

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



*Transfigured*  
**BEFORE THEM.**

MATTHEW 17:2

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### PARISH OFFICE

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

### PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054  
304-723-2057  
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### 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](mailto:joetheworkerdre@gmail.com)

### PARISH MUSIC

Hannah Mergen, Music Director

### ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal  
[weirtonstjoseph.net](http://weirtonstjoseph.net)  
304-723-1970

### MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Jason Heckathorn, Principal  
[weirtonmadonna.org](http://weirtonmadonna.org)  
304-723-0545

### ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Tiffany Frey, Director  
[weirtonstjoseph.net](http://weirtonstjoseph.net)  
681-328-3217

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 1, 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	\$75,613.11
Sunday Collection	2/21-2/22	\$7,296.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/21-2/22	\$225.00
E-Giving	1/1-2/22	\$6,068.97

COLLECTION	Feb.22/23 2025	Feb. 21/Feb.22 2026
Envelopes	\$6,739.00	Envelopes \$5,844.90
Loose	\$1,364.00	Loose \$1,451.10
Debt	\$310.00	Debt \$225.00
Total	\$8,413.00	Total \$7,521.00
COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/23/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—2/22/26)
Envelopes	\$54,655.91	Envelopes \$62,743.62
Loose	\$10,947.93	Loose \$9,725.49
Debt	\$2,678.00	Debt \$3,144.00
Total	\$68,281.84	Total \$75,613.11

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](http://franciscansisterstor.org), hover over the "Events" tab, then click on "Lenten Retreat 2026."

*Come as you are.*

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

Make authentic connections with other women | Learn more about God

Join us for **Beholding Your King** as we study King David, select psalms, the temple, and many Old Testament prophets and see the ways in which they all point to the coming King of Kings, Jesus Christ.

SACRED HEART OF MARY  
MARCH 18, 2026  
10 AM or 6 PM

There's always room for one more at the table  
TIME TO ORDER THE BOOK  
Questions? Contact Sharon Duda at  
(304) 670-0710/sharonjduda@gmail.com



## 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.

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MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
<b>Monday, March 2</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	<b>Intention for Willis Haines.</b> By: Mary & Eli Evkovich	<b>Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 3</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Matteo DiLullo</b> By: Monica LeFever	<b>Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-21 and 23; Mt 23:1-12</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 4</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Paul Lucas</b> By: The Fishers	<b>Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28</b>
<b>Thursday, March 5</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Scott Grace</b> By: Kevin Tasey	<b>Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31</b>
<b>Friday, March 6</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>9:15 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>10:35 am</b> Fr. Gerald  <b>6:00pm</b> Fr. Neiman	<b>Intentions for Rose Porco.</b> By: The Bonner Family  <b>GS</b>  <b>MHS</b>  ✠ <b>Joyce Tarowsky</b> By: Leonard & Dolores Ginier	<b>Gen 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46</b>
<b>Saturday, March 7</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Neiman  <b>4:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Betty Bladdick</b> By: The George Macio Family  <b>Giuseppe Veltri, Saverio Veltri, Rosina Naccarato</b> By: Maria Veltri & Family	<b>Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32</b>
<b>Sunday, March 8</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Tony  <b>11:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>5:00 pm</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Eluira Suriano</b> By: Carmella Provenzano  ✠ <b>Deceased members of the Law &amp; Hirkala families.</b> By: Tom & Kathy Hirkala  <b>ALL PARISHIONERS</b>	<b>Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rm 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42</b>

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

**Psalm:** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

**Second Reading:** Second Reading: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

**Gospel:** Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

## Your Glass of Water

A teacher walked around her classroom with a glass of water. The teacher asked, "How heavy is this glass of water?" The students guessed anywhere from eight to twenty ounces.

The teacher smiled, then explained, "The actual weight doesn't matter. It all depends on how long I hold it. If I hold it for a minute, it's not so heavy. If I hold it for a few days, my arm will feel paralyzed. Your stresses are like this glass of water. If you think about them a little you won't be affected. But if you think about them a lot, you'll feel great pain."

If you want to lower your stress, lower your glass full of worry. (adapted from *The Weight of the Glass*)

If you are carrying your "glass full of worry," lower it by visiting Jesus in the Adoration Chapel and allowing Him to help you. He wants to relieve your stress and your worry. He wants you to trust in Him. There is only a certain amount of time in each day. Don't waste it stressing over things you can't control.

