

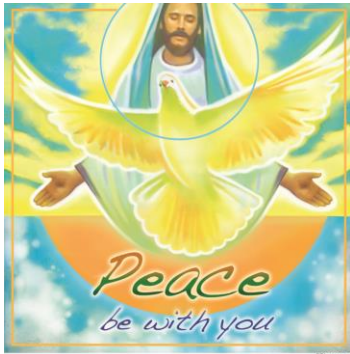
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

111 First Street, Elkland, Pa 16920

Mission Church: St. Catherine of Siena

146 Lincoln Street, Westfield, Pa 16950

Serving the Northern Catholic Communities of: *Academy Corners, Cowanesque, Elkland, Harrison Valley, Knoxville, Lawrenceville, Little Marsh, Millerton, Nelson, Osceola, Sabinsville and Westfield.*



[We] look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation, and he has come to save us – body and soul. Our

physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as *Imago Dei* – made in the image of God. Christ was raised body and Soul, by the Father, and his glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day. As we profess in our creed, we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

PASTOR: Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski

SECRETARY: Louise J. Wheaton

Office Hours: **Weekdays - 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

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WEEKEND MASS Schedule:

Saturday: 7 p.m. at St. Catherine

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. at St. Thomas

Holy Day Masses: Saint Thomas 6pm (Day)

(THE SANCTUARY LIGHT AT ST. THOMAS CHURCH AND ST. CATHERINE CHURCH IS LIT FOR ALL LIVING AND DECEASED MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH.)



Saturday, April 13

(7:00PM)SC EVE YALE

by Michael, Michele & Evan Zinck

Sunday, April 14

(11:30AM)ST JOHN MILLER

(Birthday) by George & Valerie Smith

Saturday, April 20

(7:00PM)SC DECEASED MEMBERS

OF THE BOLLOCK FAMILY

Sunday, April 21

(11:30AM)ST MICHAEL SCHWARZ

by Teresa, Mary, Helen & Joe

LECTOR & ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13

Michele Zinck 7:00PM Michael & Daniel

Extraordinary Minister: Michael Zinck

Sunday, April 14

Cheryl Sottolano 1 1:30PM

Extraordinary Minister: Lillian Becker

Saturday, April 20

Mark Clements 7:00PM Mark Jr & Gabriel

Extraordinary Minister: Michael Zinck

Sunday, April 21

Stark Squier 1 1:30PM

Extraordinary Minister: Valerie Smith



Peace be with you

First Reading ~ *Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19*

Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm ~ *Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9*

A prayer seeking God's favor

Second Reading ~ *1 John 2:1-5a*

Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading ~ *Luke 24:35-48*

Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.

Background on the Gospel Reading

On the third Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear Gospel accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following his Resurrection. Today's reading, taken from the Gospel of Luke, follows immediately after the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the event being recounted by the disciples in the opening verse of today's Gospel.

Consistently in the reports of Jesus' post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus greets his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a most appropriate greeting. The disciples have witnessed the death of someone they loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything else. Jesus often connects this greeting of peace with another gift—forgiveness. In today's Gospel, this connection is made in the final verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are startled and terrified. They are uncertain about what to make of the figure before them and, quite understandably, they mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the figure before them is not a ghost; Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. The figure before them is flesh and bone, still bearing the marks of crucifixion. Although the disciples cannot forget his suffering and death, peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

As further proof of his identity and of his resurrected body, Jesus eats with his disciples. The disciples have known Jesus best through the meals that he has shared with them. Descriptions of these meals are a defining element of Luke's Gospel. By eating with his disciples after his Resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper.

Luke's report of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared after his Resurrection unveil for us the significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the significance of what was written about him in the Scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with Jesus, through the Word and the Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what Scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins.



Sunday Collection for April 7, 2024 \$ 2,471.00 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$ 2,212.00 Difference: \$259.00

PARISH STATISTICS *Weekend of April 7, 2024* Weekend Mass Number Attending 7:00pm - 39 11:30am - 35 Number of registered parishioners - 210

This weekend the 2nd collection will be for the...



Next weekend the 2nd collection will be for the...

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meeting Thursday, April 18 6:30 pm at St. Thomas Rectory



The Cochran / Clements Crew will be at the rectory on Tuesday, April 16 11:00 am to ?? to get all the plaster dust

cleaned up so the carpet can be laid. And get things cleaned out for Elkland's Trash pick-up.

Please if you can help at all, come join us!!

PRAY

For those who need special prayers: For those serving our country: Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen

Willow Abbey, Jacob Abbinanti, Barbara "Minso" Albro, Mike Asiello, Maureen Bartoo, Janet Beach, Stephanie Rose Calicchia, Josephine Calvario, Don Blovhic, Lucas Charles & family, Daisy Casbeer, Rachel Davis, Missy Doan, Steve Dymeck, Susan Elliott, Jenny Fisher, Mary Gilmour, Barbara Gillian, Veronica Hanes, Chris Heckler, Linda Kitcline, Alice Kohut, Ann Laster, Billie Jo Lias, Therese Logan, Taylor MacKenzie, Judy Mainus, Velma Minso, Tim Paternostro, Christy Reed, Kelly Roberts, Cindy Sereno, Penny Succowich, Mary Ann Thomas, Roberta Volante, Kathlyn Whitcomb.

