



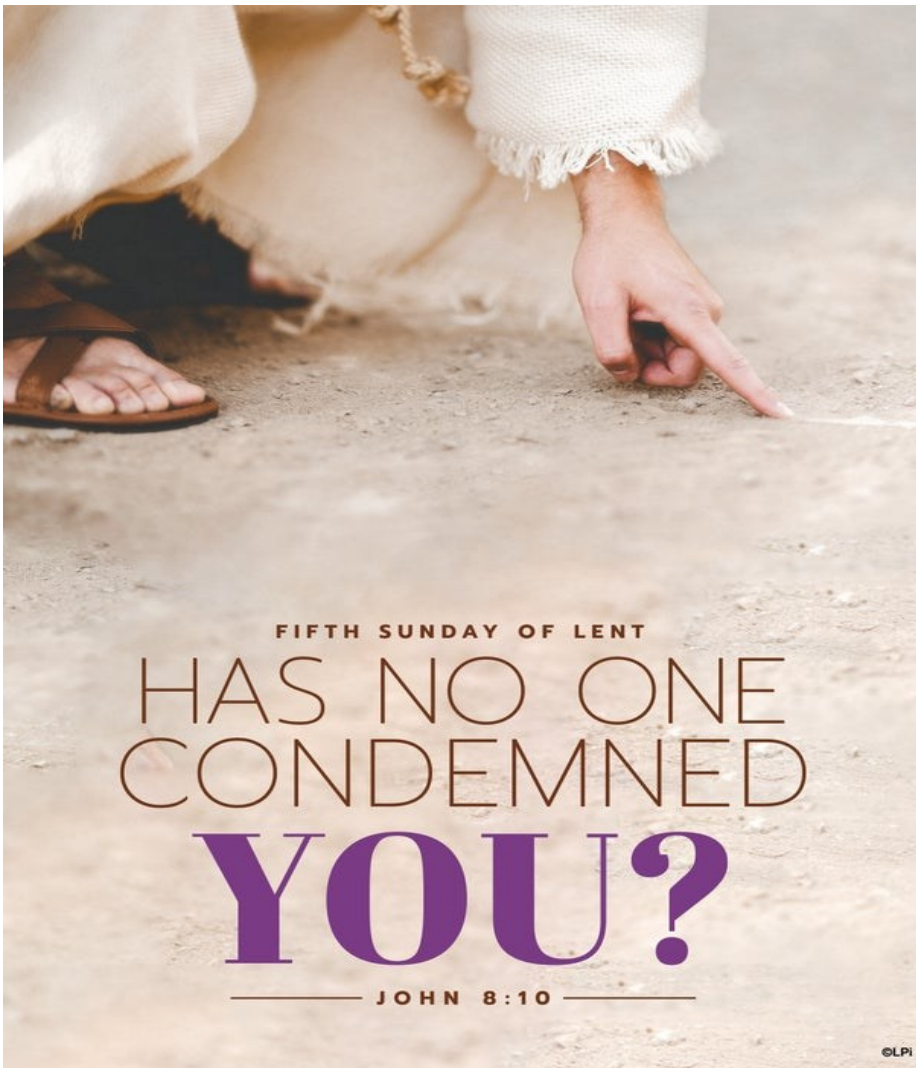
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407

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



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

## April 6, 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

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK: We might remember there are two parts to our liturgy next weekend: **1. Blessing of Palms** and carrying them in procession as the people did as Jesus entered into Jerusalem to begin his Passion. **2. The reading of the Passion**—we participate as the crowd in the drama of the Passion even to the point of shouting “Crucify Him!” We are invited to PARTICIPATE in the dramatic events of this Holy Week. The church invites us to enter fully into the events of this week: having our feet washed on Thursday, Venerating the Cross on Good Friday, renewing our baptismal promises, and blessing ourselves with the new Easter water. As the church invites you to participate in this Holy Week, so too do we invite you to participate.

HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING: There are sign up sheets at both churches for people who are willing to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, which will be at St. Thomas in Corry at 7:00pm on April 17.

DECORATING FOR EASTER: We will be decorating for Easter at the following times: Good Friday (April 18) at St. Teresa after the 7:00pm service (around 8:00pm) and at St. Thomas at 9:00am on Holy Saturday (April 19). We can always use help moving flowers and setting things up.

SOCIAL JUSTICE: The Human Person is central to everything we believe. The Social Teaching of the Church is rooted in this notion of the human person and how we view the human person. Our “social” teaching cannot be social without people.

Our understanding of the human person is rooted in the belief that every human person has immense dignity which comes from the fact that each of us is a unique creation of God. There are no two people who are exactly alike and the differences in each person are part of the uniqueness and value of each person.

