

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS!



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PARISH OFFICE

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-3:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
 304-723-2057
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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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 MAY 3, 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	\$172,751.96
Sunday Collection	4/25-4/26	\$6,852.00
Monthly Debt Collection	4/25-4/26	\$50.00
E-Giving	4/25-4/26	\$7,257.47

COLLECTION	Apr.26-27 2025	Apr.25-26 2026
Envelopes	\$4,117.00	Envelopes \$5,361.00
Loose	\$1,159.00	Loose \$1,491.00
Debt	\$25.00	Debt \$50.00
Total	\$5,301.00	Total \$6,902.00

COLLECTION	YEAR TO DATE - 2025 (1/1/25—4/27/25)	YEAR TO DATE - 2026 (1/1/26—4/26/26)
Envelopes	\$125,994.04	Envelopes \$135,569.47
Loose	\$25,416.29	Loose \$28,329.49
Debt	\$6,131.00	Debt \$8,853.00
Total	\$157,541.33	Total \$172,751.96



2026 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!**

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.

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.



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, May 4	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Ed Majoris By: Larry Majoris	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday, May 5	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Frank Majoris By: Larry Majoris	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday, May 6	7:00 am Fr. John George	✠ Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Buelich By: Stephen Buelich	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday, May 7	7:00 am Fr. John George 10:35 am Guest	✠ Joey Cowher By: Carol & Chaz Dight MHS Move-Up Mass	Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday, May 8	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Helen Burchill By: The Burchill Family GS Mass	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday, May 9	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	Intentions for Andy Lucas. With Gratitude ✠ John Billie By: Family	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday, May 10 Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Angela Taverne By: The Taverne Family ✠ Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family All Mothers Living & Deceased on This Mother's Day.	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly. (Acts 6:7)

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. (1 Pt 2:7)

Gospel: Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (Jn 14:6)

PLEASE GOD OUR FATHER

Little children like to show their moms and dads the things they can do: ride bikes, draw pictures, catch balls, sing songs, play instruments, and the list goes on - even into adulthood.



Grandmas and grandpas make really good audiences too! But guess who delights most in watching us use our talents? God, our Father. And, it's built into us to want to share all we think, say, and do. We're communal and we look for approval. So then, what's wrong with success, popularity or power? Well, as Henri J.M. Nouwen pointed out, success, popularity, and power can indeed present great temptations, but their seductive qualities often come from the way they are part of a much larger temptation to self-rejection. If one doesn't get positive approval early on, one could easily fall into the trap of believing the voices that cut down one's eternal worth, thereby making the above solutions attractive, albeit false.

Henri J.M. Nouwen sums this up very well: "Self-rejection is the greatest enemy of the spiritual life because it contradicts the sacred voice that calls us the "Beloved". Being the Beloved constitutes the core truth of our existence."

Let Jesus set you straight. Visit Him in the Adoration Chapel. It's a sacred place where you can talk with Our Lord, telling him all about what you're thinking and doing. He is so happy to listen! Then, you listen. And, little by little, you will begin to hear and pay attention to His voice, forsaking all false voices. After all, at the Transfiguration of Christ, God, our Father said,

"This is my Beloved Son, listen to Him." (Mark 9:7)
Consider registering for a regular conversation with Jesus. There is one empty hour, Wednesday 2-3 PM. A number of Guardians need partners. To sign up: call 304-374-6170 or scan the QR code for available hours and to sign up.



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

DONATE ONLINE

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go to www.stjoeweirton.org
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.

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.

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	Green	Green
3:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	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



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 3	11:00 AM 4:00PM	MAY CROWNING CONFESSION
MONDAY, MAY 4	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
TUESDAY, MAY 5	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION BINGO ROSARY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
THURSDAY, MAY 7	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
FRIDAY, MAY 8	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, MAY 9	8 AM-8 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, MAY 10	9:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	SPANISH MASS CONFESSION CONFIRMATION

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.

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
5/3/26 FOR THE SOUL OF:

Helen Burchill

GIVEN BY

The Burchill Family



Please pray for the soul of
Adam Hudak
Eternal rest grant unto them
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them.



Sunday, May 10th @ 9:00 AM
Join us in our monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish on May 10th at 9am. Confessions will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

The Community Bread Basket donation for **MAY** is **HANBURGER HELPER**. 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 April 11-12 & April 18-19. 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



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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The Parish Community Committee of our Pastoral Council will be selling Mother's Day cards in the back of the church after all Masses the weekends of April 25th and 26th and May 2nd and 3rd. A single Mass will be offered as a group for all returned cards. If you don't catch anyone after Masses, you can contact Judi at 670-5582, Shirley at 479-0367, Connie at 670-4488, Bernie at 614-999-8335, or Sandy 320-247-7678.

SAVE THE DATE!

Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

ST. JOE'S
ONE MISSION
ONE DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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MAY 5, 2026

HELP US REACH
OUR GOAL OF
\$15,000!

IF WE REACH OUR GOAL,
STUDENTS WILL GET TO
SLIME MRS. FUSCARDO!



 **TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JOE'S!

Hello! My name is Cecilia Anthony and I am an aspiring film director. 6 years ago the Lord led me to the incredible story of the Carmelite Martyrs of Compiègne. They were 16 nuns during the French Revolution who, in response to the horrific persecution and violence of the Revolution, began praying a daily act of consecration as a community, offering themselves in totality to the Lord, including martyrdom if the Lord willed it. After two years of praying this daily, they were arrested on falsified charges and later sentenced to execution because of their "attachment to their religion". They went to their executions literally singing praises to God, which inspired an unprecedented silence from the surrounding crowds, and just ten days later Robespierre fell and the French Revolution came to an end. This summer I will be filming a short Proof-of-Concept film about their story, that I will use to hopefully attract potential investors and producers to help make the full-length film a reality. I am currently a Youth Minister, so I have no ability to have a budget for this film at this time. I am relying on the Lord and the generosity of people who are interested in becoming involved to make it happen. The Chief Cinematographer of a small Catholic production company in Maryland is coming out to film it the week of July 20th. The Lord has been opening multiple doors to make this short film possible, but what I really need the most at the moment are people who can help out during the days of filming. There are multiple different roles and responsibilities that I am looking for assistance with. I need extras, I need actors, mostly women between the ages of 25-85 but a few men and a child as well (there is an audition process for the acting roles), and I need practical help as well during the days of filming. If you are interested in hearing more about the project and what I am looking for, or interested in helping out in some way, please email me at Tofollowthelamb16@gmail.com. Thank you and God Bless!

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.

If you are using supplementary offering envelopes or plain white envelopes to give your weekly offering, please be sure to include your full name on the outside of the envelope if paying cash. Thank you!

Deacon Clifton Mastran will be ordained into the Priesthood on May 30th! Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on May 30th @ 10:00am at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Wheeling. He would be so pleased to see familiar faces from our parish in attendance.

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.

