

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GO FIRST AND BE
Reconciled.

MATTHEW 5:24

Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.

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Rev. Tony Thurston, Retired Deacon Vince Olenick & Deacon John Basil

PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
304-723-2057
Parish Fax: 304-300-9511

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 7:00am; Saturday 7:30am
School Mass: (see bulletin)

JOINING THE PARISH

New parishioners are welcome.
Contact the parish office to register.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 12-1 pm at Sacred Heart
Sundays: 4-4:45 pm
Thursdays: 7:30—8:00 am

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mark Tirona, Director, Religious Education
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Hannah Mergen, Music Director

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal
weirtonstjoseph.net
304-723-1970

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Heckathorn, Principal
weirtonmadonna.org
304-723-0545

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director
weirtonstjoseph.net
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FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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Holy Orders

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

Baptism

Parents should contact Mark Tirona to make arrangements.

Reconciliation and Penance

Celebrated on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 pm at Sacred Heart of Mary and on Thursday from 7:30 am—8:30 am and Sunday from 4-4:45 pm St. Joseph’s

Holy Eucharist

First Communion is celebrated every year in the spring for children in the second grade

Matrimony

Engaged couples should contact Father Dennis at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

Confirmation

Scheduled every two years

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact Father Dennis. Catholics are encouraged to receive this sacrament before surgery.

Becoming Catholic (O.C.I.A)

Any non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic Christian can contact Mark Tirona for information regarding The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2026	\$60,186.11
Sunday Collection	2/7-2/8	\$7,064.40
Monthly Debt Collection	2/7-2/8	\$1387.00
E-Giving	1/1-2/8	\$2,661.36

COLLECTION	Feb.8/9 2025	Feb. 7/Feb.8 2026
Envelopes	\$5,287.00	Envelopes \$5,760.00
Loose	\$1,079.00	Loose \$1,304.10
Debt	\$716.00	Debt \$1,387.00
Total	\$7,082.00	Total \$8,451.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/9/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—2/8/26)
Envelopes	\$42,907.91	Envelopes \$50,271.72
Loose	\$8,362.93	Loose \$7,065.39
Debt	\$2,213.00	Debt \$2,849.00
Total	\$53,483.84	Total \$60,186.00

“Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker and Sacred Heart of Mary Parishes,

Thank you. Thank you so much for allowing me to serve you as part of your wonderful parish communities. I am so grateful for my time spent here with all of you, from Fr. Dennis, Fr. Tony, Fr. Gerald, Dcn. Vince, Dcn. John, to all the fine parish staff, and most importantly, all of you, the faithful parishioners that bring life to the Church and the surrounding areas of Weirton with your loving presence and Gospel joy!

Thank you for all of your generous support and all of your prayers. God indeed hears them, and I am so glad I was able to receive the initial stage of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and serve you all briefly as a transitional deacon as I continue towards the perfection of those graces to be received in the Priesthood of Christ.

Please know that I have been praying for you all, and I will continue to keep you in my prayers.

I look forward to being able to celebrate the Holy Mass with you the next time we meet...as a happy, humble, and holy priest!!

May God be with you,
Dcn. Clifton Mastran"

If you would like to keep in touch with Dcn. Clifton Mastran, his address is:

2438 Dudley Ave.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

All ladies are invited to participate in the next Walking With Purpose Bible Study, Beholding Your King, that begins on Wednesday, March 18th at Sacred Heart of Mary. Please contact Sharon Duda for details at 304-670-0710.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, February 16	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intention for Paulette Nagy. By: Mary & Eli Evkovich	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 17	7:00 am Fr. Tony	† James Luckino By: Mike & Marlene Runkel	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 18 Ash Wednesday	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis 12:00 pm Fr. Gerald 7:00 pm Fr. Dennis	† Betty Bladdick By: The Mascio & Kuhns Families GS Mass MHS Mass † Ann Searing By: Mary Ann Anderson	Joel 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 19	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	† James J. Zidik-KIA By: The Tassey Family	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 20	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	† James Luckino By: Sheila & Frank	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 21	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	† Patty Basil By: The Fishers † Concetta "Tina" DeCaria By: Julie Morrow	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, February 22 First Sunday of Lent	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	† Evelyn Phillips By: Helen Wudarski † Fred Torres By: The Torres & Alimario Families All Parishioners	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin. (Sir 15:20)

Psalm: Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! (Ps 119)

Second Reading: Rather, we speak of God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory. (1 Cor 2:7)

Gospel: "I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 5:20)

At Home with Your Brother

Saint Mother Teresa said that to love is to do small things with great love. So what are these small things that one can do? Let's begin with home. Home is where the heart is; that's a familiar saying but how much attention is paid to it? Sometimes home is neglected in favor of pursuing things that one thinks is greater.

