

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.

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.

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 — Hannah gives her son Samuel back to the LORD, leaving him in the temple at Shiloh: "As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD" (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) or *Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14*.

Psalm — Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord (Psalm 84) or *Psalm 128*.

Second Reading — We are children of God when we believe in the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us (1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) or *Colossians 3:12-21 [12-17]*.

Gospel — Joseph and Mary find the lost Jesus in the temple in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking questions (Luke 2:41-52).

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

7:30 am +Elva Osaba

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket

7:30 am +Verna Martinelli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

7:30 am +Carolina M. Torres

6:00 pm +Silva Perfetti

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I

7:30 am NO MASS

5:00 pm +Mary Rollison (Vigil Mass)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary,

The Holy Mother of God

7:30 am +Fr. Jack Federico

12:00 pm +Patsy Brancazio

6:00 pm +Jeanne Rujak

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2 Ss. Basil the Great &

Gregory Nazianzen

4:00 pm +Lena DiGregorio

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 The Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 am All Parishioners & Memorial Fund

11:00 am +Erma & Hugh Donnelly

5:00 pm +Christine Rodgers



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:45 am NO CCD

4:00 pm CONFESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

6:30 pm Never Alone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:45 pm Friends of Faith Bible Study in church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

12-1 pm CONFESSION

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

9:45 am CCD

4:00 pm CONFESSION

HOSPITAL LIST

Weirton Medical Center: Not Available

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

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION— 12/27/15

FOR: **DOMENIC & JOHN CHIODI**

FROM: **CHIODI & WESTLAKE FAMILY**

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.

St. Paul Cemetery has opened Section 9 (St. John) for in-ground burials. Call St. Paul Cemetery office 304-723-0622 for more information or to purchase a plot.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"During a Holy Hour our love for Jesus becomes more intimate, our love for each other more understanding, and our love for the poor more compassionate."

—Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Thanks to the students and faculty of St. Joseph Grade School and to all parishioners who donated hats, scarfs, gloves, and socks for the homeless veterans in Pittsburgh. Remember, that by keeping them warm this winter, you are also keeping Jesus warm and fulfilling what He said, "When I was naked, you clothed me".

With the New Year, making resolutions is a good thing...why not make yours this year to serve Jesus, the newborn Babe, in the ministries of the church. Some ministries are: lectors, singing in the choir, distributing the Body of Christ, teaching our children, assisting Fr. Manny at Mass, keeping the church clean, or joining one of our many organizations that help each other learn more about our faith and serve those in need. Just call the rectory or use our email if you need more information or want to volunteer to make our parish a home.

Catholic Charities HomeCare provides comprehensive in home services to the elderly and disabled. Please phone 304-230-1280 ext. 2201 or 2202. You have the right to choose a qualified Home Care Service that will provide the quality care you deserve.

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:	\$467,393.68
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR DEC. 19/20	Not Available
MONTHLY DEBT: 19/20	Not Available

Thanks for your generous donations and continued support.

Holy Family A Family Perspective

Today's gospel contains this truth about parenting: "but his parents did not know." One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don't tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

—Bud Ozar

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

All of us know well the experience of sin. We are called to perfection, yet we feel the heavy burden of sin. Reconciliation with God is made possible through the paschal mystery and the mediation of the Church. The mercy of God is stronger than the negative effects of sin. Through the Bride of Christ, His Church, He reaches the pardoned sinner and frees him from every residue left by the consequences of sin, enabling him to act with charity, to grow in love rather than to fall back into sin (Misericordiae Vultus).

Mercy is "the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness." (Misericordiae Vultus) The thing that flows from mercy is hope! Hope is "the desire of something together with the expectation of obtaining it." (Catholic Encyclopedia). How powerful is our vocation to mercy? Let those words sink in! How amazing to know that by seeing another person in their misery, and responding to their needs, we all will grow in the understanding that not only does this infinite love exist but that we have the expectation of obtaining it!

The Gabriel Project's Baby Bottle Drive has been so successful because of your generous donations. We are continuing to collect the bottles. If you did not pick one up at the church and still would like to donate, you may do so at any time. Because of the overwhelming response, it is impossible to thank each and every one of you personally, but be assured of our appreciation and gratitude. God has truly blessed this parish with wonderful, loving, generous people.

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.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: