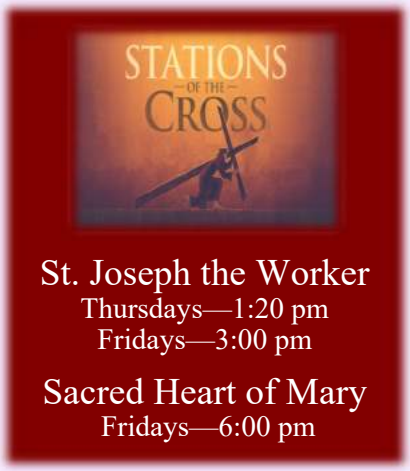






St. Joseph the Worker
Thursdays—1:20 pm
Fridays—3:00 pm

Sacred Heart of Mary
Fridays—6:00 pm



Sacred Heart - Wednesdays 11-6 pm
Saint Paul - Fridays 11-6:00 pm
Saint Anthony-Fridays 11:00-6:00 pm



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



March 20—7:00 pm

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS
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PARISH PHONE NUMBERS
Parish Office: 304-723-2054
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SUNDAY MASSES
Saturday (Vigil): 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 11am, 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday-Friday 7:00am
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: 8:00-8:30 am

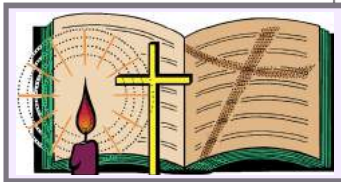
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304-723-1970

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 5, 2023

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

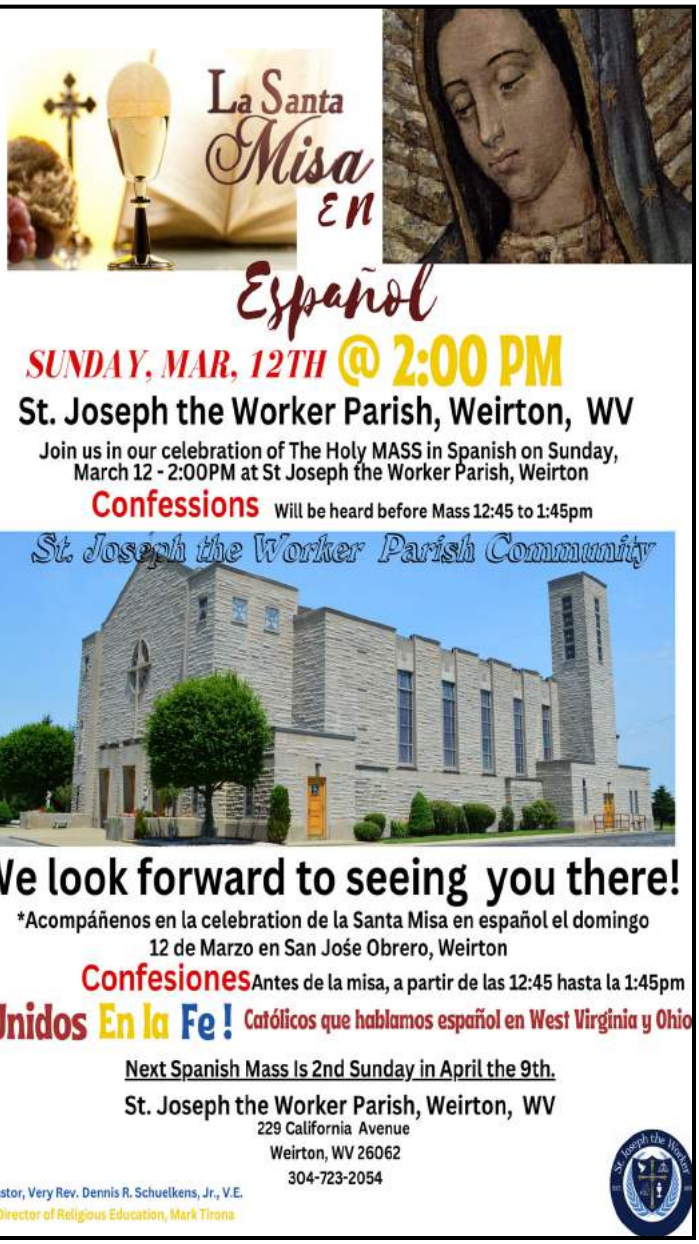
The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston maintains an Office of Safe Environment in accordance with the USCCB's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. To Report Suspected Cases of Sexual Abuse of Children: The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston encourages reporting to civil authorities first and foremost if a crime has been committed. We also encourage utilizing www.reportbishopabuse.org 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. 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.

