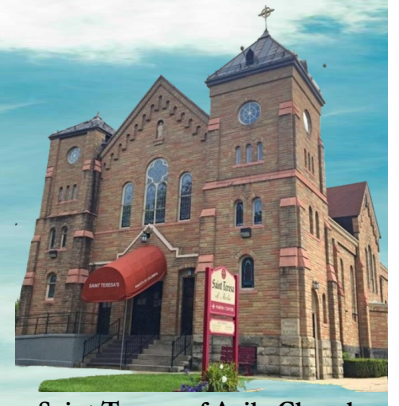




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
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Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

April 13, 2025



PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is the king who comes
in the name of the Lord.”
- Lk 19:38

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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.

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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

Notes from the Pastor

FISH DINNERS: I just want to take a moment to thank all those who have been working the fish dinners at both parishes. I have been impressed with the number of people who have volunteered to work and how hard people have worked. Not everyone realizes how much work goes into these dinners. It has been a privilege for me to work alongside you at these events. It has helped me to learn more people's names and to engage more closely with you in the work of our parish. I hope it has been an opportunity to build community among yourselves as well. Let us engage one another in prayer in this Holy Week and continue to build this community we call the Body of Christ. Thank you so much!

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: (*Human Person – part 2*): If you look closely at the issues that affect life, you can see that at the origin of every attack on human life, there is a lack of love for the other as a unique person with dignity. When we, or society at large disregards the dignity of others, the result is that people are treated as merely stepping-stones to selfish interests. This is not what God intended.

The ultimate end of society is not society itself. The ultimate purpose of society is the welfare of the people who make up the society. By asserting that the human person is the ultimate purpose of society, the Church teaches that people are the very purpose of society. Therefore, all other social activity – family life, work life, and political life should always serve the dignity of the human person: Social justice can be obtained only in respecting the transcendent dignity of each person.

In addition to recognizing the dignity of each human person, we also believe that every person is equal in dignity. There are unique differences in each person, but each person is equal in every respect. These differences should never be the basis of discrimination, nor should they leave a person with a sense of inferiority or feeling condemned to a certain state of life. At times the equal dignity of every person is ignored. Whether it is gossiping about others, disrespect of a parent, child abuse, or war, the lack of respect for the dignity of others is an offense against human life. The clearest assaults on the dignity of the human person are those that end the life of another. The Fifth commandment states, "Thou shall not kill." The deliberate taking of an innocent human life is considered to be a serious breach of this commandment.

- Fr. Tom

**Sunday, April 13—Palm Sunday**

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

Monday, April 14

- 8:00a.m. †Walter Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, April 15

- 8:00a.m. †Betty Jean Suchar by Kimberly Hawkes (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, April 16

- 8:00a.m. For the Intentions of Florence Smith by Joe & Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, April 17—Mass of the Lord's Supper / Holy Thursday

- 7:00p.m. Peace in Our World by Gil & Barbara Wascak (St. Thomas, Corry)

Friday, April 18—Good Friday / No Mass Today

- 3:00p.m. Stations of the Cross (St. Thomas, Corry)
7:00p.m. Service of the Lord's Passion (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, April 19—The Great Easter Vigil / Holy Saturday

- 8:30p.m. †Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, April 20—The Resurrection of the Lord / Easter Sunday

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. †Deceased and Living Parishioners and those listed on the Easter Flower Memorials (St. Teresa, Union City)

**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.

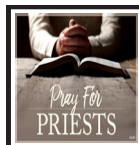
No gift is too small, but give as generously as you can.



Hosanna!

St. Thomas News

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



Pray for Vocations, Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. William Barron, Very Rev. David Foradori, EV, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Very Rev., Michael Ferrick, VF, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

"Question of the Week" - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Question for Children: In your own words, what does the suffering and death of Christ mean to you?

Question for Youth: How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?

Question for Adults: What sacrifices have you made this week to show your love for others? What sacrifices have others made for you?

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Recent statistics tell us one in ten children are sexually abused before they turn 18. 91% of sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child or the child's family knows. This means that on every Sunday in our congregation there are people who have been abused and may continue to experience the pain of that abuse. Reaching out to those who have suffered from abuse is critical in bringing hope and the love of Christ to them. Assistance is available for victims/survivors of clergy sexual abuse by contacting the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator, Dr. Gerard Tobin at 814-451-1521.

Seeking Donations for Garden Flowers at St. Thomas Church

It's that time of year to get started working on the gardens around St. Thomas Church. Donations are being accepted toward this project. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "**St. Thomas Garden Flowers**" and put it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. We hope to start planting once garden beds are cleaned up. Annuals and perennials will be purchased for around the church grounds. Thank you for your generosity.



Help Needed with the Flower Gardens at St. Thomas

We will be spreading mulch around the church garden beds on **Saturday, April 26th** (with a rain date of Saturday, May 10th) and are in need of volunteers. A light lunch and refreshments will be provided. Volunteers should plan to bring a rake/shovel or other helpful tools. If you are able to help, please call the Parish Office or reach out to Lois Woodcock. Thank you.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).
Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of April 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Dan Ahl by Janet Ahl.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, April 13—PALM SUNDAY

9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building

Thursday, April 17—HOLY THURSDAY

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas Church

8:00pm Adoration at altar of repose until 10:00pm at St. Thomas

Friday, April 18—GOOD FRIDAY

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

Saturday, April 19—HOLY SATURDAY

9:00am Decorate St. Thomas Church for Easter / NO Rosary

10:30am Liturgical Practice for Easter Vigil at St. Thomas

12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods/Baskets at St. Thomas

8:30pm The Great Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Church

*Increase the faith of those who place their hope in You, O God, and graciously hear the prayers of those who call on You, that we, who today hold high the branches to hail Christ in His triumph, may bear fruit for You by good works accomplished in Him.
Amen*



ST. ELIZABETH AND ST. THOMAS CEMETERIES FUNDRAISER

Come paint with Debbie Bird

May 8, 2025, 6pm – 9pm at St. Elizabeth Center

Cost \$40.00 (in advance payment is encouraged but not required) call parish office at 814-663-3041 or send email to cemetery@stparish.org to reserve your spot. The class has limited seating.

