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203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA

March 23, 2025



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Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)
Friday: Closed

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____

St. Thomas the Apostle St. Teresa of Avila

Please drop this information into Offertory Basket or mail to Parish Office.

Notes from the Pastor

FISH DINNERS: Our fish dinners are off to a roaring start. Thanks to all those who are volunteering their time to help with these dinners. There are some very hard workers in both parishes. Thanks to all those who are baking desserts – People head to the dessert table first, even before they get their dinner!

- Desserts: A huge part of the success of our dinners is that people get homemade desserts. We are asking the great bakers in our Churches to keep those ovens going and making those great desserts for this year’s Fish Dinners. At **St. Teresa** desserts can be dropped off on Thursday from 4 to 7pm, or Friday any time after Noon. At **St. Thomas** desserts can be dropped off Thursday from Noon to 3pm or Friday any time after Noon.

- We are always in need of help serving dinners each night. This is a great way for young people to be involved, but is not limited to them, anyone can help.

- Posters for the Dinners are in the back of Church at St. Teresa. If you can help by placing a poster at your place of business or some other spot, please take one or more.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 145 pledges for \$74,960 towards our goal of \$62,000. Every registered family should have received a pledge envelope, a flyer and a personal invitation in the mail. If not, there are pledge envelopes in the pews. The CSA is an opportunity for Catholics throughout the diocese to unite in carrying out the work of the Gospel. The CSA reminds us that we are all part of the same Catholic family and that the work of the diocese is the work of the Church.

The Church serves each of us and our support is essential in continuing God’s work in our area. Every CSA donation also brings us closer to being able to complete our own parish projects of sealing or paving of parking lots. No gift is too small, but please give as generously as you can.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed on Thursdays of Lent at St. Teresa at 7:00pm and on Fridays of Lent at St. Thomas at 7:30pm.

- **Penance Service** will be at St. Thomas on Sunday, March 23, at 1:30pm. There will be several priests there to hear confessions as a part of the service.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: The Church has always practiced social justice, but the last 150 years have seen the development of this doctrine in various papal encyclicals and even pastoral letters by the bishops of the United States.

Pope Leo XIII was one of the most important leaders in the development of Catholic Social Teaching in the 19th century. The Industrial Revolution created new structures for the production of consumer goods, new concepts of society, the state, and authority, and new forms of labor and ownership. This also brought about new offenses against human dignity, most notably in the abuse of workers.

This also marked a time when capitalism, socialism and communism made their voices known in the economic and political worlds. Karl Marx promoted ideas that were in response to the unbridled capitalism of the time. This unbridled capitalism often exploited workers for profits. It also trampled on workers’ rights, no social security system for retired workers, very low pay and unreasonable working hours, as well as the lack of pensions, health insurance, and other rights were part of this unbridled capitalism. Marx promoted a system called Marxism that tried to counter these abuses by enabling the state to treat everyone equally.

Pope Leo XIII saw in both Marxism and unbridled capitalism tremendous dangers for the individual dignity of workers. He believed Marx’s brand of socialism subordinated the individual to the state, thus

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Sunday, March 23

8:00a.m. †Carl Buckshaw by Mary Buckshaw (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, March 24

8:00a.m. †Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, March 25

8:00a.m. †Fr. John Fischer (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, March 26

8:00a.m. †Amoroso and Lutz Families by the Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, March 27

No Mass or Services at either Sts. Thomas or Teresa today.

Friday, March 28

8:00a.m. †Priscilla Kozik by Erie & Barb Jacobs (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, March 29

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, March 30

8:00a.m. †Jim Teed by the Catholic Daughters of America, Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Lois O’Connor by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)



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undermining human dignity. When Marx’s ideas began to take shape in atheistic communism in the former Soviet Union, Pope Leo spoke out in an encyclical entitled *Rerum Novarum* (On Capital and Labor). This encyclical condemned the abuses of Marxist socialism and unbridled capitalism. This became the benchmark for Catholic Social Teaching.

Capitalism: An economic and political system in which trade and industry are controlled by private owners for profit

Socialism: A social-economic system based on the common ownership of the means of production and exchange of wealth.

