

CONGRATULATIONS 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS



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
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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 Fuscado, 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 OF EASTER

MAY 5, 2024

**IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT I WHO CHOSE YOU
AND APPOINTED YOU TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT. — JOHN 15:16**

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	\$134,597.24
Sunday Collection	4/29	\$ 8,519.00
Monthly Debt Collection	4/29	\$ 145.00
E-Giving	4/1—4/29	\$ 4,457.72

COLLECTION

April 29/30, 2023

Envelopes	\$ 6,312.00
Loose	\$ 674.00
Debt	\$ 240.00
Total	\$ 7,226.00

April 27/28, 2024

Envelopes	\$ 6,256.00
Loose	\$ 2,263.00
Debt	\$ 145.00
Total	\$ 8,664.00

COLLECTION

YEAR TO DATE - 2023 (1/1/23—4/30/23)

Envelopes	\$135,470.41
Loose	\$ 23,461.45
Debt	\$ 20,499.00
Total	\$179,430.86

YEAR TO DATE - 2024 (1/1/24—4/28/24)

Envelopes	\$120,731.30
Loose	\$ 22,889.24
Debt	\$ 6,811.00
Total	\$150,431.54



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 **May 27, 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.

Greetings! The National Eucharistic Pilgrims who will be gracing us with their presence on June 20th (Thursday) and 21st (Friday) will require a few generous host families to house them for just less than 24 hours starting the afternoon of the 20th until the morning of the 21st. In addition to overnight lodging, host families will only be responsible for providing dinner for our pilgrims on the 20th. Pilgrims will also need transportation once from Sacred Heart of Mary or Sacred Heart of Mary to their host homes and back again the morning of the 21st. Men and women lay persons can stay under one roof provided they room separately. Clergy may only stay with clergy. You are welcome to house a minimum of two and a maximum of 15. If you're interested in being a host family for our pilgrims, please contact or email your parish office by Friday, June 7th, 2024. Thank you in advance for your generous hospitality!



**Please pray for the soul of
Kathryn Lokmer.**

**Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon her.**

MASS DATE	TIME	MASS INTENTIONS	READINGS
Monday, May 6	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Virginia Yachini By: Eli & Mary Evkovich	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
	10:10 am Fr. Bill	with MHS	
Tuesday, May 7	7:00 am Fr. Gerald	Living & Deceased Members of the DeRosa Family By: A Friend	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday, May 8	7:00 am Fr. Eric	✠ Helen Burchill By: The Burchill Family	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday, May 9 <i>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation ~ transferred to Sunday)</i>	7:00 am Fr. Eric	✠ Thomas Poole By: Sandy & Dick Donnelly	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
Friday, May 10 <i>St. John; St. Damien de Veuster</i>	7:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ John Billie By: Betty Billie & Family	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23
	9:15 am Fr. Gerald	with GS	
Saturday, May 11	7:30 am Fr. Gerald	✠ Ralph Fuscardo By: Mary Ann Anderson	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28
	4:00 pm Msgr. Peterson	✠ James Fullen By: Darlene Capito & Judy McDevitt	
Sunday, May 12 <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> 	7:30 am Fr. Tony	All Parishioners & All Mothers	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20
	11:00 am Fr. Tony	✠ Armeda DiLorenzo By: Tony & Alica DeCaria	
	5:00 pm Fr. Gerald	✠ Helen & Stan Anthony & Erma & High Donnelly By: The Donnelly Family	

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also (Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48).

Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — God is love (1 John 4:7-10).

Gospel — No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends (John 15:9-17).

Courage Apostolate is a ministry for Catholics with same-sex attraction who are striving to live faithfully to the teachings of Christ and His Catholic Church. Courage meets monthly in Morgantown for prayer, fellowship and support. The heart of Courage is the belief that sanctity is possible in everyday life. Through the Courage Apostolate those persons experiencing same-sex attractions are encouraged to deepen their Christian discipleship through participation in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly through the frequent reception of the Eucharist and frequent confession, as well as through a regular prayer life, witness, counsel, service, and self-giving. If you are interested in learning more, visit dwc.org/courage-apostolate/ or email couragedwc@gmail.com.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

One in 4 women and 1 in 7 men aged 18 and older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime. On average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.—more than 12 million women and men over the course of a year. We're here to listen. Reach our trained advocates 24/7 to get the support you deserve. There are no fees, no names, no judgment. JUST HELP. Call 1-800-799-7233. For the deaf and hard of hearing, 1-800-787-3224.



