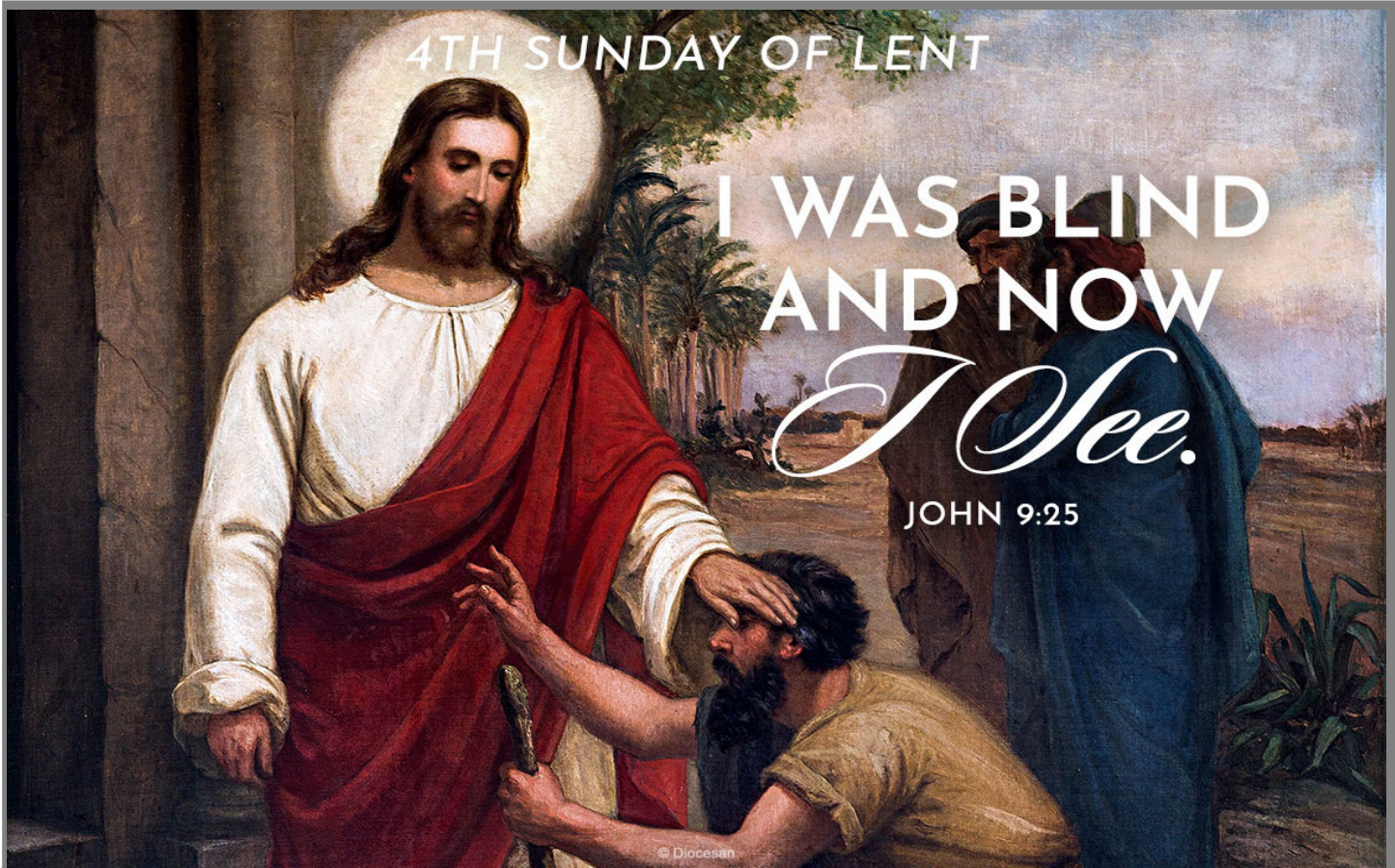


ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



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
Carissa Kovarik, Secretary
stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 15, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Walking With Purpose (page 2)
- * Franciscan Sisters TOR Lenten Retreat (page 2)
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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	\$100,581.34
Sunday Collection	3/7-3/8	\$5,797.23
Monthly Debt Collection	2/28-3/1	\$894.00
E-Giving	1/1-3/8	\$2,636.36

