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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Mar 15 & 16	\$ 1291

Catholic Sharing Appeal Raised \$1,790 (34%) of \$5,300 with 9 gifts.
Thanks for your contribution

Sunday, March 23rd
 Parish Council and Financial will held the Meeting after Mass

LENT PENANCE SERVICE ON APRIL 6, 2025

HOLY WEEK ECUMENICAL SERVICES
The Schedule as follow:
Monday, April 14 at St. Thomas
 Tuesday April 15 at the Methodist church in Sutton
 Wed April 16 at the Methodist church in Gassaway
Each Church will have lunch and then pray together.
From 12:00 a.m —1:00 p.m
 Everyone is Welcome. Thanks.

LITURGY SCHEDULE
 SATURDAY: 5:00 p.m
 SUNDAY 11:00 a.m
WEEKDAY: Tue, Wed, Thu at 5:00 p.m.
Friday Mass During Lent at 5:00 p.m
STATION OF THE CROSS 5:30 P.M

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

Saturday March 22 for *Shirley & David Tuman Rq. Joy & David Tuman*
SUNDAY MARCH 23
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS

Tue, Mar 25—Mass at 8:00 am since Fr. Thien help Food Pantry in Risen Lord for *Shirley & David Tuman Rq. Joy & David Tuman*

Wed, Mar 26 - Mass at 8:00 a.m since Fr. Thien help Food Pantry in Risen Lord for *Joy & Martin Adderson Rq. Joy & David Tuman*

Thur, Mar 27- For parish's Benefactor
Friday, Mar 28— Mass at 5:00 p.m
 For Alex, Amanda, April *Rq. Joy & David Tuman*

All Friday masses during Lent will be at 5:00 pm.
The stations of the Cross will begin immediately after the mass at 5:30 pm.

CCD Class will be held on March 16 and 23
 Parents, please bring your kids to the class

- **OCIA Class will be held on Mar 25 at 6:00 p.m**

All are welcome to join us to share your faith with

Holy Week—Easter Liturgy Schedule—at St Thomas

Holy Thursday April 17, 2024	The Mass of Lord's Supper Please sign up the list for Washing feet The Mass concludes with a procession to the Altar of Repose in the Hall this year where adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place until midnight or (Please sign up the list)	6:00 P.M
Good Friday April 18 (Fast & Abstinence)	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	6:00 P.M
Holy Saturday April 19	EASTER VIGIL - Bishop Mark Branen will be presider	8:00 P.M
Sunday of Easter April 20	Easter Sunday Mass at Risen Lord EASTER SUNDAY MASS—St. Thomas	8:30 am 11:00 A.M

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
 As we gather today on the Third Sunday of Lent and since we have 13 elects will join our church this Easter, the Church invites us today to reflect on the profound encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well. This Gospel is rich with themes of conversion, mercy, and the thirst we all have – not just for water, but for meaning, truth, and eternal life.

In the first reading, we hear the story of the Israelites who, while wandering in the desert, became impatient and began to complain against God and Moses. They were thirsty and hungry, and they doubted that God was with them. In response, God provided them with water from a rock and manna from heaven. This miraculous provision was a sign of God's love and care for his people, despite their disobedience and lack of faith.

Similarly, in the Gospel reading, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman who encountered Jesus at the well. She too was thirsting for something more in her life, and Jesus offered her the living water that would quench her deepest longings. In their encounter, Jesus revealed to her the truth about herself and her need for repentance and conversion.

These readings remind us that we too are on a journey through the desert of life. We too thirst for something more, and we too are in need of God's mercy and grace. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us renew our commitment to live as true disciples of Christ. Let us turn away from sin and towards God, and let us embrace the living water that Jesus offers us – Water of Baptism – The Holy Spirit.

May we be like the Israelites in the desert, who, despite their doubts and complaints, were sustained by God's love and mercy. And may we be like the Samaritan woman, who, after encountering Jesus, left her old ways behind and embraced a new life of faith and love.

On Sunday March 9, 13 candidates, catechumens of St. Thomas and Risen Lord, attended the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversation. It was a joyful day for our parish. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Easter Sacraments. As St. Arnold Janssen, SVD said, **"To proclaim the Good News is the first and greatest act of love of neighbor."**



**Do You Want To Fast This Lent?
 (In the Words of Pope Francis...)**

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Almsgiving During Lent:
 Almsgiving We are encouraged during Lent to consider almsgiving along with our prayer and fasting. This year, we have two specific causes we would like to focus on for Lenten giving,
 1) **CRS Rice Bowls** - Your donation helps communities around the world affected by hunger and poverty. Collect your coins or dollar bills during the season of Lent and bring your bowls in on Easter Sunday.
 2) **40 Cans for 40 Days of Lent:** If you have food in your pantry that you don't need and it's still in good condition and date, please donate to the food box in the hall. Your donations will be used to help the needy who come to our Food Pantry. Thanks.

Priests Health & Retirement Association (PHRA) Collection March 23, 2025

A special second collection is scheduled for March 23, 2025, to support the Priests' Health and Retirement Association (PHRA), a fund that provides health insurance and retirement benefits to retired priests of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. Please take a moment to reflect on the many years of service by our priests and how we can take this opportunity to thank them in a very particular way with a gift to the PHRA collection.

On Sunday March 9, 13 candidate, catechumens and their godparents, sponsors of St. Thomas and Risen Lord, attended the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston's Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversation. It was a joyful day for our parish.

"Bishop Mark Brennan will celebrate Easter Vigil at St. Thomas on April 19. His presence will greatly encourage our parishioners to continue to bring the Gospel to people in West Virginia!

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**Feb 26 & 27, Risen Lord Food Pantry served food for 244 family of the needy in Clay County.
 On March 12 and 13, St. Thomas Food pantry served 107 families in Braxton County.
 Thank you all Benefactors and Volunteers.**

