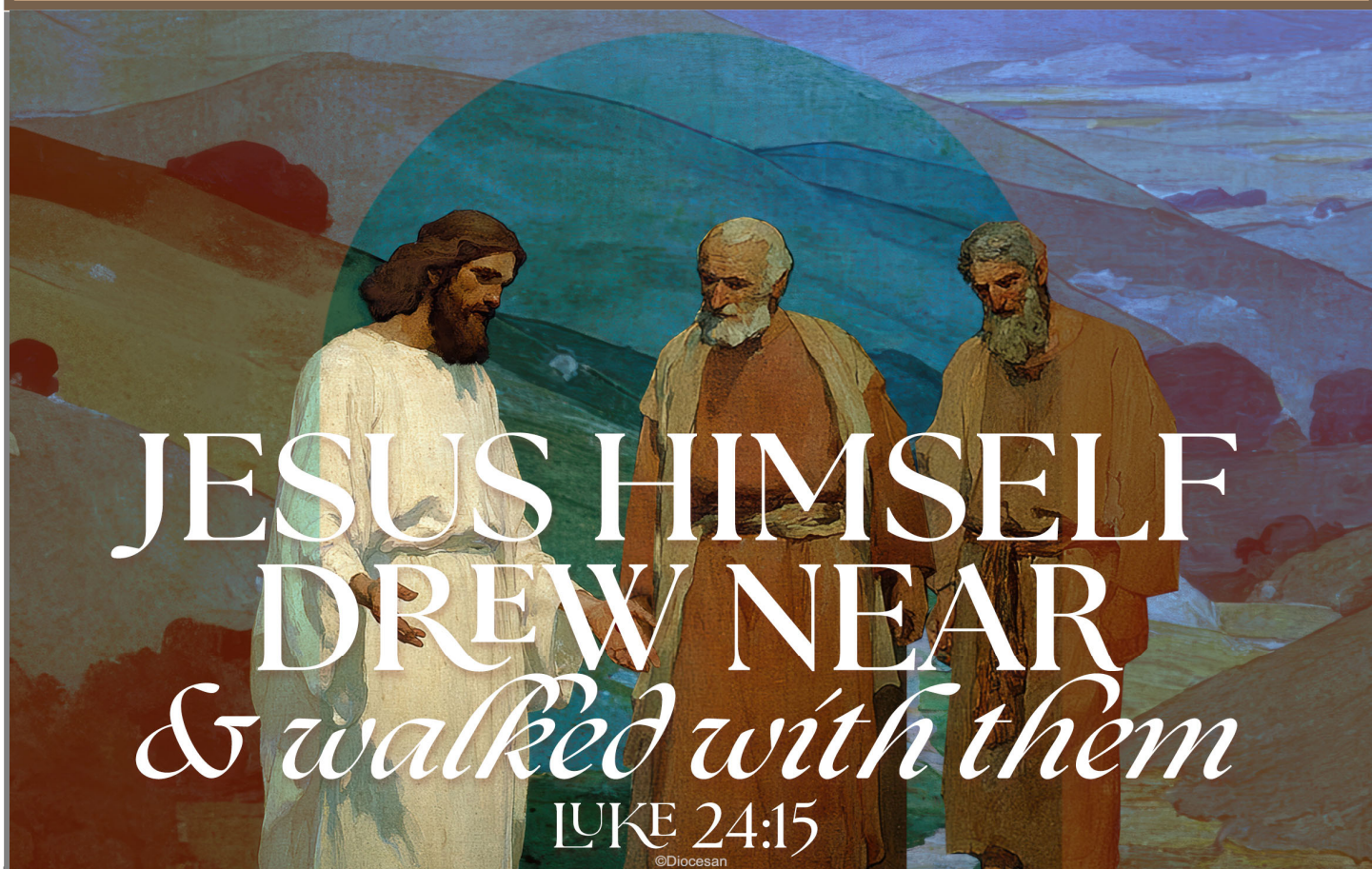


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



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PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper
Carissa Kovarik, Secretary
stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
304-723-2057
Parish Fax: 304-300-9511

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 7:00am; Saturday 7:30am
School Mass: (see bulletin)

JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart
Sundays: 4-4:45 pm
Thursdays: 7:30—8:00 am

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mark Tirona, Director, Religious Education
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Hannah Mergen, Music Director

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal
weirtonstjoseph.net
304-723-1970

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Heckathorn, Principal
weirtonmadonna.org
304-723-0545

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director
weirtonstjoseph.net
681-328-3217

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Catholic Sharing Appeal Goal (page 2)
- *Memorial Mass for Babies Who Passed Before Birth (page 5)
- *Christian Mother’s Card Party (page 6)
- *Annual Church Raffle (page 6)
- *Mother’s Day Cards (page 6)
- *Wine Tasting (page 7)

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2026	\$158,913.96
Sunday Collection	4/11-4/12	\$7,099.00
Monthly Debt Collection	4/11-4/12	\$175.00
E-Giving	4/1-4/12	\$3,126.86

Holy Orders

Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Dennis.