Most of us can control how we spend our time. There are 168 hours in a week. Your life will improve by spending time, even just one hour a week with Jesus. Guaranteed. Give it to Jesus, empty your glass.

The Adoration Chapel is open 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday 8AM – 8PM. Many Adorers would love to have a partner. 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.



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Please, **STOP** and **PRAY** during the month of **MARCH** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **AN END TO ABORTION.**

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 **MARCH FOR JULY 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	Yellow	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	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
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  
Sacred Heart of Mary  
Fridays—6:00 pm

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 1</b>	6:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y SUNDAY ADORATION FOR 30 MIN. AFTER 11AM MASS CONFESSION
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 2</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 3</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 6:30PM	ADORATION ROSARY BINGO
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION O.C.I.A
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 5</b>	8 AM-8 PM 1:20 PM	ADORATION GS STATIONS
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 6</b>	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM 6:00PM	ADORATION STATIONS STATIONS AT SHM
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 7</b>	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 8</b>	6:00 AM 12:00PM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y SUNDAY ADORATION FOR 30 MIN. AFTER 11AM MASS CONFESSION

## COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker!

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.



TABERNACLE CANDLE  
INTENTION  
3/1/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

JOEY COWHER

GIVEN BY

JANICE WRIGHT

I Publish *Wedding Banns* Between (1ST)  
**OLENICK/STANLEY**

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 be-  
fore and after Mass. We look forward to  
seeing you there!

## ST. PAUL CEMETERY

PLEASE HAVE ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS  
REMOVED FROM GRAVITIES BY MARCH 1ST .  
THANK YOU.

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves  
with the Catechism TBA.

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

**LENTEN VESPERS MEAL & MOVIE NIGHT  
AT ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC  
CHURCH  
SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH AT 4:00PM  
3116 ELM ST., WEIRTON.**

**ALL FAMILIES AND AGES WELCOME!**  
Lenten Vespers will be followed by a delicious  
meatless Lenten meal and then the showing of an  
inspiring animated epic about Moses!  
The movie will begin around 5:30-6:00PM

**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.

**WHAT ARE YOU GIVING JESUS FOR LENT?**

How about your time?

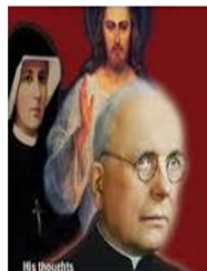
**“The Heart of Divine Mercy”  
5:30-6:45 p.m.**

**THIS WEEK—THURS., MAR. 5**

**SJW Grade School Cafeteria**

- St. Faustina & Bl. Fr. Sopocko
- Lost Divine Mercy Image

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?



**NEXT WEEK—THURS., MAR. 12**

**SJW Grade School Cafeteria**

- Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Heart of Divine Mercy
- Divine Mercy Sunday

*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](http://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.**

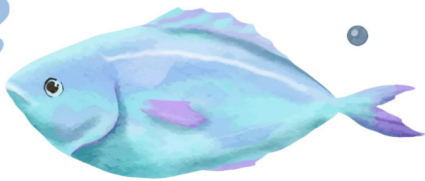


**Scan the QR Code to Register for Free!**



**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**

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**St. Joseph the Worker School**

The First TUESDAY of every month  
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00  
Games start at 6:30-8:30  
St. Joe's gym

**Different size packets available**  
\$25-\$35-\$45

**\$500  
TOP 3 Lines**

**\$500  
Progressive  
Jumping  
Jackpot**

**New Games  
New Day**

**Refreshments  
Door Prizes  
FREE Coffee**



*St. Paul's Lenten*  
**FISH FRY**

**FRIDAYS DURING LENT**

**& WED. APRIL 1ST**

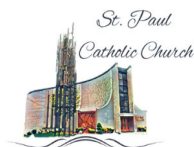
\*No fish fry on Good Friday\*

**11:00AM-6:00PM**

St. Paul School Cafeteria

**TAKEOUT & EAT-IN  
AVAILABLE**

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



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**SCAN ME**

**Support Francis Bergsma,  
Son of Dr. John Bergsma**

Be it monetary or spiritual (prayers), please consider donating to the cause of Dr. John Bergsma's son, who is battling brain cancer. If you recall, Dr. Bergsma was our keynote speaker just a few Parish Lenten Missions ago. Thanks, and may the Lord reward your generosity 🙏!