

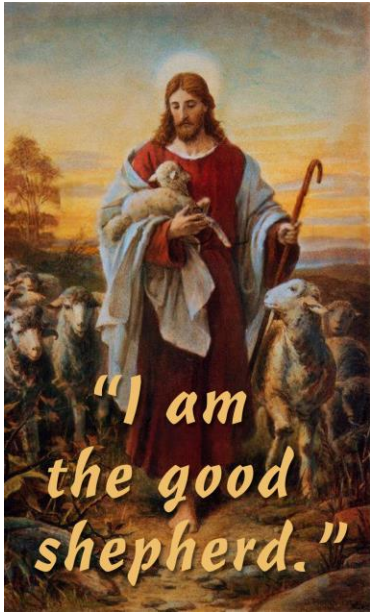
# St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

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.*



*Respond to the Lord's sacrificial love with gratitude, trust, and love. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he suffered and died for us because of the depth of God's love for us, because this is what a Good Shepherd does for those in his care. How should we respond to such love? With*

**gratitude, trust, and love; by listening to his voice in our lives and being obedient to his commands. This is not always an easy task, but one with which the Lord is happy to assist us.**

**PASTOR: Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski**

**SECRETARY:** Louise J. Wheaton

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

**TELEPHONE:**

Rectory: 814-258-5121

Rectory Fax: 814-258-5122

If after hours, please call St. Peters number:

**570-724-3371 opt. 2 and leave a message.**

E-MAIL: [ststhomascatherine@stny.rr.com](mailto:ststhomascatherine@stny.rr.com)

ST. PETERS E-MAIL: [stpch@ptd.net](mailto:stpch@ptd.net)

**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 20**

**(7:00PM)SC DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE BOLLOCK FAMILY**

**Sunday, April 21**

**(11:30AM)ST MICHAEL SCHWARZ by Teresa, Mary, Helen & Joe**

**Saturday, April 27**

**(7:00PM)SC PILAR SARGEANT by Carol Harkenrider**

**Sunday, April 28**

**(11:30AM)ST BETTY HOWE by Julie Crawford**

### LECTOR & ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

**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

**Saturday, April 27**

Ralph Wolstenholme 7:00PM Michael & Daniel

Extraordinary Minister: Michael Zinck

**Sunday, April 28**

Emily Griffin 1 1:30PM

Extraordinary Minister: Tom Socha

**St. Peter's**

Parish Center  
50 Central Ave  
Wellsboro

**CHICKEN  
& BISCUIT  
DINNER**

**Friday**  
April 26, 2024  
4:30 - 6:30 PM

Dine In or Take Out



**Chicken, Biscuits  
and Gravy**

**Mashed  
Potatoes**

**Glazed Carrots**

**Homemade  
Desserts**

**\$15.00 -ADULT  
\$5.00 - 12 & UNDER  
Free - 3 & UNDER**



Rebekah Crooker with Father at St. Thomas. She served for the first time this past Sunday.



**Catholic Women's Conference**  
June 7 evening and June 8 day, 2024  
Marywood University

www.cwcnepa.com  
570-430-2735

Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm

Fr. Giuseppe Siniscalchi, CFR

Jackie Francois Angel

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**PLEASE**

**CHECK**

**Sign up Sheets**  
in back of the church

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>**

Please sign your name on the items you wish to donate and bring the items to the church or rectory by **May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you can make a dessert or salad, please drop off at Community Center before Bingo begins or **call rectory to make arrangement for pickup.**

***THIS IS OUR LAST BINGO UNTIL FALL  
PLEASE HELP US TO GO OUT WITH A  
BANG!!***

**GROCERY RAFFLE WILL BE DRAWN  
AT BINGO!!!**



Sunday Collection for April 14, 2024 \$ 1,824.51 Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses: \$ 2,212.00 Difference: - \$387.49

PARISH STATISTICS \*Weekend of April 14, 2024\* Weekend Mass Number Attending 7:00pm - 37 11:30am - 31 Number of registered parishioners - 210



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

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



Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of

dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.



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.

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 Arthurs, 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 Kitline, Alice Kohut, Denis Landry, Ann Laster, Billie Jo Lias, Taylor MacKenzie, Judy Mainus, Velma Minso, Tim Paternostro, Christy Reed, Kelly Roberts, Cindy Sereno, Penny Succowich, Mary Ann Thomas, Roberta Volante, Kathryn 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.



Mass Schedule

St. Thomas Church, Elkland

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

St. 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.



