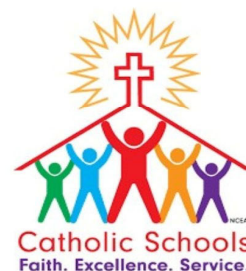




CELEBRATE CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 1/26-2/1



FAITH, EXCELLENCE, SERVICE

MAY GOD BLESS OUR STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES, MADONNA AND GRADE SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF DURING THE UPCOMING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.

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Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
304-723-2057
Parish Fax: 304-723-3961

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
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sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Celia Mergen, Music Director

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

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

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director
weirtonstjoseph.net
681-328-3217



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 19, 2025

**NATIONS SHALL BEHOLD YOUR VINDICATION,
AND ALL THE KINGS YOUR GLORY. — ISAIAH 62:2**

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 8:00-8:30 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 (RCIA)

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.

Charter for Protection of Children & Young People

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org to make a report about any bishop in the U.S. If you have reason to believe that a bishop has engaged in sexual misconduct, please contact civil authorities in the applicable jurisdiction and visit www.reportbishopabuse.org. To Report to Civil Authorities: Contact your local law enforcement; numbers will vary based on your location. If you believe someone is in immediate danger, call 911. To confidentially report any incidence of suspected child abuse or neglect, including sexual abuse, contact the West Virginia Bureau for Children and Families' Child Protective Services by calling the Child Abuse Hotline at 800.352.6513. To Report to Diocesan Authorities: In addition to civil authorities, the diocese encourages reporting to the appropriate church authorities. To report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; or Very Rev. Dennis Schuelkens, Jr., V.E., ext. 270. You may also call the Diocese's Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504.

Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent or facing an eviction? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES, INC....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-810-4291 or email helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2025	\$ 17,601.24
Sunday Collection	1/12	\$ 7,319.00
Monthly Debt Collection	1/12	\$ 872.00
E-Giving	1/1—1/12	\$ 2,493.49

COLLECTION	Jan. 13/14, 2024	Jan. 11/12, 2025
Envelopes	\$ 5,225.00	Envelopes \$ 5,106.00
Loose	\$ 1,145.00	Loose \$ 2,213.00
Debt	\$ 1,125.00	Debt \$ 872.00
Total	\$ 7,495.00	Total \$ 8,191.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—1/14/24)	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—1/12/25)
Envelopes	\$ 17,168.00	Envelopes \$ 12,911.00
Loose	\$ 4,420.24	Loose \$ 3,563.24
Debt	\$ 1,280.00	Debt \$ 1,127.00
Total	\$ 22,868.24	Total \$ 17,601.24



CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy is a time for children to pray and learn about God's Word through child-friendly language and activities. All children from Preschool (3-5 years) through 4th grade are welcome to Children's Liturgy on Sunday at the 11:00 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for community service hours for middle school and high school students. Finally, if you're interested in becoming an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at 723-2054. Thank you!

COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!

Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, CAC. She is licensed in West Virginia. Dr. Ann has retired and is doing pro bono work for the Church. If you would like to schedule an appointment with her, please contact the parish office.

If you would like a 2024 financial statement of your donations to the church for tax purposes, please call the church office during regular business hours.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, January 20 <i>St. Fabian; St. Sebastian</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Robin Underwood By: Elaine Underwood	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday, January 21 <i>St. Agnes</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Darlene Capito By: Johnny Capito & Alice, Tony & Connie DeCaria	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday, January 22 <i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 10:40 am Fr. Bill	Intentions of Lois Cercone By: The Tasse Family with MHS	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday, January 23 <i>St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Justin Hall By: The Anderson Family	Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday, January 24 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Norma Dorsch By: Mary Ann Anderson & Family with GS	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-4; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday, January 25 <i>Conversion of St. Paul</i>	7:30 am Fr. Emmanuel 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ In Honor of Padre Pio By: Jennifer LeMat ✠ Darlene Capito By: The Kevin Davis Family	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday, January 26 <i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Dennis	All Parishioners ✠ Michael Dishauzi By: The Tasse Family ✠ Johnny B. Magnone By: Robert Vukelic	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen Zion and Jerusalem (Isaiah 62:1-5).