Baptism

Parents should contact Mark Tirona to make arrangements.

Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary and on Thursday from 7:30 am—8:30 am and Sunday from 4-4:45 pm St. Joseph’s

Holy Eucharist

First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Dennis at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Dennis. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

Becoming Catholic (O.C.I.A)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Mark Tirona for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

COLLECTION	Apr.12-13 2025	Apr.11-12 2026
Envelopes	\$7,433.00	Envelopes \$5,739.00
Loose	\$1,397.10	Loose \$1,360.00
Debt	\$415.00	Debt \$175.00
Total	\$9,245.10	Total \$7,274.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—4/13/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—4/12/26)
Envelopes	\$112,018.04	Envelopes \$124,732.47
Loose	\$22,188.29	Loose \$25,438.49
Debt	\$5,606.00	Debt \$8,743.00
Total	\$139,812.33	Total \$158,913.96




2026 Goal: \$49,030

Contributed so far: \$13,835 of \$49,030; 60 gifts; 28%
Any donations over 50% of our goal are returned to the parish. Thank you for your support!

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITIES?

Catholic Charities can help!! If you are a Brooke or Hancock County resident, please contact the Northern Region Case Manager at 304-830-2410 for an appointment.



Please pray for the souls of
 Theda Costadi Herman
 & George Weigel
 Eternal rest grant unto them
 O Lord, and let perpetual light
 shine upon them.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children’s Liturgy is a time for children to pray and learn about God’s Word through child-friendly language and activities. All children from Preschool (3-5 years) through 4th grade are welcome to Children’s Liturgy on Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for middle school and high school students.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, April 20	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intentions for Mary & Eli Evkovich. By: Kevin Tasey	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday, April 21	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ John Ruiz By: Jonah Tirona	Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a; 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday, April 22	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Mickey Lazor By: Ed Klee	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday, April 23	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Joey Cowher By: Carol & Chaz Dight	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday, April 24	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis 10:35 am Fr. Tony	✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family GS Mass MHS Mass	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday, April 25 Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist	7:30 am Fr. Dennis 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	Intentions of Justin Tasey. By: Kevin Tasey ✠ George Jones Jr. By: John & Janet Backel	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Sunday, April 26 Fourth Sunday of Easter	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Dominic Notarantonio By: Mark Desimone ✠ Deena Marie Steele By: Mom & Dad All Parishioners	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: “Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear.” (Acts 2:33)

Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life. (Ps 16)

Second Reading: He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you. (1 Pt 1:20)

Gospel: Then they said to each other,

“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?” (Lk 24:32)

Here's Mud in Your Eye

Jesus encounters a man who was born blind. The blind man's world had always been darkness - until Jesus passed by. With a simple act of compassion, Jesus anointed his eyes with mud, told him to wash and gave him sight for the first time in his life.

This miracle is more than a story about physical healing - it's a revelation about spiritual sight. The blind man's journey mirrors our own.

At first, he knows little about Jesus - just "the man called Jesus." Then, he recognizes Him as a prophet - someone sent by God. Finally, he comes to believe - falling before Jesus and calling Him "Lord."

Meanwhile, the Pharisees, who could see with their eyes, refused to see with their hearts. Their pride had blinded them to the Truth standing before them.

Faith allows you to see with your heart and often begins with a small step trusting Jesus enough to allow Him to put "Mud in Your Eye." As you walk with Him, your vision clears and you begin to see not just the world differently, but yourself and God's love more clearly.

Jesus is still in the business of opening eyes - physically and spiritually. If you let Him, He will lead you from darkness into His marvelous light, just as He did for the man born blind.

"See with your heart" when you visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel. Here's Mud in Your Eye.

We currently have one empty hour and there are 18 hours in the week where the Guardian for a specific hour needs a partner. With busy schedules, there are times when a registered Guardian who is alone, cannot make his/her hour. If every Guardian had a partner, they could work out their schedule making sure that someone was present with Jesus. This would make coverage easy for everyone and keep the chapel covered.

