

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

229 California Avenue, Weirton, WV 26062 **Rectory Phone:** 304-723-2054 **Fax:** 304-723-3961 **Hours:** M-F 8:00 am-4:00 pm
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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 — From you, Bethlehem, shall come forth one who is to be ruler in Israel. (Micah 5:1-4a).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — By Christ doing the will of God, we have been consecrated (Hebrews 10:5-10).

Gospel — "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Luke 1:39-45).

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21 St. Peter Canisius

7:30 am +Jeanne Dube

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

7:30 am +Marshall Meredeth

2:00 pm +Edward Kobily (at Serra Manor)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23 St. John of Kanty

7:30 am +Mr. & Mrs. James McGrail

2:00 pm +Dolores Troia (at Wyngate)

6:00 pm +Adam Hudek, Sr.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

6:00 pm +Albert & Carmela Pulice

10:00 pm +James G. Connors II

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of the Lord

7:30 am +Joseph Underwood

11:00 am +Connie Bennett

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

4:00 pm +Joseph Evano

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27 The Holy Family of Jesus,

Mary and Joseph

7:30 am +Salvatore Pellegrino

11:00 am +Helen & Stan Anthony

5:00 pm +Bill & Helen Nichols and Judy Waugh
and All Parishioners

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 20

9:45 am NO CCD

4:00 pm CONFESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

1:30 pm Bingo at Serra Manor

5:30 pm Bell Choir

6:30 pm Never Alone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:45 pm Friends of Faith Bible Study in church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSING AT NOON

WILL REOPEN JANUARY 4, 2016

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24

5:30 pm Children's Christmas Pageant in the church

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25

REJOICE, FOR CHRIST IS BORN



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26

12-1 pm CONFESSION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:45 am NO CCD

4:00 pm CONFESSION

HOSPITAL LIST

Weirton Medical Center: Rocco Piermarini, Joseph Duco

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

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

Starting December 23rd at noon and through January 3rd please use either of these two phone numbers to reach a priest for **LAST RITES** only. Thank you.

1-304-881-9947 or 304-914-4115

Regular rectory office hours will resume at St. Joseph the Worker Jan. 4th and Sacred Heart of Mary Jan. 5th. Blessed Christmas to all.

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION— 12/20/15
FOR: **MARGARET JAVORSKY AND
EMIL & EVELINA CAPITO**
FROM: **JOHN, DAR, JOHNNY & JOEY CAPITO**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"The sovereigns of the earth do not always grant audience readily; on the contrary, the King of Heaven, hidden under the Eucharistic veils, is ready to receive anyone."

—St. Alphonsus Liguori

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tues: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wed: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thurs: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Fri: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]
Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Sat: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Catholic Charities West Virginia (CCWVa) is inviting all people to join in its vision of hope for West Virginia by contributing to its 'Be With Us' appeal. Proceeds from the annual appeal will directly support the outreach services of CCWVa throughout WV. The traditional second collection at Christmas Mass will contribute to this appeal. Donations can also be made online at CatholicCharitiesWV.org, by mail at 2000 Main St., Wheeling or by calling 1-888-900-2989.

Rachel's Vineyard, a retreat for post-abortion healing will be held April 15-17, 2016 and also Nov. 4-6, 2016. For more information visit www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org or call 304-905-9860 ext. 2022 or email rachelsvineyardwv@comcast.net.

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

We are in need of substitute teachers. For more information, please call the school 304-723-1970

The school will be closed from December 21 through January 3. Walkers can resume on January 4th.

St. Joseph's has teamed up with Schwan's Home Delivery! Campaign ID#22803. Catalogs can be found in the church vestibules.

Please continue to save Campbell Soup labels, Box Tops, Coke Rewards & Sunny D labels. Thank you.

SUNDAY PARISH DONATIONS

TOTAL YEARLY GOAL:	\$676,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2015:	\$478,050.68
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR DEC. 12/13	\$ 10,387.00
MONTHLY DEBT: 12/13	\$ 270.00
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DEC. 7/8	\$ 886.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent: A Family Perspective

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

—Bud Ozar

Today, the Fourth and last Sunday of Advent, as we prepare us for Christmas, now at the door, let us meditate on the angel's annunciation to Mary. Her attitudes are for us the model of how to prepare for Christmas.

First of all, her attitude of faith, which consists in listening to the Word of God in order to abandon herself to this Word with full willingness of mind and heart. Her response to the angel is filled with faith. Mary does not know by what road she must venture, what pains she must suffer, what risks she must face. But she is aware that it is the Lord asking and she entrusts herself totally to God and abandons herself to God's love. This is the faith of Mary!

Second, she reminds us that everything is a free gift from God, everything is grace, everything is a gift out of God's love for us. Mary responds to God's grace and abandons herself, saying to the angel: "Let it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). And the Word was made flesh in her womb. We too are asked to listen to God who speaks to us, and to accept God's will. According to the logic of the gospel, nothing is more productive and fruitful than listening to and accepting the Word of the Lord, which comes from the gospel, from the Bible. The Lord is always speaking to us!

—Pope Francis

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.

St. Anthony Parish in Follansbee needs a **Custodial Maintenance Worker**. Contact them at 304-527-2286 for more information.

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BULLETIN FOR SUNDAY:

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: