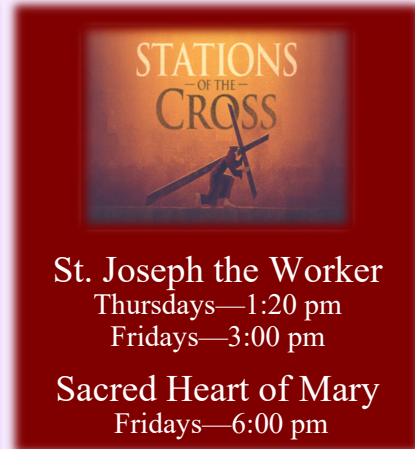




St. Joseph the Worker
Thursdays—1:20 pm
Fridays—3:00 pm
Sacred Heart of Mary
Fridays—6:00 pm



Sacred Heart - Wednesdays 11-6 pm
Saint Paul - Fridays 11-6:00 pm
Saint Anthony - Fridays 11-6:00 pm



Open Monday—Friday
8 am until 8 pm
Saturday—8 am—12 Noon



March 13—7:00 pm

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 Gavrilides 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ~ FEBRUARY 18, 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	\$ 46,758.24
Sunday Collection	2/11	\$ 6,562.00
Monthly Debt Collection	211	\$ 822.00
E-Giving	2/1 -2/11	\$ 2,308.61
Black & Indian Missions	2/11	\$ 122.00
Catholic Home Missions	2/11	\$ 202.00

COLLECTION

Feb. 11/12, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 5,176.00
Loose	\$ 1,286.00
Debt	\$ 2,002.00
Total	\$ 8,464.00

Feb. 10/11, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 5,524.00
Loose	\$ 1,038.00
Debt	\$ 822.00
Total	\$ 7,384.00

COLLECTION

YEAR TO DATE - 2023 (1/1/23—2/12/23)

Envelopes	\$ 53,021.68
Loose	\$ 7,927.37
Debt	\$ 14,632.00
Total	\$ 75,581.05

YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—2/11/24)

Envelopes	\$ 49,744.97
Loose	\$ 8,756.24
Debt	\$ 2,757.00
Total	\$ 61,258.21



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!

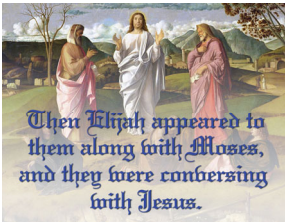
Dr. Ann Stipe, PhD, has over 50 years of mental health nursing and counseling experience. She was a psychiatric nurse, RN, for 25 years before she returned to school and received her PhD in social work from the University of Maryland at Baltimore. She also has a certification in addictions counseling, 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 19	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Evelina Capito By: The Capito Family	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday, February 20	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Zidzik Family By: The Tassey Family	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday, February 21 <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 10:10 am Fr. Bill	✠ Charley Monaghan By: Rose Barnhart Family with MHS	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Jl 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday, February 22 <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Susan Bravo By: Eli & Mary Evkovich	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19
Friday, February 23 <i>St. Polycarp</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis 9:15 am Fr. Dennis	✠ William Bell By: Cindy & Matt Pitroff with GS	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday, February 24	7:30 am Fr. Gerald 4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ Dolores Bengier By: Mary Jane & Mike Arena All Parishioners	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday, February 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>  <i>Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus.</i>	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Rebecca Ann Dorsey By: Father Dennis Schuelkens ✠ Mike Dishauzi By: Steve & Marie Mascio & Family ✠ Larry Liberto, Sr. By: Darlene Capito	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalm — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)



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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FATHER TONY ON FEBRUARY 22ND AND FATHER DENNIS ON FEBRUARY 27TH! WE ARE BLESSED THAT YOU'RE BOTH HERE AT ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!

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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aimhelpcenter@sbcglobal.net www.aimwomenscenter.com
24-HOUR helpline 740-283-3636 or 1-800-395-HELP

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.

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism with Fr. Dennis and Paco will take place on Wednesday, **February 28th** at 7:00 pm in the grade school cafeteria. All are welcome! We recommend that you bring the Catechism of the Catholic Church with you.



Make frequent visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and the devil will be powerless against you.
— Saint John Bosco

Adoration: The Best Defense

Dr. Dan Schneider, personal assistant to the world renowned exorcist Fr. Chad Ripperger will be guest speaker for the three night Lenten Mission, February 19-21 at St. Joseph the Worker Church. We invite all surrounding parishes to attend the mission and consider signing up as a Eucharistic Adoration Guardian.

The Chapel is presently open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 8:00 pm and every Saturday 8:00 am – 8:00 pm. Our goal is to eventually become a perpetual Chapel, open 24/7, for all the parishes in the area. If you have been thinking about committing to an hour each week as a Guardian, now is your opportunity! Forms will be available during the Mission at the Adoration display table in the main vestibule of the Church.

Stop by to sign up for the hour of your choice and pick up your free Spiritual Combat packet compliments of the Adoration Committee, containing exorcised salt, holy water and a St. Benedict medal.

