

**St. Thomas More**  
105 Gravity Rd.



**Office hours**  
Monday - Friday  
8:30am - 2:30pm

## ***The Bully***

**April 13, 2025**

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334 St. Mary Church Rd.



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## **PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We are a faith community, guided by the Holy Spirit, seeking to evangelize by creating a community where all are welcome, proclaiming the word of God, nourished by the Holy Eucharist and strengthened by the other Sacraments. We share in the power and love of Jesus Christ through word and example. And we pray for and encourage all Christian vocations.

### **Mass and Confessions**

Confessions: Saturday 3:00pm - 3:30pm at St. Mary's  
5:30pm—5:45pm at St. Thomas More or by appointment

**Saturday Mass (Vigil):** 4:00pm St. Mary's  
6:00pm St. Thomas More

**Sunday Masses:** 8:00am St. Thomas More  
9:30am St. Mary's  
11:00am St. Thomas More

**Daily Masses:** See Mass intentions page 4

Do you wish to become a member of the Catholic Church?  
Do you know anyone who wishes to join our Catholic Faith Community? Do you need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation and want to receive Confirmation?  
Please call Theresa Jones at 570-698-7150 for further information.

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### **Parish Staff**

|                       |                                      |
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| Fr. Stephen Bosomafi  | Pastor                               |
| Deacon Robert Warnock | Deacon                               |
| Deacon Andy Ciccaroni | Deacon                               |
| Jennifer Cruciani     | Office Manager                       |
| Maureen Alunni        | Director of Music                    |
| Michelle Mattern      | Director of Youth                    |
| Jennifer Jerske       | Faith Formation Coordinator—Children |
| Theresa Jones         | Faith Formation Coordinator—Adult    |
| Marian Menapace       | Faith Formation                      |
| John Reimer           | Engineer                             |
| Ralph Danise          | Hall Manager                         |
| Teresa Arnone         | Domestic Engineer                    |
| Diane Estus           | Domestic Engineer                    |

### **Sacramental Information**

**Baptism:** All parents must attend the pre-baptismal class. To register for the class, please call Deacon or Mrs. Warnock at 698-5584 or 470-7601.

**Weddings:** Must be booked 6 months in advance so that we have time for all the paperwork and pre-Cana.

**Anointing of the Sick:**  
May be celebrated at any time and especially after Masses on the weekends.

**Priesthood or Religious Life:**

We encourage young people interested in a life of service to call to set up an appointment to talk to Father Bosomafi.

### **Social Concerns Information**

Our Parish Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 9:00am to 10:30am for members of our community.

**All items for the bulletin must be in by Monday at noon.**

**Palm Sunday**  
**April 13, 2025**

“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord” (Luke 19:38).

We thank God for how far He has brought us in our Lenten journey. As we begin the Holy Week, we are invited to continue our journey with the Lord by reflecting on Jesus’ journey to the cross—His triumphant yet humble entry to Jerusalem, His suffering, and the Ultimate Sacrifice for our salvation.

The Prophet Isaiah in the First Reading speaks about the suffering servant, who is called to bring comfort and hope, who endured suffering without retaliation, but whose trust is firmly placed in the Lord. As we journey with the Lord in His Passion, Death and Resurrection, may we be reminded that in our moments of despair we are never alone! Even in the darkest moments like what the Psalmist expresses—“My God, My God, why have you abandoned me” (Ps 22:2a), God is always with us.

We are all invited to be part of the Liturgical activities for the Most Holy Season of our Faith as outlined below:

April 15, Tuesday—Chrism Mass - St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton at 4:00 pm

April 17, Thursday—Mass of the Lord’s Supper—St. Thomas More Church at 7:00 pm

April 18, Good Friday—St. Mary’s Church 8:15 am- Office of Readings & Morning Prayers  
- Tenebrae

12:00 noon - Stations of the Cross Mary’s Way  
- Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm - Celebration of the Passion of The Lord

April 19, Holy Saturday—St. Thomas More Church, 10:00 am Blessing of Easter Baskets  
8:00 pm Easter Vigil

April 20, Easter Sunday—Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Have a grace-filled Holy Week and Happy Easter! Fr. Bosomafi



Come, Let us adore the Lord! This and every Friday!

9:00am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration chapel  
- Private silent prayer and meditation

3:00pm - Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany

5:30pm - Vespers/Evening Prayer

6:00pm - Closing Benediction

**OUR GIFT TO GOD FOR THE WEEKEND OF APR 5/6 WAS:**

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| Income from offerings | \$6,718.00 |
| Monthly ACH           | \$4,475.00 |

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| Income from offerings comparable weekend last year | \$6,295.50 |
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| Expenses paid last week: | \$13,446.30 |
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Breakdown available by contacting office.