Communism: A social or political system in which all economic and social activity is controlled by a totalitarian government dominated by a single political party.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News

This Week's Events at St. Thomas

Sunday, March 23

9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building
1:30pm Lenten Penance Service at St. Thomas Church

Thursday, March 27

5:00pm Catholic Daughters Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Friday, March 28

4:30pm Fish Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center until 6:30pm
7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 29

9:00am The Rosary prayed publicly at St. Thomas Church



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of March 23rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Pauline R. Kostyal and brother, Anthony P. Kostyal by Darlene Wawrejko.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



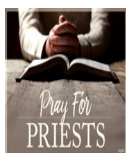
PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).
Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.

"Question of the Week" - Third Sunday of Lent

Question for Children: God wants your faith to result in good living. What steps can you take during Lent to make sure that happens?

Question for Youth: What needs changing in your life right now? How will you invite God into that change?

Question for Adults: What steps are you taking this Lent to make sure that your faith bears fruit in good works?



Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, Rev. Thomas Tyler, Rev. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, *Pray for Vocations*, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Jerry Priscaro, Rev. Raymond Hahn, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



Food Drive Collection by Corry Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive during Lent to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. Please donate non-perishable food items in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Donations will be accepted until mid-April so they can be distributed in time for Easter. We hope to collect 500 pounds of food, if possible. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support!*



Choir Rehearsals at St. Thomas

Choir Rehearsals for Lent and Easter are on **Mondays from 6:00pm—7:30pm** (March 10—April 14) at St. Thomas Church. *We hope to see you at practice.*

Time to Think About the Garden Beds at St. Thomas Church

With the warm weather and thoughts of Spring—we are starting to think about the garden beds around St. Thomas Church. We again hope to plant annual flowers and will be seeking volunteer help with the gardens and possible donations. For those interested in helping, please contact Lois Woodcock at 814-665-6266.



St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, March 5

Fridays, March 14, 28
& April 11

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center
33 W. Pleasant St., Corry



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage
Kids Meal: Fish Sticks or Beer Battered Fish, choice of sides, dessert & beverage

Adults - \$15 Child (6-12) - \$7
Dine-in, Takeout or Delivery
For Delivery Call 664-9187

Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!



Donations of Dessert & Beer Needed

Thanks for supporting our Lenten Fish Dinners. We need donations of desserts (**NO cream pies**—due to regulations) and Yuengling beer (3 cases per dinner needed). **Also looking for people to help at the dinners.** Together we can make this a financially and spiritually beneficial event, and it will be a wonderful chance to come together as a parish family to serve God, our parish and our community. Dessert donations can be dropped off on Thursdays from 12:00pm—3:00pm or the day of the dinners beginning at 12:00pm. Questions—please contact Sue Vinca (814-964-0290) or Judy Green (814-964-1646). Thank you.

Catholic Daughters Meeting—THIS WEEK

Members of the Catholic Daughters are reminded of their meeting this Thursday, March 27 at 5:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Lord, help me to draw closer to you through my Lenten practices.

St. Thomas Church Organizations / Groups

•Altar—Rosary Society

Meets the third Wednesday of the month

•Knights of Columbus—Corry Council #425

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

•Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM

St. Teresa News

Family Perspective

The owner of the fig tree was impatient because the tree did not meet his expectations. In families, there are those who don't live up to our expectations. Imitate the gardener and give them more time and support. Don't cut them out of your life. Love calls us to be connected, not just productive.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa

Thursday, March 27
7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church
Friday, March 28
4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm



St. Mark Seminary Auxiliary Annual Card Party

The annual St. Mark Seminary Card Party will be held Thursday, April 24 at 6:00pm at the St. Mark Center Gymnasium at 429 East Grandview Blvd., Erie. The doors will open at 5:00pm. Admission is \$10 and includes a light meal. The evening includes grand prizes, a gift basket auction, a money tree and more. For reservations, please call or text Erin at 814-440-5885 by Friday, April 11. *Please pray for the vocation of our seminarians.*

2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This year's celebrations will be held on **Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie, 2:00m** and **Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway, 3:00pm**. More information will be coming, as will the registration form. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025.



