



Madonna HS is looking for families to host N.E.T. (National Evangelization Team) members while the team is in Weirton providing retreats for the 7th-12th graders at Madonna. There are 5 young ladies and 4 young men who will simply need a place to lay their head at night, a shower, and a light breakfast in the morning. They have their own transportation. The dates to host are February 28, March 1, and March 2. For more information about N.E.T.: please visit <https://netusa.org>.

To host: please contact Amy Granato at agranato@weirtonmadonna.org or 723.0545.

“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unaware.” Hebrews 13:2

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

229 California Avenue, Weirton, WV 26062 • dschuelkens@dwc.org • stjoeweirton.org
Associate Pastor, 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
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: 8:00-8:30 am

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mark Tirona, Director, Religious Education
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com
Salvador Brambila, Youth Minister
sjtwym316@gmail.com

PARISH MUSIC

Rebecca Harding, Music Director
Sean Harding, Cantor/Violinist

ST. JOSEPH GRADE SCHOOL

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

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

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

ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

Recheal Fuscado
weirtonstjoseph.net
681-328-3217

“Let your
‘YES’
mean
‘YES,’
and your
‘NO’
mean
‘NO.’”

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

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	2023	\$ 61,220.37
Sunday Collection	2/5	\$ 10,940.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/5	\$ 315.00
E-Giving	2/1-2/5	\$ 1,298.52
Catholic Home Missions	2/5	\$ 70.00
Black & Native American Mission	2/5	\$ 30.00

COLLECTION

Feb. 5/6, 2022

Feb. 4/5, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 6,625.00	Envelopes	\$ 9,841.00
Loose	\$ 1,563.62	Loose	\$ 1,099.00
Debt	\$ 310.00	Debt	\$ 315.00
Total	\$ 8,498.62	Total	\$ 11,255.00

COLLECTION

YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/22—2/6/22)

YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/23—2/5/23)

Envelopes	\$ 40,345.59	Envelopes	\$ 41,899.00
Loose	\$ 7,664.62	Loose	\$ 6,641.37
Debt	\$ 4,518.00	Debt	\$ 12,630.00
Total	\$ 52,528.21	Total	\$ 61,170.37



Do you want a life of Heroic Sacrifice?

Is God Calling YOU to be a Priest of Jesus Christ?

**Come join us
for a weekend of prayer
and discernment**

March 3-5

Priest Field Pastoral Center

4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430

To complete an application visit WVPriests.org

Do you desire a life of service to God? Are you open to giving yourself completely to God in a life of consecration and sacrifice in building up the kingdom of God here in West Virginia? Could the Lord be calling you to be a Priest of Jesus Christ in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston? The annual diocesan Men's Priestly Discernment Retreat will be held on March 3-5 at the Priest Field Pastoral Center (4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430). This event is open to men 18 years and older who are simply open to reflecting on God's will for them in their lives. The weekend will consist of Holy Mass, prayer, reflections on the diocesan priesthood, and the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confession. For any men interested in attending, please sign up at wvpriests.org.

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, February 13	7:00 am Fr. Bill	✠ Irvin Sweitzer By: The Fisher Family	Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16b-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday, February 14 <i>Ss. Cyril & Methodius</i> 	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intentions of Bernadette Finley on her Birthday By: The Bonner Family	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday, February 15	7:00 am Fr. Tony 10:10 am Fr. Tony	✠ Elaine Guglielmo & Kathleen Patrick By: The Guglielmo Family with MHS	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26
Thursday, February 16	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Sandra Caranda By: Rose Barnhart & Family	Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33
Friday, February 17 <i>The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony 9:15 am Msgr. Peterson	✠ Kelly Donkers By: Eli & Mary Evkovich with GS	Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
Saturday, February 18	4:00 pm Fr. Tony	✠ Evelina Capito By: The Capito Family	Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13
Sunday, February 19 <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> 	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Tony	All Parishioners ✠ Sam & Teresa Di Bacco By: The Di Bacco Family ✠ Alfredo & Corazon Torres By: Alain & Cynthia Alimario	Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness (Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalms — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus



You are invited to join the Rosary Group, which meets every Tuesday evening 6—7 pm in the church. The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed as well as a prayer for priests and the unborn, with special intentions to St. Anthony and a prayer of abandonment. All the prayers are from a booklet designed by Fr. Jose Manuel Escalante. For more information, call the church office.