For those in Nursing Homes: Gail Kaschalk, Renee Kennedy, Richard McClaren, Marie Pautz, Donna Platz, Lorretta Schoonover.

Please call the office to add names of those who are in need of prayer due to sudden illness, upcoming surgery, hospital stay or those who are experiencing a hardship. PLEASE, let me know if someone needs to be taken off the list. 814-258-5121.



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Mass Schedule St. Thomas Church, Elkland

Sunday ~ 11:30 AM (Church open at 10:30 AM)

Catherine, Westfield Saturday ~ 7:00 PM (Church open at 12:00 PM)

St. Thomas Church Open Weekdays ~ 8 am - 2 pm



Deanery Mass
All are welcome!

The annual Deanery Mass held at the DeGuzman residence will be celebrated on Thursday, June 20th at

6:00pm. Please bring a dish or snack to pass and a lawn chair. All are welcome!!

Questions? Call 570-376-5427.

Directions: 287 N to 249N to Keeneyville, turn right to Osceola. Travel 1 1/2 miles to Box 818.

St. Peter's Parish Center

50 Central Ave
Wellsboro

CHICKEN & BISCUIT DINNER



FRIDAY, APRIL 26
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Adult - \$15.00
12 & under - \$5.00
3 & under- Free

Dine In or Take Out

Chicken, Biscuits and Gravy; Mashed Potatoes, Glazed Carrots, Homemade Desserts



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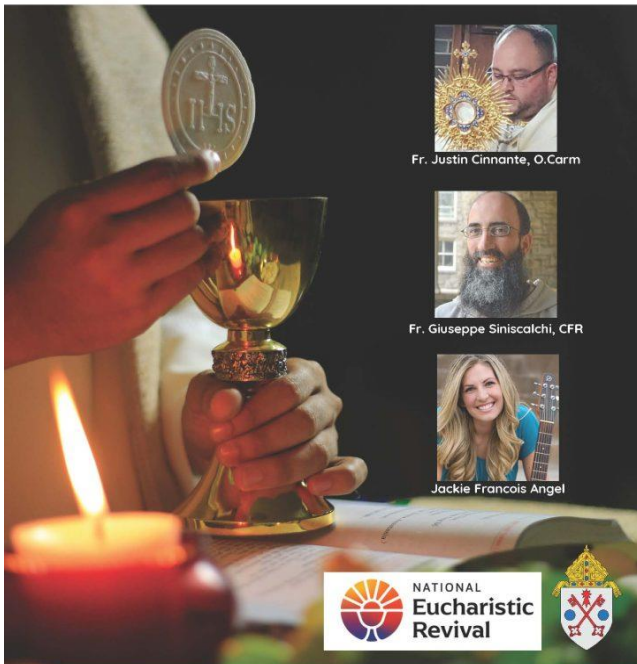
MONEY AND TICKETS NEED
TO BE TURNED IN BY
THURSDAY, MAY 2



**DRAWING
WILL BE ON
SUNDAY, MAY 5**



Catholic Women's Conference
 June 7 evening and June 8 day, 2024
 Marywood University
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Ex Sheets	90.00
Lucky 7	176.00
Dabbers	28.00
Rip Offs	1,359.00
50/50	201.00
Kitchen	426.86
Raffle	119.00
TOTAL	4,829.86



EXPENSES:

Pay Out	2,000.00
Rent	250.00
Lucky 7	75.00
50/50	100.50
Advertising (est.)	100.00
Bingo Supplies	300.00
TOTAL	2,825.50

Want to thank our volunteers for all there support and help.



OUR LOCAL FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF NON-PARISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
 You can leave your donations in back of the church or at our church halls or rectory.



May Crowning

Will be held at:

St. Catherine on Saturday, May 4 @ 7 pm

St. Thomas on Sunday, May 5 @ 11:30am

If you have a child or grandchild who would like to participate in the crowning, please call the rectory to let us know!

REMINDER

Join us for an inspiring Scripture Study
 St. Thomas Church Hall

THE EUCHARIST IN SCRIPTURE

Discover God's Plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass

**Sunday Evenings
 April 14 - May 19
 6 - 7:15 pm**

Presented by: Mark P. Clements Sr.

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Brodie Crooker with Father at Divine Mercy Sunday Mass at St. Thomas. It was his first time serving.



During the months of May, June and July Catholics across our nation are going to be involved with a huge undertaking that has not transpired in the history of the American Catholic Church- The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, some call s modern day Emmaus. This pilgrimage on foot and in caravan will be accompanied by Our Lord in the Eucharist every step of the way across the United States starting at four trail heads: Lake Itasca (Headwaters of the mighty Mississippi), Minnesota; Marian Route (North); Brownville, Texas, St. Juan Diego Route (South);

San Francisco, St. Junipero Serra Route (West) and New Haven, Connecticut, St. Elizabeth Seton Route, East). The event kicks off May 16 at these locations and ends up at the Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana on July 16.

This tremendous undertaking involves these four routes, 60 days (about 2 months) on the road, 1000 hosts (which feed and house participants), 6500 miles, and 100,000 participants.

What does all this mean to tiny us in tiny Tioga County, you may ask? The key word is involvement. Along the way, there will be stops for prayers, Rosaries, Masses and periods of adoration of the Blessed sacrament. The pilgrimage will traverse the southern sections across Pennsylvania. We will be posting the scheduled stops in the near future so that you can plan on attending one or more of them.