

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Oak Hill, West Virginia

2021



Dec. 20-Dec.26, 2021

**Most Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph**



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Liturgical Schedules

Christmas 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:

Dec. 20 - 26, 2021

Dec. 20– Monday – Advent Weekday

Is. 7: 10 - 14; Ps. 24: 1 - 4b, 5 - 6; Lk. 1: 26 - 38

Dec. 21– Tuesday – St. Peter Canisius, Priest

Sg. 2: 8 - 14; Ps. 33: 2 - 3, 11 - 12, 20 - 21; Lk. 1: 39 - 45

Dec. 22 – Wednesday - Advent Weekday

1 Sam. 1: 24 - 28; (Ps) 1 Sam. 2: 1, 4 - 8d; Lk. 1: 46 - 56

Dec. 23– Thursday - St. John of Kanty, Priest

Mal. 3: 1 - 4, 23 - 24; Ps. 25: 4 - 5b, 8 - 10, 14; Lk. 1: 57 - 66

Dec. 24 – Friday – Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord

Is. 62: 1 - 5; Ps. 89: 4 - 5, 16 - 17, 27, 29; Acts 13: 16 - 17, 22 - 25;
Mt. 1: 1 - 25

Dec. 25 – Saturday – The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Is. 52: 7 - 10; Ps. 98: 1 - 6; Heb. 1: 1 - 6; Jn. 1: 1 - 18

Dec. 26– Sunday - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir. 3: 2 - 6, 12 - 14; Ps. 128: 1 - 5;
Col. 3: 12 - 21; Lk. 2: 41 - 52

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sat. Dec. 18 **Vigil**
5:30p.m. †Paul Lopinsky by Becky Williams

Sun. Dec. 19 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**
8:00a.m. †Trish Blake by,
Steve & Debbie Hatcher

10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

Tue. Dec. 21 †Carmen Gonzales-Norton by,
5:30p.m. Art & Mary Gonzales

Wed. Dec. 22 †Martha Hall by O'Neal Family
5:30p.m.

Thu. Dec. 23 †Vincent Sheehan, Jr. by,
5:30p.m. Ron & Anna Sheehan

Fri. Dec. 24 **Vigil**
5:30p.m. †Bill & Mary Frances Frasier and
†John & Sophia Alexander by,
Debbie Persinger

Sat. Dec. 25 **Nativity of the Lord**
10:30a.m. †Deceased Booth Family Members,
by the Booth Family

5:30p.m. **Vigil**
In celebration of John & Mary Pino
Wedding Anniversary by, Family

Dec. 26 **Most Holy Family**
8:00a.m. For All Parishioners
10:30a.m. †Josephine, Walter, Leon & Benny
Vento by, Judy Learmonth



Now Streaming our
10:30a.m. Mass service on our Facebook Page!
Look for **Spp Church** (account Name)

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 25, 2021
Catholic Charities

January 1st & 2nd, 2022
Second Collection for Kentucky Disaster Relief (Is also thru Catholic Charities)

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.

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

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

Last Weeks Attendance and Giving (Dec. 11/12, 2021)

	Attendance	Regular Collection	Combined Masses
		Wkly Offering	\$3,065.00
5:30 pm	56	School	\$100.00
		Immaculate Conception	\$275.00
8:00 am	50	Votives	\$23.00
		Parish Maint.	\$80.00
10:30 am	80	Christmas Flowers	\$150.00
		Catholic Charities	\$50.00
		2nd Col. Fund For Religious Ret.	\$520.00
		Giving Tuesday	\$0.00
		Online	\$375.00

Give Love, Live Love Campaign as of Nov. 30, 2021
\$62,473.69

Account Expenses:

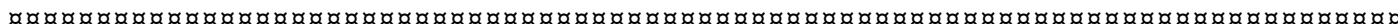
Starting Balance April 30, 2021	\$74,765.80
Parish Playground	\$5,147.04
Parish Contribution	
SSPP School Scholarships	\$2,500.00
SSPP Parish/School Bonuses	\$5,000.00
Delayed from previous year	
=	\$62,118.76

Account Receivables:

Interest Earned (May - Nov.)	+\$354.93
Account Balance	= \$62,473.69

Give Love, Live Love Campaign

- 1- Our Parish Needs: 30%
 - ~ general maintenance of Church
 - ~ Charity begins at home: assistance to our own parish family members (includes thanksgiving dinner, food assistance, etc.)
 - ~ our 2 seminarians.
- 2- School Needs: 70%
 - ~ possible salary raise for teachers this year—with other assistance such as diocesan subsidy, parish subsidy.
 - ~ scholarships - increase from 2 to 4 students @\$2500/scholarship.
 - ~ school equipment: playground, after school needs.
 - ~ student or teacher assistance.