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.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2023	$ 83,112.18
Sunday Collection	2/26	$ 4,980.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/26	$ 5.00
E-Giving	2/1-2/26	$ 5,155.07
Ash Wednesday	2/26	$ 2,431.00
Disaster Relief for Turkey & Syria	2/26	$ 979.00

COLLECTION	Feb. 26/27, 2022		Feb. 25/26, 2023	
	Envelopes	$ 6,421.00	Envelopes	$ 4,220.00
	Loose	$ 1,711.17	Loose	$ 760.00
	Debt	$ 180.00	Debt	$ 5.00
	Total	$ 8,312.17	Total	$ 4,985.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/22—2/27/22)		YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/23—2/26/23)	
	Envelopes	$ 68,373.66	Envelopes	$ 63,926.88
	Loose	$ 11,766.79	Loose	$ 10,215.18
	Debt	$ 6,362.00	Debt	$ 14,867.00
	Total	$ 86,502.45	Total	$ 89,009.06



MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, March 6	**7:00 am** Fr. Dennis	✝ **Joseph & Josephine D'Alesio** By: Bill & Sandy D'Alesio	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday, March 7 ***Ss. Perpetua and Felicity***	**7:00 am** Fr. Gerald	✝ **Bernice Balog** By: Dick & Sandra Donnelly	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday, March 8 ***St. John of God***	**7:00 am** Fr. Dennis	✝ **Elena Pulice** By: Settimo & Helen Pulice	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday, March 9 ***St. Frances of Rome***	**7:00 am** Fr. Dennis	✝ **Kitty Kochman** By: Dick & Sandra Donnelly	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday, March 10	**7:00 am** Fr. Dennis **9:15 am** Fr. Dennis	✝ **Mario Bellisario** By: The Bellisario Family **with GS**	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday, March 11	**4:00 pm** Fr. Dennis	✝ **Judy Muscaro** By: Karan Valenti	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday, March 12 ***Third Sunday of Lent*** 	**7:30 am** Fr. Tony **11:00 am** Fr. Dennis **5:00 pm** Fr. Tony	**All Parishioners** ✝ **Teresa Di Bacco & Salvatore Di Bacco** By: The Di Bacco Family ✝ **Helen Carnavos** By: Chuck & Josie Elliott	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)
Psalm — We rely on you, O God; show us mercy (Psalm 33).
Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).
Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John. (Matthew 17:1-9).

TURNING POINTS

Our readings today describe turning points for those whom God has chosen. In Genesis, God calls Abram to leave his homeland, with the promise of forming a people in a new land. In the Gospel, the disciples see Jesus literally in a new light, the bright light of Jesus' transfiguration. They begin to see Jesus, and themselves, in a new way. These are times when God presents a new way forward, providing new purpose and energy. Our lives too have their own turning points, where God is working (usually in less spectacular fashion) to lead us into fuller maturity, and into deeper unity with God and others. The road ahead, as with Abram, Jesus, and the disciples, may be long and difficult. Lent can be a time when we reflect upon these turning points in our past, and consider how God may be stirring something new in us today.



You are invited to join the Rosary Group, which meets every Tuesday evening 6—7 pm in the church. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as a prayer for priests and the unborn, with special intentions to St. Anthony and a prayer of abandonment. All the prayers are from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For more information, call the church office.



Mark your calendar

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

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 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

FATHER DENNIS HOMILIES

If you would like to view or review one of Father Dennis' homilies, you can go to **youtube.com** and put in the search bar, **Father Dennis Schuelkens Homilies** or you can go to the parish website, **stjoeweirton.org.**

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.

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 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 2023.** 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.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. We're here to listen. Reach our trained advocates 24/7 to get the support you deserve. There are no fees, no names, no judgment. JUST HELP. Call 1-800-799-7233. For the deaf and hard of hearing, 1-800-787-3224.



With Your Help…

we can keep the Adoration Chapel open
and continue to move towards Perpetual Adoration.
The Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel opened April 13th 2018
with only 8 hours of Adoration and less than 24 Guardians.
Five years later there are more than 100 Guardians,
keeping Adoration open 64 hours a week.
The schedule for our Adoration Chapel is in a constant state of flux.
The number of registered Guardians changes almost daily.
New Guardians are constantly needed.
Hours can be shared to accommodate your schedule.
There is an hour available for you or your family.

