

April 20, 2025  
THE  
RESURRECTION  
OF THE  
*Lord*



As a pastor, I quickly realized that the weather makes all the difference when it comes to the celebration of Easter. The better the weather, the bigger the crowds at church. One particularly cold and cloudy Holy Week ended with a dreary Easter morning. However, at about 8:00 a.m. the sun broke through the clouds, the air warmed, and the breeze softened.

I watched the neighborhood come alive. Everyone decided to come to Mass on such a beautiful Easter morning. The crowd overflowed in the church and out onto the sidewalk. People were smiling. There was a special feeling. It is amazing what changes a high pressure system can produce.

If the rays of the sun, a few degrees more warmth in the air, and a shift in the wind can afford such a change, what power should the events of this day have on the lives of all who have gathered to celebrate Easter?

On Ash Wednesday we made a commitment and sealed it with the ashes on our foreheads to change our lives and so change the world. We stood and proclaimed our willingness to battle the forces of evil that our personal and communal sinfulness have nurtured. Even now we bask in the warmth of Easter joy knowing full well that our battle has not ended. It has just begun. Just as the sun shines on everyone, the Easter victory is for all who embrace it today, no matter what our Lenten accomplishments.

Often we have been like Mary Magdalene, filled with confusion and doubt. We want to believe that the Risen Lord is among us, but we do not know where to find him. Like Peter and John, we are uncertain. That is why we must gaze into the dark, empty caverns of our lives. Slowly, hesitantly, we begin to see and believe. Then, like Peter, we are able to witness the Risen Christ in our lives. Like the disciples of Emmaus, we who eat and drink with the strangers in our midst cry, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road!" Now we must continue our journey and share our joy that the Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May the Risen Lord be with us in the joys and sorrows of our lives. May we experience Easter each day of our lives until we attain the life that never ends.

**“Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised.”**

Luke 24:5-6

Holy Women at Christ's Tomb  
by Annibale Carracci, 1590

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## This N That by Deacon Skip

There is something wrong about waking up in April and seeing the lawns and the roofs covered with snow. Of course, anything is possible around here. The worst snowstorm in our history came on April 6, 1886. 24.5 inches of snow fell, with 12 foot snow drifts.

Happy Easter, everyone. I have a strange affinity to Easter. I was born on 4-9-49 which happened to be Holy Saturday that year. I came into the world at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, next door to St. John the Evangelist Church, on the East Grand Boulevard, near Chene. My mother once told me that she was put under heavy anesthetic when she had me. When she came out and heard the church bells, for a while she thought she had died and gone to heaven. Sadly she had to raise me instead.

My Dad's condition goes up and down. One time he seems to be holding his own; the next moment he is not doing terribly well. He is not eating well, has trouble swallowing still, and has trouble maneuvering in and out of bed.

My birthday came and went without a whole lot of fanfare, My son Mark and daughter-in-law Soojin took me to DeLuca's for supper. Later that evening Steve's household called and sang Happy Birthday. The next day, the 10th, I made the run up to Holy Sepulchre to visit Kathy's grave. It's hard to believe that she is dead eight years already.

Don't forget SVDP; don't forget the food pantry.

### Ministries Center/SVDP (734) 425-9771



The pantry needs help with our ongoing weekly service to the community. We are most in need of canned peas, spaghetti & meatballs or ravioli, strawberry or grape jelly, spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, cake mix, dish soap and laundry soap. Thank you. 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 April 20, 2025

### Sunday, April 20, 2025

#### The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

### Monday, April 21, 2025

Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11;  
Mt 28:8-15

### Tuesday, April 22, 2025

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22;  
Jn 20:11-18

### Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9; Ps 118:24;  
Lk 24:13-35

### Thursday, April 24, 2025

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 24:35-48

### Friday, April 25, 2025

Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a;  
Jn 21:1-14

### Saturday, April 26, 2025

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21;  
Mk 16:9-15

### Sunday, April 27, 2025

#### Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;  
Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

## START SAVING YOUR TREASURES!

We are bringing back the annual parish garage sale due to the success of the sale in 2024. The sale will be held June 5-7, 2025 in the Activities Center. Donation drop offs will be May 19-31. 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) 338-6515.



