

Liturgical Schedule—April 12, 2026 Thomas Sunday—Thomas Week

Second Paschal Sunday - Sunday of Thomas

Saturday April 11, 2026

Dunlo **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy *Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread*

Sunday April 12, 2026

Portage 9:00 **AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy: [+Mary Miterko, by Kathy Sekerak]

Blessing and Breaking of the Artos Bread

Mystery of Repentance [Confessions-]

Saturday April 18

Portage 1:00 PM;

Beaverdale 3:30 PM

Third Paschal Sunday Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers

Saturday April 18, 2026

Beaverdale **4:00 PM**

Vigil Divine Liturgy [+Robert Fedore, by Lindy & Family]

Sunday April 19, 2026

Portage 9:00 **AM**

Sunday Divine Liturgy:

Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen

The Paschal Season

- We share the greeting ***“Christ is risen!”***, ***“Indeed He is risen!”*** from now until Ascension, which is derived from the greeting of the disciples [Luke 24:34].
- ***Through the fifty days*** from Pascha [Sunday of the Resurrection] until Pentecost, there is **no kneeling** at any time of prayer.

Blessing of the “Artos”: Today, ***Thomas Sunday***, the “Artos” loaf of bread is blessed, broken and distributed following the Divine Liturgy.

A note of thanks to those who baked the *Artos*: ***Sharon Bolvin***, and ***Sandy Lenz*** at Saints Peter and Paul, Portage: and ***Mary Lou Perich*** for Beaverdale and Dunlo.

ECF Classes: Classes will resume *today--* Sunday, April 12, Thomas Sunday.

The final Day of ECF classes for the 2025-2026 year will be Sunday, May 3.

Church Cleaning & Work Party for April: ***Church Cleaning*** is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 8:30 am. Our thanks to the volunteers to the monthly ***Work Party*** and ***Church Cleaning***.

Parish Advisory Council Meetings: For the ***Beaverdale*** and ***Dunlo*** Parish Advisory Council on Monday, April 20 at 7:00 pm.

For the ***Saints Peter and Paul, Portage*** Parish Advisory Council on Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 pm.

Eternal Memory: You are asked to pray for the repose of the soul of *+Sister Euphemia Kopa OSBM* who fell asleep in the Lord on Holy Saturday, April 4, 2026, in the 80th year of her religious vocation

Parish Festival : Meeting to prepare for this year's festival [**Sunday July 12**] is being scheduled for the week of April 27. There are important decisions to be scheduled soon after Pascha. Everyone is welcome to attend and participate.

Pastoral Visits: Some visits for Confession and the Eucharist to the Homebound have been delayed until after Holy Week. Father Jim will call to schedule a day and time.

Annual Spring Basket Auction at *St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church*, 719 Chestnut Avenue, Northern Cambria, Sunday, April 12, 11:00 am to 3:00pm. Drawing at 3:00 pm on Sunday. Tickets: \$5.00 for 26 tickets. All tickets will be available for purchase at the Church Hall. Take-out food is also available for purchase. Basket auction benefits the Church Tower Repair.

Resilience through Hope & Prayer: Twenty-First Annual Women's Day of Reflection Saturday, April 18, 2026 9:00am – 2:30pm Kearns Spirituality Center Campus of La Roche University Sponsored by the Office of Religious Education for the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

Church and Brewery Bus Tour: - On Saturday, April 25 - All Saints Parish, Boswell bus trip to Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The stops will include tours of various significant Churches [Shenandoah; Centralia; and tours of the Yuengling Brewery and the historic Carbon County Jail; Eckley Miner's Village. Mass will be celebrated in the historic Immaculate Conception Church in Eckley.

Pick up locations in Boswell, Central City. For information, or to register call All Saints office (814) 629-5551. The cost of the trip is \$150 per person. All are welcome.

Liturgical Propers: - Sunday, April 19, Sunday of the Ointment-Bearing Women (DL 177-180)

Troitsja April 12: Lucy Harrington

April 19: Joseph Blazosky

Bulletins: April 12: Lucy & Luke Harrington

April 19: Joseph Blazosky & Lucy Harrington

Remember in Prayer: Please update your requests by informing Father Jim. **For the Health of:** Joe Thrower [Dunlo]; Frank Jubara; ; John Havrilla; Cindy {Pyo} Lewis; Jane Pyo; Mary Donnelly; Sandy {Lucci} Georg; Barbara Havrilla; Susan O'Toole; Jeffrey Moist; Jean Petoro; Becky Zock; Thomas Goncher; Linda Sekerak; Jason Thornton; Charlett Thornton; Mary Lou Perich; Donna Block; Michael & Pauline Barelick; Matthew Barelick; Phil, & Dorothy Walters; Carissa Ratosky; Edward & Anita Wisniewski; Sandy Spontak, and the homebound.

HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS: SS Peter & Paul (Portage): Louise Halovich; Michelle Maskal; Dorothy Majer; Stella Raptosh;; Carol Slifko [Beaverdale]; Edward Cimba [Dunlo]; **NURSING & CARE FACILITIES:**

Rebekah Manor, Portage: Joanne Stewart; William Prozialek [Dunlo]; **Richland Woods:** Elaine Vrabel;;

Autumn View: Joan Timura; Andrew Deskevich, father of Father Andrew Deskevich.

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Mysteries of Christian Initiation: There is to be **preparatory instruction** for parents and godparents prior to the celebration of the **Mysteries of Christian Initiation – Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist**. Christian Initiation June be celebrated with the Sunday Divine Liturgy. Those selected to be sponsors must be persons who are qualified to be a sponsor according the norms of Church law and practice.

Crowning in Marriage: A **six month period of preparation** is to precede the marriage. Couples are to meet with the pastor before other arrangements are scheduled. The **Pre-Cana Program** offered by the Archeparchy in the spring of each year is an integral part of the marriage preparation for all couples.

Holy Anointing & Pastoral Care of the Ill: Please contact the pastor prior to surgery or in the event of illness to require the **Mystery of Holy Anointing**. When you or a family member are hospitalized or enter a nursing home or other facility, **please inform the pastor**.

Mystery of Repentance (Confessions): **Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. (Portage) and 3:30 pm (Beaverdale/Dunlo)**. Also, **½ hour before services [except Sunday]**, and by appointment.

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