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

The next class on Reacquainting Ourselves with the Catechism with Paco will take place on Wednesday, **June 5th** 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.

Hurting from an ABORTION?

Please call: Rachel's Vineyard 877-HOPE4ME
(877-467-3463) www.RachelsVineyard.org

If you or someone you know is pregnant and needs help, there are several services available that are listed on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church. You can contact the church office for a copy of these services as well.

PERPETUAL COMPANIONSHIP



Any mother whose child is credited with great accomplishments is sure to be proud. Imagine the happiness of Mary because Jesus, her son, opened up the gates of Heaven for each one of us through his passion, death, and resurrection.

No one can top what the Son of Man accomplished. Through her Immaculate Heart, we have sure access to the ear of His Majesty. Jesus established Mary as our mother when she was stood at the foot of His cross. The church, recognizing how God has elevated Mary, chose May as the month in which we can be especially mindful of her predilection for all the children of God. And what does Mary want for all her children? To know and love her son, Jesus, who is the way to eternal life.

Stop and visit with Our Lord in the Adoration Chapel. You will never regret the time spent, nor the happiness and honor it brings to Mary – the greatest Mother that lives! “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (Luke 1:28)

The Chapel is open Monday – Friday 8 AM – 8 PM and every Saturday morning 8 AM – Noon. To become a registered Guardian, please call 304-374-610 or register 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 **May for September 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Guardian Needed to Fill Empty Hour on Thursday 2-3 PM
If you can help please call 304-374-6170



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

4/25/2024

Eucharistic Adoration is open to all every Monday through Friday 8:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M. and Saturday mornings 8:00 A.M. – 12 Noon
In the Communion of Saints Adoration Chapel

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, MAY 5 <i>6th Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 PM	CONFESSION SELLING MOTHERS DAY CARDS AFTER MASSES
MONDAY, MAY 6	8 AM—8 PM 7:30 PM	ADORATION K OF C
TUESDAY, MAY 7	8 AM—8 PM 10:00 AM 6:00 PM 6:30 PM	ADORATION BOOK STUDY ROSARY BINGO
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8	8 AM—8 PM 6:00 PM	ADORATION PASTORAL COUNCIL
THURSDAY, MAY 9	7:30 AM 8 AM-8 PM 7:00 PM	CONFESSION ADORATION N. F. P.
FRIDAY, MAY 10	8 AM—8 PM	ADORATION
SATURDAY, MAY 11	8 AM-12 PM 12:00 PM	ADORATION CONFESSION AT SHM
SUNDAY, MAY 12 <i>7th Sunday of Easter</i> HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	9:00 AM 4:00 PM	MASS IN SPANISH CONFESSION



FertilityCare™ Center
of the Upper Ohio Valley, Inc.

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 17, 2024 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

week of 5/5/24 for the soul of

HELEN BURCHILL

BY

THE BURCHILL FAMILY

Please, STOP and PRAY during the month of **MAY** at 3 p.m. each day, the Hour of Mercy, for **MOTHERS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GREAT GRANDMOTHERS.**

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.



It's not too late to join our Book Discussion Group in the Hospitality Room of the Rectory. The new study is **33 Days to Eucharistic Glory** by Matthew Kelly. Books will be available at the church office for \$25.00. All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

The Community Bread Basket donation for **MAY** is **Feminine Hygiene Products**. 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.

