

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



HOLY WEEK/EASTER SCHEDULES



SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

STATIONS ~ GOOD FRIDAY ~ 3:00 PM

HOLY WEEK LITURGIES ~ HOLY THURSDAY MASS - 7:00 PM
 ~ **GOOD FRIDAY PASSION - 7:00 PM**
 ~ **HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL - 8:30 PM**
 ~ **EASTER SUNDAY - 7:30 & 11 AM**

SACRED HEART OF MARY

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TENEBRAE ~ WEDNESDAY 4/1 ~ 8:00 PM

SAINT PAUL

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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

PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 29, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Holiday Office Hours (page 2)
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- *Memorial Mass for Babies Who Passed Before Birth (page 5)
- *Christian Mother's Card Party (page 6)
- *Annual Church Raffle (page 6)
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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	\$123,167.34
Sunday Collection	3/21-3/22	\$7,623.00
Monthly Debt Collection	3/21-3/22	\$963.00
E-Giving	3/1-3/22	\$6,126.97

COLLECTION	Mar.22-23 2025	Mar.21/Mar.22 2026
Envelopes	\$5,879.35	Envelopes \$6,359.00
Loose	\$1,150.25	Loose \$1264.00
Debt	\$50.00	Debt \$963.00
Total	\$7,079.60	Total \$8,586.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—3/23/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—3/22/26)
Envelopes	\$86,392.84	Envelopes \$96,407.97
Loose	\$16,950.88	Loose \$20,683.49
Debt	\$4,261.00	Debt \$6,281.00
Total	\$100,525.12	Total \$123,372.46



2026 Goal: \$49,030

Contributed so far: \$7,650 of \$49,030; 40 gifts; 16%
Any donations over 50% of our goal are returned to the parish. Thank you for your support!

OFFICE HOURS

**The office will be closed for the
Easter holiday on the following
days:
Holy Thursday, Good Friday and
Easter Monday.**



PRAY THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

**Good Friday, April 3-Saturday,
April 11
Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12**

thedivinemercy.org



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.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, March 30	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intention for Betty Simon. By: Kevin Tasey	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, March 31	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intention for June Cupini. By: Kevin Tasey	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, April 1	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	Intention for Frank Merenda. By: Mary Snyder	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, April 2 Holy Thursday	7:00 pm Fr. Dennis	All Parishioners	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, April 3 Good Friday	7:00 pm Fr. Dennis	Passion Service	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, April 4 Holy Saturday	8:30 pm Fr. Dennis	All Parishioners	Gen 1:1-2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22; Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Rm 6:3-11, Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday, April 5 Easter	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis	Memorial Fund ✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35 (Afternoon or Evening)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. (Is 50:6)

Psalm: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading: He humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him. (Phil 2:8-9)

Gospel: The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God!" (Mt 26:54)

I Cannot Live Without God

Why do we "do without" during Lent? It's so we can come to realize who it is that gives us everything. It is God our Father who provides for us and sustains us. The practices of fasting, almsgiving, attending extra Masses, increasing time spent with Our Lord in His Word, or visiting the Adoration Chapel can help us grow closer to God. We find out that there is nothing we can't do without – except Him!



Sacrifices during Lent also help us grow in trust. Faith is trust at work. And, it takes work to develop trust! Even that, relies on God's grace. In the Lenten desert, when one experiences lack, perhaps even loss, sensing nothing, faith urges one on to meet God, ever-present but mysteriously hidden behind "The Cloud of Unknowing" as described by an anonymous author from the fourteenth century. Lent helps us learn to walk by faith, not by sight. It is also a time of learning how to wait, to endure, to proceed in all humility with hope.

"For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning (repentance) and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength." (Isaiah 30:15) When this realization reaches the heart, it produces a happy exchange of loving and knowing between oneself and God.

"I cannot live without God." (St. John of the Cross) During this Lent, consider becoming a registered Guardian at our Adoration Chapel. In the presence of Jesus you can find peace, forgiveness, healing, and strength to carry on. In the words of St. Teresa of Avila, "...He who has God has all things.

God alone suffices."

