

Fifth Sunday of LENT

March 22, 2026



We recognize God as giving new life in the gospel today. It seems there is only hopelessness and death when Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb. God restores new life to him in Jesus. Like Martha and Mary, we have doubt in life about many things. We may feel hopeless and ask the Lord, "Where are you? I need you." Jesus is with us always, even in the shadow of death. As Jesus weeps for his friend, we see that he is not distant from our pain and doubts. He is with us at every moment of life, in every joy and sorrow that comes along. The same God who gave new life to the Israelites and who raised Lazarus from the dead comes to us is Jesus, bringing new life even in our darkest moments.

Resurrection is not just what Jesus did on the third day after his crucifixion. He brings new life when all seems hopeless. God gives life to his people. Where Jesus is, life is made new. We were created for eternal life and happiness.

On the Lighter Side.....

Sometime after Sidney died, his widow, Rachel, was finally able to speak about what a thoughtful, considerate, and wonderful man her late husband had been.

"My Sidney thought of everything", she told them. "Just before he died, he called me to his bedside. He handed me three envelopes. 'Rachel', he told me. 'I have put all my last wishes in these three envelopes. After I am gone, please open them and do exactly as I have instructed. Knowing you'll do this, I can rest in peace'."

"What was in the envelopes?" her friends asked.

"The first envelope contained \$5,000 with a note, 'Please use this money to buy a nice casket'. So I bought a beautiful mahogany casket with such a comfortable lining that I know Sidney is resting very comfortably.

"The second envelope contained \$10,000 with a note, 'Please use this for a nice funeral'. I made Sidney a very dignified funeral and bought all his favorite foods."

"And the third envelope? Asked her friends.

"The third envelope contained \$25,000 with a note, 'Please use this to buy a nice stone'.

At that point, Rachel held up her hand and pointed to her ring finger, on which was a gorgeous ten carat diamond ring.

"So?", said Rachel, "You like my stone?"



Penance Services March 25th

No Penance Service at St. Thomas
1 PM St. Richard
7 PM St. Mary Cause of Joy

Palm Sunday March 29th

4:00 PM Mass Saturday
9:00 AM and 11:00 AM Mass Sunday

Holy Thursday April 2nd

No Mass at St. Thomas

Good Friday April 3rd

No 9:00 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 4th

Food Blessing at 11:00 AM in Church

Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 PM
(No confessions or 4:00 PM Mass)

EASTER SUNDAY April 5th

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 20th-April 3rd)

4:30—7:00 PM

(or until we run out!)

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month
after 9:00 AM Mass

St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church

SCAN TO DONATE

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This N That by Deacon Skip

When we traveled to Ireland I assumed we would be eating one version of corned beef and cabbage after another everywhere we went. The truth is that corned beef and cabbage did not appear anywhere on any menu at any of the Bed and Breakfasts, the restaurants, or the pubs. The popular foods there seem to be a fish names Hake, lamb, tomato soup, and mushroom soup. The pubs especially took pride in their particular version of mushroom soup.

Thank you to all who have asked about my sister Cathy. She is now scheduled to undergo radiation therapy in April. She should have 5 radiation sessions, Her treatment is more of a preventative session as opposed to a frontal attack on cancer, I underwent radiation therapy a number of years ago for prostate cancer and had to go 28 times. I never missed a beat. Cathy should have the same experience.

My walking shoes were not feeling right so I took a look at the soles. As I suspected, I had worn the bottoms almost completely off. I made the trip to Kohl's and bought a replacement pair. One of the problems I have is that after my stroke of a bunch of years ago, I will occasionally drag either one of my feet. The other issue is that I do walk a lot.

Don't forget SVDP; don't forget our Fish Fries.

Scripture Readings for the Week of March 22, 2026

Sunday, March 22, 2026 Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 23, 2026

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62;
Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24, 2026

Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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

Thursday, March 26, 2026

Gen 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 27, 2026

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

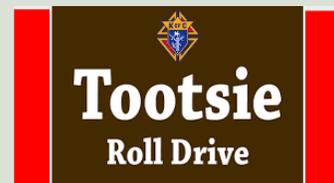
Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54



Knights of Columbus®

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the Knights of Columbus will not be holding the Easter Food sale this year. We apologize for any inconvenience.

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a Tootsie Roll Drive the weekend of the 28th/29th after all masses. All proceeds go to Penrickton for the Blind.



37th Annual LIFESPAN

Baby Shower

benefitting

Wee Care

during our

March Collection

Please consider donating to support
mothers & their children.

