

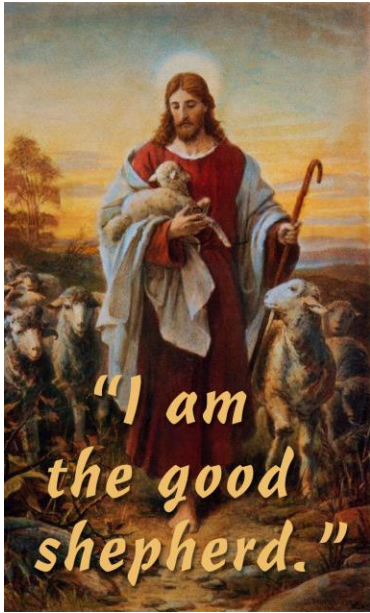
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

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.

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ST. PETERS E-MAIL: 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



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
Andrew Knickerbocker

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.



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



As of April 19th, St. Thomas Parish has reached 68.98% of our \$13,000 goal. \$8,058.00 has been raised or pledged. Our parish participation rate is at 25%. 33 families have participated in the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal.

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 or contact Shepherd's Maternity House at 570-476-1428.





**Weekend Collection for
April 21, 2024**

- 1) Offering Envelopes **\$975.00**
 - 2) Loose Checks & Currency **\$197.00**
 - 3) 2nd Collection Social Justice **\$181.82**
 - 4) E-Giving **\$80.00**
- TOTAL: \$ 1,353.82**
Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses:
\$ 2,212.00
Difference: - \$838.18

PARISH STATISTICS
 Weekend of April 21, 2024
Weekend Mass Number Attending
 7:00pm – 35 11:30am – 38
 Number of registered parishioners - 210

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



Support the
Catholic
Home
Missions
Appeal
today!

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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 in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen*



their families

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 Kitcline, Alice Kohut, 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, Kathlyn Whitcomb.

For those in Nursing Homes: Gail Kaschalk, Renee Kennedy, **Denis Landry**, 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 6
 :00 PM)
St. Thomas Church
Open Weekdays ~ 8 am – 2 pm

GROCERY RAFFLE

DRAWING – SUNDAY, MAY 5TH



PLEASE TURN IN YOUR TICKETS

IF NOT SOLD YET ~

PLEASE SELL THEM

THIS FUNDRAISER AND OUR LAST BINGO

ARE WHAT GOING TO HELP US

KEEP OUR BILLS PAID THIS SUMMER!!!

\$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*



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

**NEEDED!!! PEOPLE TO HELP SELL TICKETS AT
OSCEOLA BIG M and TOPS MARKET IN WESTFIELD,
SATURDAY, MAY 4TH.**

PLEASE CALL RECTORY FOR DETAILS!!

814-258-5121



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!



PLEASE

CHECK

Sign up Sheets

in back of the church

Sunday, May 5th

Please sign your name on the items you wish to donate and bring the items to the church or rectory by **May 3rd**. 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!!!**



*W*EDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, June 23rd, 2024

2:30pm

Cathedral of St. Peter

315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton PA 18503

To register, please visit www.dioceseofscranton.org or call the Office for Parish Life at (570) 207-2213

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 m familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).



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.

Thanks to all our sponsors who make our bulletin possible. We would like to thank:

Osceola Big M

For advertising in our bulletin.


Women's Conference
Saturday, June 8, 2024
 Marywood University, Scranton




Friday, June 7, 2024
 Overnight accommodations, dinner, and talk

Register at cwcnepa.com



 Jackie Angel


 Fr. Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi,
CFR


 Rev. Justin Cinnante,
O.Carm.

Women from around the Diocese of Scranton gather on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Marywood University for the Annual **Refresh Your Faith Catholic Women's Conference**. The day includes Mass with Bishop Bambera, continental breakfast, Catholic Marketplace, 3 Keynote speakers, rosary, Eucharistic adoration, music and lunch. Register for only \$55, students \$20.

You'll be inspired by this year's speakers. *Father Justin Cinnante, O.Carm.* brings in the truth of the real presence in the Holy Eucharist and the miracles he has seen!! *Jackie Francois Angel* loves being part of the Body of Christ. She fell in love with God at a youth retreat, and now is a full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader. *Father Giuseppe Maria Siniscalchi, CFR* gave up a career in law to follow his vocation. He will shine great light on the importance of the Eucharist for our times, the link between the Eucharist and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the healing journey into God's Merciful Love.

Just added: Special programming Friday night, June 7 – with accommodations at Marywood University. Register at cwcnepa.com.



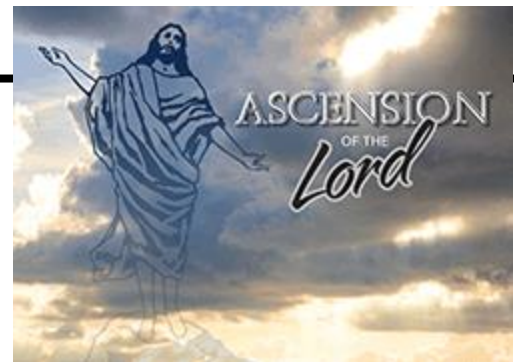
The Month of May is dedicated to our Mother, Mary.

Spend time with her in prayer.



