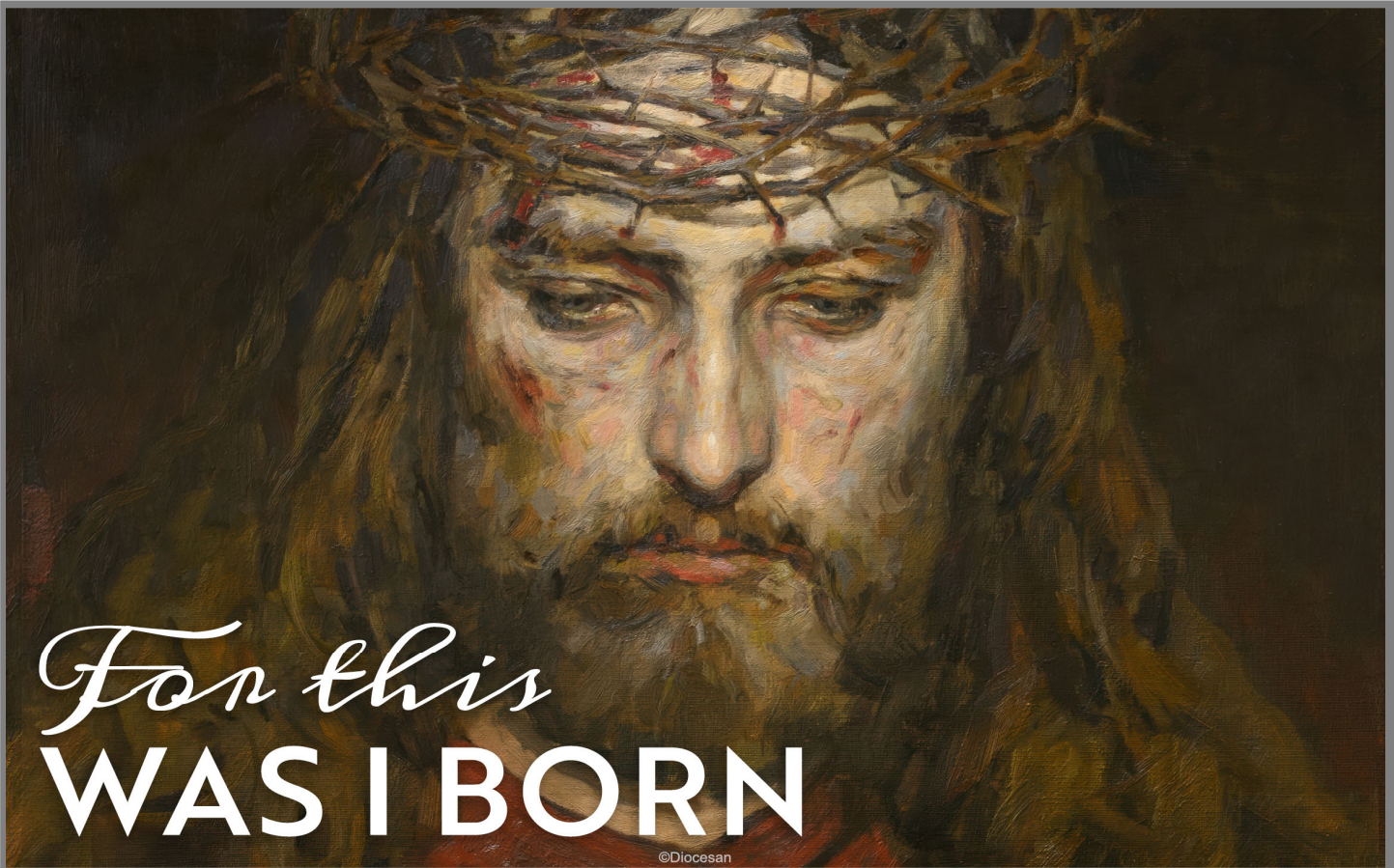


# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



## 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  
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

**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**APRIL 5, 2026**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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 Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

### CCD/PSR

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

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2026	\$130,341.46
Sunday Collection	3/28-3/29	\$6,959.00
Monthly Debt Collection	3/28-3/29	\$10.00
E-Giving	3/1-3/29	\$7,655.65

COLLECTION	Mar.29-30 2025	Mar.28/Mar.29 2026
Envelopes	\$5,967.00	Envelopes \$5,803.00
Loose	\$1,864.31	Loose \$1,156.00
Debt	\$5.00	Debt \$10.00
Total	\$7,836.31	Total \$6,969.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—3/30/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—3/22/26)
Envelopes	\$98,104.04	Envelopes \$102,210.97
Loose	\$18,815.19	Loose \$21,839.49
Debt	\$4,266.00	Debt \$6,291.00
Total	\$121,185.23	Total \$130,341.46



## 2026 Goal: \$49,030

Contributed so far: \$7,650 of \$49,030; 40 gifts; 16%  
Any donations over 50% of our goal are returned to the parish. Thank you for your support!