Donated items for the Baby Shower
can be brought to the Church



**We will NOT be accepting food donations
until further notice.**

Nankin Family of Parishes



Mass Schedule

St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy (734) 425-4421
8200 N. Wayne Road, Westland

St. Mary, Wayne (734) 721-8745
34530 Michigan Avenue, Wayne

St. Richard (734) 729-2240
35851 Cherry Hill Road, Westland

St. Thomas the Apostle (734) 427-1533
31530 Beechwood Street, Garden City

Monday 9:00 am St. Mary, Wayne
12:00 pm St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland
(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)

Tuesday 9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
9:00 am St. Richard, Westland

Wednesday 12:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City

Thursday 9:00 am St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Friday 9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
9:00 am St. Mary, Wayne

Saturday 4:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
4:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne
5:30 pm St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Sunday 8:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
9:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
10:00 am St. Richard, Westland
11:00 am St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
St. Mary Cause of Our Joy, Westland
11:30 am St. Mary, Wayne
2:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne (SPANISH)

Confessions (also by appointment)

Tuesday St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass)

Saturday 3:00 pm St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City
3:00 pm St. Mary, Wayne
6:30 pm St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland

Perpetual Help Devotion

Every Tuesday after 9:00 AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration (one hour)

First Friday of Each Month after 9:00 AM Mass

The decorating committee would like to request assistance regarding decorating the church for Easter the afternoon of April 2nd and 3rd. If you're interested, please contact the Parish office. Thank you in advance for your assistance.



Easter Basket Raffle

THE THIRD ANNUAL EASTER BASKET RAFFLE IS ALMOST HERE!

Tickets are available at the Fish Fry every Friday during Lent.

We have baskets for babies, men and women, boys and girls and even cats and dogs! Something for everyone.



The drawing will be held the weekend of Palm Sunday.

WE WANT YOUR TREASURES!

It is that time of year again to inform you to start clearing your basement and garage for those items you would like to donate to the Church Garage Sale.

The Annual Parish Garage Sale will be held June 4th, 5th and 6th in the Activities Center.

Donations can be dropped off May 18th - May 30th at the Activities Center.

We will NOT be accepting clothing, magazines, large household appliances, infant carriers, computers or TVs older than 3 years, LPs and VHS tapes.



For questions or more information, please contact Donna at (734) 771-0775.

Worship Schedule		March 28 & 29, 2026	
MINISTERS	SAT 4:00 PM	SUN 9:00 AM	SUN 11:00 AM
CELEBRANT	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI	FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI
ALTAR SERVERS	JERRY KOWALCZYK ANTONELLA CRUZ DURAN GRACY CRUZ DURAN	JULIA HEDRICK NOAH HEDRICK	ANDREW GERSTENBRAND DAVID GERSTENBRAND
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	CORDELIA CHUKWUDI DIANE PROUTY TONY SIVAKO VIKKI WOROSZ	TEDDY LUTHER JESSICA PIETKA EILEEN POHL PATRICIA RYAN	SUZETTE ARSENAULT DENISE MAIER MARY NOVAK JOHN SANREGRET
LECTORS	FRANK TOFIL	DAN LOBB	STEVE KOVALESKI
SACRISTAN	CAROL STEC	ROSE CONYER	SALLIE QUINN
MASS INTENTIONS	+ RICKY CANINI	+ ADAM & CAROLINE DRYJA	+ RICKY CANINI

Offertory collection is reported quarterly.

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.

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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.

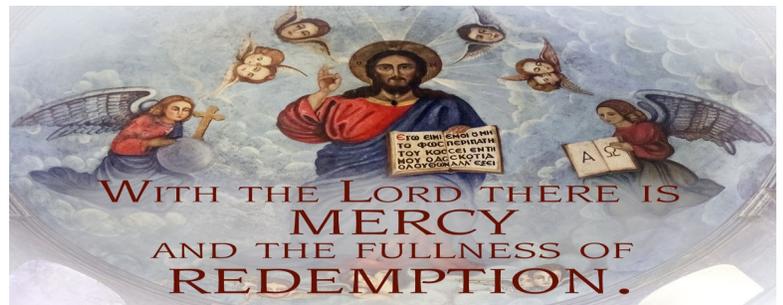


Weekday Masses
 March 23-27, 2026

Tuesday, March 24
9:00 am
 + MICHAEL SINIARSKI
 + JULIA STACHERSKI

Wednesday, March 25
12:00 PM
 + LLOYD WOROSZ

Friday, March 27
9:00 am
 + NETTIE PIANCZK
 + AUGUST PIANCZK



Please Pray For...

