

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

## Pastor, Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr.

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Parochial Vicar, Rev. Tony Thurston Deacon Vince Olenick & Deacon John Basil

### PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper  
Sally Frantz, Secretary  
stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

### 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  
Salvador Brambila, Youth Minister  
sjtwym316@gmail.com

### PARISH MUSIC

Celia Mergen, Music Director

### ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

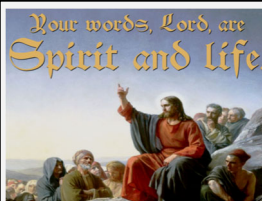
Recheal Fuscardo, Principal  
weirtonstjoseph.net  
304-723-1970

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Jason Heckathorn, Principal  
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304-723-0545

### ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director  
weirtonstjoseph.net  
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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2025

**THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME  
TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR. — LUKE 4:1&A**

### **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.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2025	\$ 24,123.93
Sunday Collection	1/19	\$ 6,377.69
Monthly Debt Collection	1/19	\$ 145.00
E-Giving	1/1—1/19	\$ 4,700.17
Catholic Charities	1/19	\$ 20.00
Church in Latin America	1/19	\$ 187.00
Church/Central & Eastern Europe	1/19	\$ 265.00
Solidarity for Church in Africa	1/19	\$ 244.00

COLLECTION	Jan. 20/21, 2024	Jan. 18/19, 2025
Envelopes	\$ 4,181.00	Envelopes \$ 5,233.00
Loose	\$ 902.00	Loose \$ 1,144.69
Debt	\$ 130.00	Debt \$ 145.00
Total	\$ 5,213.00	Total \$ 6,522.69
COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—1/21/24)	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—1/19/25)
Envelopes	\$ 21,349.00	Envelopes \$ 18,144.00
Loose	\$ 5,322.24	Loose \$ 4,707.93
Debt	\$ 1,410.00	Debt \$ 1,272.00
Total	\$ 28,081.24	Total \$ 24,123.13



### **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!

### **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](http://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](http://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.

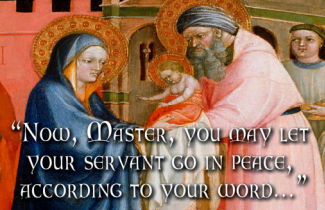
### **COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!**

**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.**

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](mailto:helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com).

**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.**

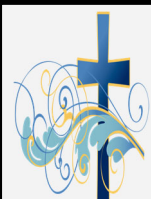


MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS	
<b>Monday, January 27</b> <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Mary Madden</b> By: Mark Madden	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Mk 3:22-30	
<b>Tuesday, January 28</b> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>The Deceased Members of the Lorello &amp; Poland Families</b> By: Debbie & Tony Lorello	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35	
<b>Wednesday, January 29</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Mary Frances LeMat</b> By: Jennifer LeMat	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 4:1-20	
	<b>10:40 am</b> Fr. Bill	<b>with MHS</b>		
<b>Thursday, January 30</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Intentions of Willis Haines</b> By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Mk 4:21-25	
<b>Friday, January 31</b> <i>St. John Bosco</i>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Raoul LeMat</b> By: Jennifer LeMat	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34	
	<b>9:15 am</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>with GS</b>		
<b>Saturday, February 1</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Neiman	✠ <b>Vince Soplinski</b> By: Mary DeBold	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75; Mk 4:35-41	
	<b>4:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Al Boniti</b> By: Patty Boniti		
<b>Sunday, February 2</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Memorial Fund</b>	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32	
		<b>11:00 am</b> Fr. Tony		✠ <b>Patrick Law</b> By: Judy Schrockman
	<b>5:00 pm</b> Fr. Gerald	<b>All Parishioners</b>		

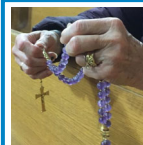
### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Ezra read from the book of the law of God to the assembled people. They understood and accepted the law (Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10).  
 Psalm — Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life (Psalm 19).  
 Second Reading — As the body with its many parts is still one body, so it is with Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]).  
 Gospel — While attending worship in the Nazarean synagogue, Jesus reads from the prophet Isaiah and declares himself to be the fulfillment of the prophecy (Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21).

For those families with small children, remember we have the QUIET ROOM with TV access in the back of church



Please pray for the souls of  
 Thad Kuchrawy & Pauline Snyder  
 Eternal rest grant unto them,  
 O Lord, and let perpetual light  
 shine upon them.



### 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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click **DONATE**

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

#### 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

#### 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.

### Adoration is Sacrifice



To be honest, it is difficult to get to adoration. Not only are the opportunities somewhat limited, but I find that whenever I make up my mind to pray, I can suddenly think of about eight or nine things which I either really need to do or would be more enjoyable in the moment than praying.

To adore is a sacrifice. It has been characteristic of every religion ever, throughout the history of the whole world, to offer sacrifices as part of their religion. What is unique about Christianity is that instead of sacrificing something else (or worse, someone else), Christianity is a religion of self-sacrifice. Not only does Jesus offer himself to the Father on the cross, but we also in following Jesus must "deny ourselves" to be his disciples (cf., Matt 10:37). Anything worth doing requires sacrifice. St. Paul made the comparison that athletes train hundreds and hundreds of hours for a temporary reward, the sacrifices entailed in the Christian life are for an everlasting reward (cf., 1 Cor 9:25). I find that describing adoration as a sacrifice is helpful because, to be perfectly honest, it is not always the near-mystical experience that we – I – sometimes hope that it will be. Don't get me wrong, some of the most beautiful moments of my life have occurred in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. Nevertheless, the daily experience of prayer is rather ordinary. But then again, isn't your average trip to the gym also rather ordinary? You get the point, just because something is mundane at times doesn't mean it isn't worth doing.

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. Or you may call 304-374-6170 to choose your perfect hour!



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 or 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	Green	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
3:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
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

<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 26</b> <i>CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK</i>	9:30 AM 4:00 PM	PSR CONFESSION
<b>MONDAY, JANUARY 27</b>	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
<b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 28</b>	8 AM—2 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM	ADORATION BIBLE GROUP IN H.R. ROSARY
<b>WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29</b>	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
<b>THURSDAY, JANUARY 30</b>	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION
<b>FRIDAY, JANUARY 31</b>	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1</b>	8 AM-12 PM 7:30 AM 12:00 PM	ADORATION FIRST SATURDAY MASS CONFESSION AT SHM
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2</b>	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	TMIY 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 1/26/25 for the souls of the

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
PRZYBYLOWICZ FAMILY**

BY

**MIKE & RUTH DELRE**

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.









ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PRESENTS

# P Saint PATRICK'S DAY



SATURDAY MARCH **1** REVERSE RAFFLE

DOORS OPEN AT 7 PM

*Please join us for dinner, drinks, music and a chance to win some serious cash!*

*Featuring*  
DINNER BY VITO'S II AND  
MUSIC BY DJ MIKE

*Tickets may be purchased at SJWS Main Office or by Venmo  
\*Additional chances may be purchased for \$50*

One LUCKY Winner could draw the \$5,000 GRAND Prize!

151 Michael Way, Weirton



**\$100 Per Ticket**  
Ticket includes:  
Dinner by Vito's II, ONE complimentary drink, ONE Chinese Auction Ticket, and a sweet treat!