COLLECTION	Mar.8-9 2025	Mar.7/Mar.8 2026
Envelopes	\$6,757.00	Envelopes \$5,797.23
Loose	\$2,056.00	Loose \$7,704.00
Debt	\$813.00	Debt \$894.00
Total	\$9,626.00	Total \$14,395.23

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—3/9/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—3/8/26)
Envelopes	\$75,952.49	Envelopes \$77,444.85
Loose	\$14,569.03	Loose \$18,488.49
Debt	\$4,071.00	Debt \$4,648.00
Total	\$94,592.52	Total \$100,581.34

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.

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
Monday, March 16	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Matteo DiLullo By: Monica LeFever	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 17	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Joey Cowher By: Chas' & Carol Dight	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 am Fr. John George	✠ Peggy Spence By: Sally, Hilary, Chris & the boys.	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 19 Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ James & Mary Fazalare By: Jim & Marie Fazalare	2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday, March 20	7:00 am Fr. Tony 9:15 am Fr. Gerald 10:35 am Fr. Gerald	✠ Patty Basil By: Mary Ann Anderson ✠ GS Connie Bernardi by: The Children MHS	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 21	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Gerald	Intentions for Chuck & Lori Ballato. By: Mary Snyder ✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 22 Fifth Sunday of Lent	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ DeEtta Bertucci By: DeEtta & Connie Bertucci ✠ Rosina Naccarato By: Dom & Becky Provenzano	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: “Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading: “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.” (Eph 5:14)

Gospel: He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent — .So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

PRAYER! THEN TO BATTLE

Many people may have heard of the great autobiography *The Confessions* of St. Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, but how many of us have heard of *The Confession* written by St. Patrick of Ireland? It's a real eye-opener to see how St. Patrick responded to God's instructions—and there were a lot of them!



I am greatly God's debtor, because He granted me so much grace that through me many people would be reborn in God! --St. Patrick

St. Patrick became keenly aware of Christ living within his soul. He prayed in snow and coldness without feeling any illness or slothfulness because "the Spirit was burning in me at that time." And, indeed, St. Patrick became a great "fisher of men" in Ireland. But first, he prayed often and everywhere. Prayer is what helped him become a trusting son of the Father, a son who could recognize his Father's voice and obey without question.

I know for certain, that before I was humbled I was like a stone lying in deep mire, and He that is mighty came and, in His mercy, raised me up and indeed, lifted me high up and placed me on top of the wall. And from there I ought to shout out in gratitude to the Lord for his great favors in this world and forever, that the mind of man cannot measure. – St. Patrick

It's worth pondering what St. Patrick would think of our Adoration Chapel. What a sacramental luxury to have Christ truly present on the altar! He'd probably direct his steps frequently towards that singular temple to be face-to-face with his Savior regardless of wind, rain, heat, cold, or snow.

Perhaps you can make a commitment to open your heart and mind to Jesus once a week for one hour. You can become an instrument of God's tender love to others. And, as one Irish grandmother used to say, "If you bring your friend to God, it's a feather in your cap." Currently, many Guardians need partners. Pick up a copy of the list in the Chapel Lobby when you stop by to visit Jesus. Or scan the QR code below.

Our Annual Guardian Recruitment will be taking place as usual during the Lenten Mission! Stop by the Adoration display table to sign up and receive your free blessed Miraculous Medal gift, compliments of the Adoration Committee!