First Penance and First Communion

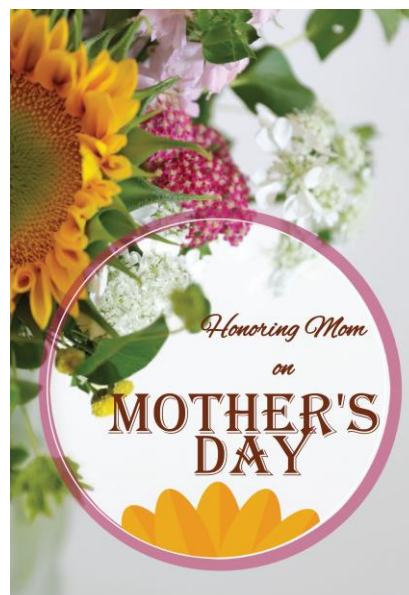
Andrew Knickerbocker



**The Ascension of the Lord
Mass Times**

Wednesday, May 9th - Vigil Mass
6:00pm at St. Peters

Thursday, May 9th
12:10 at St. Peter's
6:00pm at St. Thomas



Included in your monthly envelope packet is a Mother's Day Intention envelope to remember our living and deceased mothers and grandmothers. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day.

“Walking With Mary”

Women’s Brunch
Saturday, May 18th
St. Peter’s Church
11am-1:30pm



Guest Speaker: Jessica Ryan
Catered Brunch
Suggested Donation: \$15
To Register contact Laurie Coffee
@ (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210
or
use the Sign-Up Sheet at your
Parish.

Last Saturday, the Marian Ministries team met with our Women’s Brunch speaker, Jessica Ryan, for lunch and a preview of her presentation. She will share beautiful personal stories and practical information about how to walk closely with Mary every day.

Jessica’s talk will include powerful reflections on Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Guadalupe. She will focus on Saints Bernadette, Juan Diego, and Maximillian Kolbe, connecting their stories to the virtue of charity. Jessica will also offer practical and creative ways to pray with Mary. **Her presentation is amazing!**

Jessica plans to bring some of her students from Notre Dame High School as our guests. You won’t want to miss this event, so register soon!



**ST. THOMAS
WILL NOT
BE CHANGING
SUNDAY
MASS
IT WILL STAY AT
11:30 A.M.**



Schedule

St. Peter’s Parish Center

Donation Drop-Off Dates:

- Saturday, May 11th – Donations accepted after the 5:00pm Mass
- Sunday, May 12th – Donations accepted from 9:30am until 12:30pm
- Monday, May 13th – Donations accepted from 9:00am – 5:00pm

Sale Dates:

- Tuesday, May 14th – 9:00am – 6:00pm
- Wednesday, May 15th – 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Thursday, May 16th – 9:00am – 2:00pm


Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement.

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551.



St. Peter's and St. Thomas Parishes Activity Calendar – May 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 St. Joseph the Worker Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Sharing Christ – 6:30pm; St. Peter's	2 St. Athanasius Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	3 Ss. Philip and James Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	4 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm: St. Catherine First Holy Communion & May Crowning Sharing Christ Retreat – 9:00am; Parish Center
5 6th Sunday of Easter Mass – 8:30am May Crowning at St. Peter's Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas Rel. Education – End of Year Donut Social; following 8:30am Mass Bingo – Knoxville Comm. Ctr.; 12:00pm	6 No Mass	7 Mass –12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm- 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am AA - 6:00pm / Al-Anon-7:00pm	8 Mass – 6:00pm Sharing Christ – 6:30pm	9 Ascension of the Lord Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm; St. Thomas Both Parish Offices Closed	10 St. John of Avila Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	11 Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine Rummage Sale Donations Accepted; 6:00pm – 7:00pm
12 7th Sunday of Easter Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas Rummage Sale Donations Accepted; 9:30am–12:30pm	13 Our Lady of Fatima No Mass Rummage Sale Donations Accepted; 9:00am – 5:00pm	14 St. Matthias, Apostle Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon -7:00pm/AA - 8:00pm	15 St. Isidore Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 5:00pm	16 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Mass – 6:00pm; St. Thomas Spring Rummage Sale – 9:00am – 2:00pm Confirmation Practice – 6:30pm; St. Peter's Church	17 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	18 St. John I, Pope Mass - 5:00pm Confessions – 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine Marian Ministry Women's Brunch – 11:00am; St. Peter's Parish Center
19 Pentecost Sunday Mass – 8:30am Sacrament of Confirmation Mass – 11:30am; St. Thomas	20 The Blessed Virgin Mary No Mass	21 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon 7:00pm/AA- 8:00pm	22 St. Rita of Cascia Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	23 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	24 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions - 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	25 St. Mary Magdalene Mass - 5:00pm Confessions - 4:30pm Mass – 7:00pm; St. Catherine
26 The Most Holy Trinity Mass – 8:30am Mass – 11:30; St. Thomas Holy Hour following Mass at St. Thomas	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury Mass – 10:00am Both Rectories Closed <u>Blessing of Graves</u> St. Peter's Cemetery -10:45a Antrim Cemetery – 11:30am Knights of Columbus Mtg – 7:00pm; St. Peter's	28 Mass 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am Adoration – 1:00pm-6:00pm Women's Bible Study – 10:00am Al-Anon 7:00pm/AA – 8:00pm	29 St. Paul VI, Pope Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	30 Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am	31 Visitation of Virgin Mary Mass – 12:10pm Confessions – 11:45am St. Peter's Parish Office Closed	