There will be sign up forms available for new Guardians at all of the Masses on March 11 & 12 and during the Lenten Mission.
If you have already decided on an hour that would work for you, call 304-374-6170 to register now!
On line sign up is also available!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



To register for the hour of your choice call 304-374-6170 or visit St. Joe's website

Guardian Enrollment Status

Time	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM						
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	Need 2 Guardians
	Need 1 Guardian
	Need 0 Guardian

2/19/2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 5	12:00 PM 4:00 PM	FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA CONFESSION
MONDAY, MARCH 6	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION K OF C 4TH DEGREE
TUESDAY, MARCH 7	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY BINGO BIBLE GROUP
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8	8 AM—8 PM 4:30 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION RCIA PASTORAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MARCH 9	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 AM *1:20 PM* 7:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION *STATIONS* N. F. P. IN HOSPITALITY ROOM
FRIDAY, MARCH 10	8 AM-8 PM *3:00 PM*	ADORATION *STATIONS*
SATURDAY, MARCH 11	8 AM—12 PM 9 AM—5 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM *GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND AFTER MASS*
SUNDAY, MARCH 12	12:00 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA SPANISH MASS CONFESSION *GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND AFTER ALL MASSES*

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of MARCH at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for those entering the church at Easter.

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

There will be a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land in our parish the weekend of March 11th & 12th. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians by selling some of their carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. By your support, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy Land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Stop by the tables in the vestibule and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem.

LECTIO DIVINA

Lectio Divina—praying to God through scripture to promote communion with Him and increase the knowledge of God's Word. The next meeting will be Monday evening, March 27th at 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome……men, women, singles or couples. Call the church office with any questions.

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

THE ITEMS THAT ARE NEEDED AT THIS TIME FOR THE TABLE OF HOPE: BOTTLED WATER, CAPRI SUN, PASTA & SAUCE. *The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.*



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

week of 3/5/23 for the souls of

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PRZYBYLOWICZ FAMILY

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Our Friends of Faith Bible Discussion Group will continue on Tuesdays from 7:00 pm—8:00 pm in the Hospitality Room of the rectory. The group is now studying the new video led program, **"Holy is His Name"**, presented by Scott Hahn. Books are available at the church office for $25.00. All are welcome!

Join ***4O 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 the unborn with other members of our Weirton Catholic Churches, on Friday, March 17th from 3p - 5p, OR Tuesday, March 21st from 11a - 1p, outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh.** *Sadly, close to 3,000 abortions happen yearly just at this one location!* This vigil runs daily from 7am – 7pm through November 6th, if other times better fit your schedule. *Carpooling is available*. Call Sheila Cavalet 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.

MADONNA: FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST... LEADERS IN THE WORLD.

Madonna High School is seeking qualified candidates to substitute teach grades 7th—12th. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Higgins in the school office at 304-723-0545.



That Man is You men's group began the Second Semester, "The Fight of Faith" on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 6:00 am to 7:15 am in the St. Joseph the Worker School Cafeteria. Join the over 30 men from St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart of Mary, and St. Paul's parishes to learn more about our faith as Catholic men. Please join us for faith, food, fellowship, and fun.

Coffee and Donuts: Weekly at Madonna High School Cafeteria after 11 AM mass.
We will discuss the readings and the homily as well as share fellowship. Small groups will be formed to help us become better disciples of Jesus. This is a new ministry at SJTW, it has had tremendous results at other parishes. Come and be part of the future, and yes, the donuts and coffee are free!



MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN ENROLLMENT

APPLY TODAY AT
www.weirtonmadonna.org

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP WEST VIRGINIA
Applications Open MARCH 1 - MAY 15
www.hopescholarshipwv.com

Disclaimer- The HOPE Scholarship program is a WV Treasury Program. The HOPE Scholarship program is NOT administered by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

In the name of St. Patrick, the Glorious Apostle of Ireland, the members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Div. 1, Wheeling, WV wish you a Happy St. Patrick's Day and Irish-American Heritage Month! Men: celebrate and be proud of your Irish-Catholic heritage all year long by joining the AOH! Info at www.aoh.com , facebook.com/roadbowling or Tom Connelly: 304-280-4350. Slainte!

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Wednesday, February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM



Sacred Heart of Mary Cafeteria
200 Preston Ave.
DINE IN OR TAKE OUT
to order call 304-723-1648 or download the Sacred Heart of Mary Chruch app.