St. Joseph the Worker
Thursdays—1:20 pm
Fridays—3:00 pm
Sacred Heart of Mary
Fridays—6:00 pm

DONATE ONLINE

Donate



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

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

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

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

2/19/2026

GUARDIANS NEEDED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 15	6:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y SUNDAY ADORATION FOR 30 MIN. AFTER 11AM MASS CONFESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 16	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
TUESDAY, MARCH 17	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MEETING O.C.I.A
THURSDAY, MARCH 19	8 AM-8 PM 1:20 PM	ADORATION GS STATIONS
FRIDAY, MARCH 20	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM 6:00PM	ADORATION STATIONS STATIONS AT SHM
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, MARCH 22	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.

I Publish *Wedding Banns* Between (3RD)
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, April 12th @ 9:00 AM



Join us in our monthly celebration of
the holy Mass in Spanish on April 12th
at 9am. Confessions will be heard be-
fore and after Mass. We look forward to
seeing you there!

TABERNACLE CANDLE
INTENTION
3/15/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:



Joey Cowher

GIVEN BY

Chip & Connie Davies

**The next Christian Mothers
meeting is set for Wednesday,
March 18th at 6pm in the grade school
cafeteria.**

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves
with the Catechism TBA.

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



Sacred Heart of Mary Easter Kielbasa & Sausage Sale

This Easter Sacred Heart of Mary will be taking orders for Jacob & Sons Kielbasa & Sausage. Price is \$6/pound. **Weights will vary.** Orders are due by **Tuesday, March 24th** and will be available for pick up on **Tuesday, March 31st** from 12:00p to 4:00p in the cafeteria at SHM. **Payment due at time of pick up.** To order, call the church office at 304-723-7175 during office hours or by dropping order form in the weekly collection basket or dropping it off at St. Joe's church office.

Name _____

Phone _____

Smoked Kielbasa _____ # Lbs. Fresh (unsmoked) Kielbasa _____ #Lbs.
Mild Garlic Sausage _____ # Lbs. Mild Hot Sausage _____ # Lbs. Old World Italian Sausage _____ # Lbs.

Orders Due By Tuesday, March 24th; Pick Up Tuesday, March 31st 12:00p-4:00p
Pay by cash or check day of pick up (check made out to Sacred Heart of Mary).

**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 meat-
less Lenten meal and then the showing of an inspiring
animated epic about Moses!
The movie will begin around 5:30-6:00PM

**CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S CARD
PARTY!
SUNDAY, MAY 3RD
MORE DETAILS TO COME SOON!**

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.

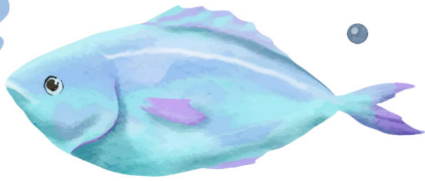


Scan the QR Code to
Register for Free!



**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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**DUELING PIANOS
IS BACK!**

SATURDAY | APRIL 18TH | 6:00 PM

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER GYMNASIUM
151 MICHAEL WAY, WEIRTON WV**

\$50 TICKET INCLUDES:

- LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- CATERED DINNER
- ONE DRINK TICKET

**RAFFLES, 50/50 AUCTION,
AND A \$20 BUY IN TO WIN
\$2,000 CASH!**

**JOIN US FOR MUSIC,
DRINKS, AND FUN!**



St. Paul's Lenten

FISH FRY

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

& WED. APRIL 1ST

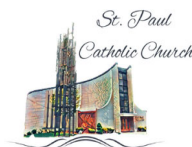
No fish fry on Good Friday

11:00AM-6:00PM

St. Paul School Cafeteria

**TAKEOUT & EAT-IN
AVAILABLE**

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



St. Joseph Holy Name Society

Wine Tasting!

**Enjoy the wine of local wine makers
and finger foods.**

Saturday, May 16th 6-9PM

Madonna High School Gym

Adults 21 & Over Only!

Donation \$20.00

Tickets courtesy of Greco-Hertnick

**Funeral
Home &
Crematory**

