

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I came into this world
for judgment, so that those who do
not see might see, and those who
do see might become blind.

John 9:39

March 19, 2023



This Wednesday, March 22, we will have a Lenten Penance Service here at St. Thomas at 12:45 after the noon Mass. Other priests will be here to help with confessions. If this is not a good day or a good time, check the schedule for available times in our family of parishes Lent and Easter schedule. There are many opportunities for confession as well as other devotions, Masses and other events for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Parishes are already working together and planning for the future as the shortage of priests gets tighter all the time. Please pray for vocations and for the priests we have.

This weekend is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, also known as Laetare Sunday. It reminds us that Easter is quickly approaching. How are your Lenten resolutions going?

I hope everyone does something special to honor St. Patrick and St. Joseph whose feast days are this weekend—March 17 and 19.

Mass, Stations, Confession, Fish Fries, Bible Challenge. All of these can help us walk closer with Jesus.

Again, we had a snow storm for Fish Fry—third week in a row. Friday, March 10, we sold 436 dinners.

On the lighter side...

A boy, Roger, was anxious about making a mistake using the formula his teacher had taught the class for their first confession.

Roger entered the confessional, knelt and began: "Bless me Father, for I have sinned. I detest all my sins, and you, too. I firmly resolve to enjoy the near occasions of sin."

He went home in tears. His mother asked him what was wrong. Roger said, "I just made my first confession, and the priest told me my penance was to say three Hail Marys, but I only know one!"

SCAN TO DONATE



Mass Times

Tuesday and
Friday
8:30 am

Wednesday
12 noon

Saturday
4:30 pm

Sunday
9:00 am and
11:00 am

Confessions will
be heard every
Saturday
at 3:30 pm

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This N That by Deacon Skip

I suppose weather problems are relative to where we live. A couple of weeks ago my sister Mary in Alpharetta, Georgia e-mailed me pictures of her yard. Azalea, Forsythia, Magnolias were all in bloom. A day or so ago she e-mailed that they were staring at a major weather problem. The temperatures might fall into the frost range during the night. Shades of Garden City and Westland. I took a close look at my flower beds the other day and I can say that a couple of green things have pushed up through the soil. Nothing will be blooming here for some time, though.

Next weekend is a big birthday weekend around my parts. My youngest grandson, Elijah, turns six. Shortly after he was born, my daughter-in-law brought him to assisted living and placed him in Kathy's arms. I'm not sure Kathy understood who he was, but she did hold on tight. Sadly, a couple of days later, Kathy was declared to be under hospice care, and within a couple of weeks passed away. As they say, timing is everything.

There is another birthday in my family next week, My sister Tina turns 71. All of my brothers and sisters and I are three years apart, except for Christopher who is 4 years apart. Suspiciously, all of our birthdays coincide with contract settlements-my Dad was a pattern maker and CIO. Christopher sort of corresponds to the time the union granted an extra year to the contract as a bargaining concession. Just saying.

Don't forget: we have Stations of the Cross every Friday at 3 and 7. That corresponds nicely to before and after the Fish Fry. Don't forget the food pantry.

Ministries Center/SVDP
(734) 425-9771



Thanks to all for your generous response to my paper towel request. Other paper products needed are Kleenex and toilet paper. Pantry is also low on: plain rice bags; potatoes (box or canned); cans of beef stew, beef ravioli, chili, diced tomatoes; syrup; cereal; spaghetti sauce; strawberry or grape jelly; bath size bar soap; dish soap; laundry soap. Any and all donations are always appreciated!

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Ministries Building. If you would like to receive items from the pantry, please call (734) 425-9771.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 19, 2023

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a,
3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41

Monday, March 20, 2023

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 &
29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 23, 2023

Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23;
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 24, 2023

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20,
21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



CELEBRATION OF BAPTISM

On Sunday,
March 12, 2023,
we welcomed

Luca Alan Patrosso

into the St. Thomas the Apostle Church
by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

GREETERS

CORRECTED PHONE NUMBER

WELCOMING ALL WHO COME!

Greeter is a liturgical ministry of hospitality to welcome all who come to pray with us at Mass. A Greeter is the first face one encounters upon approaching the doors to the Church.

The job of Greeter is very simple, but important. Our Greeters help to bring a warm and welcoming environment to our parish. After signing up, Greeters should arrive about 20 minutes before Mass is to begin, check-in in the ushers room, then position yourselves at one of the doors to welcome parishioners and guests.