Alaska, Shirley	Cielma, Genevieve	Feiler, Alex Horne	Murawski, Veronica	Swiercz, Bobbie
Batherson, Barbara	Cislo, Dan	Fichtner, Leanne	O'Connell, Evan	Tennent, Joan
Baumgardner, Patty	Cole, Jean	Filak, Julianna	Oliverio, Jr., Robert	Tsaprazis, Pete
Berger, Ron	Cole, Regina	Fornasiero, Joseph	Palmer, Kent	Turcotte, Joshua
Beuer, Donna	D'Angelo, Rebecca	Gentilia, Judy	Pastula, Shirley	Walker, Ian
Block, Karen	Dacus, Shirley	Gozowsky, David	Prokop, Bob	Whitfield, James
Boyak, Carolyn	Daugherty, Kenny	Hagen, Jenifer	Prosser, Cindy	Wielechowski, Kenneth
Bringold, Bonnie	Decaminada, Mona	Harte, John	Rintala, Genevieve	Wildauer, Mark
Burgess, Evie	DeGrande, Colleen	Hubbard, Carl	Romanek, Virginia (Pat)	Zarzycki, Stanley
Burke, Larry	Dempsey, Sgt Joseph	Kapanke, Dolores	Ruby, Nancy	
Burris, Nikita and Family	Dempsey, Michele	Kathan, Thomas	Sanak, Francene	
Calley, Julie	Dewey, Thomas	LeVoir, Lorraine	Sanregret, John	
Canini, Ricky	Dial, Philip	LeVoir, Sherry	Smith, Mary	
Carpenter, Mike	Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee	Lobb, Cindy	Smitt, Deb	
Chichila, Pam	Duval, Chuck	Lowe, Jannette	Smith, Patricia	
Chop, Nancy Grabel	Dzendzel, Mary Ann	Lowe, Jonathan	Soine, Dianna	
	Eichstedt, Laurie	Malish, Rosemary	Stites, Keith	
	Eves, Debbie	Mathison, Bonnie	Sutherland, Eleanor	

Prayer list requests can be made only with the knowledge and permission of the person being added. To add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office.

Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2025-June 30, 2026

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families	Living & Deceased Members of Kwilos & Stecker Families
Living & Deceased Members of Barnes & Digregio Families	Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families
Deceased & live members of the Batherson Family	The Malish and Porembiak Families
In Memory of Bruce Birmingham	In Loving Memory of Margaret Mirabitur
Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt	In Loving Memory of Reynold Mirabitur Sr.
Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families	In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo
In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis	Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan
Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess	Living & Deceased Members of Mroz & Rutkowski Families
Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain	Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan
Deceased Members of Cielma and Niwa Families	In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski
In Loving Memory of Tommy Cockrum	Deceased members of Pattock & Stuecken families
Deceased Members of the Darnell Family	Angel Danny P. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Dooley & Firestone Families	My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera
Living & Deceased Members of Duncan & Williams Families	For the Prouty Family
Living & Deceased Members of Gizowski & Sovel Families	Living & Deceased Members of Rand & Vasquez Families
Loving Memory of Gorny and Kushnir Families	In loving memory of Frances J. Read
In Memory of Donald Grant	In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed
Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala	Memory of Kathy Rodgers
In Loving Memory of Bob and Ann Hoelscher	In Loving Memory of Edward and Helen Romanowski
In Loving Memory of Robert S. Hoffman	In Loving Memory of Mark Roy
In Loving Memory of Eugene Josphe Hynek	In Loving Memory of Thomas and Barbara Stempniak
My Wife Joanne Who I Love and Miss Very Much	Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families
Kapanke-Omilian Family	Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families
Deceased Members of the Kattula Family	Martin A. Tofil
Living & Deceased Members of Keiller & Marciniak Families	In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

Pray for those Serving in the Military

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



Missy Taylor

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

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Our First Communion students spent last Saturday morning learning about the Last Supper becoming the FIRST MASS, Adoration, What's in our Church, and how to go to Confession. WHAT A DAY!! They are SO EXCITED to receive sacraments this spring!! This year we are especially blessed to have our 6 older students preparing for First Communion buddy up with our younger students for a GREAT retreat experience!



A small group of our middle school children worked alongside 60 other students from neighboring parishes on a sunny Saturday morning to package Easter Baskets for Redford Interfaith Relief Project. Together, we were able to assemble 225 baskets, each accompanied by a handmade Easter card to insure that Easter is magical for those young people who would otherwise go without. Many hands certainly helped to make light work! **GOD IS GOOD!! ALL THE TIME!!**