To keep one's home cheerful is of utmost importance and can be accomplished by keeping in mind how mindful Jesus is of all our needs and extending that mindfulness to each person in our families. Noticing a need and helping with it, consoling in disappointments, disregarding unkind words, asking if one wants a cup of tea, helping to clean a room, sewing loose buttons, reading aloud from inspiring books, praying together, smiling in adversity, and seeing the good - these are but a few of the small things that can be remembered for a lifetime by our family members. The world provides plenty of fodder for discouragement. Let none come from within our own homes. Our hearts can be filled with love for each other when we ask Our Lord to fill us with His love. But our hearts need to be emptied of all that blocks room for His love. Love begins at home, then each one can say with heartfelt gratitude, "There's no place like home..."

"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God...He loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins...if God so loved us we also ought to love one another...if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us." (1 John 4:7-12)

How can this be accomplished? By going to Jesus. He is present in Confession, which is a great healing Sacrament; He is present in the Holy Eucharist which gives us strength to keep trying though we may fail in our intentions, and He is present in the Adoration Chapel which is home for all souls who need rest and love. And what a very great love it is, that is offered so simply by the brother of us all!

The Adoration Chapel is open to all who wish to visit Our Lord. Many hours need prayer partners. A whole family can take an hour and share it among its members each week! Just scan on the QR Code and get started!

Become a Guardian! Scan the QR code below or call 304-374-6170.

We currently have 4 hours with no Guardians!
Please help!



DONATE ONLINE

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go to www.stjoeweirton.org
click DONATE

Deacon Vince continues his visits to homebound parishioners during the week. If you know of anyone that would like to receive Holy Communion that is unable to attend Mass or anyone that would need a ride to Mass, contact the church office.

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of February at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES.

Following is the policy for scheduling Mass intentions: Our church receives requests to have Masses scheduled almost daily and we try our best to get them scheduled as soon as possible. We are able to schedule 4 months ahead. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of February for JUNE 2026. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend.

Eucharistic Adoration

OPEN SIX DAYS A WEEK MONDAY-SATURDAY
8 AM- 8 PM

Guardians Enrollment Status						
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
9:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
10:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green
11:00 AM	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
1:00 PM	Red	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
3:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Red: Need 2 Guardians
Yellow: Need 1 Guardian
Green: Need 0 Guardians

1/9/2026

GUARDIANS NEEDED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL
304-374-6170



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19	8 AM-8 PM 1:15 PM	ADORATION GS STATIONS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y CONFESSION

Are you looking for a Lenten Practice?

Consider offering time to Our Lady as your Lenten gift to Jesus.



You are invited to join the Rosary Group, which meets every Tuesday evening 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the church.

You can come weekly, bimonthly, monthly, or whenever you can.

TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION of 2/15/26 for the soul of

Thaddeus Kucherawy



**BY
Armand & Gerry Ferrara**

I Publish *Wedding Banns* Between (2nd) KOTTEN/TOPPINGS

If any of you know cause, or just impediment, why this couple should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, ye are to declare it.

For those families with small children, we have the QUIET ROOM with TV access in the back of the church to utilize whenever there's a need.

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism will be February 11th @ 6 PM, St Joseph Cafeteria. Please have the first 5 chapters of Screwtape Letters-C.J. Lewis chapters 1-5 read.

Sunday, March 8th @ 9:00 AM



Join us in our monthly celebration of the holy Mass in Spanish on January 11th at 9am. Confessions will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Community Bread Basket donation for **FEBRUARY** is **JIFFY**. Please place your items in the **red** baskets at all the church entrances.

St Joseph the Worker Church
40 Hours DEVOTION
 February 18-19, 2026



"AND BEHOLD I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."
 Matthew 28:20

*This Lent,
 Could you not
 spend one hour
 with Him?*

The Forty Hour Devotion is a special period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. All the faithful throughout the Upper Ohio Valley are invited to participate in this beautiful devotion.

