

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH



3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

*Whoever drinks  
the water I shall give  
will never thirst*

JOHN 4:14

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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  
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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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**MARCH 8, 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	\$86,186.11
Sunday Collection	2/28-3/1	\$9,963.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/28-3/1	\$610.00
E-Giving	1/1-2/22	\$1,417.18

COLLECTION	Mar.1-2 2025		Feb. 28/Mar.1 2026	
	Envelopes	\$9,245.00	Envelopes	\$8,904.00
Loose	\$1,565.10	Loose	\$1,059.00	
Debt	\$580.00	Debt	\$610.00	
Total	\$11,390.10	Total	\$10,573.00	

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—3/2/25)		YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—3/1/26)	
	Envelopes	\$69,195.49	Envelopes	\$71,647.62
Loose	\$12,513.03	Loose	\$10,784.49	
Debt	\$3,258.00	Debt	\$3,754.00	
Total	\$84,966.52	Total	\$86,186.11	

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.*

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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

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## 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
<b>Monday, March 9</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Dave Popish</b> By: Kevin Tasey	<b>2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Tony	<b>Intention for the Torchio Family.</b> By: Larry & Marianne Czapla	<b>Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35</b>
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Daniel Pulice</b> By: Mary Ann Pulice	<b>Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19</b>
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis	✠ <b>Frank Wright</b> By: Kevin Tasey	<b>Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23</b>
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	<b>7:00 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>9:15 am</b> Fr. Dennis  <b>10:35 am</b> Fr. Gerald	✠ <b>Alma Jean Fisher</b> By: The Fisher Family  <b>GS</b>  <b>MHS</b>	<b>Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34</b>
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Gerald  <b>4:00 pm</b> Fr. Tony	✠ <b>Shirlee Schwab</b> By: Frank & Sheila DeCaria  ✠ <b>John Krishak</b> By: Rita & Chris Krishak	<b>Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14</b>
<b>Sunday, March 15</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>7:30 am</b> Fr. Tony  <b>11:00 am</b> Fr. Tony  <b>5:00 pm</b> Fr. Gerald	<b>ALL PARISHIONERS</b>  ✠ <b>Tina DeCaria</b> By: Frank & Sheila DeCaria  ✠ <b>Frank DeCaria</b> By: The Skrab Family	<b>1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38</b>

#### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** "Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

**Psalm:** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

**Second Reading:** And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. (Rom 5:5)

**Gospel:** "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

# Have No Anxiety About Anything...

...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 4:6-7)

We are instructed to bring everything to God. Everything! Our internal struggles, our family affairs, all people and places that we see are in need of prayer in order to overcome the confusion and chaos the evil one sows. Give it all to God.

HE is omniscient, not us!

And then? Paul continues his exhortation this way, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of Peace will be with you." (Phil. 4:8-9)

This is right order in thinking and being. Religion goes beyond the morality plane; that involves an imperial relationship with the universal moral law. God invites us to a personal, individual relationship with Him. This is why Jesus calls each one of us by name.

Visit Our Ever Present, Ever Loving Lord in the Adoration Chapel. Pour out your concerns to Him. Then let Him refresh you so you can be free to ponder all that is beautiful and true.

To sign up for an hour at the Adoration Chapel, just click on the QR Code below or call 304-374-6170. Many hours need partners, but choose what can work for you.



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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 8</b>	6:00 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	T.M.I.Y 9:00 SPANISH MASS SUNDAY ADORATION FOR 30 MIN. AFTER 11AM MASS CONFESSION
<b>MONDAY, MARCH 9</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION T.M.I.Y
<b>TUESDAY, MARCH 10</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY
<b>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11</b>	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION O.C.I.A
<b>THURSDAY, MARCH 12</b>	8 AM-8 PM 1:20 PM	ADORATION GS STATIONS
<b>FRIDAY, MARCH 13</b>	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM 6:00PM	ADORATION STATIONS STATIONS AT SHM
<b>SATURDAY, MARCH 14</b>	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM 1:30PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM WEDDING
<b>SUNDAY, MARCH 15</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.

I Publish *Wedding Banns* Between (2ND)  
**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!

TABERNACLE CANDLE  
INTENTION  
3/8/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:



Aunt Josie Newton

GIVEN BY

Tommy, Marie, Francine & Lisa

For those families with small children, we have the QUIET  
ROOM with TV access in the back of the church to utilize  
whenever there's a need.

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.

**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.

**"The Heart of Divine Mercy"  
5:30-6:45 p.m.  
SJW Grade School Cafeteria**

**THIS WEEK—THURS., MAR. 12**

- Sacred Heart of Jesus and His Heart of Divine Mercy
- Prepare for Divine Mercy Sunday
- Do you know the connection between the revelation of Jesus' Most Sacred Heart and the revelation of Jesus' Divine Heart of Mercy? Why Divine Mercy Sunday and How to prepare to receive His grace?



*Jesus said,  
"Souls that make an appeal to My mercy delight Me.  
To such souls I grant even more graces than they ask.  
I cannot punish even the greatest sinner  
If he makes an appeal to My compassion." (Diary, 1146).*

*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.**



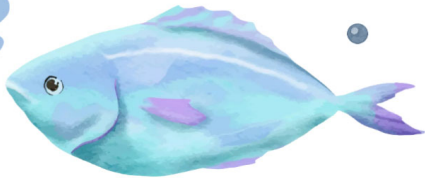
**Scan the QR Code to Register for Free!**

**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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# DUELING PIANOS IS BACK!

**SATURDAY | APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> | 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!**



## SAVE THE DATE!

*Wine Tasting!*

**Saturday, May 16th  
More details to come.**



*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

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

**TAKEOUT & EAT-IN  
AVAILABLE**