PACO'S CORNER

In a few weeks, on May 19th we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost, which is understood as the completion of our Easter season. Pentecost is the moment of the full empowerment by the Holy Spirit, which enables the entire Church to be *missionary disciples*. Jesus' direct commission is, **"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation."** *He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."*

The enormous effort of Jesus to bring salvation to the entire world was and is a most serious work. What is in the balance is the eternal destiny of every human person. We who are his adopted children, who participate in the divine life of our heavenly Father are called to share his heart so that in turn we will share in Jesus' saving mission. We can and are exhorted to share his heart, to acquire a sense of urgency spoken of repeatedly since the Second Vatican Council, and I quote, "Christ is the Light of nations. Because this is so, this Sacred Synod gathered together in the Holy Spirit eagerly desires, by proclaiming the Gospel to every creature,(1) to bring the light of Christ to all men, a light brightly visible on the countenance of the Church. . . The present-day conditions of the world add greater urgency to this work of the Church so that all men, joined more closely today by various social, technical and cultural ties, might also attain fuller unity in Christ." (Lumen Gentium par. 2). Let us prepare ourselves to receive the Pentecostal fire.



The Parish Community Committee of our Pastoral Council will be selling Mother's Day cards in the back of the church after Masses this weekend. 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 Rich at 670-0636.

OUR ANNUAL \$100 RAFFLE IS ON NOW!!!

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
2024 SUMMER BLOCK PARTY
ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER CHURCH
221 CALIFORNIA AVENUE | WESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

\$20,000 CASH RAFFLE
GRAND PRIZE: \$10,000

EARLY BIRD CASH PRIZES
#1 April 30, 2024 \$500
#2 May 31, 2024 \$500
#3 June 30, 2024 \$500
PICNIC DATE: TBD

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 Must Be In Person
DONATION \$100.00
*Final 7 drawings held at Summer Block Party
Tickets Courtesy of Greco Herlick Funeral Home and Cremation Services

Buy your ticket now to be eligible for TEN drawings to WIN \$\$\$.

Contact the church office or call or text John Dovec at 304-374-7625.

SAVE THE DATE:

Our Block Party will be held on July 28th. Watch future bulletins for more information!



Sunday, May 12th @ 9:00 AM

Join us in our monthly celebration of the Holy Mass in Spanish, May 12th at 9:00 am. **Confessions** will be heard before and after Mass. We look forward to seeing you there!

PILGRIMAGE~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 May 6th. 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.

2ND ANNUAL RON HIGGINS

MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

Golfer Registration:
\$90 Per Person
\$360 Per Team

2024

Event Add-On's
Skins Game
Hole-In-One Prize
Mulligans
Putting Challenge
Buy the Drive

Includes: Golf, Food & Drink, Door Prize, Long Drive, Closest to the Pin Contest.

Format:
Four-Man Scramble with cash prize!!
\$400 - 1st Place
\$200 - 2nd Place
\$100 3rd Place

Ponderosa Golf Course

Shotgun Start 9AM
Registration Begins 8AM

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024

REGISTRATION/SPONSORSHIPS : spsgolf2022@gmail.com

Thank you to all who donated, sponsored and attended the Dueling Pianos!!

Because of you, We raised

\$14,000

for our Students!!!!

Thank You!



ST. ANTHONY
CATHOLIC CHURCH

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Celebrate Mother's Day with a delightful brunch.

