

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH



Sunday Masses:

Saturday evening:.....4:00 pm
Sunday:.....7:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm

Holy Day Masses:

As scheduled in the bulletin

Daily Masses:

Monday through Friday:7:30 am

Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.
Pastor

Rev. Anthony Thurston, Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. Vince Olenick, Permanent Deacon

Parish Address:

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Hours: 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. Monday—Friday

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Music Coordinator:.....John Neurohr

Grade School Office:304-723-1970

saintjosephtheworkerschool.synthasite.com

Mr. Al Boniti, Principal

Madonna High School Office:304-723-0545

weirtonmadonna.org

Mr. Jamie Lesho, Principal

**West Virginia
Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-352-6513**

**Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator
304-242-6988**

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

Holy Orders: Any men exploring the possibility of becoming a Priest or Deacon or anyone contemplating Religious Life should contact Fr. Dennis.

Matrimony: Contact Fr. Dennis at least six months to preferably one year in advance.

Baptism: By appointment, contact Sally Frantz

Confirmation: Scheduled every two years.

Holy Eucharist: First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring.

Reconciliation: Sun 4-4:45 pm; Thurs. 8-8:30 am and Sat. 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish.

Anointing of the Sick: Call the rectory for a priest.

Religious Education: CCD classes for PreK-9 Sunday 9:30-10:45 am

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (for those who want to become Catholic or those interested in learning about the Catholic faith) Contact Sally Frantz at the rectory.

Forms to be a Sponsor: Issued to parishioners baptized, confirmed, registered at least six months, attend Mass regularly and if married in conformity with the Church.

Parish Membership: Please call the rectory if you wish to become a member of our parish or if you are leaving to join another parish.

December 11, 2016 Third Sunday of Advent



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 am (Fr. Tony) +Concetta Rocchio

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 St. Lucy

7:30 am (Fr. Tony) +Sophia Tarowsky
2:00 pm (Fr. Tony) Mass at Weirton Geriatric Center

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 St. John of the Cross

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +Maria DePanfilis
3:00 pm (Fr. Dennis) Mass at Wyngate

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +Theodore Druzik

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +Robin Drennan
9:00 am (Fr. Dennis) Mass with SJGS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

4:00 pm (Fr. Dennis) +Lou Serra

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +Norman Trafton
11:00 am (Fr. Dennis) +Antoinette Oliver and
Saverio Veltri
5:00 pm (Fr. Tony) All Parishioners

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION- 12/11/16
FOR THE SOUL OF
ROBIN DRENNAN
FROM:
UNCLE JOHN, AUNT VICKIE & SEAN

+ Please pray for the soul of Jeanette LaRosa. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. Through the Mercy of God, may she rest in peace.

Charter for Protection of Children & Young People

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston is committed to the protection of its children and young people. The Diocese complies with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* by maintaining an Office of Safe Environment. To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families/Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact one of the Bishop's designees at 888.434.6237 (toll free) or 304.233.0880: Sister Ellen Dunn, ext. 264; Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Msgr. Frederick Annie, ext. 267, or Msgr. Anthony Cincinnati, 270. For more information on the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment, please go to www.dwc.org, then click the "Diocese" tab, then click "Office of Safe Environment" under the "Offices" menu. To learn more about the Catholic Church's efforts in preventing sexual abuse of children in the United States, please visit <http://www.usccb.org>. Under "Issues and Action," click "Child and Youth Protection" from the drop down menu.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 am CCD
4:00 pm CONFESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

11:30 am Hour of Prayer in the church
5:30 pm Bell Choir
6:00 pm NO RCIA
6:00 pm Never Alone meets at St. Paul
6:30 pm Advent Penance Service
7:30 pm K of C 4th Degree meeting

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy
6:45 pm Friends of Faith Bible Study

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:00 am CONFESSION
5:30 pm Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

12-1 pm CONFESSION AT SHM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

MHS Class of 2020 Bake Sale after Masses

9:30 am CCD
4:00 pm CONFESSION

The Gabriel Project's Annual Baby Bottle Project bottles are located in the vestibules. Please take one, fill it up with your sacrificial monetary donation and return to the rectory. This money will help fund the Gabriel Project, which supplies moms in need with diapers, wipes, food, cribs and car seats. Thank you in advance for supporting children and families.

