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Mr. Phil Rujak
304-723-0545**



**St. Paul School
Mr. Jamie Lesho
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ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH

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

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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

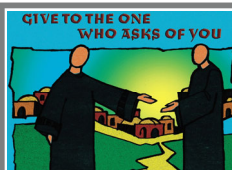
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ST. JOSEPH DAY SCHOOL

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681-328-3217



**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 19, 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	\$ 69,684.37
Sunday Collection	2/12	\$ 6,462.00
Monthly Debt Collection	2/12	\$ 2,002.00
E-Giving	2/1-2/12	\$ 2,419.16
Catholic Home Missions	2/12	\$ 220.00
Black & Native American Mission	2/12	\$ 193.00

COLLECTION

Feb. 12/13, 2022

Envelopes	\$ 7,980.00
Loose	\$ 1,047.00
Debt	\$ 1,059.00
Total	\$ 10,086.00

Feb. 11/12, 2023

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

COLLECTION

YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/22—2/13/22)

Envelopes	\$ 48,325.59
Loose	\$ 8,711.62
Debt	\$ 5,577.00
Total	\$ 62,614.21

YEAR TO DATE - 2022 (1/1/23—2/12/23)

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

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 20	7:00 am Fr. Tony	Intentions of Jay Berlin By: The Fisher Family	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday, February 21 <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Kelly Donkers By: Paulette Nagy	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday, February 22 <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony 9:15 am Fr. Dennis 12:00 pm Fr. Dennis 7:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ Ron & Rick Sekersky By: Bill & Sandy D'Alesio with GS with MHS ✠ Marilyn Torres & Rosalie Evangelista By: Alain & Cynthia Alimario	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday, February 23 <i>St. Polycarp</i>	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Robert Halbritter By: The Fisher Family	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday, February 24	7:00 am Fr. Dennis	✠ Dawn Swidorsky By: The Fisher Family	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday, February 25	4:00 pm Fr. Dennis	✠ Patrick Klee By: The Klee Family	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday, February 26 <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	7:30 am Fr. Tony 11:00 am Fr. Dennis 5:00 pm Fr. Neiman	✠ Willie Pulice By: Richard & Noreen Saxon ✠ Kelly Donkers By: The Hudek Family All Parishioners	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).

Psalm — Our God shows mercy and graciousness (Psalm 103).

Second Reading — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).

Gospel — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).

DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Today's readings reflect on our communal identity as disciples. Before we begin Lent together in a few days, we take time to appreciate what God has done by giving us our family of faith. In Leviticus, God tells Moses to "speak to the whole Israelite community" and give them instructions for living in love. Moses passes along the message—to each and every believer—that God's people must strive together for holiness. Saint Paul echoes this message, insisting that we are indeed God's holy children. As temples of the Spirit, we belong to Christ and to one another. This mutual belonging is a blessing and a challenge. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus sets a high bar for Christian community: his followers must love not only those who are easy to love, but also the people who upset us. Together, let us ask God to give us this kind of love.



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.

Mary Seat of Wisdom Montessori School, 36 Villa Drive, Steubenville, OH is having an Open House on February 25th from 9 am—12 pm. For more information, call 740-461-4951 or our church office 304-723-2054.



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.



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 [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.

Be Healed This Lent



The Eucharist is the Source of all goodness. Each Eucharistic Chapel is like a heavenly porthole, through which comes Light for a dark world. In these places of worship, heaven and earth are joined and our sweet, kind Jesus makes Himself available in a continuous way. This is the height of benevolence.

For all seasoned adorers, an hour of adoration is as natural as breathing. Those newer to the practice will no doubt wonder what they will do for a full hour in a chapel. There is no television, no radio, no talking. There is only Jesus Christ, fully present, in the humble host. The first few minutes will possibly seem long, but shortly after, the time will fly.

One of my favorite experiences in Adoration is to listen to souls as they arrive and settle in. There is a small disruption in the silence as rosaries are located and books set aside. The soul shifts and fidgets a bit, getting comfortable in the pew or on the kneeler. The other adorers know it will take a minute or so and welcome the soul in their hearts. Soon, there is silence again and all are free to reattach themselves to the heavenly breezes. After two or three minutes, you can hear the newly arrived soul begin to sigh. I know that souls are often unaware of their sighs. For me, these sighs are like music. The soul has connected to Christ. The body relaxes. The Divine Healer has begun His work. (from Eucharistic Adoration, by Anne, a lay apostle)

Come to experience the Divine Healer this Lent. Adoration is open every Monday through Friday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm and every Saturday 8:00 am – Noon.

To become a Guardian of the Most Blessed Sacrament check out the available hours on St. Joe's website or call 304-374-6170 for more information.

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 or visit St. Joe's website**

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 2/6/2023

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19	9:30 AM 12:00 PM 4:00 PM	PSR FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA CONFESSION
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20	8 AM—8 PM 4:00 PM	ADORATION PRAYER SHAWL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	ADORATION ROSARY BIBLE GROUP
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 ASH WEDNESDAY HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FATHER TONY!	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 23	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 AM 1:20 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION STATIONS
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24	8 AM-8 PM 3:00 PM	ADORATION STATIONS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25	8 AM—12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26	12:00 PM 4:00 PM	FELLOWSHIP SMALL GROUPS IN MHS CAFETERIA CONFESSION



ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES FEBRUARY 22

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

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

SACRED HEART OF MARY

8:30 AM



TABERNACLE CANDLE INTENTION

week of 2/19/23 for the soul of

MARIE POCIERNICKI

FROM

THE DAVIES FAMILY



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

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.

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.



Please pray for the soul of
Vera McElwain.
Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord
and let perpetual light shine upon her.

LECTIO DIVINA

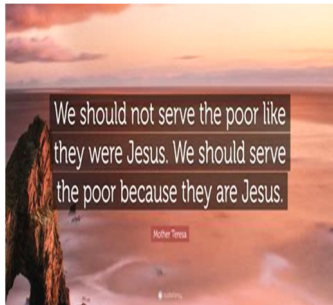
Lectio Divina—praying to God through scripture to promote communion with Him and increase the knowledge of God's Word. The next meeting will be Monday evening, February 27th at 6:00 pm in the church. All are welcome.....men, women, singles or couples. Call the church office with any questions.



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.

MADONNA HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN ENROLLMENT



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www.weirtonmadonna.org

HOPE
SCHOLARSHIP
WEST VIRGINIA

Applications Open

MARCH 1
- **MAY 15**



www.hopescholarshipwv.com

Disclaimer- The HOPE Scholarship program is a WV Treasury Program. The HOPE Scholarship program is NOT administered by the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

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.

Join 40 DAYS FOR LIFE – help save innocent lives in the Tri-State area and promote the dignity of human life! Please consider taking a public stand for the unborn with other members of our Weirton Catholic Churches, on Friday, March 17th from 3p - 5p, OR Tuesday, March 21st from 11a - 1p, outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh. Sadly, close to 3,000 abortions happen yearly just at this one location! This vigil runs daily from 7am – 7pm through November 6th, if other times better fit your schedule. Carpooling is available. Call Sheila Cavalet at 818-523-2893 for more information. Check out 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com and read the inspiring stories of how *lives continue to be saved*** during this vigil.**



JOURNEY through
SCRIPTURE

HOLY IS HIS NAME

Let's Journey to Holiness this Lent

LOCATION

St. Joseph the Worker
229 California Ave
Weirton, WV 26062

TIME AND DATE

7PM - 8PM
Tuesdays beginning
February 21st



Presented by
SCOTT HAHN
President and Founder of
St. Paul Center

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