**We are in need of newspapers and grocery bags for our garage sale.**

# 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

|                  |          |  |
|------------------|----------|--|
| <b>Monday</b>    | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Wayne  |
|                  | 12:00 pm | St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland<br><i>(followed by Eucharistic Adoration)</i> |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 9:00 am  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City  |
|                  | 9:00 am  | St. Richard, Westland  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 12:00 pm | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Cause of Our Joy, Westland   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 9:00 am  | St. Thomas the Apostle, Garden City  |
|                  | 9:00 am  | St. Mary, Wayne  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 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  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 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)

|                 |         |   |
|-----------------|---------|---|
| <b>Tuesday</b>  |         | St. Richard, Westland (after 9 am Mass) |
| <b>Saturday</b> | 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



**CHURCH OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED**

**On Monday, April 21st**

## Parish Staff & Services

### Pastor

Rev. Lawrence Zurawski  
frlarry@thomastheapostle.org

### Deacon

Rev. Mr. Leon Rodgers

### Administrative Office

(734) 427-1533

**Secretary/Bulletin Editor...**Sandy Mulcahy

**Parish Bookkeeper...**Lisa Gregoria

**Admin. Assistant...**Kathy Zarzycki-Main

### Faith Formation

### Youth Ministry Office

(734)-425-5550

**Director.....**Missy Taylor

### Christian Service/Food Pantry/St. Vincent de Paul

(734) 425-9771

### Music Ministry

(734) 427-1533

**Music Minister.....**Paul Shafer

### Maintenance

Rob Walker

### MINISTRIES AT MASS

For scheduling or training call:

### Altar Servers

Missy Taylor ..... (734) 425-5550

### Extraordinary Ministers of

### Holy Communion

Dan Lobb(734)578-2374 or gandalf480@aol.com

### Lectors

Dan Lobb(734)578-2374 or gandalf480@aol.com

### Sacristans

Bob Prokop .....(734) 756-5767

### Ushers

John Krause.....(734) 425-9771

### PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

#### Alhambra

John Krause (734) 425-9771

Frank Tofil

#### Knights of Columbus #4513

Grand Knight..... John Galdes

#### Rosary Altar Sodality

President..... Missy Taylor

(734) 425-5550



# Worship Schedule

April 26 & 27, 2025

| MINISTERS                                | SAT 8:00 PM  | SUN 9:00 AM                                  | SUN 11:00 AM  |
|--|--|--|---|
| CELEBRANT                                | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI   | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI                     | FATHER LAWRENCE ZURAWSKI  |
| ALTAR SERVERS                            | JULIA HEDRICK<br>NOAH HEDRICK  | JOHN GALDES                                  | ADAEZE ENWERE<br>CHIAMAKA ENWERE  |
| EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | CANDY HENRY<br>FRANK TOFIL<br>VIKKI WOROSZ   | TEDDY LUTHER<br>GLORY MCGAHAN<br>JOAN PALMER | DENISE BIELSKI<br>JOHN SANREGRET<br>JOE SMITH                               |
| LECTORS                                  | CORDELIA CHUKWUDI  | DAN LOBB                                     | VICTORIA A.   |
| SACRISTAN                                | CAROL STEC   | LAURIE EICHSTEDT                             | SALLIE QUINN  |
| MASS INTENTIONS                          | + DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE JOSEPH HUGHES FAMILY<br>+ MURIEL & DEBORAH FERRELL<br>+ MILDRED LUECKENOFF<br>+ JUNE CARBAJAL-CHRISTOPHER<br>+ MARY PEPERA | + MICHAEL WALENTOWICZ                        | + ROBERT DEMPSEY<br>+ RUDI BENZINGER<br>+ EDWARD SURMACZ<br>+ CHERYL KEESEE |

*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](http://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.

#### Bulletin Editor

[Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org](mailto:Sandy.Mulcahy@thomastheapostle.org)

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*  
April 21-25, 2025

**Tuesday, April 22**

9:00 am.....CHURCH  
+ DANIEL SIENKIEWICZ

**Wednesday, April 23**

12:00 PM.....CHURCH  
+ MR. & MRS. MERLE STRASSER

**Friday, April 25**

9:00 am.....CHURCH  
+ HENRY BALLARD  
+ TOM COLE



**Please Pray For...**

|                           |                        |                     |                       |
|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Alaska, Shirley           | DeGrande, Colleen      | Lobb, Jeri          | Whitfield, Cathy      |
| Batherson, Barbara        | Dempsey, Sgt Joseph    | Lowe, Jonathan      | Wielechowski, Kenneth |
| Baumgardner, Patty        | Dempsey, Michele       | Malish, Rosemary    | Wildauer, Mark        |
| Block, Karen              | Dewey, Thomas          | Murawski, Veronica  | Zarzycki, Stanley     |
| Boyak, Carolyn            | Dial, Philip           | O'Connell, Evan     |                       |
| Bringold, Bonnie          | Durkin Jr., Gerald Lee | Pastula, Shirley    |                       |
| Burgess, Evie             | Eichstedt, Laurie      | Prosser, Cindy      |                       |
| Burke-Misener, Jennifer   | Feiler, Alex Horne     | Roffi, Herman       |                       |
| Burke, Larry              | Fichtner, Leanne       | Sanak, Francene     |                       |
| Burris, Nikita and Family | Fornasiero, Joseph     | Sanregret, John     |                       |
| Calley, Julie             | Gozowsky, David        | Smith, Mary         |                       |
| Carpenter, Mike           | Hagen, Jenifer         | Smitt, Deb          |                       |
| Cepko Family              | Harte, John            | Smith, Patricia     |                       |
| Chop, Nancy Grabel        | Hubbard, Carl          | Soine, Dianna       |                       |
| D'Angelo, Rebecca         | Kapanke, Dolores       | Sommariva, Bob      |                       |
| Dacus, Shirley            | Kathan, Joann          | Stites, Keith       |                       |
| Daugherty, Kenny          | Kathan, Thomas         | Sutherland, Eleanor |                       |
| Decaminada, Mona          | LeVoir, Lorraine       | Tsaprazis, Pete     |                       |
|                           | LeVoir, Sherry         | Turcotte, Joshua    |                       |
|                           | Lobb, Cindy            | Walker, Ian         |                       |