Envelope packets mailed: **357**  
Envelopes returned last weekend: **162**

**We are currently sending out 357 packets of envelopes at a cost of \$254.19 every other month. In light of good stewardship, we ask that if you are receiving envelopes that you please use them or**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
all intentions in our Prayer Baskets.

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

**First Reading**—Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

**Psalm**—This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading**—All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4).

**Gospel**—Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9).

**OFFICE CLOSED:** Reminder that the Parish Office is scheduled to be closed at noon on Holy Thursday, 4/17 and Good Friday, 4/18.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend our second collection is for Easter. Envelopes are in your packets.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Anyone interested in donating for flowers at either church may call the parish office. The cost is \$50.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED:** We are in desperate need of new Hospitality Ministers for our Masses. Training is available and everyone is welcome to join. We try to greet all who enter the churches, coordinate collections and gift bearers, and make sure that all can receive communion. Please contact the office to volunteer today!

**MEMORIALIZATION OF EASTER FLOWERS:** We are inviting parishioners to memorialize an Easter flower that will grace our altars this Easter Season. You may memorialize a flower in honor of a loved one or in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$15. Please print the name(s) of those being memorialized included with your donation in a plain envelope marked **Easter Flowers Attn: Office** and place it in the collection basket. Please do not put it in your regular envelopes it must be separate. A list of names being memorialized will be published in the Bully for April 27. All requests must be in the office by Monday, April 21 to be included in the list for the Bully.

**ST. MARY'S ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 4/16 at 1:30 pm at the Ledgerdale Fire Company. Please join us.

**NEW LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:** The new schedule for May 3/4 through June 21/22 will be done on Wednesday, 4/23. All requests to be off at any time during this schedule need to be in the office or updated online through MSP by Tuesday, 4/22 at noon.

**ENVELOPES FOR COLLECTIONS:** Just a reminder that if you are mailing in your weekly envelopes and including your Special Projects envelope or anything for the Food Pantry or Mass Intentions they need to be separate checks.

**LAKE ARIEL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO DRIVE-THRU FISH FRY:** Good Friday, April 18 from 4 pm until 6 pm or sold out. \$15 6oz Battered Fish and sides & dessert at the Lake Station 1381 Lake Ariel Highway, Lake Ariel, PA.

**LAKE ARIEL VOLUNTEER FIRE CO DINE-IN BREAKFAST:** Sunday, April 27 for 8:00 am until 12:30 pm including an omelette station. Ground floor dining at the Lake Station 1381 Lake Ariel Highway, Lake Ariel, PA.

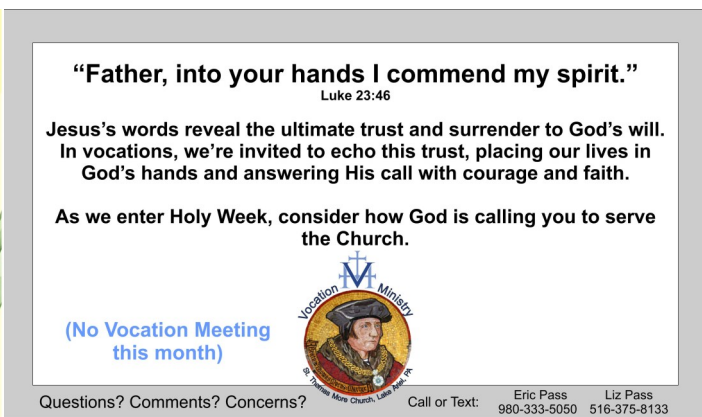
**FRIENDS OF THE POOR:** Easter Basket giveaway donations needed. Baskets can include candy, small games, toys, and stuffed animals and must be wrapped in clear cellophane. Drop off at warehouse location: 240 E Elm St., Scranton, from 10 am to 6 pm Friday, 4/11 and Monday, 4/14 (deadline). Easter Basket Giveaway will be Wednesday, 4/16 from 8 am until supplies last at the Scranton Cultural Center, 420 N. Washington Ave., Scranton, drive thru or walk up, 4,000 food baskets available. Contact Leah at 570-904-0455 or Ann at 570-892-8038 for more information. The Friends of the Poor will also be holding their **2nd Annual Housewarming Shower** to fill their furniture bank with new household and small furniture items. Sunday, 4/27 from 1 pm to 3 pm at La Buona Vita, 200 Reilly St., Dunmore. All are welcome. Check out their registry and RSVP at [linktr.ee/friendsofthepoorscranton](http://linktr.ee/friendsofthepoorscranton).