**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!

**GROCERY**  
**RAFFLE**

**\$5.00 TICKET or 5 for \$20.00**

**\*\* 6 Chances to win!! \*\***

- **Prize #1** \$250.00 BIG M ~ Gift Card  
\$250.00 TOP'S ~ Gift Card
- **Prize #2** \$150.00 BIG M ~ Gift Card  
\$150.00 TOP'S ~ Gift Card
- **Prize #3** \$100.00 BIG M ~ Gift Card  
\$100.00 TOP'S ~ Gift Card



EXTRA TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE  
AT THE RECTORY

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



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



St. Thomas Rectory was flooded with helpers on Tuesday, April 16 - trying to get ready to lay carpet to replace the water damaged ones. Then another work bee will happen to put the Rectory back in order. Hope to see you then??  
**THANK YOU ALL** for your help and dedication to the church.  
Tom Socha picture taker!

**Sacraments in our Parish**

*Please pray for our children as they prepare to receive the following sacraments in the next few weeks:*

**First Penance and First Communion**

Jonathan Clements

**Confirmation**

Filomena Clements  
Evan Zinck  
Liam Kennedy

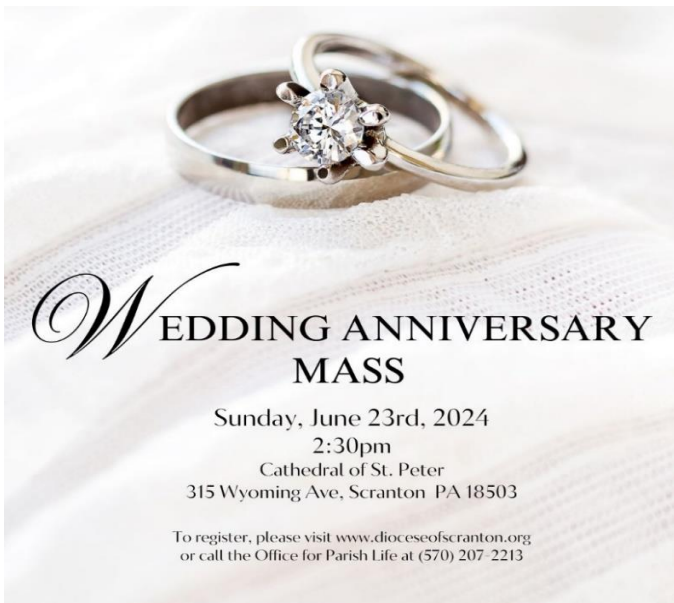


**Confirmation Card Shower**



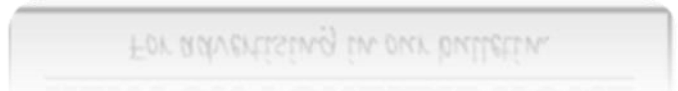
There will be a box in the back of the church for cards if parishioners would like to participate. Letting the kids know they are

thought of and prayed for.  
The names of the students are:  
**Filomena, Evan & Liam**  
The box will be in the back of the church on weekends from April 27 - May 12



The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Guarnieri (570-207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org)).

Thanks to all our sponsors who make our bulletin possible.  
We would like to thank:  
**KENYON FUNERAL HOME**  
For advertising in our bulletin.





# Card Shower

**We have two parishioners who have been in the hospital recently:**

**Cindy Sereno**  
4691 Colvin Hill Road  
Woodhull, NY 14898

**Dale Gurnsey**  
114 E Main Street  
Elkland, PA 16920

**Let's show our love and prayers with CARDS!!!**



## IN HONOR OF OUR BLESSED, MOTHER

We have planned the following activities during May to assist mothers and children in need.

- 1) **Baskets will be available at the back of each church during May to collect baby items** for our annual drive to support the pregnancy resource center in Mansfield, Heart of Tioga. All you need to do is pick up a package of diapers (any size), wipes, baby clothes (newborn – 2T) or anything else that a new baby might need while you are out shopping. Then just drop it in the basket at church and we will deliver the items to the center in early June. *It's really that easy!!*
- 2) **Carnations will be available to purchase before Mass on Mother's Day weekend** in honor of your mother, grandmother, godmother or any women who has been a mother figure in your life. Feel free to take the carnations home or you can put them in a vase in front of the altar. All proceeds will benefit the Shepherd Maternity House. Suggested donation is \$3/stem or \$5/2 stems.

**"The beautiful thing about the pro-life movement is that it's ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things for God."**

*~St. Teresa of Calcutta*

### What is Shepherd's Maternity House?

Started in 2008, Shepherd's Maternity House is a home that is operated by the Social Services of the Diocese of Scranton. Located in East Stroudsburg, it provides shelter, care, counseling, job training and education to expectant mothers. Up to 8 mothers and their infants can stay in the home for as long as 18 months. After the birth of her baby, a mother will also receive help in securing housing, employment, or continuing her education, as well as any other support she may need. You can find more information at [dioceseofscranton.org](http://dioceseofscranton.org) or contact Shepherd's Maternity House at 570-476-1428.