The ministry of Greeter perpetuates the essence of Jesus' own ministry and mission. He welcomed the least and the littlest; extended love, patience, tolerance and acceptance to all.

Please contact: Pat Burris (313) 318-3519



We are in the process of updating our bulletin prayer list. Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added.

Please do not add anybody without their permission. To keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533.



REMINDER!!

There will be a one-hour Eucharistic Adoration along with recitation of the Rosary following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on the First Friday of each month.



The Catholic Relief Services Collection is your opportunity to improve lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. The funds collected provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and reveal Christ's love and mercy to them. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.



LENTEN CALENDAR

Penance Services

Thursday, March 21st

Ss. Simon & Jude at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, March 22nd

St. Richard at 11:00 AM

St. Thomas the Apostle at 12:45 PM

St. Mary Wayne at 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday

April 2nd

4:30 PM Mass Saturday

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday

April 6th

7:00 PM Mass

Followed by **ADORATION** until 11:00 PM

Good Friday

April 7th

No 8:30 AM Mass

12:00 PM Divine Mercy

12:30 PM Rosary

1:00 PM Stations of the Cross

1:30 PM The Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday

April 8th

Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM

(No confessions or 4:30 pm Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY

April 9th

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass



Stations of the Cross

Fridays during Lent

3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Fish Fry

Fridays during Lent

(February 24th-April 7th)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 8:30 AM Mass

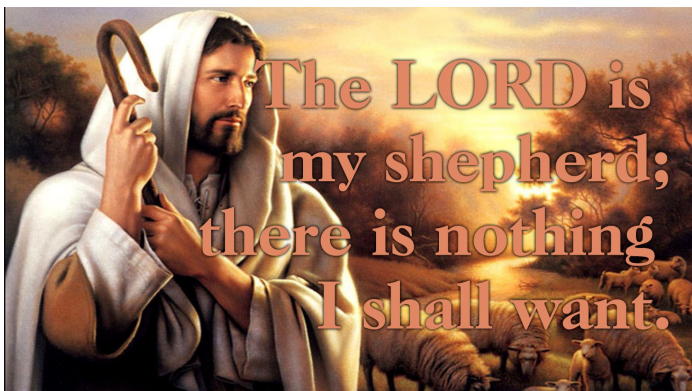
Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 8:30 AM Mass

Worship Schedule		March 25 & 26, 2023	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:30PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	CATIE KELLY	JULIE GALDES	MICHELLE KORIE
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CANDY HENRY DEBBIE SMITT FRANK TOFIL	TEDDY LUTHER GLORY MCGAHAN JOAN PALMER	GAIL NABOZNY SALLIE QUINN MISSY TAYLOR
LECTORS	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI	GEORGETTE KATTULA	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	CECILIA NESBITT	LAURIE EICHSTEDT
MASS INTENTIONS	MR. & MRS. WILLIAM REISSING + MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL + RONALD GREGOSKI + ANGELO & RUTH RATTERO + ANGELS DR. DOMINIC NOONAN & DANNY PEPERA + MICHAEL SINIARSKI + DONALD GRANT +LEIGH TESARZ	+ MARK BOYAK + JOE & GINA MAIANI	+ ZDZISLAW DEWICKI +MEIDHBHIN MCAULEY

Offertory collection is reported monthly.


Thank you for your support and may God bless you! Please remember St. Thomas the Apostle when writing your will.



ARE YOU REGISTERED AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE?

If you have been looking for a new parish we would appreciate you considering St. Thomas the Apostle as your parish. Stop by the Parish Center and fill out a registration form or download one from our website www.thomastheapostle.org.

You can stop by the office, or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Young adults over 18 should be registered on their own registration form.



Weekday Masses
March 20-24, 2023

Tuesday, March 21
8:30 am.....CHURCH
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

Wednesday, March 22
12:00 pm.....CHURCH
+ JOHN & SOPHIE CHOJNACKI
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

Friday, March 24
8:30 am..... CHURCH
+ JOE & GINA MAIANI

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Bulletin article deadline is Monday before the issue date by 8:00 a.m. During holidays, articles must be submitted two Mondays before issue. All articles and submissions are subject to approval and editing.

Please Pray For...

