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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
SAT MAY 10,
 For Miles Christian Allen
SUNDAY MAY 11—
FOR PARISHIONERS OF ST. THOMAS
TUE MAY 13
 For Alex Shimko
Wed, May 14
For Christine Shimko
 Thu, May 15 For Benefactors of parish
Friday, May 9— Mass at 8:00 a.m

Sharing God's Blessings	
Date	Collection
April 26 & 27	\$ 1158
Catholic Sharing Appeal Raised \$2315 (44%) of \$5,300 with 11 gifts. Thanks for your contribution	

Happy Birthday
Beata Pawlowski May 14
Madilyn Peters May 16
Rose DeProspero May 17

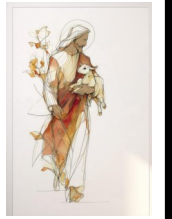
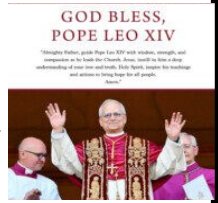
CCD Class will be held
on May 4 & May 11
 Parents, please bring your kids to the
 class

Happy Mother's Day
 This Sunday is also Mother's Day!
 We pray for all Mothers,
 may Mary, the Mother of God intercede for them.
Mother's Day Prayer
 Heavenly Father,
 We lift up all mothers today and thanks them for
 their guidance and love.
 We ask You to bless them with Your own special
 love, today and always! Amen

“The Most Important Person on earth is a mother.
 She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre
 Dame Cathedral. She need not.
 She has built something more magnificent than any
 cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny
 perfection of her baby's body....
 The angels have not been blessed with such a
 grace.
 They cannot share in God's creative
 miracle to bring new saints to Heaven.
 Only a human mother can.
 Mothers are closer to God the Creator
 than any other creature;
 God joins forces with mothers
 in performing this act of creation...
 What on God's good earth is more glorious than
 this: to be a mother?
Cardinal Jozsef (Pehm) Mindszenty 1852-1975

THANK YOU: Many Thanks to Connie Moore,
 Dale Louise Elwood, Marian Agostino, Rick Allen,
 Dot Shimko, Tom & Candy Teubert, Mary Hailer,
 Dot Shimko, Kari Friend & grand children,
 McLaughin Family, Collen Mahon, Rose DeProspero,
 Kevin Carpenter, and 4 volunteers from Weirton
 and other volunteers For helping our Food Pantry
 on May 8 & 9. **We served 104 families and 19
 mothers.** ~Fr. Thien
Christ Has No Body
 Christ has no body but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks
 Compassion on this world,
 Yours are the feet with which
 he walks to do good,
 Yours are the hands, with which
 he blesses all the world.
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
 Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
 ~By St. Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Habemus Papam! We have a Pope!
 With Great Joy, Pope Leo XIV has been elected to
 serve as the Shepherd of the Catholic Church.
 Our prayers for him as he serves us modeled by the
 example of Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Let us pray for
 him as he begins his Petrine Ministry for us.
 “Almighty Father, guide Pope Leo XIV with wisdom,
 strength, and compassion as he leads the Church.
 Jesus, instill in him a deep understanding of your love and truth. Holy
 Spirit, inspire his teachings and actions
 to bring hope for all people. Amen.
“GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY
LORD, SHEPHERD ME!



On this the Fourth Sunday of Easter we hear John's Gospel,
 when Christ identifies himself as the Shepherd who will
 lay down his life for his sheep. Good Shepherd Sunday is
 fittingly, World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
 As a member of the Church, we all have a responsibility
 since baptism to foster vocations – priesthood, diaconate,
 consecrated life - male and female religious life, societies of apostolic life,
 consecrated virginity - missionary life, single life, and married life. At baptism
 we are called to holiness - to serve God and others. Strong marriages,
 where couples grow in faith and receive the Eucharist together; and
 the commitment to a single life without marriage and children (CCC 1658)
 and focused on living in the spirit of the Beatitudes – are important vocations
 to the Church.
 Whatever our vocation we are called by Jesus to enter into it with the
 compassion, patience and love He taught us – see the good in others,
 forgive, serve without wanting something in return, and be the light of
 Christ in your actions and your words. Trust God, His plan, and His timing.

On this Good Shepherd Sunday in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston
 we call to mind all those who have strengthened our faith throughout our
 lives, as well as those who are shepherding us today. Together let us
 thank God for our bishop, our priests, consecrated men and women, missionaries,
 and lay faithful who are servant leaders for Christ's Church.
 Individually let us dedicate ourselves to our own discernment and also
 encouraging young men and women to open their hearts and minds to
 Catholic vocations in the priesthood and religious life.
 Sister Martha Gomez, Delegate for Consecrated Life in our diocese,
 calls all the faithful in WV to pray every week or every day for vocations,
 as the diocese focuses May 13, 2025, to May 13, 2026, for our Rosary
 Crusade for Vocations for WV.
 “Be certain that behind and before every single vocation is the beautiful
 prayers of someone: a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a
 faith community... Vocations are born in prayer,” she said, adding that it
 was our Blessed Mother Mary who said, “When you say your Rosary, the
 angels rejoice, the Blessed Trinity delights in it, my Son finds joy in it too,
 and I myself am happier than you can possibly guess.”
*Editor's note: The art with this article is from Faith Art Creation on Etsy:
www.etsy.com/shop/Faithartcreatio (From Faith in West Virginia, DWC)*

The Feast of our Lady Tuesday May 13
 On this day in 1917, the Blessed Mother chose to appear to
 Lúcia Santos, a young Portuguese girl, and her two younger cousins,
 Jacinta and Francisco Marto, as they were out tending their sheep
 outside their village in Fatima, Portugal. Lucia, who was 10 but the
 eldest of the trio would often kneel in the open fields and pray the
 Rosary.
 History has recorded it was about noon when a flash of light caught
 the children's attention. They said they saw a “brilliant” figure
 over the trees. The vision told them to pray for the conversion of
 sinners and an end to the war (World War I), and she would come
 back every month, on the 13th. As foretold apparitions happened
 again on June 13 and July 13. However, the children were prohibited
 to return to the Cova da Iria, where the previous appearances were,
 but when they returned on August 19, again the image appeared.
 Famously on September 13, the vision requested recitation of the
 Rosary for an end to the world war. It was on October 13, the
 “Lady” identified herself as “Our Lady of the Rosary” and again
 called for prayer and penance.
 Take time to pray the rosary to the Blessed Mother with requests
 for the world and the conversion of sinners. Whether you are a
 dedicated soul who prays this beautiful meditative prayer routinely
 or one who stumbles through it or hesitates for whatever the reason
 you can pray along with rosary audio and video presentations
 while sitting in silence or on a prayerful walk.



The SVD's Sesquicentennial (150th Anniversary)

Theme: "Witnessing to the Light: From Everywhere for Everyone"

On May 5th, 2025, ten SVD priests currently serving in West Virginia, along with many of their parishioners, joined us for this special celebration. Our parish, St. Thomas, is truly blessed to be the first parish in West Virginia served by the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), beginning in 1973. THANK YOU to all who helped make this celebration possible, especially Mrs. Connie Moore.



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

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 2025.

