

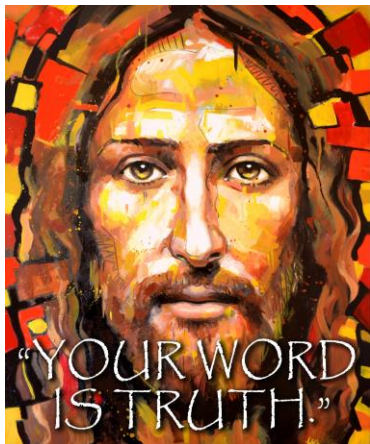
St. Thomas the Apostle Parish

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.*



Seek above all else to be in union with God. When praying for his disciples, Jesus prayed for their protection from the power of the

evil one, and for their union with God. In other words, he prayed for his holiness. This is a good reminder that what matters most is our holiness, and holiness comes through our union with God, the source of all holiness. Let us strive to live in a manner that reflects this purpose.



Saturday, May 11

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

Sunday, May 12

(11:30AM)ST **MIKE SCHWARZ**
by Sarah, Joe & Kathy Carbone

Saturday, May 18

(7:00PM)SC **FRED STEINFELT**
by Mike Steinfelt

Sunday, May 19

(11:30AM)ST **ALBERT SCHUELLER**
by wife, Elizabeth

PASTOR: Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski

SECRETARY: Louise J. Wheaton

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

TELEPHONE:

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If after hours, please call St. Peters number:

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

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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 IS LIT IN MEMORY OF JOHN KOHUT.)

(THE SANCTUARY LIGHT AT ST. CATHERINE CHURCH IS LIT IN LOVING MEMORY OF VIRGINIA WYNICK, BY FAMILY.)



LECTOR & ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 11

Jean Sereno 7:00PM Michael & Daniel
Extraordinary Minister: Michael Zinck

Sunday, May 12

Stark Squier 1 1:30PM
Extraordinary Minister: Valerie Smith

Saturday, May 18

Michele Zinck 7:00PM Mark Jr & Gabriel
Extraordinary Minister: Michael Zinck

Sunday, May 19

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.



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





Weekend Collection for **May 5, 2024**

- 1) Offering Envelopes **\$990.00**
- 2) Loose Checks & Currency **\$324.00**
- 3) 2nd Collection Care & Ed **\$228.00**
- 4) E-Giving **\$ 80.00**

TOTAL: \$ 1,622.00

Weekly Goal to Meet Expenses:

\$ 2,212.00

Difference: - \$590.00

PARISH STATISTICS

Weekend of May 5, 2024

Weekend Mass Number Attending

7:00pm – 44 11:30am – 32

Number of registered parishioners - 210

Knights of Columbus
will meet **Tuesday,**
May 14 at 6:00 p.m.
at St. Thomas Hall.



**Catholic
Communication
Campaign**

CONNECT WITH CHRIST

Today we take up
the collection for
the Catholic

Communication Campaign (CCC). Your support helps the CCC connect Catholics with Christ in the United States and around the world using the internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in the [INSERT DIOCESE NAME] to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the gospel message. Support the collection today! Learn more at www.usccb.org/ccc.

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 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, 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.



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


DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
Catholic Women's Conference
Saturday, June 8, 2024
 Marywood University, Scranton, PA

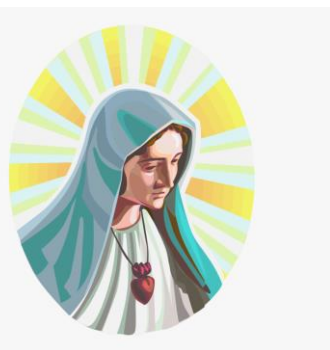
Register at cwcnepa.com






Jackie Angel
 Singer/Songwriter
 Worship leader

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.

Greetings, fellow parishioners!

My name is Mark Clements Jr. (many of you are probably familiar with me as one of the altar servers at St. Catherine's). This summer, I will have the privilege of serving at the Apostolate for Family Consecration's "Catholic Familyland" as a Service Corps missionary. At Catholic Familyland, over 5,500 people will attend the Holy Family Fests to receive spiritual encouragement and transformation through a weeklong spiritual retreat, and I am excited to be representing our diocese and our parish there. In preparation for my time as a missionary, I humbly ask that you support me with prayer and sacrifices in the days and weeks ahead to help ensure that my summer mission time be as spiritually fruitful as possible. If you would like to find out more about the Apostolate visit afc.org. Thank you for partnering with me spiritually during this time and be assured that I will be praying for each of you this summer at the Apostolate.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Emergency Food Supply Located in Elkland at Wesley Academy

Items needed: Campbell Soups; Name Brand Cereals; Kraft Macaroni and Cheese; Chef Boyardee Products; Pasta; Name Brand Spaghetti Sauces; Name Brand Tuna Fish



St. Peter's
Parish Center



Tuesday, May 14th –
9:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday, May 15th – 9:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, May 16th – 9:00am – 2:00pm



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

BINGO RESULTS

\$ 1,929.25

INCOME:

78 Players/Door	2,340.00
Ex Sheets	90.00
Lucky 7	175.00
Dabbers	30.00
Rip Offs	1,340.00
50/50	170.00
Kitchen	440.25
Raffle	154.00
TOTAL	4,739.25



EXPENSES:

Pay Out	2,000.00
Rent	250.00
Lucky 7	75.00
50/50	85.00
Advertising (est.)	100.00
Bingo Supplies	300.00
TOTAL	2,810.00

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



Is scheduled for
**Saturday,
September 7th**

FUNDRAISING MEETING

**Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30 pm at
St. Catherine Hall**

Please come and help us plan and organize this years Fall Fest. ALL ARE WELCOME!!

Living Rosary for May



The Living Rosary is a powerful devotion that allows people to pray the Rosary together even when they can't be in the same place.

Twenty participants each pray a different designated decade of the Rosary daily, so all together, the group prays an entire Rosary every day.

This devotion creates a sense of community even when people can't be physically together.

Our collective intention for May is:

*“Peace in the world and
peace in the hearts of all people.”*

To participate in the Living Rosary devotion,
Call Laurie Coffee at (703) 470-2975 or (570) 549-2210.

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 ½ miles to Box 818.



GROCERY RAFFLE

~~ WINNERS ~~

Osceola Big M:

- \$250 – Cathy Solomon
- \$150 - L. Swanky
- \$100 - M. Southard

Tops:

- \$250 – Kathy Kibbe
- \$150 – Tammy Baker
- \$100 – Denise Hanson

RECTORY WILL
BE CLOSED ON
MONDAY DUE TO
ELECTRIC
SHUT OFF
RAIN DAY TUESDAY



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).



Members of the Clint and Megan Crooker family participated in St. Thomas the Apostle Parish May Crowning on Sunday, May 5 during the 11:30 a.m. mass.