

# ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



UNTIL THE  
*end of the age.*  
MATTHEW 28:20

## 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

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**MAY 17, 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 Order of Christian Initiation for Adults.

### CCD/PSR

Sundays 9:30-10:45 during school year.

SUNDAY DONATIONS		Amount
Total Year To Date	2026	\$182,395.96
Sunday Collection	5/9-5/10	\$8,156.00
Monthly Debt Collection	5/2-5/3	\$832.00
E-Giving	5/1-5/3	\$2,576.86

COLLECTION	May10-11 2025	May9-10 2026
Envelopes	\$5,540.00	Envelopes \$6,172.00
Loose	\$1,211.00	Loose \$1,984.00
Debt	\$975.00	Debt \$832.00
Total	\$7,726.00	Total \$8,988.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—5/11/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—5/10/26)
Envelopes	\$145,828.99	Envelopes \$149,437.47
Loose	\$28,495.29	Loose \$31,921.49
Debt	\$7,451.00	Debt \$10,025.00
Total	\$181,775.28	Total \$191,383.96

## 2026 CSA Goal: \$49,030

Contributed so far: \$14,735 of \$49,030;  
68 gifts; 30%

Any donations over 50% of our goal are returned to the parish. Thank you for your support!

## 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.



Two names were missing from the Mother's Day Intention roster. Those names were Mildred Wenzel & Olga Garan.

## St. Joseph Holy Name Society

# Wine Tasting!

Enjoy the wine of local wine makers and finger foods.

We are still in search of homemade wine & brandy makers to join us.

Contact Mike Veltri @ 304-670-0722

Saturday, May 16th 6-9PM

Madonna High School Gym

Adults 21 & Over Only!

Donation \$20.00

Tickets will be sold after Mass this weekend and next weekend. You can also purchase tickets at the rectory or at the door the day of the event.



MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, May 18	7:00 am Fr. Tony	† Jeff Smay Sr. By: Rose Barnhart & Family	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday, May 19	7:00 am Fr. Tony	† Irene & Louis Tassey By: The Tassey Family	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday, May 20	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	† Irene Tassey By: The Tassey Family	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday, May 21	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	Intention for Elaine Colbert By: The Tassey Family	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday, May 22	7:00 am Fr. Dennis  9:15 am Fr. Dennis  10:35 am Fr. Gerald	† George Weigel By: Sally, Chris, Hilary & the boys.  GS Mass  MHS Mass	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday, May 23	7:30 am Fr. Gerald  4:00 pm Fr. Tony	† Carole Sheppard The Fisher Family  † Al Boniti By: Patty Boniti	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday, May 24 Pentecost Sunday	7:30 am Fr. Tony  11:00 am Fr. Dennis  5:00 pm Fr. Dennis	† John Pulice By: Kitty DiPietrantonio & Family  † Larry Ritchie By: Michele Ritchie  All Parishioners	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** When they entered the city they went to the upper room where they were staying. (Acts 1:13)

**Psalm:** I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living. (Ps 27)

**Second Reading:** If you are insulted for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. (1 Pt 4:14)

**Gospel:** "Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." (Jn 17:1-2)

# Put Your Best Foot Forward

Today is Ascension Sunday. Let's put everything in perspective!

Imagine if you were an Apostle in the time of Jesus. You left everything behind to follow Him for 3 years. You witnessed His teachings, miracles, Passion, Death and Resurrection. Then, much to your surprise, Jesus stayed with you for an additional 40 days before ascending to His Father.



Then, you watch Him ascend into Heaven from the Mount of Olives. You may have been confused because Jesus told you He would be with you 'till the end of time.

Something you may or may not know is that tradition tells us that Jesus left an imprint of His feet on the rock on top of the mountain from which He ascended. One of the imprints remains to this day in the Church of the Ascension on that spot in the Holy Land. Pilgrims have actually placed their right foot on that designated spot.

You don't have to imagine any longer because Jesus IS with you 'till the end of time. His greatest miracle is that He is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and you can be with Him. You can ponder His teachings and the miracles in your life – present your sufferings and receive His love.

- \* Get your feet wet
  - \* Don't get cold feet
  - \* Don't drag your feet
  - \* Get your foot in the door
  - \* Put your best foot forward
- and sign up today to be a Registered Guardian.

## Happy Ascension Sunday!

Prayer partners are needed for the following hours:

Monday 3PM

Tuesday 2 PM

Wednesday 5 PM, 6 PM

Thursday 2 PM, 3 PM

Friday 10 AM, 11 AM, 2 PM, 3PM, 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM, 12 AM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM

New Guardians are always needed and welcomed. Please consider registering. For your convenience, scan the QR code and it will take you directly to Adoration website where you can see the hours that need Guardians and Register.



Are you a veteran (or know of one) behind on rent, facing an eviction, or without housing? If so, please contact **HELPING HEROES....a center for veteran resources**. For more information, call 304-232-0114 or visit [helpingheroesinc.org](http://helpingheroesinc.org)

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click **DONATE**

Please, **STOP** and **PRAY** during the month of **MAY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS & GODMOTHERS.**

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 **MAY FOR SEPTEMBER 2026**. Having intentions for a Mass is a sacrifice of \$10.00 during the week and \$20.00 on the weekend.

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism is May 27th. Study is Hinds' Feet On High Places by Hannah Hurnard. Please have chapters 1-11 read.

## 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	Green	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	Green
12:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
1:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
2:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Red	Green	Yellow	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
5:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green
6:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow
7:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow

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

4/7/2026

GUARDIANS NEEDED! SCAN THE QR CODE OR CALL  
304-374-6170





**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*

Please note that if you have a recurring gift set up through ParishSoft Giving, we kindly ask that you discontinue that offering and begin using Flocknote Giving for recurring gifts. If you have any questions or need help setting up online giving through Flocknote, please call the office and speak with Carissa or Mark.

**20th Anniversary**  
*Celebrate Father Dennis' 20th Anniversary as a Priest!*

**DATE:** Sunday, June 14<sup>TH</sup>

**TIME:** 12PM -4PM

**LOCATION:** The Dube Dome  
(St. Joseph the Worker Gym)

*Dinner will be served.  
(1:30pm-3:30pm)*

*RSVP is required by May 29th to:*

*Mary Jo Murphy 304.374.1240  
Sally Frantz 724.747.9474  
Sharon Duda 304.670.0710  
Tina Rocchio 304.312.8544  
Carissa Kovarik 304.723.2054*

*Fr. Dennis would love to visit with you there!*

**St. Joe's Dube Dome**

**JUNE 14TH 12PM - 4PM**  
**RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 29TH.**

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**2026 Madonna Basketball Camp**

**When:** Monday June 15<sup>th</sup> - Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 5:30 pm to 8 pm  
*Showcase Thursday at 7pm*

**Where:** MHS and SJS Gyms

**Open to students entering grades 2<sup>nd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>**

**To register please contact the MHS school office at 304-723-0545 or contact Coach Higgins at [girlsbasketball@weirtonmadonna.org](mailto:girlsbasketball@weirtonmadonna.org)**



# POLISH HERITAGE DAY

Sunday, June 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2026

**POLISH MASS at  
PAP CLUB OUTDOOR  
PAVILLION  
(NOON-1PM)**

**AFTERWARDS! 1:00-6:00**

All are invited to join us at the

**Polish American Patriot Club**

4410 Jacob Street, Wheeling, WV

for an afternoon of

**POLISH FOOD~POLKA MUSIC~BEER~FUN!**

**\$20/PLATE WILL INCLUDE:** KIELBASA, PIEROGIES,  
CABBAGE ROLLS, DESSERT AND 1 FREE DRINK TICKET

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.....and several generous private donations.

FOR QUESTIONS OR INFORMATION, CONTACT ED GORCZYCA @ 304-232-1752



Ordination to the Sacred Priesthood of  
*Reverend Mr. Clifton Mastran*

*and*

Ordination to the Sacred Diaconate of

*Mr. Michael Aiello*

Saturday, May 30 at 10:00am

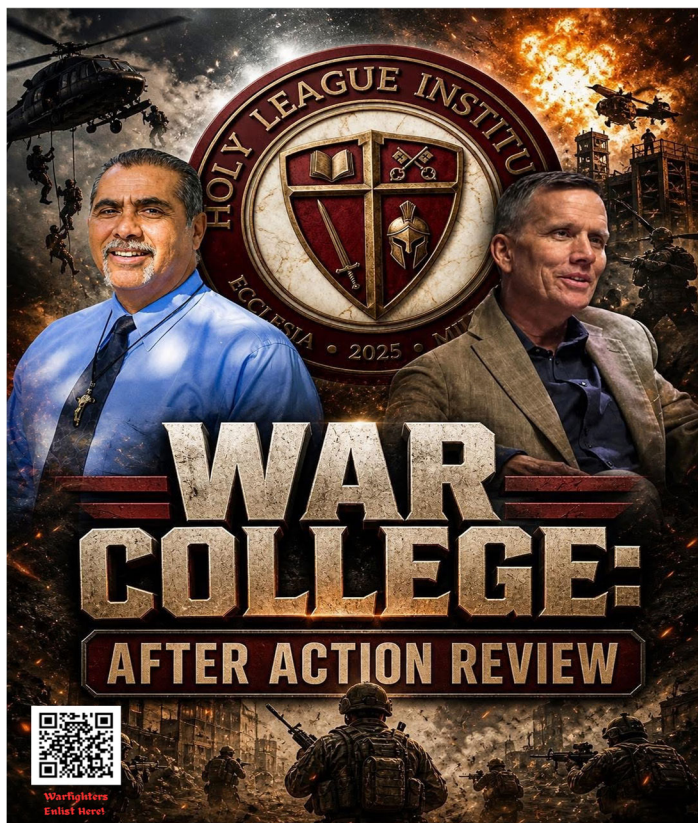
Cathedral of St. Joseph

1300 Eoff Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

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## SATURDAY AUGUST 13 2026



Warfighters  
Enlist Here!