## OFFICE HOURS

**The office will be closed for the  
Easter holiday on the following  
days:  
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and  
Easter Monday.**



## PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

**Good Friday, April 3-Saturday,  
April 11  
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12**

[thedivinemercy.org](http://thedivinemercy.org)



## 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 6</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Ronald Brown</b> By: Rose Barnhart & Family	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5,7-8, 9-10, 11; Mt 28:8-15
<b>Tuesday, April 7</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Kenneth Fisher</b> By: The Fisher Family	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22; Jn 20:11-18
<b>Wednesday, April 8</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Melvin Fisher</b> By: The Fisher Family	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:13-35
<b>Thursday, April 9</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Intention for Lois Cercone.</b> By: The Tasey Family	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48
<b>Friday, April 10</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Intentions for Megan Tasey Grishkevich.</b> By: Kevin Tasey	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a; Jn 21:1-14
<b>Saturday, April 11</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>4:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>George Jones</b> By: Bill & Georgia Jonczak  ✠ <b>Gary Louis Burgmeyer</b> By: Ed Klee	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21; Mk 16:9-15
<b>Sunday, April 12</b> <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Tony  <b>11:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>5:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Intention for Christine Ward.</b> By: John Hirsch  ✠ <b>Skip &amp; Shirlee Schwab</b> By: The DeCaria Family  <b>All Parishioners</b>	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

**Psalm:** This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118) Or Alleluia.

**Second Reading:** If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

**Gospel:** Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

## Jesus Who?

He appeared to Mary Magdalene in a form she did not immediately recognize. Jesus Who? He joined the two disciples making for Emmaus as a traveler catching up with them on the road. Jesus Who? To the Apostles assembled in the cenacle He appeared behind closed doors. Jesus Who? In an intimacy we can barely comprehend He showed Himself to His Mother in such a form that she would have known Him instantly in His glorious state.



He appears to us in the form of the Bread and Wine. Jesus Who?

Do we recognize Him? Come to the Adoration Chapel. He will reveal Himself in a very personal way to YOU. Open your eyes. Open your hearts. He is waiting for you.

### He is Risen! Blessed Easter to all!

Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel located at St. Joseph the Worker Church invites members of all parishes to come visit the risen Lord and ALL are invited to become a Guardian!

The chapel is open every Monday through Saturday 8:00AM – 8:00PM.

To sign up for an hour at the as a Eucharistic Guardian,  
just click on the QR Code below or call  
304-374-6170.

There are many hours that need prayer partners.  
Scan the QR code to get all the information you need.



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	Yellow
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	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

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

3/25/2026

GUARDIANS NEEDED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL



REJOICE! HE IS RISEN

May the promise of the Easter season bring you great joy and abundant peace in the love and promise of the Lord.

*Happy Easter*



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 5	6:00 AM	T.M.I.Y
MONDAY, APRIL 6	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
TUESDAY, APRIL 7	8 AM—8 PM 5:30 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION BINGO ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 9	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 10	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, APRIL 11	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, APRIL 12	6:00 AM 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y SPANISH MASS 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  
4/5/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

Paul Bennet

GIVEN BY

Mary Ann Anderson & Family

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism is April 8th @ 6 o'clock in the St Joseph Cafeteria. We are studying What Christians Believe (Understanding the Nicene Creed) by Bishop Robert Barron. Please have chapters 1-2 read.



**Sunday, April 12th @ 9:00 AM**  
Join us in our monthly celebration of the holy Mass in Spanish on April 12th 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 March 28-29 & April 11-12. 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

**Divine Mercy Sunday  
~ Feast of Divine Mercy ~**

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 2:00 – 4:00 PM

SACRED HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
200 PRESTON AVENUE  
WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

304 – 723 – 7175

All are Welcome!



Solemn Exposition  
of the  
Most Blessed  
Sacrament

Private Confessions  
Sacrament of  
Reconciliation

Indulgence  
Prayers  
Psalms  
Hymns

Great Hour of Mercy  
Divine Mercy  
Chaplet

Benediction

*Ask for mercy ... Be merciful to others ... Completely trust in Jesus.*

**How to Receive the GRACE of  
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

*Jesus said to St. Faustina, "I want to grant **complete pardon** to the souls that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy." (Diary 1109)*

- Celebrate the feast on Sunday, April 12
- Firmly trust in the Divine Mercy of Jesus
- Come to Jesus with a humble and contrite heart, repent of all your sins.
- Go to confession on that day if possible, otherwise eight days before or after the feast, as approved by the Church
- Receive Holy Communion on the Day of the Feast
- Venerate the Image of Divine Mercy
- Be merciful as God is merciful. Practice works of Mercy, physically by helping others or spiritually by prayers of intercession

**All NEW OVER \$600 Lucky Ball**

**OVER BINGO**

**Different size packets available**  
\$25-\$35-\$45

**St. Joseph the Worker School**

The First TUESDAY of every month  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00  
Games start at 6:30-8:30  
St. Joe's gym

**\$500 TOP 3 Lines**

**\$500 Progressive Jumping Jackpot**

**New Games New Day**

**Refreshments Door Prizes FREE Coffee**

**BINGO!**



# DUELING PIANOS IS BACK!

**SATURDAY | APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> | 6:00 PM**

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER GYMNASIUM  
151 MICHAEL WAY, WEIRTON WV**

**\$50 TICKET INCLUDES:**

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CATERED DINNER
- ONE DRINK TICKET

**RAFFLES, 50/50 AUCTION, AND A \$20 BUY IN TO WIN \$2,000 CASH!**

**JOIN US FOR MUSIC, DRINKS, AND FUN!**



CHECK THIS OUT!



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.

**St. Joseph Holy Name Society**

*Wine Tasting!*

Enjoy the wine of local wine makers and finger foods.

**Saturday, May 16th 6-9PM**

**Madonna High School Gym**

**Adults 21 & Over Only!**

**Donation \$20.00**

**Purchase tickets at the rectory or at the door the day of the event.**

**Tickets courtesy of Greco-Hertnick**

**Funeral Home & Crematory**