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 18 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	6:00 AM 9:30 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	T. M. I. Y. PSR CONFESSION T. M. I. Y.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19	8 AM—8 PM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION PRAYER SHAWL LENTEN MISSION
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL IN HOSPITALITY ROOM ROSARY LENTEN MISSION
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	8 AM—8 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION LENTEN MISSION
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 <i>HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER TONY!!</i>	7:30 AM 8 AM—8 PM 1:20 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION STATIONS—GS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23	8 AM—8 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24	8 AM—12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	6:00 AM 4:00 PM	T. M. I. Y. CONFESSION



Congratulations to Pasqualina Pulice for recently receiving the Aquinas Award. This award is in recognition of her outstanding qualities of faithful discipleship, academic excellence, leadership and service to school, parish and community, reflecting the ideals of Catholic education epitomized by St. Thomas Aquinas, who is the patron saint of students. Way to go, Pasqualina!



Angie Dishauzi would like to express her deepest appreciation to her beloved church family for the expressions of sympathy, support and love shown her during this difficult time of loss.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

week of 2/18/24 for the soul of

ALFREDO TORRES

BY

ALIMARIO & TORRES 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.

The Synod Continues in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

Continuing on our journey as a Synodal Church, faithful from around the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston are asked to attend a gathering in their vicariate (Charleston, Martinsburg, Beckley, Clarksburg, Parkersburg, and Wheeling) between Feb. 21-March 7. Each gathering will be a synodal listening session to address two questions posed by the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, who met in Rome last October.

- Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

The sessions will be held Feb. 21 at the Saint John XXIII Pastoral Center in Charleston, Feb. 22 at St. Leo Church in Inwood, Feb. 27 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Beckley, Feb. 28 at Immaculate Conception Church in Clarksburg, Feb. 29 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Parkersburg, and March 7 at St. Michael Church in Wheeling. All sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend.



Mark your calendar

Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Monday, March 20th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be available to hear confessions.

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

PACO'S CORNER

Sharing your Personal Story

For any of you who may be reading Paco's Corner please read this simple instruction carefully and think reflectively over your life and your history of relationship with the Lord. Pray directly to the Lord, asking him to enlighten your personal history so that you might see and perceive His hand in your life. New week we will try to write out our own testimony. I'll explain.

DO'S AND DON'TS

DO:

- +Remember that sharing your story is powerful! You have words of wisdom and life!
- +Be open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Don't be dependent upon your own gifts.
- +Speak about your relationship with God.
- +Share what God did in your life, the good things that have happened.
- +Use concrete details.
- +Be ready to adapt your witness to the listener.
- +Speak confidently, no need for insecurity—you are simply telling your experience.
- +Use elements of your life to which the listener can best relate: family, sports, travel, cars, school, work, etc.
- +Be attentive to the time available and adapt to that time frame, one, two, or ten minutes.
- +Be prepared to leave out many details or change gears entirely.
- +Make eye contact with the individual or group.
- +Use humor constructively.
- +Try to speak in pictures; use citations that people can visualize or imagine.
- +When all seems to have failed, remember the first "do!" on our list!

DON'T:

- +Preach or teach
- +Speak negatively about people, institutions, or other churches
- +Lecture—just tell your story

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

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MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

6:00-7:30 PM

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Weirton, WV 26062

Questions: 304-723-0545 or email info@weirtonmadonna.org

Come learn more about:

- Our academics
- Our service program
- How the HOPE Scholarship can help make a Madonna education possible for your family.
- Extra-curricular activities



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PROJECT LENTEN ALMSGIVING

Parishioners are invited to donate to one of these groups:

Table of Hope—*Capri Sun or Canned Fruit—drop at the church office*

Community Bread Basket—*Shampoo and Conditioner—red baskets at church entrances*

Gabriel Project—*Baby Items—play pen at main church entrance*

Catholic Charities—*Monetary Donation—drop envelope in collection basket or church office*

If your **LAST NAME** begins with the Letter:

A B C or D please make your donation on 2/17-18

E F G or H please make your donation on the weekend of 2/24-25

I J K or L please make your donation on the weekend of 3/2-3

M N O or P please make your donation on the weekend of 3/9-10

Q R S or T please make your donation on the weekend of 3/16-17

U V W X Y or Z please make your donation on the weekend of 3/23-24

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Please join us for a night of **FUN**
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@ St. Joseph the Worker school gym,

The Dube Dome

Friday, April 12, 2024

doors open at 7:00

The Pianos start at 8:00

Tickets \$40

can be purchased at the school office
any questions call 304-723-1970

The Franciscan Sisters, T.O.R. invite you to our Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 16 at our Motherhouse in Toronto OH, beginning at 8:30am. This year's theme is Transformed at the Cross, and will include a sharing from our community friends, Matt and Desi Gould, who will share about God's work in their married life through suffering. Sr. Agnes Therese Davis, TOR, will also share a reflection and guided meditation. The day will include Mass (celebrated by Fr. Chris Donley of the Pittsburgh diocese), a Holy Hour, refreshments, and an option for prayer ministry or faith-sharing groups.

The Sweetheart Breakfast was a success!

Many thanks to all who attended & those who volunteered; especially the Grounds Crew and Christian Mothers.

