

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:

229 California Avenue, Weirton, WV 26062

Parish Office:304-723-2054

Parish Fax:304-723-3961

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

E-mail:stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

Website:.....stjoeweirton.org

Fr. Dennis email:dschuelkens@dwc.org

Faith Formation Office:304-723-2054

Sally Frantz, Director of Religious Education

Office Staff:Mary Beth Simon, Marie Weigel

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 25, 2016 The Nativity of the Lord



LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26 St. Stephen

7:30 am (Fr. Tony) +Lou Florenzo

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27 St. John

7:30 am (Fr. Tony) +Dolores Wilson
2:00 pm (Fr. Tony) Mass at Serra Manor

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28 The Holy Innocents

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29 St. Thomas Becket

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +James Senker

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) +Tina Rocchio

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31 St. Sylvester I

4:00 pm (Fr. Dennis) +Frank Byers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:30 am (Fr. Dennis) Memorial Fund
11:00 am (Fr. Tony) +Fred Barnabei
5:00 pm (Fr. Tony) All Parishioners

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.

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION- 12/25/16
FOR THE SOULS OF
DOMENIC & JOHN CHIODI
FROM:
THE CHIODI & WESTLAKE FAMILIES

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 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS

9:30 am NO CCD
4:00 pm NO CONFESSION
5:00 pm NO MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:00 am CONFESSION
5:30 pm Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

12-1 pm CONFESSION AT SHM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 HAPPY NEW YEAR

9:30 am NO CCD
4:00 pm CONFESSION

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM DECEMBER 26TH AND REOPEN MONDAY JANUARY 2ND. IF YOU HAVE AN EMERGENCY NEEDING THE SACRAMENT OF LAST RITES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 304-723-2054 AND YOU WILL BE DIRECTED WHERE TO CALL FOR A PRIEST.

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

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm — All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel — The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Friends of Faith will begin a new study guide beginning January 3, 2017. The new book will be The Gospel of John by Rev. William Anderson, a retired priest of our Diocese. Please consider joining our group on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 pm at St. Joseph Gethsemane Room. Please bring your favorite bible. We are a group of 12-14 and would love for more people to join in our discipleship. The book will be available for \$13. Please call 304-374-0709 to reserve your book today.

What is TEC? The Teens Encounter Christ retreat is a weekend, January 14-16 at Immaculate Conception Parish, Fairmont, WV, for high school juniors & seniors and college freshmen & sophomores. Believing that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the core message of our Christian faith, we offer to youth and young adults the opportunity to encounter and integrate this Pashcal Mystery at a time of passage through young adulthood. The cost of the weekend is \$50; but do not let expense keep you from going—scholarships are available. Register online at ncwvtec.weebly.com.

St. Joseph the Worker has a Prayer Line, where up to 40 parishioners will pray for your specific needs. Please phone the rectory or one of the following facilitators with your prayer request:

Sally Frantz 304-723-2054
Connie Fancalski 304-723-0047
JoAnna Froats 304-723-5161
Bernie Finley 304-723-1271
Patty Basil 304-723-1504
Dave Dube 304-723-3747
Jim O'Brien 304-723-4383

SUNDAY PARISH DONATIONS

TOTAL YEARLY GOAL:	\$676,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2016:	\$430,406.39
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR Dec. 17/18	\$ 9,401.00
MONTHLY DEBT: Dec. 17/18	\$ 20.00

**Thank you for your generosity
and continued support**

JANUARY 1 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

REGULAR SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Sat. 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m.

A heartfelt thank you to all who donated to the Gabriel Project through the Advent Baby Bottle Drive. Many baby necessities will be purchased and available to moms in need. The final total amount will be published in a future bulletin. Thank you again for your continued generosity.

Renew your marriage this new year by attending a "Married Couples" Retreat at Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, WV on March 3,4,5 or April 7,8,9. For more information call Elaine Galeone at 410-252-5355.

PANCAKE MIX/SYRUP are our December donations to the Community Bread Basket. Please place your items in the red baskets at the church entrances. Thank you for your compassion and generosity.

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

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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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: