

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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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

PENTECOST SUNDAY-MAY 24, 2026

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- *Catholic Sharing Appeal Goal (page 2)
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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	\$204,920.04
Sunday Collection	5/16-5/17	\$6,553.00
Monthly Debt Collection	5/16-5/17	\$10.00
E-Giving	5/1-5/17	\$4,293.79

COLLECTION	May17-18 2025		May16-17 2026	
	Envelopes	\$5,165.00	Envelopes	\$5,569.00
Loose	\$996.00	Loose	\$984.00	
Debt	\$80.00	Debt	\$10.00	
Total	\$6,241.00	Total	\$6,563.00	

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 <small>(1/1/25—5/18/25)</small>		YEAR TO DATE - 2026 <small>(1/1/26—5/17/26)</small>	
	Envelopes	\$150,993.99	Envelopes	\$161,979.55
Loose	\$29,491.29	Loose	\$32,905.49	
Debt	\$7,531.00	Debt	\$10,035.00	
Total	\$181,775.28	Total	\$204,920.04	



Any parishioner that is interested in donating a \$25.00 Gift Card for our Basket Raffle that takes place at the Block Party, it would be greatly appreciated. Drop donated cards at the church office between 8 am - 3 pm Monday through Friday. Office is closed for lunch from 12 - 1 pm. Thanks in advance for your donation.

For Bishop Mark Brennan on the Fiftieth Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood

A life's a gift that each of us receives.
 Before our life, we had no part to play,
 but when--by parents' love--the **Gift** conceives,
 we **are!** And born into the given day,
 while living, through the gift of give and take,
 we grow and learn and form just who we are.
 But comes the foe and says, the primal snake,
 "Your life is yours; keep it. To give will scar."
Gift smiles, and bleeds, and then says something new.
 "These scars from giving: I reveal as *stars*
 that shine My glory through and over you
 and light the way that overleaps death's bars."
 A life's a gift that each is called to give.
Gift shows: give all and you will always live.



MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, May 25 Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family	Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday, May 26 Memorial of Saint Philip Neri, Priest	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Frank DeCaria By: Frank Merenda	1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday, May 27	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Christine Pyle By: Mary Ann Anderson & Family	1 Pt 1:18-25; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 10:32-45
Thursday, May 28	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	Intention for Lois Cercone. By: The Tasse Family	1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12; Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5; Mk 10:46-52
Friday, May 29	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Margie Toth By: Genny Hodgkiss	1 Pt 4:7-13; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mk 11:11-26
Saturday, May 30	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Donna Kovalchik By: Mike & Marlene Runkel ✠ Frank DeCaria By: Mike & Ruth DelRe	Jude 17, 20b-25; Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 11:27-33
Sunday, May 31 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Dennis	All Parishioners ✠ Donald Ryan By: Evelyn Majoris ✠ Betty Ann Byers By: Eli & Mary Ekvovich	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:3-4)

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel: "Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Renewal - The Holy Spirit and Adoration



Pentecost was the first birthday of the Catholic Church, the only Church that Jesus Himself founded. Mary teaches us to love the Pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth, and to obey all that the Holy Spirit teaches us through him. Through the Holy Spirit we obtain the courage to embrace the truths of our Catholic faith and not to be ashamed of them. "Perfect love casts out all fear." (1 John 4:18)

The Church is the Bride of Christ, through which Jesus Himself nourishes us and renews us unceasingly in this Holy Eucharist. "I shall give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you." (Ezekiel 36:26) Jesus exchanges our "stony hearts" with His very own "Heart of flesh" (Ezekiel 11:19), that we may love God in all things and above all things. Through His Eucharistic love, Jesus transforms us into Himself. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me." (Galatians 2:20) -- (Rosary Meditations from St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Jesus revealed His Heart as an 'infinite ocean' of mercy and love. (words of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary)

Come visit Our Lord at the Adoration Chapel. There, you can drink in the living waters of His Holy Spirit. Jesus cries out: "If any man thirsts let him come to Me." (John 7:37) Jesus said that He is the resurrection and the life. Come and learn from Him how to live a resurrected life on earth!

Prayer partners are needed for many hours. Scan the QR code and it will take you directly to the Adoration website. There, 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

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go to www.stjoeweirton.org
click **DONATE**

Please, **STOP** and **PRAY** during the month of **June** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS, AND GODFATHERS.**

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	Yellow	Yellow	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	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	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 14TH

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 15th - Thursday June 18th

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

Where: MHS and SJS Gyms

Open to students entering grades 2nd to 8th

To register please contact the MHS school office at 304-723-0545 or contact Coach Higgins at girlsbasketball@weirtonmadonna.org

ST. JOE & ST. PAUL VBS 2026

**JULY
20 to 23**
9 am to
Noon

St.
Joseph
Gym/
MHS
Cafeteria

Pre-
Registration
Required
Scan QR
Code:

For Ages
Pre-K
thru
6th Grade

All are
welcome!



**RAINFOREST
FALLS**

Exploring The Nature of God



ST. JOE & ST. PAUL VBS 2026

TEEN and ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**JULY
20 to 23**
9 am to
Noon

St.
Joseph
Gym/
MHS
Cafeteria

To
volunteer,
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QR Code!



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~ Corpus Christi ~
Procession and Reception
Sunday, June 7, 2026

Eucharistic Procession from
St. Joseph the Worker (after 11 a.m. Mass)
to Sacred Heart of Mary.
Reception in SHM Cafeteria after Benediction.

Please add your name AND
the number of family members attending the reception on
the sign-up sheets found in the church vestibules
so that we can properly prepare food and beverages.
Thank You!

The Prayer Shawl group will resume
beginning Monday, June 15th at 4pm in the
hospitality room located at the rectory. Any
woman or man who is interested in learning
to crochet is encouraged to attend. For more
information, you can contact Mary Velegol
at 304-723-4225.



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