There are many hours that need prayer partners. Scan the QR code to get all the information you need.



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	Green	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



STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS

Friday—3:00 pm
Sacred Heart of Mary
Friday—3:00 pm

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 29	6:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y SUNDAY ADORATION FOR 30 MIN. AFTER 11AM MASS CONFESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 30	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
TUESDAY, MARCH 31	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 2	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
FRIDAY, APRIL 3	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS STATIONS AT SHM
SATURDAY, APRIL 4	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, APRIL 5	6:00 AM	T.M.I.Y

The FertilityCare™ Center of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc. & the Weirton Catholic Pro-Life Group will be sponsoring a Memorial Mass for Babies Who Died Before Birth whether by miscarriage, abortion, ectopic (tubal) pregnancy (no distinction will be made) & whether occurring recently or years ago. The Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 200 Preston Avenue, Weirton, WV. Confession will be available at 5:30 p.m.

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So that we may best honor your child please call 304-723-0478 or 304-748-0688 to RSVP (all family members and friends are welcome).



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION
3/29/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

Olga Garan

GIVEN BY

Sally Frantz

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism is April 8th @ 6 o'clock in the St Joseph Cafeteria. We are studying What Christians Believe (Understanding the Nicene Creed) by Bishop Robert Barron. Please have chapters 1-2 read.



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 before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

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

Christian Mothers Card Party will be held Sunday, May 3rd at 2:00 pm in the grade school Dube' Dome. Doors open at 1:00 pm and tickets are \$10.00. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, call Barbara Reynolds 304-723-9772. They will be mailed upon receipt of your check made out to St. Joseph Christian Mothers if you include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Tickets for card party and 50/50 raffle will also be sold at church the weekends of March 28-29 & April 11-12. Christian Mothers will accept door prizes for the card party. They may be dropped off at the church office up until the 30th of April.

ANNUAL CHURCH RAFFLE

FOR INFORMATION OR TICKETS, CALL OR TEXT JOHN DOVEC AT 304-374-7625.

**ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
2026 SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH
229 CALIFORNIA AVENUE / WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA**

\$20,000 CASH RAFFLE

GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000

EARLY BIRD CASH PRIZES

#1 April 30, 2026 \$500

#2 May 31, 2026 \$500

#3 June 30, 2026 \$500

PICNIC DATE: TBD

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER SUMMER BLOCK PARTY

**ONLY 500 TICKETS SOLD
CASH DRAWINGS***

First Drawing \$500 Cash*

Second Drawing \$500 Cash*

Third Drawing \$500 Cash*

Fourth DRAWING \$1000 Cash*

Fifth DRAWING \$1000 Cash*

Sixth DRAWING . . 2nd Place \$5,000 Cash*

Seventh DRAWING . . 1st PLACE \$10,000*

ONLY FULLY PAID TICKETS WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL DRAWINGS
Winner Need Not Be Present

DONATION \$100.00

*Final 7 drawings held at Summer Block Party.
Tickets Courtesy of Greco Hertnick Funeral Home
and Cremation Services

TENEBRAE

DARKNESS FELL ... SHADOWS



“The Seven Last Phrases
of Jesus Christ, Our Lord”

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2026 ~ 8:00 P.M.
SACRED HEART OF MARY ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
200 PRESTON AVENUE
WEIRTON, WEST VIRGINIA

Hosanna
the rock opera
2026

MARCH 20 - 21 - 22
MARCH 27 - 28 - 29

*A Musical
Passion of
JESUS CHRIST*

Doors open half hour
before show time

FREE-Will OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED

FREE ADMISSION
COVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
WEIRTON

FRI - SAT: 7:00 PM
SUN: 3:00 PM

All NEW OVER \$600 Lucky Ball

OVER BINGO

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

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

\$500 TOP 3 Lines

\$500 Progressive Jumping Jackpot

New Games New Day

Refreshments Door Prizes FREE Coffee

BINGO!



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

Purchase tickets at the rectory or at the door the day of the event.

Tickets courtesy of Greco-Hertnick Funeral Home & Crematory