POST ABORTION RESOURCES

Rachel's Vineyard (24-Hours) 1-877-467-3463
www.rachelsvineyard.org

Abortion Recovery Counseling 949-679-9276
www.silentnomoreawareness.org

www.healinghearts.org
www.mistymtn.org & www.menandabortioninfor.com (for men)

ADOPTION RESOURCES

www.genesispg.org and www.bethany.org

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of a past abortion, or questioning your sexual health? Contact:

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio
740-283-3636

aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net

www.aimwomenscenter.com

24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

"The sincere and humble admission of one's weaknesses, of having 'a sliver of Satan in my flesh,' shows that the power of salvation comes from God, not oneself."
—Pope Francis

St. Joseph the Worker, along with Sacred Heart of Mary will hold the annual **Advent Penance Service** at St. Joseph's on Monday, **December 12th at 6:30 pm.** There will be four priests available to hear your confession and administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. While we are preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth, let us also make time to prepare our hearts by receiving this most gracious Sacrament.

The **Holy Name Society** would like to express our sincere gratitude to all parishioners for your compassion and generosity in the contribution of over \$1200 for the annual Thanksgiving collection. Donations have been made to the Weirton Community Bread Basket and St. Joseph the Worker Christian Service Fund.

The **Community Bread Basket** needs volunteers to help distribute Christmas Baskets on December 16th at 8 am and again from 1-3 pm. They are located on West Street in Weirton.

If you would like to be a **counter of the Sunday Mass collection**, please call the rectory, as we are in need of a few more parishioners. Most counting is done on Sunday at 11 am and would only be 5-6 times per year.

Discernment on the Mountain is a 3-day retreat in the mountains of Southern WV for both High School and College-aged men who want to deepen their faith, and discern God's call in their lives. The 3 days will include prayer, discussions on discernment, fellowship with current seminarians and priests, and a full day of skiing on the slopes of Snow Shoe Ski Resort. Runs from Jan. 2-5, 2017. The cost is \$50. To register: Rick Teachout at rteachout@dwc.org, www.wvpriests.org or 304-233-0880 ext. 442.

Parishioners often ask how much should they offer for a Mass intention for a loved one. Our suggested stipend is \$10 for a weekday Mass and \$20 for a Sunday Mass.

Consider joining the **Rosary Group, Tuesday evenings 6-6:45 pm in the church.** The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed, as well as reading prayers from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. If you have any questions, call Carol Bradley at 304-723-2530.

PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP are our December donations and **PEAS** are our December Holiday Donation to the Community Bread Basket. Please place your items in the red baskets at the church entrances.

Please, **STOP and PRAY** during the month of **December** at **3 p.m. each day**, the Hour of Mercy, for **blessings on our families.**

SUNDAY PARISH DONATIONS

TOTAL YEARLY GOAL:	\$676,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2016:	\$411,530.39
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR Dec. 3/4	\$ 10,785.41
MONTHLY DEBT: Dec. 3/4	\$ 2,216.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support

***Please note time change for Christmas Eve: Mass will now be at 5 pm & 8 pm**

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Dec. 12, 6:30 pm SJTW

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DEC. 24-	4:30 PM	SHM
	5:00 PM	SJTW
	8:00 PM	SJTW
DEC. 25-	MIDNIGHT MASS	SJTW and SHM
	7:30 AM	SJTW
	9:00 AM	SHM
	11:00 AM	SJTW

PLEASE NOTE: NO MASS at 5:00 PM

JANUARY 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

MHS Class of 2020 will hold a fundraiser **Bake Sale after all Masses the weekend of December 17-18th.** Stop by and purchase your Christmas goodies!

ADOPT A GRANDPARENT this Christmas. Sponsored by MHS Art Club. Please see bulletin insert for more details.

If you have taken a child's name off of the Angel Tree and purchased gifts, please bring the gifts, **unwrapped and with the tag attached** to the rectory no later than December 8th. Thank you.

HOSPITAL LIST

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners who are hospitalized, homebound or ill. As of December 1st, when you are admitted to Weirton Medical Center and want clergy to visit, make sure you tell the admitting clerk that you are a parishioner of St. Joseph the Worker in Weirton. For all other hospitals you have to call us to receive a visit. **Your name will not be published in the bulletin unless you call the rectory office and tell us to do so.** This is due to HIPPA laws and to protect your privacy. Thank you.

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