The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a free throw competition on Saturday, February 18th beginning at 12:30 pm in St. Joseph the Worker Grade School Dube' Dome. You can add your name to the list of interested persons by calling the church office or stop in to pick up a registration form.



Is the Lord calling you?

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

DONATE ONLINE

Donate



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

Facing an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with the pain of abortion, questioning your sexual health?

THE AIM WOMEN'S CENTER

248 N. 5th Street, Steubenville, Ohio 740-283-3636
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 [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and put in the search bar, **Father Dennis Schuelkens Homilies** or you can go to the parish website, stjoeweirton.org.

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES

Please join His Excellency, Bishop Athanasius Schneider, as well as Fr. Timothy Huffman and Fr. Bradley Greer, of the Diocese of Steubenville, on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes June 9—18, 2023. Space is limited. For more information, visit www.qohtours.com or call 1-800-213-4295.

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 2023**. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



To register for the hour of your choice
call 304-374-6170

Guardian Enrollment Status

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
8 AM - 9 AM	●	●	●	●	●	●
9 AM - 10 AM	●	●	●	●	●	●
10 AM - 11 AM	●	●	●	●	●	●
11 AM - 12 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
12 PM - 1 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
1 PM - 2 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
2 PM - 3 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
3 PM - 4 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
4 PM - 5 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
5 PM - 6 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
6 PM - 7 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●
7 PM - 8 PM	●	●	●	●	●	●

●	Need 2 Guardians
●	Need 1 Guardian
●	Need 0 Guardian

As of 1/7/2023

Once you understand the Eucharist, you can never leave the Church. Not because the Church won't let you but because your heart won't let you.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12	8:30 AM 12:00 PM 2:00 PM 4:00 PM	SWEETHEART BREAKFAST IN MHS CAFETERIA FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA MASS IN SPANISH CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION K OF C 4TH DEGREE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY BINGO—NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THIS MONTH ONLY BIBLE GROUP
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15	8 AM—8 PM 4:30 PM	ADORATION RCIA IN HOSPITALITY ROOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 AM	ADORATION CONFESSION
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17	8 AM-8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18	8 AM—12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	9:30 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	PSR FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA CONFESSION

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES-FEBRUARY 22ND

7:00 AM, 9:15 AM, 12 NOON, 7:00 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

THURSDAYS—1:20 PM & FRIDAYS 3:00 PM

SACRED HEART OF MARY

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS—2/22—8:30 AM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—FRIDAYS 6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Council 3734 membership drive for December 2022 for Catholic men 17.5 years and older. First year, free membership. You can belong to our Weirton Council 3734 wherever you live. Quick & easy sign up online. Go to kojc.org, scroll to join, enter your information, (for preferred council enter 3734), (for preferred agent enter JGinter). After transmitting please send a message to veltri77@gmail.com so he can watch for your name. Follow us on Facebook at Knights of Columbus Weirton 3734.

The Community Bread Basket donation for **FEBRUARY** is **Tuna**. 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: **BOTTLED WATER, CAPRI SUN, PASTA & SAUCE**. The Table of Hope is opened on Mondays only. Bring in your donations to the church office during regular weekday hours.



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

week of 2/12/23 for the soul of

CATHERINE & MAX FIJEWSKI

FROM

JUDY & MAX FIJEWSKI

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

GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND

There will be a display of beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land in our parish the weekend of March 11th & 12th. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians by selling some of their carvings which are one major source for their income. Proceeds from the sale will benefit Christian families in Bethlehem/Holy Land. By your support, 200 families will be helped to remain in the Holy Land. Supporting these families is important also for the peace in the Middle East. Stop by the tables in the vestibule and get your gifts directly from the little town of Bethlehem.



Please pray for the souls of Edward Chiarenza and Tom Gallagher, the brother of Sally Frantz. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

LECTIO DIVINA

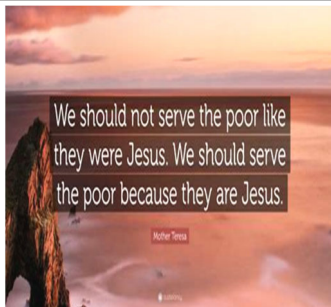
Lectio Divina—praying to God through scripture to promote communion with Him and increase the knowledge of God's Word. The next meeting will be Monday evening, February 27th at 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.....men, women, singles or couples. Call the church office with any questions.



