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Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
Mar 22 & 23	\$ 1020

**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**  
**After Mass**

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  
**At each Church, we will have lunch and then pray together.**  
**From 12:00 a.m —1:00 p.m**  
 Everyone is Welcome. Thanks.

***Holy Week—Easter Liturgy Schedule—at St Thomas***

Holy Thursday April 17, 2024	<b>The Mass of Lord's Supper</b> 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)	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>	6:00 P.M
Holy Saturday April 19	<b>EASTER VIGIL - Bishop Mark Branen will be presider</b>	8:00 P.M
Sunday of Easter April 20	<b>Easter Sunday Mass at Risen Lord</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS—St. Thomas</b>	8:30 am 11:00 A.M

**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 29 for Barbara Franklin  
 Rq Phil+Theresa Peters

**SUNDAY MARCH 30**  
**FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS**

**Tue, For April 1 for Kathy Zink**  
 Rq Phil+Theresa Peters

**Wed, April 2 For Joy & Marvin Adderson**  
 Rq. Joy & David Tuman

**Thur, April 3 - For parish's Benefactor**

**Friday, Mar 28— Mass at 5:00 p.m**  
 For Beata Intentions

**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 30 and April 13  
 Parents, please bring your kids to the class

- **OCIA Class will be held on Monday March 31 at 5:30 p.m**

*Greetings in the Laetare—Rejoicing Sunday, My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*  
 Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, a special moment in our journey towards Easter. This Sunday is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday a time of joy amidst our Lenten penance. The word "Laetare" comes from the Latin for "Rejoice," reminding us of the joy and hope that comes from the love and mercy of God. As we reflect on the Scriptures today, let us rejoice in God's infinite mercy, which is extended to all who believe in His Son.

As we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Lent, we also celebrate the Second *Scrutiny*, a time when those preparing for baptism—our catechumens—undergo a period of reflection and spiritual deepening. They are called to reflect upon their journey of faith, just as all of us are invited to examine the ways in which we encounter the Lord's light in our own lives.

The readings today offer us a profound encounter with blindness and sight, both physical and spiritual. The readings today offer us a message of deep joy and hope, as they speak of spiritual sight, the light of Christ, and the healing power of God. In the Gospel of John, we hear the beautiful and powerful story of Jesus healing the man born blind. This story isn't just about physical sight—it's about the transformative power of Christ to bring spiritual sight to those who are in darkness.

As we reflect on this healing, we are invited to examine how we ourselves see the world around us, how we see others, and how we see Christ, and how we are called to rejoice in the light of Christ that has been given to us.

Let us pray for our catechumens, that they may be filled with the joy of this light, and for all of us, that we may continue to see Christ more clearly and live as children of the light.

**Please Mark your calendar:**  
**LENT PENANCE SERVICE ON APRIL 6, 2025**  
**After Mass**

Please keep them 13 catechumens and candidate 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 want to do charity this 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.

**Easter Flowers!** Donations are now being accepted for Easter Lily Flowers. You may donate flowers in memory of a deceased loved one or in honor of a living loved one. List the names of your love ones and return the envelope to the collection basket. Suggested donation: \$10 to 20. Flower donations need to be received by Sunday, March April 13 in order to be included in the Easter bulletin.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Tom Hailer March 30  
 Steve Taylor March 30  
 Kristopher Frame Apr. 3  
 Joe Green Apr. 4

**Wishing you all Happy & Blessed Birthday**

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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**On March 12 and 13, St. Thomas Food pantry served 107 families in Braxton County.  
On March 26 & 27 Risen Lord Food Pantry served food for 259 families in Clay County.  
Thank you all Benefactors and Volunteers.**