One Faith One Family

Thanks to those who've made a pledge! Please pray about your pledge if you have not yet made one.

Help support our parish through the 2025 Catholic Services Appeal!
Every dollar raised over our CSA goal stays in our parish.

Diocese of Erie
2025 Catholic Services Appeal



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of March 23rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.

Readings for the week of March 23, 2025

Sun.: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11 (8a) ♦
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12 ♦ Luke 13:1-9
Scrutiny: Exodus 17:3-7 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) ♦ Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 ♦
John 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Mon.: 2 Kings 5:1-15b ♦ Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 ♦ Luke 4:24-30
Tues.: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 ♦ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 ♦ Hebrews 10:4-10
♦ Luke 1:26-38
Wed.: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 ♦
Matthew 5:17-19
Thur.: Jeremiah 7:23-28 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Luke 11:14-23
Fri.: Hosea 14:2-10 ♦ Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 ♦
Mark 12:28-34
Sat.: Hosea 6:1-6 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab ♦ Luke 18:9-14
Next Sun.: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a) ♦
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 ♦ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦
Ephesians 5:8-14 ♦ John 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Thanks to All the Bakers!

Keep the desserts coming...we need your delicious baked goods for St. Teresa's Lenten Fish Dinners. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Thursdays from 4:00pm—7:00pm and on Fridays starting at noon. Please use the KITCHEN door, all other doors will be locked up until dinner time on Fridays. Thank you!!



St. Teresa
--LENTEN FISH FRY--

Dine in or Take Out
March 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
April 4th and 11th
4:30 to 7:00 P.M.

St. Teresa Parish Center
Third Avenue • Union City, PA

Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)
Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage

Price: Adults \$14.00
Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00
Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.
*Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks

For Take-outs Call
814 - 438 - 2000

2025



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 15 & 16, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$5,480.00


Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00

Offertory Shortfall.....\$(-2,220.00)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.

If checks are to go to our parish cemeteries—please make them to either St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa Cemetery. Thank you.




Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Religious Education News

2024-2025 Religious Education Program



Our Religious Education Program combined this year. **Now that we are in the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes will meet at St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sundays.**

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

March 23—Classes for all students at St. Thomas with Confessions
 March 30—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 April 6—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 April 13—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 April 20—No Classes today / Happy Easter
 April 27—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 May 4—Final Classes for all students at St. Thomas

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 We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

2025 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals:

Diocesan Goal for our parish is \$61,792


St. Thomas portion is \$37,000 / St. Teresa portion is \$25,000

Amount Pledged at **St. Thomas** to date = \$51,810
 Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$23,150
 Total Paid (both churches) to date = \$50,815
 Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 145

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.
Please make a pledge today. Thank you.

Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

No gift is too small, but give as generously as you can.



Seminary Discernment Weekend

Considering the Priesthood? Young men in high school, college or beyond who are open to exploring the call to priesthood are invited to a Seminary Discernment Retreat over Palm Sunday weekend, April 12-13, at St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. This retreat offers a unique opportunity to deepen your understanding of seminary life, discernment and the priesthood in a supportive and prayerful environment. There is no cost to attend, but **registration is required**. To participate, contact Fr. Scott Jabo, Vocation Director, at 814-824-1198 or SWJabo@eriercd.org. Learn more at www.erievocations.org.

Repent ...We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
 2 Corinthians 5:20



Lenten PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, March 23, 2025 at 1:30pm

Location: St. Thomas Church
 203 W. Washington St.
 Corry, PA

Come to ask our loving and merciful Father for forgiveness and peace. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

Say Yes!
to the tenth annual

1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
 TIME: 8:00 AM -1:00 PM
 REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS: 8:00- 8:45 AM in the Church
 COST: \$25
 College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!
 Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle, Book/Media Sales, and 1:38 Women attire for sale.
 ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



Danielle Bean
 Danielle is a Catholic writer and speaker. She helps women to know their dignity and worth so they can find peace, balance, and joy in faith and family living.



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