Akwaegbu, Kingsley Ejike	Chambo, Herbert	Jones, Marie	Maddix, Erin	Rodgers, Hiedi
Altizer, Brynn	Chicila, Pam	Kapanke, Dolores	Merritt, Dan	Romanowski, Ronald
Andrews, Vivian	Christopoulos, Ellen, Jim	Kathan, Joann	Mirabatur, Timmy	Rouland, Frank
Armstrong, Sean	Cowart, Diane	Kathan, Tom	Mootsey, Marilyn	Schmidt, Joseph
Arsenault, Cathy	Cozzaglio, Gail	K.C.	Needham, Jim	Serafini, Loretta
Arsenault, Fran	D'Angelo, Rebecca	Keesee, Cheryl	Newman, Theresa	Sobkowiak, John
Asini, Eloho	Daughtery, Jeff	Kietur, Deanna	Niemczewski, Gordon & Carol	Sokol, Dennis J.
Asini, Margaret	DeGrande, Colleen	Kirk, Mike	Nizich, Jeff	Stacherski, Ann
Bargardi, Carl	DeGrande, Sam	Koslosky, Alphonse	O'Brien, Lauren	Staudacher, Jason
Bargardi, Frances	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Kustuski, Walter	O'Brien, Mike	Summet, Fred
Bartlett, Carol	Esson, Pat	Levoir, Lorraine	O'Connell, Evan	Sutherland, Ellie
Baumgardner, Patty	Farr, Viola	Lowe, Jonathon	O'Halloran, Alice	Szura, Samantha
Benzinger, Claudette	Gau, Sandy	Ludtke, Linda	Palucki, Rachel	Tatro, Mary Jean
Bianchi, Clare A.	Greener, Rosie	Luther, Brian	Pardo, Charel	Taylor, Ian
Boyak, Carolyn	Hagedon, Gail	Lynn, William	Parker, Sharon	Tetreau, Audrey
Burke, Larry	Hagedon, Marie	Maddix, Erin	Pastula, Shirley	Tomasi, Jack
Burris, Nikita	Hamm, Jo	Malek, Thomas	Perreira, Dennis	Vaughn, Kelly
Burris Family	Harte, John	Malish, Rosemary	Persondek, Cristina	Wood, Virginia
Campanella, Cindy	Hayes, Jacqueline	Mals, Claudia	Pietszak, Carol	Wysocki, Ken
Canini, Ricky	Henry, Bernadine	Marchand, Susan	Prus, Father Edward	Zarzycki, Stanley
Carbajal-Christopher, June	Herlihy, Patrick	Marsh, Bob	Pryce, Mary Ann	Zonca, Barbara
Carol and Ronnie	Hoedel, Patricia	Mathison, Bonnie	Radford, Robert	Ziolkowski, Norm
Cepko Family	Hubert, Larry	Mathison, Jackie	Radford, Magdalen (Maggie)	
	Humphrey, Dawn	Mayfield, Sally	Ramsey, Freya	
	Hynek, Mary Jane	McGrath, Jim	Robertson, Michael	
			Rockman, Annette	

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2022-June 30, 2023

Deceased members of Ajlouny & Blaty families	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabatur
In Loving Memory of Charles Batherson	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	Deceased Members of the Niwa and Cielma Family
In Loving Memory of Walter and Mary Burdis	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan Burgess	In Loving Memory of Ben & Phyllis Ornatowski
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak Families	Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	In Loving Memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak
Family & Friends of Tommy/Barbara Cockrum	Angel Danny P. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Barbara Czarnik	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
In Loving Memory of Virginia Czuj	In Loving Memory of Joseph Potter
In Loving Memory of Stanley David Czuj	In Memory of Richard and Eleanor Reed
In Loving Memory of Robert E. Derda	In Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families	In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Shankin
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	In Loving Memory of Rachel Elizabeth Simko
In Loving Memory of Eugene Joseph Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
In Loving Memory of Ronald R, Kendra	Deceased Members of the Ulivi and Preville Family
For the Health of Mike Kirby and Steve Kirby	In Loving Memory of Sherwood and Carolyn Webber
Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families	In Loving Memory of Edwin Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

