


Sacred Heart - Wednesdays 11-6 pm  
 (SACRED HEART IS TAKE OUT ONLY)  
 Saint Paul - Fridays 11-6:00 pm  
 Saint Anthony - Fridays 11-6:00 pm



EUCHARISTIC  
 ADORATION

Open Monday—Friday  
 8 am until 8 pm  
 Saturday—8 am—12 Noon



Lenten  
 Penance  
 Service

March 26—7:00 pm

# 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  
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 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 Fuscado, 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

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ MARCH 2, 2025

### **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](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; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264; or Fr. Don Higgs at 304-685-2367. 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](mailto:helpingheroesorgbox@gmail.com).

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2025	\$ 62,531.93
Sunday Collection	2/23	\$ 8,103.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/23	\$ 310.00
E-Giving	2/1—2/23	\$ 5,539.72
Flood Relief	2/23	\$ 2,253.00

COLLECTION	Feb. 23/24, 2024	Feb. 22/23, 2025
Envelopes	\$ 4,791.00	Envelopes \$ 6,739.00
Loose	\$ 1,578.00	Loose \$ 1,364.00
Debt	\$ 550.00	Debt \$ 310.00
Total	\$ 6,919.00	Total \$ 8,413.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—2/24/24)	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—2/23/25)
Envelopes	\$ 60,401.97	Envelopes \$ 54,655.91
Loose	\$ 11,794.24	Loose \$ 10,947.93
Debt	\$ 3,422.00	Debt \$ 2,678.00
Total	\$ 75,618.21	Total \$ 68,281.84

## **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.



### **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!

**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.**





### Is the Lord calling you?

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

DONATE ONLINE

Donate



go to [www.stjoeweirton.org](http://www.stjoeweirton.org)  
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](http://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.

### At Home with Your Brother



Saint Mother Teresa said that to love is to do small things with great love. So what are these small things that one can do? Let's begin with home. Home is where the heart is; that's a familiar saying but how much attention is paid to it? Sometimes home is neglected in favor of pursuing things that one thinks is greater. To keep one's home cheerful is of utmost importance and can be accomplished by keeping in mind how mindful Jesus is of all our needs and extending that mindfulness to each person in our families. Noticing a need and helping with it, consoling in disappointments, disregarding unkind words, helping to clean a room, sewing loose buttons, reading aloud from inspiring books, praying together, smiling in adversity, and seeing the good - these are but a few of the small things that can be remembered for a lifetime by our family members.

The world provides plenty of fodder for discouragement. Let none come from within our own homes. Our hearts can be filled with love for each other when we ask Our Lord to fill us with His love. But our hearts need to be emptied of all that blocks room for His love. Love needs to begin at home, then each one can say with heartfelt gratitude, "There's no place like home..." How can this be accomplished? By going to Jesus. He is present in Confession, which is a great healing Sacrament; He is present in the Holy Eucharist which gives us strength to keep trying though we may fail at times, and He is present in the Adoration Chapel which is home for all souls who need rest and love. And what a very great love it is that is offered so simply by the Brother of us all.

To become a registered Guardian, call 304-374-6170. There are many hours that need partners. Even better still, become a family of registered Guardians! Family members can take turns covering their chosen hour - Family therapy with the Great Physician!

You can scan the QR Code for info on the Adoration Chapel.



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 **March for July 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

All Are Welcome!

Monday through Friday 8:00 am—8:00 pm and Saturday mornings 8:00 am—12:00 noon in the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel



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	Green
11:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
1:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Green	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	Green
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

2/8/2025

Only 4 more Guardians are needed to open Saturday afternoon Adoration! If you can help please call 304-374-6170.

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 2</b>	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	TMIY CONFESSION
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 3</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION TMIY K OF C
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 4</b>	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION BIBLE GROUP IN H.R. ROSARY BINGO CHOSEN IN GS CAFETERIA
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5</b> <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7:00 AM 8 AM—8 PM 9:15 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	MASS ADORATION MASS MASS MASS
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 6</b>	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM 1:20 PM 7:00 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION GS STATIONS N.F.P. IN H.R.
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 7</b>	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS FIRST FRIDAY MASS
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 8</b>	8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 9</b>	6:00 AM 9:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM	TMIY MASS IN SPANISH 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 3/2/25 for the soul of the  
**RALPH FUSCARDO, SR.**  
BY  
**SALLY, CHRIS, HILARY & BOYS**

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

### 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 **MARCH** is **SOUP**. Please place your items in the **RED** baskets at all the church entrances.

Jesus spent 40 days in the desert after being baptized by John. He also spent 40 days between his resurrection and ascension into heaven. We will have Adoration 40 hours consecutively beginning Ash Wednesday 8:00 AM through Thursday at midnight. Our normal Guardians will be filling their assigned hours, but will need your help to fill the remaining hours. Signup sheets will be available on the table outside the Chapel and in the main Vestibule. Do you have one hour to spend with Jesus?



**Annual Lenten Fish Fry**  
**March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 9**  
**11:00a.m-6:00p.m**

**Take Out Only!! No Dine-In**

**Sacred Heart of Mary Church Cafeteria**  
 Baked or Fried Fish & Shrimp  
 Haluski, Mac & Cheese, French Fries, Pierogi  
 Homemade Bread & Desserts  
 200 Preston Ave., Weirton

Call in orders @ 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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**SHIELDS UP!**

**Lord, Prepare My Hands for Battle**  
 (Psalm 144:1 NAB)

Preparing Your Family for the Battle



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER FOR FREE!

ATTENDEES WILL RECEIVE A FREE BROWN SCAPULAR EXORCISED BY RIPPERGER W/ SCAPULAR ENROLLMENT ON THE SECOND NIGHT OF THE TALK!

**TALKS**  
**NIGHT 1: SHIELDS UP! HANDS UP! THIS IS HOW YOU PROTECT YOUR FAMILY!**  
**NIGHT 2: SATAN FEARS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ADORERS!**  
**NIGHT 3: MEN HOLD YOUR SHIELDS UP!**

**SAT, SUN, MON MARCH 22-24, 2025**  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: FIERY TALK + Q & A  
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: MEET & GREET, BOOK SALES, AND REFRESHMENTS!

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 229 CALIFORNIA AVE., WEIRTON, WV

**Jesse Romero, M.A.**

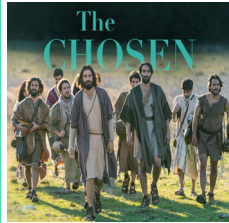
**walking with purpose**

Walking with Purpose women's Bible study groups are taking a break now due to illnesses and weather events impacting attendance. Lessons will start again in the spring after Easter on April 23rd. Questions? Call or text Sharon Duda 304-670-0710.

**How can you GIVE for Lent?**

There will be a playpen in the main vestibule for Gabriel Project baby items, such as; diapers, wipes, etc. During the weekend Masses, there will be baskets placed at Mother Mary and St. Joseph statues, and in the main vestibule to donate to the Risen Lord Food Pantry.

**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.



We began to view **The Chosen Season 2** on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 pm in the Grade School Cafeteria. Two episodes every Tuesday evening will be viewed. COME AND SEE what all the hype is about!! Hope to see you there!

**All NEW OVER \$600 Lucky Ball**

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

**\$500 TOP 3 Lines**

**\$500 Progressive Jumping Jackpot**

**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

**New Games New Day**  
 Refreshments  
 Door Prizes  
 FREE Coffee


**BINGO!**





# MARCH




SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1 First Saturday</b> <i>Double up weekend</i> 7:30 am Mass First Saturday 8 am—12 pm Adoration 12-1 Confession at SHM 7 pm Reverse Raffle
<b>2 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Double up weekend</i> 6 am TMIY 4-4:45 pm Confession	<b>3 St. Katharine Drexel</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 6:30 pm TMIY 7:30 pm K of C	<b>4 St. Casimir</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10 am Bible Group 6 pm Rosary 6:30 Bingo 7 pm Chosen	<b>5 ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <b>7 am Mass</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>9:15 am Mass</b> <b>12:00 pm Mass</b> <b>7 pm Mass</b>	<b>6</b> 7:30 am Confession 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>1:20 pm Stations</b> 7 pm N.F.P. in HR	<b>7 Ss. Perpetua &amp; Felicity</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>3 pm Stations</b> 6 pm First Friday Mass	<b>8 St. John of God</b> 8 am—12 pm Adoration 12-1 Confession at SHM
<b>9 1st Sunday of Lent</b> 6 am TMIY 9 am Spanish Mass 9:30 am PSR 4-4:45 pm Confession	<b>10</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 6:30 pm TMIY 7:30 pm K of C 4th Degree	<b>11</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10 am Bible Group 6 pm Rosary 7 pm Chosen	<b>12</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10:40 am MHS Mass 6 pm Catechism	<b>13</b> 7:30 am Confession 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>1:20 pm Stations</b>	<b>14</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 9:15 am GS Mass <b>3 pm Stations</b>	<b>15</b> 8 am—12 pm Adoration 12-1 Confession at SHM
<b>16 2nd Sunday of Lent</b> 6 am TMIY 4-4:45 pm Confession	<b>17 St. Patrick</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 4 pm Prayer Shawl 6:30 pm TMIY	<b>18 St. Cyril</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10 am Bible Group 6 pm Rosary 7 pm Chosen	<b>19 St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10:40 am MHS Mass 6 pm Christian Mothers	<b>20</b> 7:30 am Confession 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>1:20 pm Stations</b>	<b>21</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 9:15 am GS Mass <b>3 pm Stations</b>	<b>22</b> 8 am—12 pm Adoration 12-1 Confession at SHM <b>7:00 Lenten Mission</b>
<b>23 3rd Sunday of Lent</b> 6 am TMIY 9:30 am PSR 4-4:45 pm Confession <b>7:00 Lenten Mission</b> <b>30 4th Sunday of Lent</b> 6 am TMIY 4-4:45 pm Confession	<b>24</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 6:30 pm TMIY <b>7:00 Lenten Mission</b> <b>31</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 6:30 pm TMIY	<b>25 Annunciation of the Lord</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 10:40 am MHS Mass 6 pm Rosary 7 pm Chosen	<b>26</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>7 pm Lenten Penance Service</b>	<b>27</b> 7:30 am Confession 8 am—8 pm Adoration <b>1:20 pm Stations</b>	<b>28</b> 8 am—8 pm Adoration 9:15 am GS Mass <b>3 pm Stations</b>	<b>29</b> 8-12 Adoration 12-1 Confession at SHM

 The next Christian Mothers meeting will be held on Wednesday, **March 19th** at 6:00 pm in St. Joe's Grade School. This is a change from the normal 4th Wednesday because of our Lenten Penance Service on March 26th.

**Mark your calendar**  
 Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, March 26th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES MARCH 5TH**  
  
**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**  
 7:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 12 NOON & 7:00 PM  
**SACRED HEART OF MARY**  
 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 **SAVE THE DATE—OCTOBER 4TH—5TH, 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR PADRE PIO IN BARTO, PA. More information to follow.**