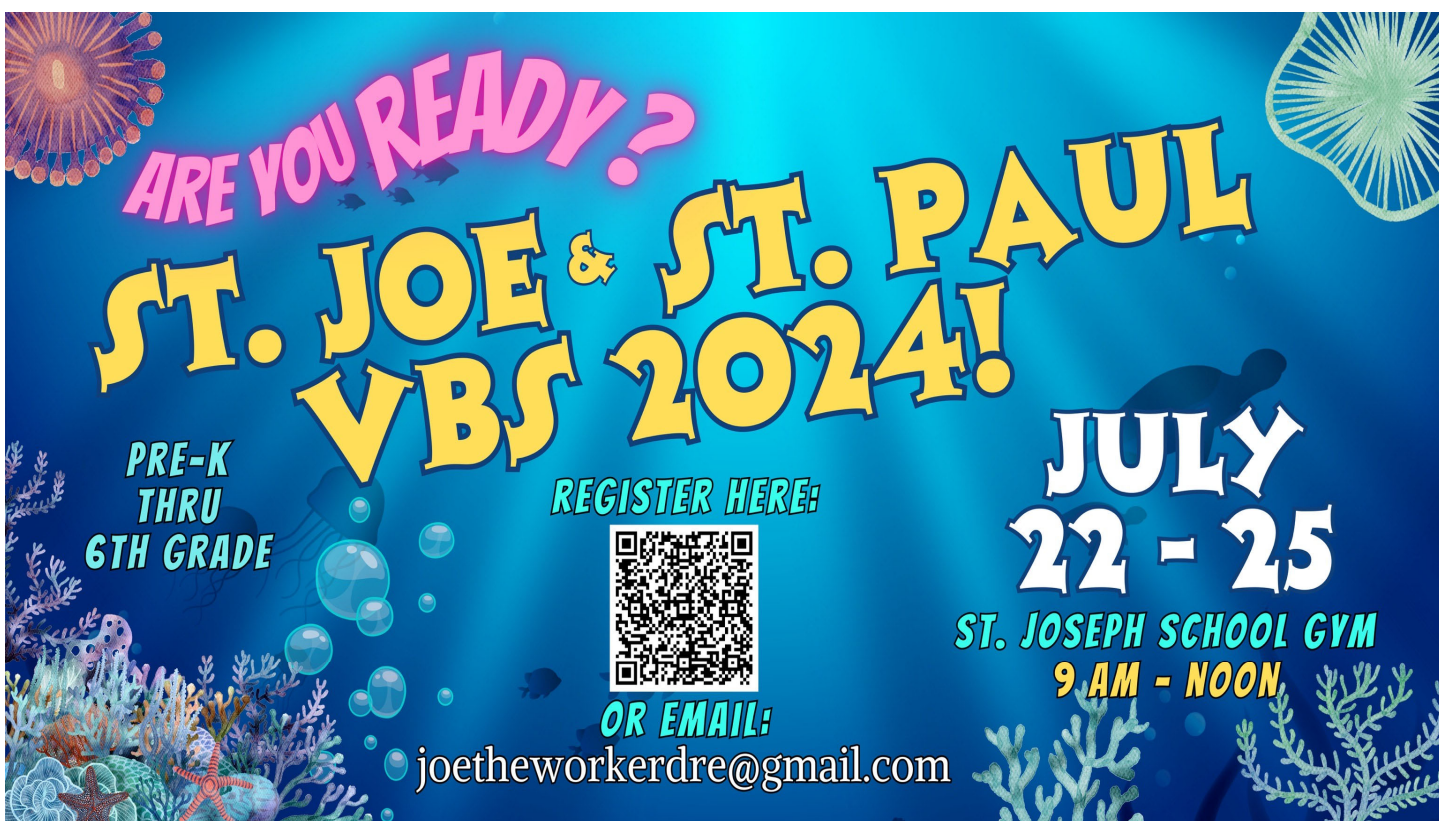
12 May | **St. Francis Centre**
2024 | 805 Lee Rd, Follansbee, WV
12:00 - 3:00PM | 26037

Tickets: Adults: 30.00
Children: \$15.00 (includes a kids meal)

Music • Fun & Drinks • Great Food

On Sunday, June 30th, Saint John the Evangelist Parish in Wellsburg, WV will be commemorating their Centennial Celebrations with Mass at 10:30 a.m. followed by the Parish Picnic with an All School Reunion as well as an Exhibit of Historical Photos from our 100 years on Charles Street and 170 years of serving the People of God in Brooke County! Please call the parish office at 304-737-0429 for more information. We hope you are able to join us in celebrating this momentous occasion in the life of our parish!

CANYONLANDS TOUR Join Father Jim Dunfee and other members of St. Agnes Parish on a tour of the magnificent canyons and desert scenes of the American Southwest from September 12 to 20, 2024. See the breathtaking Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion and Arches National Parks, take a train ride through the Colorado Rocky Mountains and a boat cruise on Lake Powell, and much more. Cost: Only \$3,899 - double occupancy including roundtrip airfare from Pittsburgh! For a full-color brochure, please contact: Father James M. Dunfee, Pastor, St. Agnes Church, 204 St. Clair Avenue, Mingo Junction, Oh 43938. Telephone: 740-535-1491 or email: frimd1984@stagnesmingo.org.



ARE YOU READY?

ST. JOE & ST. PAUL VBS 2024!

PRE-K
THRU
6TH GRADE

REGISTER HERE:



OR EMAIL:
joetheworkerdre@gmail.com

**JULY
22 - 25**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL GYM
9 AM - NOON