**ST. JOSEPH'S CENTER:** Donations being accepted for their annual Sidewalk Sale at the DeNaples Building, 320 Blakely St., Dunmore, on the Pine Street side. Every Saturday from 9 am to noon through April 26. They are accepting small furniture and new or **GENTLY USED** housewares, jewelry, home accents/décor, purses, lamps, holiday decorations, tools, toys, books, & DVDs. Please no clothes or large furniture!



Join us  
**Mother's Day**  
For breakfast 8am-1pm  
Free for Mom!  
At the Fr. Scott Parish Hall

 **Knights of Columbus®**




**"Father, into your hands I commend my spirit."**  
Luke 23:46

Jesus's words reveal the ultimate trust and surrender to God's will. In vocations, we're invited to echo this trust, placing our lives in God's hands and answering His call with courage and faith.

As we enter Holy Week, consider how God is calling you to serve the Church.

(No Vocation Meeting this month)



Questions? Comments? Concerns? Call or Text: Eric Pass 980-333-5050 Liz Pass 516-375-8133

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday, April 14    | 6:30pm(STM)  | Lola Eglesia by Bill Vikara   |
| Tuesday, April 15   | 10:00am(JR)  | Healing & Blessings on Deacon John Giglio by Carol & John Haase   |
| Wednesday, April 16 | 8:15am(STM)  | Louis Chimento (1st Anniversary) by Jennifer Cruciani & Family  |
| Thursday, April 17  | 7:00pm(STM)  | Patricia Newman by Thomas & Sue Ann Boyle   |
| Friday, April 18    | 8:15am(SM)   | Morning Prayers followed by Tenebrae at 9:00 am, noon Mary's Way Stations of the Cross, 3:00 pm Passion Service (NO INTENTIONS) |
| Saturday, April 19  | 8:00pm(STM)  | Dolores Ruby by Her Family  |
| Sunday, April 20    | 8:00am(STM)  | <b>For The Parish</b>   |
|                     | 9:30am(SM)   | Biagio Fezza by Lucille Koehler   |
|                     | 11:00am(STM) | Clark Kitchell by the Garrison Family   |

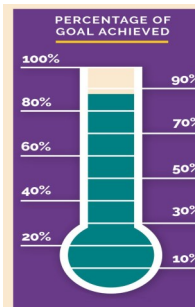
If the Mass is your intention, we ask that you please be at the Church 15 minutes prior to Mass and let the Minister of Hospitality know that the Mass is your intention and you would like to present the gifts.



Reminder No Classes Sunday, April 13 for Palm Sunday and  
 Sunday, April 20 for Easter  
 Saturday, April 26 First Communion Practice  
 Sunday, April 27 Speaker Megan Murphy in the Father Scott Parish Center at 2:00 pm  
 Adults and Teens Welcome!  
 Please see our website for children's Faith Formation Schedule.

### *Your St. Thomas More/St. Mary Special Events Committee proudly announces events for the year.*

Sunday, May 4 Designer Purse BINGO **Tickets on sale now!**  
 Friday, June 6 LA Derby  
 Sunday, June 29 Church Picnic  
 Friday, July 11 Spaghetti Dinner  
 Friday, October 3 Potato, Chili, & Soup Dinner  
 Saturday, December 13 Cookie Walk & Craft Fair  
 We are always in need of your help! If you would like to volunteer or donate to any of the above functions, contact the office at 570-698-5584. Please mark your calendars. More information to come in the bully.



*The Catholic Ministries Appeal is currently at 86% of its overall goal*

*'Will you help us go over the top?'*

By supporting the Catholic Ministries Appeal, you help provide funding for essential ministries throughout the eleven-county area of the Diocese of Scranton. Through our unity and stewardship, we are able to attend to the physical and spiritual needs of our friends and neighbors throughout northeastern and north central Pennsylvania.



Donate now at [AnnualAppeal.org](http://AnnualAppeal.org), call (570) 207-2250 or click this QR code

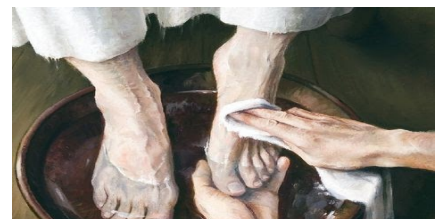


The Food Pantry needs this week are:

Vegetables  
 Rice  
 Pasta Sauce  
 Cereal

**ONLY THREE MORE Volunteers Needed Contact the office today!**

**4/18/25 Feet Washing at Holy Thursday Mass**



Please note: we cannot accept anything with an expired date.  
 Thanks for your continued support!