

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.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

MASS TIMES:

MONDAY, DEC. 7: 6 PM AT SJTW

**TUESDAY, DEC 8: 7:30, 9 AND 10:25 AM AT SJTW
NOON AND 6 PM AT SHM**

CHRISTMAS AND HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

12/24: SJTW: 6 PM AND 10 PM

SHM: 4:30 PM AND MIDNIGHT

12/25: SJTW: 7:30 AND 11 AM

SHM: 9 AM

12/31: SJTW: 5 PM AND SHM: 6 PM

**1/1: SJTW 7:30 AM, NOON, 6 PM
SHM: 9 AM**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7 St. Ambrose

7:30 am +Regina Haberman

6:00 pm The Intentions of Jesse Weigel
(Vigil Mass)

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8 Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am +Nella Fiocca

9:00 am +Clemmie Waltrip (SJGS All School)

10:25 am +Cosmo Brancazio (MHS Jr. Ring Ceremony)

2:00 pm +Ronald Radcliffe (at Weirton Geriatric Center)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9 St. Juan Diego

7:30 am +Pietro Ianni

2:00 pm +Paul Tripodi (at Wyngate)

6:00 pm +Salvatore Pellegrino

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:30 am +Emma Barnabei

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11 St. Damasus I

7:30 am +Saverio Veltri

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

4:00 pm +Norman Troia

11:00 pm +The Intentions of Mrs. Mary Ann Teders
(Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13 Third Sunday of Advent

7:30 am +John Olashuk

11:00 am +Joseph Pulice

5:00 pm +Sondra Pennacchio & All Parishioners

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

9:45 am CCD

4:00 pm CONFESSION

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

6:00 pm RCIA meeting

6:30 pm Never Alone

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

BEGINNING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

6:00 pm Rosary/Chaplet of Divine Mercy

6:45 pm Friends of Faith Bible Study in church

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

2:00 pm Bereavement Ministry Christmas gathering

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

8-8:30 am CONFESSION

5:30 pm Choir

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12

12-1 pm CONFESSION

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

1:00 pm Christian Mothers Christmas Party at Undo's

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

Thank you to all who donated to the Community Bread Basket's New Toy Drive, sponsored by Jonathan Golden. If you would still like to donate you may at Bob Evans Restaurant Dec. 11th from 5-9 pm, Dec. 12th from 7 am -7pm and Dec. 13th from 11 am-3 pm. Thanks again!

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION— 12/06/15

FOR: CONNIE BENNETT

FROM: KATHLEEN JONCZAK

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

"You can come to me (in Eucharistic Adoration) at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace!"

—Jesus to St. Faustina

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wed. Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thurs. Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

A heartfelt thank you to Madonna High School students and all who donated sweatshirts for the homeless.

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.

Our Bereavement ministry, will hold their Christmas gathering on **Wednesday, December 9th AT 2 p.m.** in the Hospitality Room of the rectory. Please bring a \$10 gift for either a male or female in honor of your loved one. These will be distributed to the Weirton Geriatric Center. Also, this is a covered dish luncheon...so bring your favorite food to share.

Holy Name members will meet for Mass on Sunday, December 13th at 11 a.m. Breakfast will follow afterwards at the Serbian American Cultural Center.

Madonna High School Drama Club will present "Christmas Cheer!" on 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 on Sunday, Dec. 13th, 7 pm, in the church. Admission is free, but a goodwill offering will be accepted.

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

SUNDAY PARISH DONATIONS

TOTAL YEARLY GOAL:	\$676,000.00
TOTAL YEAR TO DATE 2015:	\$452,876.68
SUNDAY COLLECTION GOAL:	\$ 13,000.00
COLLECTION FOR NOV. 21/22	\$ 8,199.00
MONTHLY DEBT: NOV. 21/22	\$ 97.00
COLLECTION FOR NOV. 28/29	\$ 8,477.18
MONTHLY DEBT: NOV. 28/29	\$ 90.00
THANKSGIVING COLLECTION	\$ 607.21
HOLY NAME TURKEY COLLECTION	\$ 1,087.07

CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL GOAL \$ 38,120.00
CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL

132 DONATIONS TO DATE: \$ 23,190.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Second Sunday of Advent: A Family Perspective

Today's gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make "rough ways smooth" and to "prepare the way of the Lord" for their families. This advent ask: "Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?"
—Bud Ozar

Thank you, thank you, thank you! The Madonna Class of 2017 would like to thank everyone who supported their Penguin gift basket fund raising event. The winner of the gift basket and 4 center ice tickets plus parking pass was Kay Bilal.

St. Joseph Grade School is collecting socks, scarves, gloves and hats for Veterans and homeless of our area. This is a project that Fr. Manny and the students are very excited about, helping those in need during the Advent season. If any parishioner would like to donate items, a box will be in the back of the church marked SJS Advent Donations. We will be collecting items starting November 29th through December 11th. Thank you for your help.

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.

Only after the Last Judgment will Mary get any rest; from now until then, she is much too busy with her children.
—St. John Vianney

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: