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St. Joseph the Worker
Mrs. Recheal Fuscardo
304-723-1970



Madonna High School
Mr. Phil Rujak
304-723-0545



St. Paul School
Mr. Jamie Lesho
304-748-5225

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The Catholic Schools of Weirton*

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

Pastor, Very Rev. Dennis R. Schuelkens, Jr., V. E.

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Parochial Vicar, Rev. Tony Thurston Permanent Deacon, Rev. Mr. Vince Olenick

PARISH OFFICE

Mary Beth Simon, Bookkeeper
Sally Frantz, Secretary
stjosephtheworker229@yahoo.com

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

PARISH PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 304-723-2054
304-723-2057
Parish Fax: 304-723-3961

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.

DIRECTOR OF EVANGELIZATION

Paco Gavrillides 734-328-4305

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
Salvador Brambila, Youth Minister
sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Celia Mergen, Music Director

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscardo, Principal
weirtonstjoseph.net
304-723-1970

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

Phil Rujak, Principal
weirtonmadonna.org
304-723-0545

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Caitlin McLane
weirtonstjoseph.net
681-328-3217

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ FEBRUARY 11, 2024

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	2024	\$ 39,374.24
Sunday Collection	2/4	\$ 9,837.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/4	\$ 375.00
E-Giving	2/1 -2/4	\$ 1,483.93
Black & Indian Missions	2/4	\$ 26.00
Catholic Home Missions	2/4	\$ 31.00

COLLECTION

Feb. 4/5, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 9,841.00
Loose	\$ 1,099.00
Debt	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 11,255.00

Feb. 3/4, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 8,771.00
Loose	\$ 1,066.00
Debt	\$ 425.00
Total	\$ 10,262.00

COLLECTION

YEAR TO DATE - 2023 (1/1/23—2/5/23)

Envelopes	\$ 47,845.68
Loose	\$ 6,641.37
Debt	\$ 12,630.00
Total	\$ 67,117.05

YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—2/4/24)

Envelopes	\$ 36,045.00
Loose	\$ 7,718.24
Debt	\$ 1,935.00
Total	\$ 45,698.24



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 **February 25, 2024 at 6:00 pm** in the church. All are welcome.....men, women, singles or couples. Call the church office with any questions.

COUNSELING AVAILABLE at St. Joseph the Worker Church!

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.



"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!" And this is precisely what That Man is You is eager to promote in our parish. In a world that is falling apart from disunity, we men of the Church can bear witness to the gift of brotherhood, growing together in our love for God, for one another, and for our parish. Men, it's time to step up and make a difference as Catholic men! All men from 18 years old until we pass into glory are most welcome. This year we give you the option to meet on Sunday mornings at 6:00 am at St Joseph grade school cafeteria, or on Monday nights at 7:00 pm at the same location! In That Man is You, we want to be men who build one another up in love, who grow in the knowledge of God, and become powerful witnesses to Christ, in the home, the church, and the world. Let's gather for life, fellowship, and strength in Christ!

Scan this code with your phone to register.



MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, February 12	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Jean Colangelo By: Rose & Chester Kaczmarek	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 13	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ William Bell By: Sara Gasser	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY 	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis 12:00 pm Fr. Dennis 7:00 pm Fr. Tony	Intentions of Bernadette Finley By: The Bonner Family with GS with MHS All Parishioners	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 15	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Bill & Eleanor Davis By: Sharon Davis Green	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 16	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Larry Liberto, Sr. By: Bill & Sandy D'Alesio	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 17 <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ John Mihalyo By: Richard & Noreen Saxon ✠ Patrick Klee By: The Ed Klee Family	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, February 18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i> 	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	All Parishioners ✠ Emanuel Starvaggi By: The Starvaggi Family ✠ Nicolos DiMaggio By: Sally Frantz	Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22, Mt 4:4b; Mk 1:12-15

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The leper will dwell apart, making an abode outside the camp (Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46).

Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation (Psalm 32).

Second Reading — Do everything for the glory of God; be imitators of Christ (1 Corinthians 10:31 — 11:1).

Gospel — The leprosy left him immediately, and he was made clean (Mark 1:40-45).



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT**

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
Thursdays—1:20 pm
Fridays— 3:00 pm

SACRED HEART OF MARY
Fridays—6:00 pm



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 14

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
7:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 12 NOON, 7:00 PM

SACRED HEART OF MARY
8:30 AM

The Laymen's Retreat League invites all Catholic Men of the area to join us for a day of reflection with Reverend Justin Golna, J.C.L. from 8am to 5pm. The theme will be on the Eucharist and the day includes light breakfast and lunch. Cost: \$30 JOIN US . . . Saturday March 9th, 2024, Saint Vincent dePaul Parish's Marist Center, Wheeling, WV. Contact Don Klamut at 304-280-4626 or laymensretreatleague@gmail.com



Is the Lord calling you?

Call Rev. Brian Crenwelge at the Vocations Office, Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston at 304-233-0880, ext. 298

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FATHER DENNIS HOMILIES

If you would like to view or review one of Father Dennis' homilies, you can go to the parish website, stjoeweirton.org.

A SPIRIT OF SACRIFICE



After Original Sin, we have the tendency to love things in a self-seeking way—what's in it for me? In other words, we tend to love someone or something for what they can give us in return. Thus, a person who has a pleasant and witty friend will naturally cultivate and enjoy his company. But when that person requires his help and dedication—it is another story. Enjoyment yes. Dedication no.

The same goes for a husband and wife who are in love with each other and find each other's company delightful. But when the time for sheer giving comes, the trouble begins. Again, to Enjoy—yes, to Dedicate—no. This is because dedication requires sacrifice and the first natural tendency of every human creature is to shrink from sacrifice.

Thus, we can easily look at Our Lord, Our Lady as well as the Catholic Church and her doctrine with the same eyes. We can be convinced Jesus and Mary love us; we are touched by their goodness and hope they will grant us all we ask. We admire the Church and all she offers and bask in all she can do for us. But when it is time for us to do something for God and His Church, the excuses begin. We do not want to sacrifice.

But the truth is that there is only true love and true dedication where there is a spirit of sacrifice. Without it, all declarations of love are only empty words. (from "Be still and know that I AM GOD")

Show your love and spirit of sacrifice for Jesus by becoming a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian. It's only one hour a week!

Two EMPTY hours have just opened and need a Guardian. Thursday 3:00PM – 4:00PM and Friday 11AM – 12 Noon. The following hours NEED PARTNERS: Monday – 8AM, Tuesday – 3PM; 4PM; 5PM Wednesday - 11AM, 5PM, Thursday – 9AM; 2PM; 6PM; 7PM; Friday - 2PM; 3PM; 4PM; 5PM; 6PM. Please contact Mary Evkovich at 304-374-6170 to volunteer to be a Guardian or place registration form in the boxes located in the Church vestibules.

West Virginia Child Abuse Hotline 1-800-352-6513

Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
Victim Assistance Coordinator ~ 304-242-6988

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.

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 **February for June 2024**. 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.

Annual Guardian Recruitment

Visit the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel display in the church vestibule during the Lenten Mission to sign up and receive your Spiritual Combat Kit.



Guardians Enrollment Status						
Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8:00 AM						
9:00 AM						
10:00 AM						
11:00 AM						
12:00 PM						
1:00 PM						
2:00 PM						
3:00 PM						
4:00 PM						
5:00 PM						
6:00 PM						
7:00 PM						

Need 2 Guardians

Need 1 Guardian

Need 0 Guardians

1/29/2024

For more info or to register by phone call 304-374-6170.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	6:00 AM 8—11 AM 9:00 AM 4:00 PM	T. M. I. Y. SWEETHEART BREAKFAST MASS IN SPANISH CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12	8 AM—8 PM 7:00 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION T. M. I. Y. K OF C 4TH DEGREE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL IN HOSPITALITY ROOM ROSARY EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL IN G.S. CAFETERIA
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	7:00 AM 8 AM—8 PM 9:15 AM 12:00 PM 7:00 PM	MASS ADORATION MASS—GS MASS—MHS MASS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15	7:30 AM 8 AM—8 PM 1:20 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION STATIONS—GS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17	8 AM—12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	6:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM	T. M. I. Y. PSR CONFESSION

Grounds Crew and Christian Mothers ~ Donation Only ~ Sweetheart Valentines Breakfast is this Sunday, February 11th from 8 am—11 am at St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Cafeteria.

Wheeling Vicariate meeting was held 1/23/24 in Warwood at Corpus Christi Parish. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Ledford. Fr. Ledford made his personal report on the state of the Diocese and the Vicariate. He stressed the need for more priests, and across the state to possibly have a coordination of mass times, so that when a parish pastor is out of town or sick the neighboring priest can easily fill in since the masses would not be scheduled at the same time. The business at hand was the selection of officers. The Vicariate has a president, vice president and secretary. They were selected by volunteering. The secretary is Mark Witzberger, the vice president is Chuck Griffin, the president is Margaret Erikson. The selection of delegates to the diocese was tabled until more information could be obtained. It was discussed and decided that our Vicariate would be more active within our geographic area. One of the things discussed was the possibility of having a Wheeling Vicariate Facebook page. Then there could be an open forum to see what other parishes are doing, what is working for them, and what may be more feasible for others to do. To that end the group decided to meet more often and the next meeting will be held February 20th at the Warwood location. Our delegates are Jody Gerbo and Tom Runkel.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

week of 2/11/24 for the souls of

JOHN & DOMENIC CHIODI

BY

CHIODI & WESTLAKE FAMILIES

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of **FEBRUARY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **ENGAGED AND MARRIED COUPLES.**

If you would like a 2023 financial statement of your donations to the church for tax purposes, please call the church office during regular business hours.

The next Christian Mothers meeting will be **March 20th** at 6:00 pm in St. Joseph's Grade School Cafeteria.

The Community Bread Basket donation for **FEBRUARY** is **SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER.** 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: **CAPRI SUN & CANNED FRUIT.** *The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.*

PILGRIMAGE TO CAREY, OHIO

As part of the second year of the Eucharistic Revival, we are planning a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. The bus will leave at 6:00 am and will return around 5:00 pm on Saturday, May 25th with a stop for lunch. You can reserve your seat on the bus by calling the church office no later than February 19th. If the bus is close to being full, the price will be around \$60.00 per person which includes the church paying half of the bill.

PACO'S CORNER

Why should I share my testimony?

- Jesus sent His disciples out into the world to witness to His resurrection. He is sending you.
- "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be My witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8 3. You should be ready to share how Christ became the center of your life and your source of hope
- "Reverence Christ in your hearts. Should anyone ask you the reason for this hope of yours, be ever ready to reply, but speak gently and respectfully." - 1 Peter 3:15-16 4. For first evangelists, the Apostles, the Kerygma & their personal testimony were intertwined.
- They could say "I saw him die; I saw him risen!" St. Paul used testimony in Acts 22:1-21, 26:1-29, Phil 3:5-16. 5. The Power of a Testimony a Non-Threatening - "Unchurched" people more open to listening to your story than a teaching. • "Modern man listens more willingly to witnesses than to teachers, and if he does listen to teachers, it is because they are witnesses." -
- Pope Paul VI, On Evangelization in the Modern World Personal - Evidence that God is real and active in the personal lives of people today.
- People will be able to relate to some aspect of your situation and your life experience. It is concrete and real.
- Arouses Interest - Stirs up questions and an increased desire for God within the listener. Sharing Your Testimony Fr. Terry Donahue, CC
- Speaks for itself - People can argue about a teaching, but hard to argue with experience.
- Powerful - God works through a testimony and offers graces of conversion for those who hear.
- "Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: 'Now have salvation and power come, the reign of our God and the authority of His Anointed One. For the accuser of our brother cast out, who night and day accused them before our God. They defeated him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.'" - Rev 12:10.



BACK TO School

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH
FAMILIES- NEW TO OUR SCHOOL
Applications open
Friday February 9, 2024
Visit www.weirtonstjoseph.net,
choose admissions, click apply



Sunday, February 11th @ 9:00 AM
Join us in our monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish, February 11th at 9:00 am. **Confessions** will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

Annual Lenten Fish Fry

Feb. 14, 21, 28 & Mar. 6, 13, 20
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 Church app.

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



EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL VIDEO SERIES

Learn of Jesus' love for us through the Church and Sacraments, especially the Eucharist! Feel free to attend any of the following TUESDAY sessions: February 13th and 27th. Choose from the morning session 10:00-11:30 am in the hospitality room of the rectory or the evening session 6:00-7:30 pm in St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Cafeteria.

St. Joe's Parish Lenten Mission

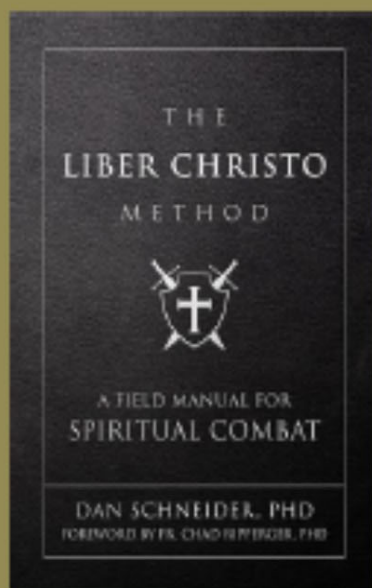
With Dr. Dan Schneider

(personal assistant to world renowned exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger & author of the Liber Christo Method!)

Feb. 19-21, 2024

7:00 – 8:00 PM: TALK

8:00 PM – TBD: CONFESSION, MEET & GREET, BOOK SALES, ETC.



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

**Learn from one of the very best
experts serving on the front lines
of today's spiritual combat!**

All Are Welcome

Refreshments available

- Attendees will receive exorcised salt & holy water while supplies last!
- Confession is available one hour prior to the talk!
- For more info, please call the Parish Office at 304-723-2054.
- The event address is 229 California Ave. Weirton, WV 26062.



- Scan the QR code to register! -