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**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
 SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m.  
 SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.  
 WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday Mass Mass at 8:00 am  
*Holy Day of Obligation at 6:00 p.m*  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**  
 Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. prior to Mass  
**RECONCILIATION:** Any time 30 minutes before  
 or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass  
*Other days by appointment*  
**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 20—EASTER SUNDAY**  
**FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS**  
**Monday April 21, Easter Octave**  
**Mass at 5:00 p.m** for Teubert children +  
 grand children  
**Tue, April 22** —Deceased Members of Moore,  
 Ashley, and Lazur families  
**Wed, April 23 MASS AT 8:00 AM**  
 Since Fr. Thien & Fr. Dominic help food pantry in  
 at Risen Lord; *for Koller, May and Agostino Families*  
**Thur, April 24** For parish's Benefactors  
 For Deceased Members of Moore, Ashley, and Lazur  
 families  
**Friday, April 25— Mass at 8:00 a.m**  
**Koller, May and Agostino Families**

**The SVD's Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary)**  
*with the theme "Witnessing to the Light:  
 from Everywhere for Everyone".*

- You are cordially invited to celebrate with the SVD priests on the occasion of our 150th anniversary. Ten SVD priests currently serving in West Virginia will gather with us for this special celebration. Many of their parishioners will also join us.

**Monday, May 5th, 2025**  
**3:00 p.m. – Adoration and Benediction**  
 Pray for priest and religious vocations  
 3:45 p.m. – Mass,

- followed by a reception in the hall  
**All are welcome!**

Easter Lily Memorial	
Donor:	In Memory of / In Honor of
Kelly Jarviz	Sharron Covington, Peggy Lynn, Bobby & Margarita Christensen, Michele Hruby
Connie Moore	Deceased Members of Moore, Ashley, and Lazur families
Joe & Marian Agostino	Koller, May and Agostino Families
Tom+ Candy Teubert	Teubert children + grand children
Pat McPherson	Joe D. McPherson;
John Taylor	Danny + Retha Cogar; Hellen Evans; Frank Kitts, Josie Belle
Theresa & Phil Peters	Cam, Ruth, John & Earnest Taylor; Ella June Patton, Steven & John Peters
Maxine Taylor	Dora & Burl Turner, Maggi and William Nicholson, Larace Beall
Phil + Kayla Peter	Doug & Carol White; Michael & Hellen Toth; Eugene Aitken; Don & Frances Peters
Sue Cunningham	Cunningham & Norton Family members who have died
Kathy Frame	Robert and Beverly; Dick + Lavoe Frame; and Thomas Milkey
Kevin Carpenter	Bonnie and Russell Carpenter
Dot Shimko	Greg Shimko, family of Dorothy, Greory, Connie Williams, Christine Shimko, a special angel
Rick+ Chris Allen	Miles Christian Allen
<b>Thank you all for your generosity. We will remember them at Mass during the Easter Season.</b>	
Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
<b>April 19 &amp; 20</b>	<b>\$ 2766</b>
<b>Catholic Sharing Appeal Raised \$2290 (43%) of \$5,300 with 11 gifts.</b> <b>Thanks for your contribution</b>	
<b>CCD Class will be held on April 13 &amp; 27</b> Parents, please bring your kids to the class	

**Greetings in the Risen Lord, and Happy Easter!**



May this Easter Sunday and the entire Easter Season fill you and your loved ones with joy and peace in the truth of our Lord's Resurrection!

We would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the musicians, choir members, lectors, altar servers, and everyone who helped make our Lenten and Easter celebrations truly memorable.

Also, thank you as well to all who contributed to our Easter flower collection. Your generosity allowed us to beautifully decorate our sanctuary with fresh, colorful plants that enhanced our liturgical space in a wonderful way.

Especially, on behalf of our entire St. Thomas parish and Risen Lord mission, I extend our heartfelt gratitude to Most Reverend Mark E. Brennan, who presided over the celebration of the Sacred Mysteries and welcomed 13 new members into the Catholic Church through the Easter Sacraments.

Your presence made the celebration even more meaningful and joyful. We are deeply grateful for your spiritual leadership, your inspiring words, and your support of our growing parish family. May the Risen Lord continue to bless you in your ministry.

Congratulations to **Joshua, Robin, Molly, William, Mathew and Ciaran McLaughin; Caleb, Shaina, Beva, Fiona Shaver; Victoria Grose, Damion and Summer Shanafelter** who are baptized and received into the Catholic church at our parish at the Easter Vigil.

Our prayer is that all of us be renewed and revitalized by the Paschal Mystery of our faith. May our risen Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones for your dedication to his church and mission. Alleluia!  
 ~ Fr. Thien and Fr. Dominic.

**An Easter Message, 2025**

My friends in Christ, when you hear continually of wars, terrorist attacks, plane crashes, earthquakes that kill thousands, tropical storms that threaten to wipe out small island nations, not to mention the breakup of marriages, the abandonment of children and their abuse, all kinds of scandals in civil society and the Church, human ideologies that divide even people of faith – do you wonder if things can ever change? The wisdom writer, Qoheleth, in the Old Testament said: What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again. There's nothing new under the sun [Ecclesiastes 1:9]. The French say, "The more things change, the more they remain the same." Is there any hope for real change in human affairs or is it déjà vu all over again? Must we resign ourselves to a continual repetition of the calamitous news of the past?

Jesus Christ changes all that. He is absolutely new in the world's history as the unique union of God and man. He lived among us for thirty-three years, he preached, worked miracles, suffered and died. Then something utterly unheard-of happened: he rose bodily from the dead. It was not a resuscitation back to natural life but a true overcoming of death by the power of his divinity, a rising to a new kind of life in which he can never again suffer or die. The Son of God has shown us that there is indeed something new under the sun.

The risen Lord was seen by many people before he ascended back to his Father (read I Corinthians 15:5-8). He reigns now in heaven as the invisible Head of his Body on earth, the Church. Although invisible to our eyes, he is with us in his Word, in his Sacraments – Baptism and especially the Eucharist – in our daily prayer, in the community of believers, in those in need with whom he personally identifies and teaches us to serve. He keeps his word.

If in your life there is still bad news, the old news of sin, betrayal, hardship, suffering, disappointment, put your trust in the risen Lord Jesus. He said: Come to me, all you who are weary and heavily burdened and I will refresh you. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls, for my yoke is easy and my burden light [Matthew 11:28-30]. If he could rise from the dead, he can help you. Accept the yoke of discipleship more willingly and find out how good the Lord is. No one who believes in him will be disappointed [Romans 5:5].

We who believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Savior rejoice as we celebrate at Easter his triumph over sin and death. But his resurrection to new life is not merely a historical reality but an ongoing promise to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help [Hebrews 4:16]. Be of glad heart, my brothers and sisters! We will have to put up with the old ways of the world while we live in it but already the principle of a new and glorious life has been introduced into creation by the coming in flesh and rising in that same flesh of the Person of Jesus Christ, our Lord and God. He will sustain us in faith and love until his second coming, when all his saving work will reach its fullness.

Meanwhile, let your Easter Alleluias sound loud and clear. We have good news to share with the world: there truly is something new under the sun: God has united Himself to human beings and a man has risen from the dead, promising to share his new life with us. In hope we were saved, says St. Paul [Romans 8:24]. Let this hope in Christ buoy you up and lead you to glory!

*Sincerely in Christ,*  
 +Mark E. Brennan  
**Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston**

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***"To proclaim the Good News is the first and greatest act of love of neighbor."***  
 (St. Arnold Janssen)

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