL 2021 *(Fund raising for the School)*

For more than a decade, the Catholic Sharing Appeal (CSA) of the Diocese has been providing support to ministries, services, and programs throughout the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, as well as for parishes and missions. All of us should have received a letter from Bishop Brennan asking you to join him in making a sacrificial gift to the CSA. May we consider sharing our gifts, whether it be financial gift to the CSA or a gift of your time.

Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Goal for the CSA 2021: \$16,965.00

(As of November 21, 2021 - 92% collected. That is \$15,590.00 out of the \$16,965.00)

**** approximately 41 families donating ****

Let us pray: "Use me, O God, show me how to give generously, pray purposefully, and serve joyfully for a purpose greater than myself."

GOAL of CSA 2021: *Development of after school Programs for our Children.*

*We have finished the 50% for the Diocese. The next 50% donation on the CSA will ALL be ours. (Goal amount of our 50% is \$8,482.50)

Announcements:

- (1) **CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Good News! we have reached 16 students now. **Classes will be every Sunday, which started OCTOBER 10, 2021,** at 9:15am until 10:15am in the Parish Hall. We ask for your commitment to attend every class. We will have some activities for class, as well as, guest speakers! **Next Class will be Dec. 5, 2021 at regular time.**
****Confirmation Class: we are now firming up the dates for the guest speakers to come & talk with the class.**
- (2) **CYO** on Sundays from 6 - 7 pm on Sundays. Next meeting, **November 28, 2021.**
- (3) Our sincerest congratulations to our newly wedded young couple - Sean Michael Flynn & Chellsie Nicole Wynn of Oak Hill - married November 20, 2021 at Sts. Peter & Paul. Rev. Mr. Deacon Peter Minogue of St. Patrick (Hinton) officiated the ceremony.
- (4) Our sincerest gratitude to the following for making this this wedding a very memorable one to the couple and their family:
 - ~Mrs. Regina O'Neal who made the lasagna dishes and the great punch;
 - ~ Mrs. Debbie Garvin & Mrs. Kathryn Wickline for organizing, decorating, and setting up a portion of the Parish Hall to make it a lovely wedding occasion.



Sts. Peter & Paul School PTO will be hosting Breakfast with St. Nick on Saturday, **December 11,** from **8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** in the School Cafeteria.

We are looking for vendors (such as baked goods, homemade jewelry, crafts, Christmas décor, etc.) to participate in this event.

There will be no set up fee. We only ask that you make a donation to the school.

We have limited available space - so if you are interested, please contact the school at 304-465-5045 or Liz Campbell (PTO) 304640-6411 to reserve your spot.

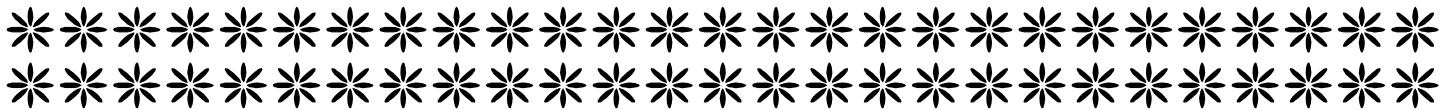


***Reflection:** Advent - The Beginning of the Year of Grace 2022 ~ Cycle C*

Human beings cannot live without HOPE. So very essential is this to human life, that without anything to live for, without something to look forward to - we decay, we die - without hope! To be without hope, to have nothing to live for, is to surrender to death in despair! But we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for almost anything - for some measure of success, of security, for our children - that they might be saved from our mistakes.

Advent is to learn what to hope for. The people of the Old Testament had the courage to hope for big things: that the desert be turned in to fertile land, that the blind would see, the lame walk, the deaf hear! Clearly, their hopes are no different from ours - for tranquil lives, peace, sufficiency of food, an end to suffering, pain and misery.

The First Coming of Jesus immeasurably confirms and strengthens our hope. Jesus will reveal to us that God is not far off, but already living in our midst. Hence the importance of the figures of St. John the Baptist and Our Blessed Mother: because they recognized the new situation, they serve as models for the church in discerning the presence of Our Savior in the world.



