

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



## Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.

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Rev. Tony Thurston, Retired Deacon Vince Olenick & Deacon John Basil

### PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper  
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### 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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VACATIONS  
APRIL 26, 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)
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  - \*Mother's Day Cards (page 6)
- \*One Mission One Day (page 7)
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### 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

### CCD/PSR

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

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2026	\$165,849.96
Sunday Collection	4/18-4/19	\$6,856.00
Monthly Debt Collection	4/18-4/19	\$60.00
E-Giving	4/1-4/19	\$4,838.79

COLLECTION	Apr.19-20 2025	Apr.11-12 2026
Envelopes	\$9,589.00	Envelopes \$5,456.00
Loose	\$2,069.00	Loose \$1,400.00
Debt	\$500.00	Debt \$60.00
Total	\$12,428.00	Total \$6,916.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—4/20/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—4/19/26)
Envelopes	\$121,877.04	Envelopes \$130,208.47
Loose	\$24,257.29	Loose \$26,838.49
Debt	\$6,106.00	Debt \$8,803.00
Total	\$152,240.33	Total \$165,849.96



**2026 Goal: \$49,030**

**Contributed so far: \$14,360 of \$49,030; 63 gifts; 29%  
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.

### **COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker!**

Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, CAC. She is licensed in West Virginia. Dr. Ann has retired and is doing pro bono work for the Church. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact the parish office.



### 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
<b>Monday, April 27</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Frank DeCaria</b> By: Eli & Mary Evkovich	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
<b>Tuesday, April 28</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Andrew Majoris</b> By: Larry Majoris	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday, April 29</b> Memorial of Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Rose Majoris</b> By: Larry Majoris	Acts 12:24-13:5a; Ps 67:2-3,5,6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday, April 30</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Doreen Holstein</b> By: Christian Mothers	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21, 22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday, May 1</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>9:15 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>10:35 am</b> Fr. Bill  <b>6:00 pm</b> Fr. Neiman	✠ <b>Patrick Law</b> By: The Bonner Family  <b>GS Mass</b>  <b>MHS Mass</b>  ✠ <b>Hartzel John Lancaster</b> By: Mark & Pia Robinson	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday, May 2</b> Memorial of Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Neiman  <b>4:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Dominica Malloy</b> By: The Brancazio Family  <b>Intention for Anthony Tasey.</b> By: Kevin Tasey	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday, May 3</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Tony  <b>11:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>5:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Memorial Fund</b>  ✠ <b>Thomas Azzarello</b> By: Delores Azzarello  <b>All Parishioners</b>	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38)

**Psalm:** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

**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)

## A Prayer by St. Anselm of Canterbury

Oh my God, teach my heart  
where and how to seek You,  
where and how to find You.  
You are my God and You are  
my all and I have never seen  
You.



You have made me and remade me,  
You have bestowed on me all the good  
things I possess, Still I do not know You.  
I have not yet done that for which I was  
made. Teach me to seek You.  
I cannot seek You unless You teach me or  
find You unless You show Yourself to me.  
Let me seek You in my desire, let me desire  
You in my seeking.  
Let me find You by loving You,  
Let me love you when I find You. Amen.  
Jesus is truly present in the Adoration  
Chapel. Seek Him, find Him, and love Him  
there on a regular weekly basis. Just scan  
the QR Code to find a time that best suits  
you... and Jesus. Many hours need partners.

### 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.



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](http://helpingheroesinc.org)

DONATE ONLINE

Donate



go to [www.stjoeweirton.org](http://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	Green	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



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26	1:00 PM 4:00 PM	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONFESSION
MONDAY, APRIL 27	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
TUESDAY, APRIL 28	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 30	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
FRIDAY, MAY 1	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION FIRST FRIDAY MASS
SATURDAY, MAY 2	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, MAY 3	4:00 PM	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.*

*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  
4/26/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

Aaron Davies

GIVEN BY

Mom and Dad

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**

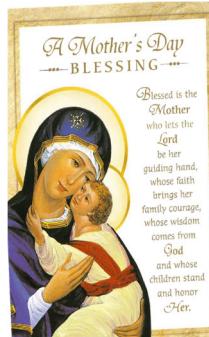
**ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD  
CASH DRAWINGS\***

- 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.

**SAVE THE DATE**

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

Please note that if you have a recurring gift set up through ParishSoft Giving, we kindly ask that you discontinue that offering and begin using Flocknote Giving for recurring gifts. If you have any questions or need help setting up online giving through Flocknote, please call the office and speak with Carissa or Mark.

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!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

**ST. JOE'S**  
**ONE MISSION**  
**ONE DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**MAY 5, 2026**

**HELP US REACH OUR GOAL OF \$15,000!**

**IF WE REACH OUR GOAL, STUDENTS WILL GET TO SLIME MRS. FUSCARDO!**

**TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**  
**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOE'S!**



Hello! My name is Cecilia Anthony and I am an aspiring film director. 6 years ago the Lord led me to the incredible story of the Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne. They were 16 nuns during the French Revolution who, in response to the horrific persecution and violence of the Revolution, began praying a daily act of consecration as a community, offering themselves in totality to the Lord, including martyrdom if the Lord willed it. After two years of praying this daily, they were arrested on falsified charges and later sentenced to execution because of their "attachment to their religion". They went to their executions literally singing praises to God, which inspired an unprecedented silence from the surrounding crowds, and just ten days later Robespierre fell and the French Revolution came to an end. This summer I will be filming a short Proof-of-Concept film about their story, that I will use to hopefully attract potential investors and producers to help make the full-length film a reality. I am currently a Youth Minister, so I have no ability to have a budget for this film at this time. I am relying on the Lord and the generosity of people who are interested in becoming involved to make it happen. The Chief Cinematographer of a small Catholic production company in Maryland is coming out to film it the week of July 20th. The Lord has been opening multiple doors to make this short film possible, but what I really need the most at the moment are people who can help out during the days of filming. There are multiple different roles and responsibilities that I am looking for assistance with. I need extras, I need actors, mostly women between the ages of 25-85 but a few men and a child as well (there is an audition process for the acting roles), and I need practical help as well during the days of filming. If you are interested in hearing more about the project and what I am looking for, or interested in helping out in some way, please email me at [To: followthelamb16@gmail.com](mailto:followthelamb16@gmail.com). Thank you and God Bless!

Deacon Clifton Mastran will be ordained into the Priesthood on May 30th! Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on May 30th @ 10:00am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He would be so pleased to see familiar faces from our parish in attendance.

Deacon John Basil preached on the real presence of the Eucharist during his homily and a part of that homily included the book **Behold It is I: Scripture, Tradition, and Science on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist**. It can be found on Amazon at this link <https://a.co/d/0gTSDLP1>

You may also be interested in an article written by Marcus Grade of EWTN found at the following link <https://chnetwork.org/2015/12/10/unless-you-eat-my-body-and-drink-my-blood-there-is-no-life-in-you-symbolic-or-literal/>

**St. Joseph Holy Name Society**

*Wine Tasting!*

Enjoy the wine of local wine makers and finger foods.  
We are still in search of homemade wine & brandy makers to join us.  
Contact Mike Veltri @ 304-670-0722

**Saturday, May 16th 6-9PM**  
**Madonna High School Gym**  
**Adults 21 & Over Only!**  
**Donation \$20.00**

**Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend and next weekend. You can also purchase tickets at the rectory or at the door the day of the event.**

