

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

ONE DOES NOT LIVE ON
BREAD ALONE.

MATTHEW 4:4

© Diocesan

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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
681-328-3217

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 22, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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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	\$68,092.11
Sunday Collection	2/14-2/15	\$7,836.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/14-2/15	\$70.00
E-Giving	1/1-2/15	\$4,504.04

COLLECTION	Feb.1516 2025	Feb. 14/Feb.15 2026
Envelopes	\$5,009.00	Envelopes \$6,627.00
Loose	\$1,221.00	Loose \$1,209.10
Debt	\$155.00	Debt \$70.00
Total	\$6,385.00	Total \$7,906.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/16/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—2/15/26)
Envelopes	\$49,916.91	Envelopes \$56,898.72
Loose	\$9,583.93	Loose \$8,274.39
Debt	\$2,368.00	Debt \$2,919.00
Total	\$61,868.84	Total \$68,092.11

The Franciscan Sisters, TOR invite you to our 2026 Lenten Retreat on Saturday morning, March 14 at our Motherhouse in Toronto, OH. Registration begins at 8 am, and Mass at 8:30 am with Fr. David Dodd, TOR and will end at about 12:30 pm. The day will include a keynote reflection by Dr. John Bergsma, refreshments, adoration and guided meditation, music, and option to join small groups and prayer ministry. Registration for the retreat is encouraged (though not required) beforehand on our website. Visit franciscansisterstor.org, hover over the "Events" tab, then click on "Lenten Retreat 2026."

A heartfelt thanks to everyone who sent well-wishes, prayers, cards & visited with us during this difficult time. Your support was such an immense comfort. We are very grateful.

Sheila DeCaria & Family

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

2438 Dudley Ave.
Parkersburg, WV 26101

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, February 23	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intention for Rose Barnhart. By: Mary & Eli Evkovich	Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 24	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Connie DiBello By: Jerry Getsey	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 25	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family	Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, February 26	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Patsy & Tina Rocchio By: The Rocchio Family	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday, February 27	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis 10:35 am Fr. Gerald	✠ Christian Gertz By: The Fishers GS MHS	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, February 28	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family ✠ Concetta "Tina" DeCaria By: Joel & Debbie Carpini	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, March 1 Second Sunday of Lent	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	All Parishioners ✠ Anna Whitehead By: Glenna Whitehead & Rich Lawton Memorial Fund	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life. (Gn 2:7)

Psalm: Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. (Ps 51)

Second Reading: For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous. (Rom 5:19)

Gospel: At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights. (Mt 4:1-2)

Take the Next Step

Many parishioners enjoy the availability and use of our Adoration Chapel here at St. Joe's. At any given time during the day you will find several adorers in the Chapel praying and basking in God's Presence and receiving all the wonderful graces associated with the visit. However, many of these are not registered, committed Guardians, just visitors. It's a wonderful thing - so many adorers - so many prayers, but we need those of you who have not registered for your own personal hour to prayerfully consider the next step. Eight years ago, we invited Jesus to be with us in our newly established Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel, open to all parishes in Weirton and surrounding areas, with a goal of eventually being Perpetual, that is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. By God's grace and your generosity we are now nearly half way to our goal!



We currently need help "beefing up" some of our hours so that everyone has a partner. Each of the open hours requires two (2) or more committed adorers also known as Guardians of the Eucharist, to keep our Chapel running smoothly. Over the years, your response has been wonderful. If you currently use the Chapel and enjoy its benefits for you and your family, would you please help the cause, take the next step and volunteer for 1 hour during the week by becoming a Registered Guardian. The entire Adoration Team is here to help you so you never have to feel stuck if you are unable to cover your hour that week. In order to keep our Chapel Perpetual - for everyone to enjoy - if you don't already have an hour, please consider taking the NEXT STEP. We need you.

The hours most in need are: (Bolded Underlined, need 2 Guardians)

Monday 8AM, **1PM**, 3PM

Tuesday 11AM, 2PM

Wednesday 2PM, 5PM, 6PM;

Thursday 1PM, 2PM, 3PM

Friday 10AM, 11AM, 2PM, 3PM, 5PM

Saturday 11AM, **12PM**, **4PM**, 5PM, 6PM, 7PM

Use the QR code below to determine the hour that would work best in your schedule and Register or if more convenient call 304-374-6170.



DONATE ONLINE

Donate



go to www.stjoeweirton.org
click **DONATE**

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.

During Lent, we will have Sunday Adoration for 30 minutes immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass.