There will be raffle baskets, Light food, refreshments and drinks. Grab a friend and support a great cause while creating a beautiful art piece.

St. Teresa News



HOLY WEEK READINGS

Palm Sunday.: Luke 19:28-40 ♦ 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 Luke 23:1-49)

Mon.: Isaiah 42:1-7 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 ♦ John 12:1-11

Tues.: Isaiah 49:1-6 ♦ Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 ♦ John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wed.: Isaiah 50:4-9a ♦ Psalm 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 ♦ Matthew 26:14-25

Holy Thursday.: *Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper*: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 16-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Corinthians 10:16) ♦ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ♦ John 13:1-15

Good Friday.: Isaiah 52:13—53:12 ♦ Psalm 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Luke 23:46) ♦ Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 ♦ John 18:1—19:42

Sat.: *Easter Vigil*: Genesis 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a ♦ Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b) ♦ Genesis 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) ♦ Exodus 14:15—15:1 ♦ Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b) ♦ Isaiah 54:5-14 ♦ Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a) ♦ Isaiah 55:1-11 ♦ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3) ♦ Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (John 6:68c) ♦ Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28 ♦ Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2) ♦ Romans 6:3-11 ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 ♦ Mark 16:1-7

Easter Sunday.: Acts 10:34a, 37-43 ♦ Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24) ♦ Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 ♦ John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of April 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our church.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish

Friday, April 18—*GOOD FRIDAY*

7:00pm Service of the Passion of the Lord at St. Teresa Church

8:00pm Decorate St. Teresa Church for Easter

Saturday, April 19—*HOLY SATURDAY*

12:00pm Blessing of the Easter foods/baskets at St. Teresa

A Family Perspective

Today, Jesus tells us, **"I am among you as one who serves."** By accepting the palm branch today, you publicly reaffirm your baptismal promise to follow Jesus as **"one who serves."** Selfless service is what defines a family as truly Christian.

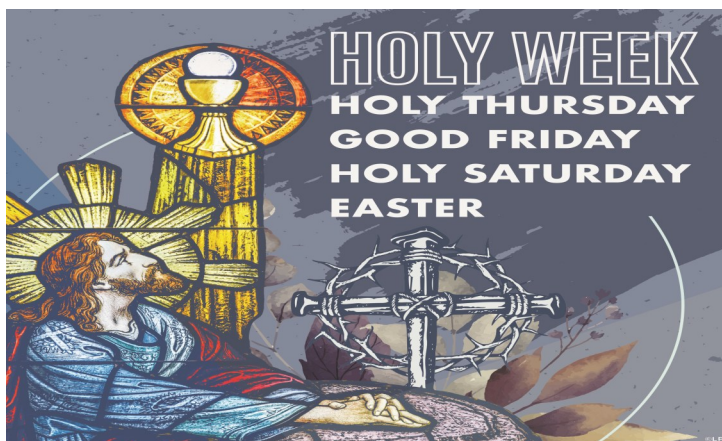
Baked Goods Needed for St. Teresa's Reverse Raffle

Attention Bakers—we need your help with dessert items for the Reverse Raffle at St. Teresa on Saturday, April 26. Baked goods can be dropped off at the parish center on Saturday, April 26th from 11:00am to 1:00pm and again from 2:00pm-5:00pm. Thank you!!!

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

*Marriage
& Banns*

Meghan Mongera and
Craig Blouvet



HOLY WEEK
HOLY THURSDAY
GOOD FRIDAY
HOLY SATURDAY
EASTER

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.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find here a place where your faith will be nourished.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

New Parishioners are welcome to register by completing the form on the front of the bulletin and returning it to the Offertory Collection or the Parish Office.

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Baptism. We require all first-time parents to attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. The best time to take this class is before the child is born and before godparents are chosen.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least ten (10) months in advance to schedule a Wedding.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the Parish Office know of anyone in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would desire weekly Holy Communion to be brought to them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are offered at the following times/locations:
3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at the church where the anticipatory Mass is celebrated that evening—at St. Thomas Church, Cory or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (depending on the month); and other times by request made to the Parish Office.

Please notify the Parish of changes to your address, phone numbers, or email.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 5 & 6, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$8,192.31
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Overage.....\$492.31

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!

FINANCIAL STEWARSHIP: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Total Offertory Income (1-1 through 3-31)..... \$79,533.32
 Total Miscellaneous Income..... \$75,257.59
 (includes rentals, fundraisers, miscellaneous income)
 Total Income.....\$154,790.91
 Total Expenses..... \$156,567.84
 (Includes normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs)
 Total Income after Expenses..... \$(- 1,776.93)

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

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 Church or May 3 at St. Thomas Church:

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.

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name with is above every other name.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2025

at St. Thomas and St. Teresa

Holy Thursday, April 17th

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Thomas Church
 Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 18th

3:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church
 7:00pm Service of the Lord's Passion at St. Teresa Church

Holy Saturday, April 19th

10:30am Practice for those ministering/involved with the Easter Vigil, St. Thomas

12:00pm Blessing of Easter Foods
 at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Churches

8:30pm The Easter Vigil Mass at St. Thomas Church

Easter Sunday, April 20th

8:00am Mass at St. Thomas Church

11:00am Mass at St. Teresa Church