Ainsworth, Sgt. Amber	Comment, Scott	McCarville, William E.	Sheko, Destiny
Ainsworth, Sgt. Raymond	DiCicco, Bill	McGahan, Wade	Smith, David
Angelovic, Adrian	Dwyer, Tyler	McGaw, Douglas	Smitt, David
Angelovic, George	Ellsworth, Justin	Meadows, Erin	Spiczka, Cathy
Ardinger, Stephanie	Fisher, Bob	Moody, Samantha	Spiczka, Greg
Baumgardner, AJ	Gentilia, Anthony	Murray, Daniel	Sparrow, Justin
Becker, Justin	Hunter, Cassidy	Nguyen, Staff Sgt. Truong	Spohr, Raymond
Bregand, David	Kashou, Christopher	Ohannesian, Brandon	Squires, Zachary
Brozek, Timothy	Laichalk, Robert	Pastula, Michael Thomas	Szerszen, Michael
Burris, Peter	Logan, Jonathon	Persondek, Michael	Tesarz, Ian Michael
Campbell, Mary	Logan, Sean Patrick	Porcaro, Jeff	Waldo, Michael
Canfield, Chaz	Logan, Jeff	Preba, Danny	Webb, Brian
Chokr, Jamel	Lowe, Jonathon	Rosa, Brian J.	Wiertella, Jonathan
Cinka, Jonathan	Masiarak, Luke	Rosa, Douglas J.	Witt, Christopher
Coatsworth, Michael	McHale, Sgt. Shawn	Rousseau, Philip	

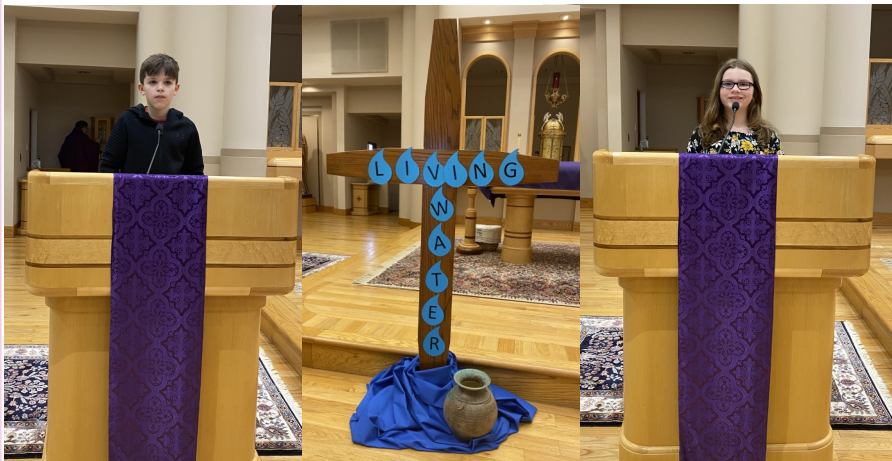


Missy Taylor

Director of Religious Formation / Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

I am certain that you will agree that our children from Grades 3, 4 and 5 did an absolutely wonderful job at our last Children's Mass. From the readings they proclaimed to the Prayers of the Faithful and sharing the lesson they learned about Jesus as our LIVING WATER from the Gospel, it was a great day in church! What a blessing to see the children take an active part in our Liturgy. A great big thank to you to our Pastor Father Larry, for encouraging their participation and supporting them and helping them understand what an important part of our parish family they are! Perhaps we have some future lectors in the making! The Holy Spirit is certainly at work in this place!!



Truly, God is good.
Psalms 73



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Palm Sunday, April 2
2PM-4PM

in the Activities Center
Pot-luck Soup Supper and
Soup Bowl/Plate/Mug Auction

Join us as we get a small taste of many different soups created by our own talented chefs while you bid on the bowls, plates and mugs created by our own talented artists within the parish and Religious Formation program.

WE NEED YOU! Whether you would like to make and showcase your favorite soup or you'd like to be a taste tester and shopper of fine art, **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Our beautiful projects will be on display in the hallway of our Religious Formation Building. Come check them out as you join us for our world-famous Fish Fry each Friday. Please call Missy to sign up to bring a soup!

Baby Shower



Thank you **SO MUCH** for all the donations we have already received! We will be collecting items thru next Sunday, March 26th!

These items are **MOST** in need:
Short-Sleeve Onesies (3-9 months), Binkies, Bottles, Receiving Blankets. Lightweight Sleepers (3-9 months) & Burp Cloths and gift cards

May you be richly blessed for your generosity!!

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