**** All Donations are 100% for Sts. Peter and Paul Funds. They are deposited in a separate bank account and supervised by our Financial Council.****

Announcements:

- (1) Christmas and New Year Mass Schedules 2021-2022 are attached to this bulletin. Please take a look at them and if you suggest some changes, please let Fr. Tony know.
- (2) For our Christmas Evening Mass on December 24th - Brother Alex White and Brother Dominic Re will be the liturgical planners for this Mass - in coordination with Mr. Andre Re, Director for Altar Servers.



Our Catholic Catechism: In Preparation for the Nativity of Our Lord

*“He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
And was born of the Virgin Mary.”*

WHY DID THE WORD BECOME FLESH?

With the Nicene Creed, we answer by confessing: “For us men and our salvation, He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made Man.” (CC456)

The Word became flesh for us IN ORDER TO SAVE US BY RECONILING US WITH GOD, who “loved us and sent His Son to be the expiation for our sins”: “the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world,” and “He was revealed to take away sins” [1 Jn 4:10; 4:14; 3:5] (CC458)

The Word became flesh TO BE OUR MODEL OF HOLINESS. “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through me” [Mt. 11: 29] On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: “Listen to Him [Mk. 9:7]. Jesus gave us a new law: “Love one another as I have loved you” [Jn. 15:12] This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after His example. (CC459)





Reflection: *4th Sunday of Advent*

~ from : *Joey Re (High School Chemistry Teacher*
Lightridge High School Teacher, Loudoun County, VA

Lately I've been spending a lot of time thinking back to where we were at this point last year...

Working from home, masks everywhere we went, no real routine, and watching the coronavirus infection numbers climb to new records. There was still a dispensation from the Mass. Many Catholics - including myself - took it as a free pass to stay home. Waking up late on a Sunday morning to stream Father Chapin's "Daily Living" on YouTube seemed much more appealing than braving the cold to find a new parish in Virginia. I found myself almost thankful for the excuse to not attend Mass.

Sometimes we need to lose something to realize just how badly we need it.

This Advent season has been very different. We're back to Mass. Many dioceses no longer require masks worn in the pews. By all accounts, we seem to be getting back to *normal* in a lot of ways.

But, in the normal routine of the Mass, we find the extraordinary. Consider the joy that Elizabeth felt in the presence of our Lord. Is it not just as incredible, then, that Christ has given Himself to us, and we may experience His True Presence as often as we please? (and never often enough!)

How are we really treating the Mass? Is it just part of the weekly routine? Another box we feel the need to check to please God? Or are we preparing our hearts for the greatest Gift we can receive? Are we entering into the Mass with the joy Elizabeth felt when she first met Jesus in Mary's womb?

After all, during the Mass we are the same as Elizabeth at the Visitation. We meet our Lord and Savior in the Flesh.

The Mass is not about us in the pews, nor the choir; it's not even about the priest. It is about Christ.

If you're saying to yourself, "I don't get much out of Mass," and you find church becoming a chore, ask yourself instead, "what am I putting into it?"

Advent is a season of preparing, and luckily for us, we get a whole 4th week of it. As the end of Advent rolls around, enter the Mass and the season of Christmas with a joyous heart, one well-prepared for Christ's coming.



Mass Schedules:
December 2021 ~ January 2022

December 24 - Friday - Christmas Eve
- 5:30p.m. Mass

December 25 - Saturday - **Nativity of Our Lord**
- 10:30a.m. Mass (ONLY)
(Deacon Pete Minogue, Homilist)

December 25 - Saturday - Vigil of the Holy Family
- 5:30p.m. Mass
(Deacon Pete Minogue, Homilist)

December 26 - Sunday - **Feast of the Holy Family**
- 8:00a.m. Mass
-10:30a.m. Mass

December 31 - Friday - Vigil Mass - Mary, Mother of God
New Year's Eve
-5:30p.m. Mass

January 1, 2022 - Saturday - **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
New Year's Mass
-10:30a.m. Mass (ONLY)
(Deacon Pete Minogue, Homilist)
Happy New Year

January 1, 2022 - Saturday - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord
-5:30p.m. Mass
(Deacon Pete Minogue, Homilist)

January 2, 2022 - Sunday - **Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**
-8:00a.m. Mass
-10:30a.m. Mass

January 8, 2022 - Saturday - Vigil of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord
-5:30p.m. Mass

January 9, 2022 - Sunday - **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**
-8:00a.m. Mass
-10:30a.m. Mass

End of the Christmas Season