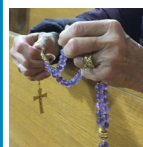
Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts and talents found in the Christian community are products of the same Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — At a wedding festival in Cana, Jesus changes water into wine at his mother's request (John 2:1-11).

Catholic Charities West Virginia Provides Home Care Services

Sometimes our lives change because of illness or accident, age or income. Living independently at home becomes difficult. If you find yourself or a loved one in this situation, please reach out to Catholic Charities West Virginia. We provide comprehensive in-home care to those who are elderly or disabled. In addition to providing companionship and assistance, our in-home caregivers apply individualized plans of care developed by their supervising registered nurse. Learn more by calling Catholic Charities at our local number (304) 905-9870.



NEW YEAR! NEW DEVOTION!

The Rosary is not a new devotion, but joining us is! Feel free to join the Rosary Group that meets every Tuesday from 6:00—7:00 pm in the church for group prayer. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as reading prayers from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For information, call the church office.



Is the Lord calling you?

Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

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Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

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aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net www.aimwomenscenter.com
24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

West Virginia Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-352-6513
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator ~ 304-242-6988

Hurting from an ABORTION?

Please call: Rachel's Vineyard 877-HOPE4ME
(877-467-3463) www.RachelsVineyard.org

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, there are several services available that are listed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. You can contact the church office for a copy of these services as well.

Please pray for the needs of our parishioners who are in the hospital, homebound or ill. Call the church office if you want your name on our prayer line list or in the bulletin and/or you want a visit from a Priest, Deacon, or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion while in the hospital or homebound. If you have a sacramental emergency, don't hesitate to contact Father Dennis or Father Tony.

He's Got All the Answers

We all have questions that we need answered and we all need advice from time to time. But when we need advice we tend to ask people who know just about nothing about nothing, instead of going to the Man who has all the answers.



All the answers are in the Adoration Chapel. Jesus has all the answers and He patiently waits for you in the Eucharist, day and night, to share those answers with you. Next time you are grappling with a decision, stop by the Chapel and ask Jesus for His advice. Receiving Jesus in the Eucharist is the ultimate spiritual experience, but there is also something powerful about just sitting in His Presence.

When Jesus needed time in silence and solitude, He got up and went out to a deserted place and there He prayed (Mark 1:35). How much more do you think you need it? The world is a busy and noisy place and all of that tends to distract you from what matters most.

It is getting harder and harder to find a quiet place in this world, but one of the great gifts the Catholic Church gives to you are places that are set apart for quiet reflection. Here, you have one of those "special" places, the Adoration Chapel.

The sooner you start taking your spiritual life seriously, the happier you will be. Get close to God and stay close to God! He's got all the answers! (Adapted from Mathew Kelly's excerpt in Beautiful Eucharist)

Please consider becoming a Guardian. For your convenience, scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the website where you can see the hours that need Guardians and Register.



The 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. This practice has been in place for more than 4 years. The next intention we can schedule will be in the month of **January for May 2025**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend. Call the church office during regular hours if you have any questions.

Eucharistic Adoration

Twenty hoirs are in need of a second Guardian!
If you can help please call 304-374-6170.



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	Green	Yellow
11:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
1:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Red
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

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

1/6/2025

Eucharistic Adoration is open to all every Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M.– 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon In the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19	4:00 PM	CONFESSION
MONDAY, JANUARY 20	8 AM—8 PM 4:00 PM	ADORATION PRAYER SHAWL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21	8 AM—2 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	ADORATION BIBLE GROUP IN H.R. ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION
FRIDAY, JANUARY 24	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, JANUARY 25	8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	PSR CONFESSION

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Some give by going...Some go by giving...Clay County and Gassaway, West Virginia. We serve people who live in their cars, or if they have houses, have no running water, gas or electric. Resources are unable to be accessed due to lack of education and the belief that there is no viable help for them. Father Thien S.V.D. is the pastor of Saint Thomas Catholic Church in Gassaway, West Virginia and the Risen Lord Mission in Clay County. Father is known for his kindness and for his work to help the poor in rural communities he serves. If you wish to **give by going**, the dates are as follows: Gassaway, West Virginia the 2nd Thursday of each month. Clay county, West Virginia the 4th Wednesday and Thursday of each month. If you want to **go by giving**, the needs are as follows: Hats, gloves, scarves, socks, diapers, wipes, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. Monetary donations can be made to the Risen Lord Food Pantry. For further information, contact the church office at 304-723-2054.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION
week of 1/19/25 for the soul of the

DIANE JORDAN

BY

GEORGE & KAY MASCIO

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of **JANUARY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS.**

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY RENT, MORTGAGE OR UTILITIES?