Baked or Fried Fish & Shrimp
Pierogies- Potato or Sauerkraut
Haluski, Mac-n-Cheese, French Fries
Homemade Bread and Desserts



Sunday, March 12th @ 2:00PM

Join us in our monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish, March 12th at 2:00 pm. Confessions will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you have difficulty hearing during Mass, you may head to our sacristy and check out one of our "assistive listening" devices so that you can better hear the Word of the Lord in all it's glory!

Wheeling Vicariate Council Update

The Wheeling Vicariate met in January. The main goal of the meeting was to fill the positions of Diocesan Representative, President, Vice-President, and Secretary from within the group. Two members volunteered for the Vice-President and Secretary positions; one member is considering the position of Diocesan Representative and will report back with a decision within two weeks. The appointment of a new President will be tabled until the next meeting (May) when there may be more representation.

Fr. Ledford reported that:

There will be a new Order of Reconciliation. There are new prayers for Absolution and Contrition. These prayers will be optional on Ash Wednesday, but mandatory going forward on Divine Mercy Sunday. He explained that these changes reflect a literal translation from Latin to the vernacular. There is also a new Marriage Rite, Baptism Rite, and Confirmation Rite. RCIA will now be referred to as OCIA. The translation comes from the Vatican & USCC (translated to the best of their ability) then is sent to the Congregation for Divine Worship for approval. Deductibles for Diocesan insurance (which is self-funded) have been raised: Buildings - from $500 to $2500 (including crime), Fire - $250,000, Automobiles - $250 to $500

Finally, a concern was raised regarding transparency about parish debt. Some parishioners are not aware that their parish has fallen behind on payments for PHRA, insurance, taxes, administrative costs, etc. If the parish finds that a major repair is needed, the parish cannot apply for a grant from the Diocese until the former debt is paid in full. People are concerned that this drives a division within the community.
It was requested that this concern be reported to the Diocese at the March meeting in Charleston. St. Anthony and St. Paul are unable to obtain loans because of this policy. A member from St. Jude parish noted that they had a capital campaign through the Catholic Sharing Appeal to generate funds.

Fr. Ledford added that there will continue to be a problem with funding parishes, especially ones with schools, as the population declines and ages. The movement to reopen schools that have been closed will cause an additional drain.

The next meeting will be May 9, 2023, at 7:00 pm at Corpus Christi.

If you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, please contact the current St. Joseph the Worker Vicariate Representatives: Sheila Cavalet at 818-523-2893 or sheilacavalet@hotmail.com or Tom Runkel at tar216@yahoo.com

As a recap, Bishop Brennan announced in 2020 that he would be reinstituting the Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC). This had been initially established by Bishop Hodges in the late 1960s, but had been dormant for more than 30 years. To this end, the Bishop instructed that each of the six (6) vicariates across the state elect three (3) members to serve on the DPC. That process concluded in December 2020, and it was determined that the DPC would meet in Charleston every February, May and October.
The 18 members of the DPC, according to its original charter, would focus their efforts in three specific areas: 1) Peace and Justice; 2) Pastoral Concerns; and 3) Lay Life and Ministry.

The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus invite you to join us for a Holy Mass offered for the eternal rest of our beloved Foundress Mother María de Jesús Velarde, on the second anniversary of her passing. The Holy Sacrifice will be presided by Bishop Jeffrey M. Monforton on Thursday March 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Oratory (700 Lovers Lane, Steubenville, OH). We appreciate your attendance and your prayers.

The Franciscan Sisters, TOR invite you to our annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 11. This year's theme is Christ's Descent: Rousing the Realm of the Dead. Dr. Regis Martin (professor of theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville) will lead a meditation elaborating on this theme, in the context of the Shroud of Turin and the mystery of Holy Saturday. Sr. Monica Spates, ROR will share a testimony, and the day will also include Mass, a Holy Hour, and an option for prayer ministry or faith-sharing groups. The retreat will be held in person at our Motherhouse in Toronto OH, and will also be livestreamed for those wishing to attend virtually. Registration can be found on our website under Events. There is no fee to register but a freewill offering is appreciated if you are able. We highly encourage prior registration for both the in-person component and the virtual component. If you'd like to participate in a share group (either in-person or virtually), registration is required by Wednesday, March 8th. For more information, see our Events page or contact Sr. Anna Rose at (740)544-6620. We hope to see you there!