

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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St. Joseph Grade School: 304-723-1970 Principal Alfred Boniti **Madonna High School:** 304-723-0545 Principal Jamie Lesho
WEEKEND MASS: SAT 4 pm SUN 7:30 am, 11 am, 5 pm WEEKDAYS: MON-FRI 7:30 am WED 6 pm

Pastor: Rev. Manuel T. Gelido

Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Sally Frantz

Office Staff: Miss Mary Beth Simon, Mrs. Marie Weigel

Music Coordinator: Mr. John Neurohr

Wedding Coordinator: Ms. Debbie Bernardi 304-559-7490

Letters of Recommendation: Issued to parishioners baptized & confirmed, registered for at least six months, attend Mass regularly & if married, in conformity with the Church.

Religious Education: CCD PreK-9 Sunday 9:45-10:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 12-1 pm Sun 4-4:45 pm

Sacrament of Baptism: Call rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Call rectory at least six months in advance and call Wedding Coordinator to set up Pre-Cana classes and for wedding ceremony preparation.

Sacrament of the Sick: Call the rectory, also please notify us for visits and/or communion calls to the sick & shut-ins.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD MASS SCHEDULE

**12/24: 5:30 pm Children’s Christmas Pageant
6 and 10 pm St. Joseph the Worker
4:30 pm & Midnight Sacred Heart of Mary**
**12/25: 7:30 and 11 am St. Joseph the Worker
9 am Sacred Heart of Mary**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
MASS SCHEDULE**

**12/31: 5 PM St. Joseph the Worker
6 PM Sacred Heart of Mary**
**1/1: 7:30 am, 12 & 6 pm St. Joseph the Worker
9 am Sacred Heart of Mary**

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Shout for joy! Sing joyfully! Be glad and exult! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior (Zephaniah 3:14-18a).

Psalm — Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel (Isaiah 12).

Second Reading — Rejoice! The Lord is near. Make your requests known to God (Philippians 4:4-7).

Gospel — John tells his hearers to share their possessions with the needy; be honest; do not threaten or accuse others falsely (Luke 3:10-18).

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 ST. John of the Cross

7:30 am +Michael Macaluso

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 am +Joe Bengier

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 am +Robin Drennan

9:00 am +Mario Whitehead (SJGS K-4)

6:00 pm NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

7:30 am +George Shorac & John O’Karma

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

7:30 am +Norman Trafton

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

4:00 pm +Frank Byers

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am +Anastasia Spiewak and All Parishioners

11:00 am +Yolanda Filippo, Maria Bellisario,
Vince Petriko, Bilancheta Liberato

5:00 pm +Anselmo “Reno” Bulgarelli

+Please pray for the soul of Mary Brancazio Rollison. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Please, take a moment to **STOP and PRAY for ALL CHILDREN** during the month of December at 3:00 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:45 am CCD
11:00 am Holy Name
Rite of Acceptance at Mass
Opening of the Door Ceremony in Conjunction with the Jubilee Year of Mercy
4:00 pm CONFESSION
6:00 pm Parent Confirmation meeting a SJGS
6:30 pm MHS presents “Christmas Cheer!” In their gym
7:00 pm Chrisagis Brothers Christmas Concert

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14

5:30 pm Bell Choir
6:00 pm RCIA meeting
6:00 pm Prayer Shawl Circle
6:30 pm Never Alone
7:30 pm K of C 4th Degree

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15

6:00 pm First Reconciliation meeting
6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of St. Michael
6:45 pm Friends of Faith Bible Study in church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 pm Advent Penance Service at SHM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

8-8:30 am CONFESSION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

8-9:15 am Christmas Pageant practice in the church
7:00 pm Mass in the Extraordinary Form at SHM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

12-1 pm CONFESSION
1:30 pm Erin Birkhimer-Randy Kernen
Sacrament of Matrimony

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

9:45 am NO CCD
4:00 pm CONFESSION

HOSPITAL LIST

Weirton Medical Center: Frank Majoris and William Watt.

Please let us know if your loved ones are in the hospital.

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION– 12/13/15
FOR: **ROBIN DRENNAN**
FROM: **UNCLE JOHN, AUNT VICKIE & SEAN**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The greatest love story of all time is contained in a tiny white Host."

—Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Christian Mothers thanks Mr. Dan Flora for his expertise in hand crafting and donating the Nativity stable that was raffled off. The winner of the Nativity Raffle was JoAnn Sekersky. Thank you to everyone who was so generous.

Christian Mothers will be taking their winter break and will resume on March 16, 2016, one week earlier because of Holy Week.

For the season of Advent, **The Gabriel Project has empty baby bottles at all entrances of the church.** To donate to this program, which helps moms and babies of the area with diapers, formula, car-seats, cribs, etc., fill the bottle with money and bring it to the rectory by Dec. 20th.

Madonna High School Drama Club will present "Christmas Cheer!" this Sunday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Bill Barrett Gymnasium. It will be an evening of singing, skits and cheer to put you in the holiday mood. Admission is \$5. Bring your own Christmas cheer or leave with a good portion of ours!

The Chrisagis Brothers will perform a Christmas Concert this Sunday, Dec. 13th, 7 pm, in the church. Special guest singer, Nancy Honeytree, who has won many awards for her music and song writing. Admission is free; a goodwill offering will be accepted.

Our Advent Communal Penance Service will be at Sacred Heart of Mary on Wed., Dec. 16th 6 p.m.

SUNDAY PARISH DONATIONS

TOTAL YEARLY GOAL:	\$676,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2015:	\$467,393.68
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR DEC. 5/6	\$ 12,234.00
MONTHLY DEBT: 5/6	\$ 2,283.00
DEC. DOLLAR COLLECTION:	\$ 591.40

Half of the Dollar Collection will go towards supplies and maintenance for the church building and grounds. The remaining monies will go into our Christian Charity account to help our parishioners in need. Thank you for your generous spirit.

Third Sunday of Advent: A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NECESSITIES to the poor. If our impoverished brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas. —Bud Ozar

Thank you to all who purchased sweatshirts, hats, gloves, scarfs and socks for the homeless veterans in Pittsburgh. Also, thanks for choosing to make a child happy this Christmas by buying them gifts from the Angel Tree tags. God's blessings to all of you.

The WORD BECAME FLESH FOR YOU! Unite with Christians around the globe in the celebration of Christmas! Attend Mass in Vatican City with Pope Francis, enjoy beautiful musical concerts from Europe and travel to the sacred sites of the Holy Land—all by watching EWTN! Find EWTN in your area by visiting www.ewtn.com.

Want an easy and fun daily devotional for the Year of Mercy? **Go to your app store and install the free 365 Days to Mercy app** from Our Sunday Visitor. You'll get daily reflections on mercy, everyday Scripture reflections, Pope Francis' tweets, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Novena, and lots more. Go to OSV.com/YOM to learn more.

PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP are our food donations during the month of **DECEMBER** for the Community Bread Basket. Please, place your items in the red baskets at any church entrance. **ALSO: We have been asked to donate CANNED YAMS during the month of DECEMBER for the holidays.**

With this being FLU season, please refrain from partaking of the Precious Blood in the cup at Mass when you are not feeling well. Remember, we do receive the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus in the Host. Let us all be proactive so we can remain healthy this winter.

"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man"
—Pope Francis

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