Advent in our Catholic Faith

Advent has a two-fold character, for it is the time for the Solemnity of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, we look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these 2 reasons - Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

Advent is a time to recall the cry of the early Christians: MARANATHA! Come Lord Jesus! This was a key watchword and prayer among them. It is an Aramaic word. St. Paul used the Aramaic word at the end of his First Letter to the Corinthians 16:22 : "Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Our Lord - Come! (Maranatha).

The Advent Wreath and Candles: There are very nice meanings and symbolism embedded in the Advent Wreath.

~ SHAPE: the circular shape of the wreath, without beginning or end, symbolizes God's complete and unending love for us - a love that sent His Son into this world to redeem us all from the curse of sin. It also represents eternal life which becomes ours through faith in Jesus Christ.

~ NUMBER: the Advent Wreath traditionally holds four candles which are lit, one at a time, or each for the four Sundays of the Advent Season. Each candle represents 1000 years. Added together, they symbolize 4000 years that humanity waited for the Savior - from Adam to Jesus, the white candle is the Christ Candle - symbolizing purity that is lit on Christmas Eve.

~ COLOR: **Violet** is a liturgical color that is used to signify a time of prayers, penance and sacrifice. Advent is called "The Little Lent," where we wait in our "darkness" with hopeful expectations for our promised redemption. **Rose/Pink** - Gaudete Sunday (3rd Sunday of Advent) - signifying Joy—the First Coming of Jesus is close by now.

- * 1st Candle Purple: **HOPE** - Jesus is coming.
- * 2nd Candle Purple: **FAITH** - Bethlehem candle ~ Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.
- * 3rd Candle Rose/Pink: **JOY** - Shepherds candle ~ Joy of the world experienced at the birth of Jesus.
- * 4th Candle Purple: **PEACE** - Angels candle ~ Angels' message - "Peace on Earth, Good will to all!"





These days, things can seem to be dwindling.

The light in the day, money in the bank, the sanity of public discourse, our bodily health, the number of people at Mass...perhaps even our faith in God dwindling.

Winter is coming. When the first snowflake falls to the ground, it will disappear, as though it had never fallen. Our prayers, our spiritual and corporal works of mercy, our words of kindness, our attendance at Mass, can all seem like a flurry of futile flakes that melt upon impact.

In these dark and waning days, we are tempted to think that our bodies and our actions will dwindle and dwindle unto dust and be blown away.

It is into this very dwindling darkness that St. Paul speaks: "May the Lord make you increase and abound in love" (1 Thessalonians 3:12).

God wants to wreath the world in white this Christmas. No one's faith can snowball without some flakes falling first.

Each snowflake that melts is not futile. It changes the ground's temperature, however imperceptibly. Each snowflake that falls makes it that much more likely that the next one will stick.

Our attendance at Mass is *not* wasted.

Our prayers uttered in silence are *not* wasted.

Our hours worked, meals cooked, and gifts wrapped are *not* wasted. For God wastes nothing.

How do I know? I'm the recipient of each of your loving fallen flakes. I'm living proof that each person who worked one minute towards my Catholic education, fish fries, silhouette stations of the cross, liturgies, and parish picnics contributed to successfully give me the most precious gift in my life: the gift of joy, meaning, mercy, freedom, and faith. You all gave me the Christmas gift most worth giving: Jesus Christ, alive and abundant in grace. You all gave me the only thing that doesn't dwindle: the love of God.

This Advent, we pray for persevering hope and expectant faith, no matter the temperature of the ground upon which we fall.

So have no fear of dwindling. All love that falls to the ground and dies lays the foundation for what will be a stunning squall on earth and a beautiful blizzard in heaven.

Alex White, C.S.C. is a religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross and a seminarian at the University of Notre Dame. He professed his first vows on August 1, 2020 and—Lord willing—will profess final vows on August 31, 2024.