

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church

Oak Hill, West Virginia 2021



Dec. 27, 2021 -
Jan. 2, 2022

The Epiphany of the Lord



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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. 27, 2021 - Jan 2, 2022

Dec. 27– Monday – St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

1 Jn. 1: 1 - 4; Ps. 97: 1 - 2, 5 - 6, 11 - 12; Jn. 20: 1a, 2 - 8

Dec. 28– Tuesday – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn. 1: 5—2:2; Ps. 124: 2 - 5, 7c - 8; Mt. 2: 13 - 18

Dec. 29 – Wednesday - 5th Day, Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn. 2: 3 - 11; Ps. 96: 1 - 3, 5b - 6; Lk. 2: 22 - 35

Dec. 30– Thursday - 6th Day, Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn. 2: 12 - 17; Ps. 96: 7 - 10; Lk. 2: 36 - 40

Dec. 31 – Friday – 7th Day, Octave of the Nativity

1 Jn. 2: 18 - 21; Ps. 96: 1 - 2, 11 - 13; Jn. 1: 1 - 18

Jan. 1 – Saturday – Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

Num. 6:22 - 27; Ps. 67: 2 - 3, 5 - 6, 8; Gal. 4: 4 - 7; Lk. 2: 16 - 21

Jan. 2– Sunday - The Epiphany of the Lord

Is. 60: 1 - 6; Ps. 72: 1 - 2, 7 - 8, 10 - 13;
Eph. 3: 2 - 3a, 5 - 6; Mt. 2: 1 - 12

This Week's Mass Intentions

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

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

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

Tue. Dec. 28
5:30p.m. †Gary Perry & Jocko Booth by,
 Booth Family

Wed. Dec. 29
5:30p.m. †Jean Schulte by, Amy Inghram

Thu. Dec. 30
5:3p.m. †Mary & Wilbur Williams by,
 Alan & Kathryn Wickline

Fri. Dec. 31 **Vigil Mary, Mother of God**
5:30p.m. †Dodd—Chambers Family by,
 Reggie & Terri Dodd

Sat. Jan. 1 **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
10:30a.m. †Kokoski—Vanover Family by,
 Ambrose & Armatha Kokoski

5:30p.m. **Vigil of Epiphany of the Lord**
 †Dixon & O'Neal Family by,
 Bill & Regina O'Neal

Sun. Jan. 2 **Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00a.m. †Vickie LeClaire by,
 Gene & Kathy Glover
10:30a.m. For All Parishioners

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



Sspp 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.

Scheduled Second Collection: December—January

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) Christmas

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

Last Weeks Attendance and Giving (Dec. 18/19, 2021)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Collection</u>	<u>Combined Masses</u>
		Wkly Offering	\$2,160.00
5:30 pm	56	School	\$155.00
		Nativity of the Lord	\$10.00
8:00 am	50	Votives	\$35.00
		Parish Maint.	\$65.00
10:30 am	80	Christmas Flowers	\$145.00
		Catholic Charities	\$10.00
		2nd Col. Fund For Religious Ret.	\$35.00
		Giving Tuesday	\$7,571.63
		Online	\$330.00

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.****



Understanding the WORD: Christmas Day

First Reading Isaiah 52: 7 - 10

The oracle of salvation in Isaiah stems from the late exilic period which the prophet announces is coming to an end. This part of Isaiah makes clear that many in Babylon were doubtful of God's intention towards Israel or God's ability to achieve those intentions. Thus the prophet assures the people that god is indeed announcing "glad tidings" (Greek Intention) that God is the sovereign king, and thus able to carry out the Divine Will. As God's holy city, and something of a representative of God's people - the restoration of Jerusalem is the restoration of God's people.

Second Reading Hebrews 1: 1 - 6

The letter to the Hebrews opens up with a majestic announcement that , after centuries of partial and imperfect revelation, God has at last been perfectly revealed in the Son. The author describes Christ as the perfect reflection of the Divine Glory and power through whom all things were created.

Gospel John1: 1 - 18

The Prologue to John's Gospel focuses not on the person of Jesus Christ, but also on the significance of His coming into the world. Jesus Himself, as God, is the source of everything in creation; nothing exists apart from Him and thus everything "is His own." John then challenges the readers of his Gospel to decide whether or not they will accept the "grace and truth" offered or remain in the dark.





***Reflection:** Christmas 2021 ~ by Emily Pino*

Five years ago, I had the privilege of spending five weeks in Bethlehem. I walked to daily Mass at the Nativity Basilica. Like many of you, I grew up with images of Jesus being born in a barn, so praying inside the cave in which Christ was born seemed a bit strange. There I was, nonetheless, going down into a cave every morning just like Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds had done some two thousand years prior.

While the Nativity cave today is well lit, I imagine it was very dark that first Christmas night. What must Mary and Joseph have thought? Did they feel it was insufficient, too lowly, too cold for the Christ Child? How could that be the right place? Yet, God's wisdom ordained that the light of the world would dawn in that cave, there in the darkest of spaces.

Jesus still desires to be born today in the darkest of spaces, right in the center of our hearts.

I remember a couple years ago in spiritual direction, I was on the brink of tears and struggling to put words to something when my director interrupted and said, "There. That place. The space in your heart where you are right now. Go there when you pray. Invite God in. That's where He wants to be." Bringing the darkest parts of myself to the Lord is difficult for me, but the light of His love restores all things.


I realized that Jesus doesn't come into the darkness of our lives to spotlight our weaknesses and condemn us. He comes to save us. Being weak, poor, and needy is part of being human, and God loves that we're human. He loves it so much, He became one of us, born just as weak, poor, and needy as any other baby.

Do you have something in your life that you think God doesn't want to be part of? Maybe it's too dark or too mundane or too human for Him? This Christmas, I encourage you to invite Christ into your darkness, whatever that is: a habit, addiction, fear, relationship, etc. Invite the One who loves you into that space. Nothing is too dark for Him. "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it," (John 1:5). This is the good news that we celebrate today: Jesus Christ is born.

Merry Christmas!

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Mass Schedules:
December 2021 ~ January 2022

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