In order to have this dignity, one must have life. This right to life that all human beings have is the basis of our dignity. This right to life is one that we value from the beginning of life (conception) to natural death. Our understanding of the dignity of each human person affects the way we view issues of abortion, contraception, and genetic engineering. But it also affects how we treat life in all its stages from conception, to life, to illness, to death. How we nurture and respect life in all its stages is part of how we view the dignity of human life. How we treat people who are ill is one of the many medical ethics questions that are raised when we talk about the right to life. What kinds of treatments and procedures are considered ordinary and what are considered extraordinary? These types of distinctions are crucial for how we view life and how we treat life. There are issues about how we care for life, not just at the beginning of life, but also at the end of life. Issues that deal with what types of care are ordinary or extraordinary, euthanasia, compassionate care for the sick and dying, self-defense, capital punishment. There are also issues about violence, war, poverty and others that affect life in other ways. All these issues revolve around our belief in the dignity and value of human life and the human person.

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**Sunday, April 6**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. ✠ Thomas Bengel by the Family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, April 7**

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

**Tuesday, April 8**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Steve Mennen by Corry Knights of Columbus  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, April 9**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased & Living members of the Vinca and Buccolini families by Julie & Steve Rushin  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, April 10**

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

**Friday, April 11**

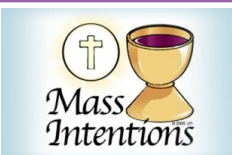
- 8:00a.m. ✠ Andy & Julia Ryba by Judy Flynn  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, April 12**

- 4:30p.m. ✠ Bill Flynn by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Wascak, Stolar, and Huffman families by Carol & Darrell Huffman  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)



Requests for Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is ONLY \$10 per Mass. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses. You may also sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for a loved one at either of our churches for just \$10 for one week.



The human person has value in and of itself. We can never use another person as a means to get something. This value comes from our belief that we are all created by God and thus there is a sacredness to each and every human life. Psalm 139 expresses this unique nature that we have: “You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb. I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! My very self you knew; my bones were not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, fashioned as in the depths of the earth. (Psalm 139:13-15).

- Fr. Tom



## St. Thomas News



**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.*

### PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

#### This Week's Events at St. Thomas

**Sunday, April 6**

9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building  
 9:00am Coffee & Donuts served in St. Thomas gym

**Tuesday, April 8**

6:30pm Knights Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

**Friday, April 11**

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

**Saturday, April 12**

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



Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Scott Detisch, Rev. William O'Brien, Rev. Christopher Beran, Rev. Joseph Petrone, Rev. Msgr. John Herbein, Rev. Kyle Seyler, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

#### Family Perspective

Stoning is not just an ancient act of violence. Each day in our homes we throw stones of ridicule, criticism, name-calling and put-downs. All of it is deadly. Hear Jesus in today's gospel: **"Whoever is without sin can throw the first stone."** Rid your home of violence. Stop verbal stoning!

**The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.**

# 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!!*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Jack and Tommy Brigham by Nancy Brigham and family.



**PRAY FAST GIVE**

#### "Question of the Week" - Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Question for Children:** How does the Sacrament of Reconciliation help us experience God's forgiveness?

**Question for Youth:** Who among your family and friends do you need to forgive so that you can heal a broken relationship and experience newness?

**Question for Adults:** Against whom do you hold prejudices? Who do you believe is a greater sinner than yourself?

#### Catholic Daughters Selling Chocolate Coated Easter Eggs

Filled Chocolate Coated Easter Eggs are available for purchase from the Catholic Daughters after Mass in the back of the church or at our Fish Dinners. Please stop by their table for a sweet treat! Thank you for your support.



#### Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brother Knights are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We hope to see you there!

#### 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.



#### Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** NO public praying of The Rosary at the church on **Saturday, April 19 (Holy Saturday)** due to decorating for Easter.



#### 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.** 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).

**St. Teresa News**

**This Week's Events at St. Teresa**

**Thursday, April 10**

7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church

**Friday, April 11**

4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

**Saturday, April 12**

3:30pm Confessions at St. Teresa Church

4:30pm Mass of anticipation at St. Teresa Church

**Readings for the week of April 6, 2025**

Sun.: Isaiah 43:16-21 ♦ Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) ♦ Philippians 3:8-14 ♦ John 8:1-11

Scrutiny: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) ♦

Romans 8:8-11 ♦ John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mon.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 ♦

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 ♦ John 8:12-20

Tues.: Numbers 21:4-9 ♦ Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 ♦ John 8:21-30

Wed.: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 ♦ Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ♦ John 8:31-42

Thur.: Genesis 17:3-9 ♦ Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ John 8:51-59

Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10-13 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 ♦ John 10:31-42

Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21-28 ♦ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 ♦ John 11:45-56

Next Sun./Palm Sunday.: Luke 19:28-40 (procession with palm branches)

Isaiah 50:4-7 ♦ Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) ♦

Philippians 2:6-11 ♦ Luke 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of April 6<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of St. Teresa Church.