40 Hours Devotion begins:

Ash Wednesday, February 18th at 8:00 AM

Adoration will continue all night and day through

Thursday, February 19th till 12:00 AM midnight.

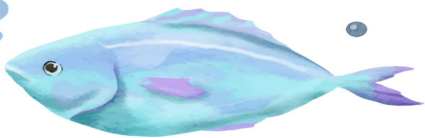
At least two people are needed for every hour. Please call 304-374 6170 to select an hour or sign up on the clip boards in the church vestibules.

**FRIENDLY REMINDERS FOR SHM
 LENTEN DINNER ORDERS**

Place APP orders from Tuesday at 6pm until
 Wednesday at 2:30pm.

Place Call-In orders from Wednesday at 7:30am until
 Wednesday at 5pm.

Pickup ALL orders on
 Wednesday from 11am to 5:30pm.



**Annual Lenten
 Fish Fry**

**FEBRUARY 18, 25
 MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25**

Dine-In 11:00a.m-4:30p.m

**TAKEOUT & APP
 ORDERS MUST
 BE PICKED UP BY
 5:30PM!**

**Sacred Heart of
 Mary Church
 Cafeteria**

**Baked or Fried Fish, Fried Shrimp,
 Haluski, Mac & Cheese, French Fries,
 Pierogi, Coleslaw, Homemade Bread &
 Desserts**
 200 Preston Ave., Weirton

Takeout orders call 304-723-1648, walk in to place orders, or download our app. Search Sacred Heart of Mary Church in app store.

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WE STAND FOR
**SANCTITY
 OF
 HUMAN
 LIFE**



SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2026

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In 2022, the Supreme Court overturned Roe vs. Wade. But this hasn't stopped abortion - it simply placed the decision back into the hands of each state. While many states have chosen to stop abortions, others have not. On average, the lives of over 100 precious babies continue to be ended every single hour across this country!

In response to the Supreme Court's decision, the abortion industry nationwide has stepped up its efforts of promoting a culture of death by offering abortion as the "smart answer" to an unplanned pregnancy.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a presidential proclamation designating the third Sunday of January as National Sanctity of Human Life Day. We continue that tradition today and: pray for the end of the tragedy of abortion, ask for God's mercy on our country for this heinous sin, and commit to unabashedly proclaiming that all lives are created in the image of God and should be treated as such. We do this by:

- Praying daily for those women who have already had or are considering an abortion, those involved in the abortion industry, and those working to end abortion.
- Offering the hope, truth, love and support that may change the mind of someone you know who may be considering abortion.
- Learning to engage with those who believe that abortion is a "woman's right." Many hearts and minds are changed when they get the facts. (see abortionprocedures.com)
- Participating in the upcoming 40 Days for Life vigil in Pittsburgh (Feb. 18th – March 29th).
- Supporting the Gabriel Project.
- Supporting AIM Women's Center in Steubenville - (740) 283-3636/www.supportaim.org.
- Joining the Weirton Catholic Pro-life Group or other pro-life organizations.
- Voting for candidates who protect human life, from conception to natural death.

*The Lord called me from the womb,
 from the body of my mother he named my name.
 Isaiah 49:1*



St. Paul's Lenten

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

& WED. APRIL 1ST

No fish fry on Good Friday

11:00AM-6:00PM

St. Paul School Cafeteria

**TAKEOUT & EAT-IN
 AVAILABLE**

**FISH FRY ORDER LINE:
 304-797-1182**



St. Joe's Parish Lenten Mission

with Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers
aka the Dynamic Deacon!

March 22-24, 2026

7:00 - 8:00 PM: Talk
8:00 PM-TBD: Confession,
Meet & Greet, Book Sales,
& Refreshments!

DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS - KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD AS THE "DYNAMIC DEACON" - IS ONE OF THE MOST SOUGHT-AFTER SPEAKERS IN THE CHURCH TODAY. HE IS A POWERFUL AND PASSIONATE EVANGELIST AND PREACHER, WHOSE NO-NONSENSE APPROACH TO LIVING AND PROCLAIMING THE CATHOLIC FAITH WILL CHALLENGE AND INSPIRE THOSE WHO HEAR HIM.



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