Adoration partners are needed:

Monday 3PM;
 Tuesday 11AM, 2PM (empty hour);
 Wednesday 2PM, 5PM, 6PM;
 Thursday, 2PM, 3PM;
 Friday 10AM, 11AM, 2PM, 3PM, 5PM;
 Saturday 11AM, 12PM, 4PM, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM

Use the QR code below to determine the hour that would work best in your schedule and please register.



DONATE ONLINE

Donate



go to www.stjoeweirton.org
 click DONATE

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of APRIL at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **FOR ALL THOSE ENTERING THE CHURCH THIS EASTER.**

Following is the policy for scheduling Mass intentions: Our church receives requests to have Masses scheduled almost daily and we try our best to get them scheduled as soon as possible. We are able to schedule 4 months ahead. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of **APRIL FOR AUGUST 2026**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend.

For those families with small children, we have the **QUIET ROOM** with TV access in the back of the church to utilize whenever there's a need.

Eucharistic Adoration

OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK MONDAY-SATURDAY
 8 AM- 8 PM

Guardians Enrollment Status						
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
9:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
10:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
11:00 AM	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
1:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

Red: Need 2 Guardians
 Yellow: Need 1 Guardian
 Green: Need 0 Guardians

4/7/2026

GUARDIANS NEEDED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL
 304-374-6170



Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent, facing an eviction, or without housing? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-232-0114 or visit helpingheroesinc.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	BAPTISM CONFESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 20	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 21	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 24	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 25	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, APRIL 26	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFESSION

The FertilityCare™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. & the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m.

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So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).



TABERNACLE CANDLE
INTENTION
4/19/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

Christine Barker

GIVEN BY

Jim & Marie Fazalare

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism is April 29th @ 6 o'clock in the St Joseph Cafeteria. We are studying What Christians Believe (Understanding the Nicene Creed) by Bishop Robert Barron. Pages 23-41.



Sunday, May 10th @ 9:00 AM

Join us in our monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish on May 10th at 9am. Confessions will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Community Bread Basket donation for **APRIL** is **RICE SIDES**. Please place your items in the **red** baskets at all the church entrances.

Christian Mothers Card Party will be held Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm in the grade school Dube' Dome. Doors open at 1:00 pm and tickets are \$10.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, call Barbara Reynolds 304-723-9772. They will be mailed upon receipt of your check made out to St. Joseph Christian Mothers if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Tickets for card party and 50/50 raffle will also be sold at church the weekends of April 11-12 & April 18-19. Christian Mothers will accept door prizes for the card party. They may be dropped off at the church office up until the 30th of April.

ANNUAL CHURCH RAFFLE

FOR INFORMATION OR TICKETS, CALL OR TEXT JOHN DOVEC AT 304-374-7625.

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
2026 SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH
229 CALIFORNIA AVENUE / WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

\$20,000 CASH RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000

EARLY BIRD CASH PRIZES

- #1 April 30, 2026 \$500
- #2 May 31, 2026 \$500
- #3 June 30, 2026 \$500

PICNIC DATE: TBD

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

**ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD
CASH DRAWINGS***

- First Drawing \$500 Cash*
- Second Drawing \$500 Cash*
- Third Drawing \$500 Cash*
- Fourth DRAWING \$1000 Cash*
- Fifth DRAWING \$1000 Cash*
- Sixth DRAWING . . 2nd Place \$5,000 Cash*
- Seventh DRAWING . . 1st PLACE \$10,000*

ONLY FULLY PAID TICKETS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS
Winner Need Not Be Present

DONATION \$100.00

**Final 7 drawings held at Summer Block Party.
Tickets Courtesy of Greco Hertnick Funeral Home
and Cremation Services*



The Parish Community Committee of our Pastoral Council will be selling Mother's Day cards in the back of the church after all Masses the weekends of April 25th and 26th and May 2nd and 3rd. A single Mass will be offered as a group for all returned cards. If you don't catch anyone after Masses, you can contact Judi at 670-5582, Shirley at 479-0367, Connie at 670-4488, Bernie at 614-999-8335, or Sandy 320-247-7678.

St. Paul Cemetery is looking for someone to help with weed whacking and perform other outside work.

Please call Bob or Darlene at 304-723-0622 for more information.

Employment is dependent on a background check and VIRTUS training.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the Date - Celebrating Father Dennis and his 20 years of Priesthood on June 14th. More information to follow!

If you are using supplementary offering envelopes or plain white envelopes to give your weekly offering, please be sure to include your full name on the outside of the envelope if paying cash.
Thank you!