That Man is You men's group began the Second Semester, "The Fight of Faith" on Sunday, January 22, 2023, from 6:00 am to 7:15 am in the St. Joseph the Worker School Cafeteria. Join the over 30 men from St. Joseph's, Sacred Heart of Mary, and St. Paul's parishes to learn more about our faith as Catholic men. Please join us for faith, food, fellowship, and fun.

Coffee and Donuts: Weekly at Madonna High School Cafeteria after 11 AM mass.

We will discuss the readings and the homily as well as share fellowship. Small groups will be formed to help us become better disciples of Jesus. This is a new ministry at SJTW, it has had tremendous results at other parishes. Come and be part of the future, and yes, the donuts and coffee are free!



Your Help is Needed!

Feed the poor! Clothe the naked! Heal the sick! Jesus calls us to love and serve others as He did. It is our mission here at St. Joseph the Worker Church to come together as a parish family and be an active and visible force for

good right here in our own community. We ask that you and your family consider giving your time and talent to Community Bread Basket (CBB). They greatly need committed volunteers year-round as follows:

- ~Every Friday morning, 8-11am, (except when it falls on a holiday) to help stock the food pantry and boxes for their clients. The remaining dates this month are 2/17 & 2/24
- ~Twice a month (the last two Thursdays of the month) to pack boxes for all the clients at the two retirement towers downtown.

Please call the church office at 304-723-2054 and let us know when you are available to serve – weekly, twice a month, monthly. We need all hands on deck! Thank you!

St. Anthony Church in Follansbee is looking for part time maintenance help. If you are interested in helping or know someone who might be willing to assist with light maintenance around the church and/or the St. Francis Centre, send resume to the parish office by walk-in or mail. Duties include grass cutting, painting, light repairs along with table set up and take down. For inquiries please call 304-527-2286.



Enrollment for the 2023-24 school year begins soon!

Apply today at www.weirtonmadonna.org

To schedule a tour at Madonna High School, please email us at enrollment@weirtonmadonna.org or call the school office at 304.723.0545.

HOPE
SCHOLARSHIP
WEST VIRGINIA

For more information on the Hope Scholarship please visit www.https://www.hopescholarshipwv.com

Take Note

Bingo for this month is moved from February 7th to February 14th due to the OVAC Boys Basketball game.

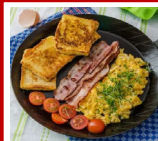
WV Hope Scholarship Accepted at WV Catholic Schools

As the Catholic Schools of West Virginia begin accepting applications for enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year in February, families who anticipate applying to the state's Hope Scholarship Program - an education savings account (ESA) – are welcome to apply.

The Hope Scholarship Program is an ESA program that will allow parents and families to utilize the state portion of their education funding to tailor an individualized learning experience that works best for them. Beginning on March 1, 2023, the Hope Scholarship Board will accept applications for the 2023-2024 school year.

To learn more about Catholic education in West Virginia go to: <https://wvcatholicschools.org>. For more information about the Hope Scholarship go to: <https://www.hopescholarshipwv.com>.

It is important to note that the Hope Scholarship program is run by the state of West Virginia not the diocese or the WV Catholic Schools office.



Our Christian Mothers, Holy Name and Grounds Crew are sponsoring a "donation only" Sweetheart Breakfast on Sunday, February 12th from 8:30 am—12:00 noon at Madonna High School Cafeteria. There will be scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage links, home fried potatoes, coffee, water & tea. RSVP preferred but not mandatory. RSVP to Michael Veltri at 304-670-0722.

St. Joe's Parish Lenten Mission

229 California Ave., Weirton, WV.



Dr. John Bergsma, speaker

Nationally renowned speaker and author, Bible Scholar and former Protestant Pastor, Vice-President of the St. Paul Center of Biblical Theology, full time professor of Theology at Franciscan University.



Scan the QR code to register for free!

*Mon, Tues, Wed.
March 13 - 15*

*7- 8 PM
Mission Talk*

*8 - 9 PM
Confession/Meet+Greet*

*Talk #1 (Monday)
Confession as
Spiritual Warfare*

*Talk #2 (Tuesday)
Eucharistic
Testimony*

*Talk #3 (Weds.)
Spiritual Discipline
in Spiritual Warfare*

*Book sales and signing,
meet and greet and
refreshments.*

All Are Welcome!