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	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
3:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

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

1/25/2026

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



Lenten
Penance
Service



March 11-6:30pm

STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS



St. Joseph the Worker
Thursdays—1:20 pm
Fridays—3:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION O.C.I.A
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26	8 AM-8 PM 1:20 PM	ADORATION GS STATIONS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29	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

2/22/26 for the soul of

Annette Iannetti



BY

Mary Ann Anderson & Family

I Publish *Wedding Banns* Between (3rd) 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.

Sunday, March 8th @ 9:00 AM



Join us in our monthly celebration of the holy Mass in Spanish on March 8th at 9am. Confessions will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

Happy Birthday to Father Tony on February 22nd & Father Dennis on February 27th! We are so blessed to have you both here at St. Joseph the Worker. May God bless you on your special day!!

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism will be February 25th @ 6 PM, St Joseph Cafeteria. Please have up to chapter 10 read.

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.

Thursday, Feb. 26, Mar. 5, & Mar. 12
 5:30-6:45 p.m.

You've probably have heard about Divine Mercy. . .
 You probably recognize the Divine Mercy Image. . . But...



- **Thurs., Feb. 26:** Do you know the basics of the devotion? Its origin, the Image, how to pray the Chaplet? Join us in the Hospitality Room, Lower level of the Rectory.
- **Thurs., Mar. 5:** How well do you know St. Faustina and her spiritual advisor Bl. Fr. Sopocko? Did you know the original Image was lost for 50 years? Location TBA
- **Thurs., Mar. 12:** Do you know the connection between the revelation of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart and the revelation of Jesus' Divine Heart of Mercy? Why Divine Mercy Sunday? Location TBA

Join me as I share on these topics—Sharon Ann Steele

Join **40 DAYS FOR LIFE** – help save innocent lives in the Tri-State area and promote the dignity of human life! **Please consider taking a public stand for unborn children with other members of our Weirton Catholic Churches, on Tuesday, March 10th, from 11a - 1p, OR Friday, March 20th, from 3p - 5p, outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh. Sadly, there are over 2,400 abortions yearly at this location alone. In Pennsylvania, abortions are legal through the 23rd week of pregnancy!** This vigil runs daily from 7:30 am – 4:30 pm, Feb. 18th through March 29th, if other times better fit your schedule. Carpooling is available. Call Sheila at 818-523-2893 for more information. Check out 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com and read the inspiring stories of how **lives continue to be saved** during this vigil. And please pray daily for an end to abortion.

**St. Joe's Parish
 Lenten Mission**

with Deacon Harold Bunke-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.



Scan the QR Code to Register for Free!

**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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St. Paul's Lenten
FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

& WED. APRIL 1ST

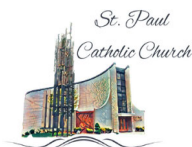
No fish fry on Good Friday

11:00AM-6:00PM

St. Paul School Cafeteria

**TAKEOUT & EAT-IN
AVAILABLE**

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



Sacred Heart of Mary Lenten Dinners 2026					
304-723-1648					
Dine-In 11am — 4:30pm					
Take-Out 11am — 5:30pm					
Call 304-723-1648 or use the SHM App					
Name:	SAMPLE				
Phone:					Pickup Time
Platters					
	Item	Side	Qty	Price	Total
1	Baked Fish	Halushki		\$16.50	
2	Cole Slaw	Mac N Cheese		\$16.50	
3	Bread	French Fries		\$16.50	
4	Fried Fish	Halushki		\$16.50	
5	Cole Slaw	Mac N Cheese		\$16.50	
6	Bread	French Fries		\$16.50	
7	Shrimp	Halushki		\$17.00	
8	Cole Slaw	Mac N Cheese		\$17.00	
9	Bread	French Fries		\$17.00	
10	Child's Fried	Mac N Cheese		\$12.00	
11	Fish Bread	French Fries		\$12.00	
A La Carte					
	Item		Qty	Price	Total
12	Baked Fish			\$11.50	
13	Fried Fish			\$11.50	
14	Shrimp			\$12.00	
15	Haluski			\$5.00	
16	Mac N Cheese			\$5.00	
17	French Fries			\$5.00	
18	Coleslaw			\$2.00	
Pierogies - Cooked - Butter & Onions					
	Item		Qty	Price	Total
19	Potato (3)	No B&O		\$3.00	
20	Potato (6)	No B&O		\$6.00	
21	Potato (12)	No B&O		\$12.00	
23	Sauerkraut (3)	No B&O		\$3.00	
24	Sauerkraut (6)	No B&O		\$6.00	
25	Sauerkraut (12)	No B&O		\$12.00	
NO FROZEN Pierogies					
	Item		Qty	Price	Total
Bread & Dessert - NO PRE-ORDER					
first come first serve					
	Item		Qty	Price	Total
27	Bread Loaf			\$6.00	
	Dessert			\$4.00	
Total Order					