Catholic Charities can help!! If you are a Brooke or Hancock County resident, please contact the Northern Region Case Manager at 304-830-2410 for an appointment.

THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE TABLE OF HOPE: CAPRI SUN & CANNED FRUIT.

The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.

The Community Bread Basket donation for **JANUARY** is **Baked Beans**. Please place your items in the **RED** baskets at all the church entrances.



TMII Thy Kingdom Come

The That Man Is You men's group would like to invite all the men of the parish to join us for this new year of TMII, called Thy Kingdom Come. This year's impressive array of Catholic speakers will empower us to become the men God needs to rebuild His Kingdom. If you have never attended at all, or simply came to a couple of meetings, you can jump into this new content without any issue. In joining us this spring you will be one of over 25,000 men going through the TMII program this year. You will be joining a band of brothers that will support you on your journey. It is a powerful thing when you gather with a group of men striving to do right by God and their families.

I know life is busy, but we just ask that you give the program a try. The program is getting started again on **February 2 and 3, 2025** and is held every **Sunday at 6:00 am to 7:15 am** and every **Monday at 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm** in the **St. Joseph School Cafeteria**. The content and the fellowship can be truly transformational! If any questions please text or call: **Deacon John Basil at 304-374-2347** or **Hayden Greenlief at 304-670-5707**.



Join our Telephone Ministry team! Would you like to make a difference in our parish community by reaching out to fellow parishioners by phone and sharing your warmth and support with them? Call the church office at **304-723-2054** if you're interested in giving a few hours a month to serve on this fruitful ministry.



ANNUAL ADVENT BABY BOTTLE PROJECT

A huge thank you to those parishioners that took a baby bottle during Advent, filled it and returned it in support of our Gabriel Project! To date we have collected over to **\$2,000**. For the past 29 years, our church community has, and continues to be, a most generous group that truly lives out the Gospel in their daily lives!



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. We're here to listen. Reach our trained advocates 24/7 to get the support you deserve. There are no fees, no names, no judgment. **JUST HELP.** Call **1-800-799-7233**. For the deaf and hard of hearing, **1-800-787-3224**.



Please pray for the soul of
Frances Dankovchik.
Eternal rest grant unto her,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon her.

St. Joseph the Worker Parish is having a 6:00 pm Mass on First Friday, **February 7th** to honor The Sacred Heart of Jesus. Jesus' Heart burns for love of you. Jesus appeared to St. Mary Margaret Alcoque in the 17th century and asked her to establish Devotion to His Sacred Heart by the faithful attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist on nine consecutive monthly First Fridays. Many graces are given through this practice. Please attend Mass on Friday, **February 7th** at 6:00 pm & Saturday, **February 1st (first Saturday Mass)** at 7:30 am as you are able.

walking with purpose

Walking with Purpose, women's Bible study group, is starting off the new year by offering *Touching the Divine* video, *Jesus, the King*, Wednesday, January 22nd at 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart of Mary Parish in its St. John Paul II Library. Every woman is invited to share this video, great conversation, and refreshments. There's always room for one more at the table. Questions? Call or text Sharon Duda 304-670-0710.

Valentine Breakfast

Sunday, February 9, 2025
8:30am to noon
St. Joseph School Cafeteria

DONATION at the door

Menu:

Eggs, breakfast meat, French toast, potatoes, beverages.



Sponsored by: St. Joseph Christian Mothers, Holy Name, Grounds Crew.

WE STAND FOR
SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE



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 approximately 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 (March 5th – April 13th).*
 - *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*

In Loving Memory"

We would like to start a new "In Loving Memory" space on the back of the bulletin. If you would like to add the name of a loved one please fill out the form below. The rate is \$60 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for a year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket, drop off or mail to the Parish Office. **This is a great way to remember the Faithful Departed.**

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***Loved One's Name** _____

***Your Name** _____

***Billing Address** _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

(enclose check payable to the Parish - In the Memo write ILM & their name) * Required