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 add, keep a person on the prayer list, or to remove a name, please call the parish office at (734) 427-1533. Thank you!

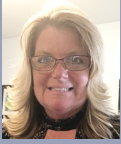
**Pray for the First Saturday Memorial Association from July 2024-June 30, 2025**

Deceased Members of Ajlouny & Blaty Families  
 Deceased & Live Members of The Batherson Family  
 Loving Memory of Thomas Bencic  
 Loving Memory of Aunt Loretta Brandt  
 Deceased and Live Members of Butka & Wojtkowiak families  
 In Loving Memory of Walter & Mary Burdis  
 Loving Memory of Sgt. Bryan K. Burgess  
 Loving Memory of Coach Dave Cain  
 Loving Memory of Gorny & Kushnir Families  
 In Memory of Donald Grant  
 Loving Memory of Jessie & Chester Gugala  
 In Loving Memory of Robert & Ann Hoelscher  
 In Loving Memory of My Wife Joanne Whom I Will Always Miss  
 Kapanke-Omilian Family  
 Deceased Members of the Kattula Family  
 Deceased Members of LaMar and Dryja Families  
 The Malish and Porembiak Families

In Loving Memory for Reynold Mirabitor Sr.  
 In Loving Memory of Audrey Mocadlo  
 Loving Memory of Jerry Moynahan  
 Angel Dr. Dominic J. Noonan  
 In Loving Memory of Ben and Phyllis Ornatowski  
 Deceased members of Paddock & Stuecken families  
 In loving memory of Anthony and Rosemary Pawlak  
 Angel Danny P. Pepera  
 My loving wife of 66 years, Mary J. Pepera  
 Prouty Family  
 In loving memory of Frances J. Read  
 In Memory of Richard and Eleanore Reed  
 Memory of Kathy Rodgers  
 In Loving Memory of Thomas Stempniak  
 Deceased Members of the Sturm & Preba Families  
 Deceased Members of the Szuba & Balawajder Families  
 In Loving Memory of Edwin L. Wendrick

**Pray for those Serving in the Military**

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

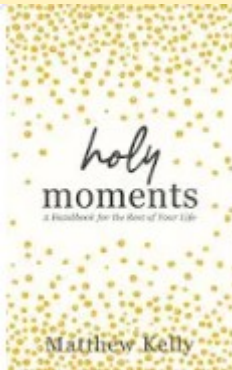


Missy Taylor

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

### FAITH FORMATION

Wishing you all the joy that the resurrected Jesus brings to this very special Easter season. He is our Hope! He is our Savior! He is our Promise! May we always remember the sacrifice that he made for us that speaks to just how much **He loves us**. Please don't let the end of Lent be the end of our time for praying, for almsgiving, and for making a difference in this world. That should become for us, a way of life. Perhaps we could help to make this world a nicer place...My Lenten Resolution of creating Holy Moments will continue on a daily basis. What can you do to make this the best Easter season ever? I have a few more copies of Matthew Kelly's "Holy Moments." Please check for free copies in the Gathering Space! **Happy Easter!** Go out and rejoice for He has risen! **ALLELUIA!!**



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### MOTHER'S DAY ROSES

This Mother's Day, remember all mothers or those who have been like a mother in your life. Roses may be purchased for \$5 in memory of (deceased) or in honor of (living) those special ladies who have touched your lives. Roses will be placed near the altar in front of the Blessed Mother statue on Mother's Day, May 11th accompanied by a list of those we are remembering and honoring. **FORMS ARE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.** Simply complete the form, listing the special ladies in your life and return it in an envelope marked **MOTHER'S DAY ROSES.** Order by May 4th. Contact Missy with any questions...



### CALENDAR UPDATES

As we get closer to wrapping up our Faith Formation year, please check out our calendar for the remaining weeks....

- Monday, April 21 NO CLASSES– Easter Break
- Monday, April 28 6pm Faith Formation
- Friday, May 2 6:30pm First Communion Practice
- Sunday, May 4 11am First Holy Communion
- Monday, May 5 6pm May Crowning/ Living Rosary

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