**Rosary Altar Bake Sale TODAY**

Please plan to pick up a delicious treat for yourself or to share with family and friends at our Bake Sale today after Mass. Thank you.

**Don't give up! Know the Lord sees your efforts. He sees your devotion to Him—and He rejoices in it.**

**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@eriedcd.org](mailto:SWJabo@eriedcd.org). Learn more at [www.erievocations.org](http://www.erievocations.org).

**Help Celebrate a Parishioner's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mary Thomas from St. Teresa Church is celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and wishes to invite friends from the parish to join in the celebration on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm—4:00pm at the American Legion in Union City. All are welcome.



**Help Wanted at St. Teresa Cemetery**

We are seeking a Cemetery Manager for St Teresa Cemetery to oversee the daily operations and maintenance of our cemetery. This role involves coordinating burials, maintaining grounds, and ensuring compliance with regulations, while treating all visitors, property, and graves of the deceased with respect and reverence.

We are also seeking seasonal summer help at St. Teresa Cemetery to help maintain the grounds such as lawn mowing, weed eating, laying mulch, trim bushes and shrubs, etc.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager at [business@stparish.org](mailto:business@stparish.org).

**Calling All Bakers!**

We are in need of 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!!



**Performing LIVE**  
**April 11, 2025 @ 6:30PM**  
 Doors Open @ 5:30PM \* Worship Team @ 6 - 6:30PM  
 DONATION FUNDRAISER BENEFITING:  
**MARIA HOUSE PROJECT**




**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**



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** March 29 & 30, 2025  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$6,802.25  
**Average Budgeted Offertory Income** ..... \$7,700.00  
**Offertory Shortfall**.....\$(-897.75)

*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](http://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!*



**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:**

**April 12/13 —PALM SUNDAY MASSES:** Saturday 4:30PM (St. Teresa)  
 Sunday 8:00AM (St. Thomas)  
 Sunday 11:00AM (St. Teresa)


**April 17 — HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (St. Thomas)**

**April 18 — GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00PM Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas)  
 7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (St. Teresa)**

**April 19 — HOLY SATURDAY: NOON - Blessing of Easter Food at both Churches  
 8:30PM - EASTER VIGIL (St. Thomas)**

**April 20 — EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00AM (St. Thomas)  
 11:00AM (St. Teresa)**

March 24, 2024

 Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Between Palm Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday, parishioners in the Diocese of Erie are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Collection for the Holy Land.

This collection is a most important source of support for Christians in the Holy Land. Christians continue to be impacted especially hard with the war between Hamas and Israel as well as the instability caused by events in Lebanon and Syria. The money collected helps the Franciscans and others to minister in parishes, provide Catholic education, and aid the Catholic community with housing, food, health care and employment.

Christians in the Holy Land have great need of your prayers and financial help. The wars, unrest, and instability there have been especially hard on them. Please take this opportunity to reach out to those Christians who suffer persecution and hardship in the very land where Jesus lived.

I wish you and yours a blessed and joyful celebration of the Easter Triduum.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*+ Lawrence T. Persico*  
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
 Bishop of Erie

Look for the Holy Land special envelope (with a red boarder—dated April 18) in our offertory packets. Baskets for these envelopes will be in the church on Good Friday, or you may place it in the regular collection basket anytime.

**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**  
 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

**First Holy Communion at Our Parish**  
 Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion either on April 26 at St. Teresa or May 3 at St. Thomas:

  
**Ellie Halfast, Caroline Moon, Connor Swank and Henry Weis**

**Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates**  
 Please keep the following students from our parish in prayer as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation scheduled for Tuesday, May 6 at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean:

  
**Eric Adams, Jacob Bridgam, Cole Halfast, Joe Kondrlik, Lucas Silka, Dallas Triscuit, Mark VanCise, and Sydney Weis.**

May they grow in their faith and be strengthened by the Spirit as they continue their journey towards reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments**

**Child Abuse Prevention Month—Reporting Child Abuse:** It is every adult's moral responsibility to report known or suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to the responsible authorities. Physical and sexual abuse of minors are pervasive societal problems, and only concerted and sustained efforts by all adults in every segment of society can help to protect children and youth. In the 2023 Pennsylvania statewide report there were 5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse. 1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical abuse. Parents remain the persons most responsible for abuse of their children. *To report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-932-0313 (anytime 24/7). For particular questions on reporting abuse in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.*

**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 = \$60,145  
 Paid to date = \$38,375

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$30,510  
 Paid to date = \$22,380

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 182

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.*

