



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 12, 2026



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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St. Thomas the Apostle St. Teresa of Avila

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Parish Office
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

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

Message from the Pastor

GRATITUDE: I want to offer my personal gratitude to Becky Boleratz, Sue Vinca, and Judy Green for coordinating our Fish Dinners at both Churches. Their hard work and organizational skills enabled our Fish Dinners to be enjoyable and successful events again this year.

I also want to offer my thanks to all those who helped, in any way, with the Fish Dinners. They are a major undertaking and can only happen with the help of very generous workers and bakers. Thank you so much!

I also want to offer my thanks to all those who helped with our Lent and Holy Week services. There is a great deal of work that goes on behind the scenes with choir practices, decorating, planning, volunteer ministers, setting up, and tearing down. There is so much that goes into the celebration of Holy Week in order for our Church services to be such prayerful and inspiring events. Thanks to all those who made it happen!

SACRAMENTS: I have been reflecting on various sacraments, baptism and reconciliation so far, and would like to continue with some reflections on the Eucharist. Last week, I wrote about how our celebration of the Eucharist is not private prayer but communal prayer. Allow me to expand on that notion of communal prayer.

Prayer is very simply our talking to God and God talking to us. A conversation of sorts between us and God. We are probably familiar with that conversation in our private prayer when we pray for our needs. But when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, our prayer is not private but communal. We do not simply pray on our own, but we pray together as a community or a family. It means that we say the prayers and responses together, we sing the songs together, and we all do the same gestures together. We pray as a community and that means there is a structure to our prayer that we all need to follow. It is not private prayer or individual prayer – which can take on all kinds of different forms and styles. It also means we should not be praying private forms of prayer during the Eucharist. The difference between private prayer and communal prayer might be summarized as private prayer is something we do alone, maybe in silence, or speaking out loud only to God. Communal prayer is a prayer we pray out loud together, even times when we pray in silence but together. Communal prayer is a prayer we pray together, something that follows a common structure so everyone can participate in it.

That means then that we all sing the songs, and we all say the prayers and responses together because it is communal prayer, not private prayer. And this communal prayer asks all of us to participate in that prayer.

There are also different types of private or communal prayer:

INTERCESSION (petitions) – praying for our needs or the needs of others, asking God for something.

THANKSGIVING – we thank God for answering our prayer, or for something God is doing or has done in the past. After communion we pray a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the gift of the Eucharist we have just received. The Eucharistic prayer is in part, a thanksgiving for the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and a making present of that sacrifice again on the altar for us now.

ADORATION (PRAISE) – The Gloria or the Holy, Holy, Holy are prayers of praise to God.

CONTRITION – We ask God to forgive us for our sins (The penitential rite at the beginning of Mass)



Sunday, April 12—2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday

- 8:00a.m. †Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Harold O’Connor by Steve & Cherly Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, April 13

- 8:00a.m. †Leora Giewont by Darla & Chuck Giewont (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, April 14

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Wednesday, April 15

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Thursday, April 16

No Mass or Services at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa today.

Friday, April 17

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


Saturday, April 18

- 4:30p.m. †Bill Flynn by Dave & Mary Louise Capan (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, April 19—3rd Sunday of Easter

- 8:00a.m. †Betty Jean Suchar by the Craig Suchar family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Dorothy & Steve Mongera by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

April 30, 2026
at 6:00 PM



SAINT MARK SEMINARY AUXILIARY
ANNUAL CARD PARTY

St. Mark Catholic Center Gym
429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie
Doors open at 5:00 PM
Admission \$15 & light meal
Grand prizes, gift auction & more!

Reservations
Text or call Erin
814-440-5885
By April 17

But also, as we enter the worship space (Church), we should perform some gesture to acknowledge the fact that we are in God’s presence. Some people will genuflect to the tabernacle, the physical presence of God in our Church. Others may not be able to genuflect and simply bow to the tabernacle or to the altar. In addition, people may bless themselves with holy water as a reminder of their baptism. Genuflecting comes from an ancient tradition of getting down on one knee in the presence of someone greater than ourselves. People always did this in the presence of the king or queen. Here we are recognizing we are in the presence of God. We need to be mindful of that presence. (Proper genuflection is to get down on one knee while looking at the tabernacle.)

SPRINKLING RITES: During the Easter Season the sprinkling rite replaces the penitential rite in our celebration of the Eucharist. When you are sprinkled with Holy Water the proper reverence is to make the sign of the cross as a reminder that in baptism you were incorporated into the mystery of the cross. It is NOT a time to genuflect. We genuflect only to the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

- 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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of April 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.



Rev. John Miller, Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Luke Dagher, Rev. Thomas Brown, Rev. Ian McElrath, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Thomas said 'My Lord and my God!'
Jesus said 'Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.'
(John 20:28-29)

PRAYER for a NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. may we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



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. Monetary 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.



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.

"Question of the Week" - 2nd Sunday of Easter / Divine Mercy

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of Knights Council #425 will meet on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:30pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, Corry. We hope to all our brother Knights there.



Thank You from the Catholic Daughters

We wish to thank everyone who supported the Catholic Daughters of the Americas in our recent sale of chocolate-covered Easter eggs. We hope you enjoyed your eggs. Thank you and God bless.

Diocese of Erie
2026 Catholic Services Appeal

In Christ, We Are One

"Look to Christ...
Listen to his offer of love
and become his one family:
in the one Christ, we are one."

- Pope Leo XIV



Please Support the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal!
Thank you to those who returned their pledge envelopes.
Be sure to make your pledge to help our two churches.
Return pledge envelopes NOW in any collection basket.

St. Thomas Parish Scholarship

The St. Thomas Memorial Scholarship is available to graduating Seniors from Corry Area High School who attend St. Thomas Parish: Application can be found on our parish website, <https://www.stthomastheapostle.church/> or at the parish office. Deadline to apply is June 1.

Cursillo Retreat for Women

"Cursillo (kur-SEE-yo) literally means "little course" and is an intense three-day spiritual retreat, the purpose of which is a deep personal encounter with Jesus Christ. See www.ericursillo.org for more information. **Women's Cursillo #266 is April 17-19, at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Harborcreek.**



DeColores Cursillistas!

In anticipation of the upcoming Women's Cursillo #266 (April 17-19), a Palanca gathering will be held at **St. Thomas in the multipurpose room at 6:00pm on Monday, April 13.** Please join us. **DeColores!**

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of April 12, 2026

Sun. / *Divine Mercy*: Acts 2:42-47 ♦ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 ♦
 1 Peter 1:3-9 ♦ John 20:19-31
 Mon.: Acts 4:23-31 ♦ Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 ♦ John 3:1-8
 Tues.: Acts 4:32-37 ♦ Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ♦ John 3:7b-15
 Wed.: Acts 5:17-26 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ John 3:16-21
 Thur.: Acts 5:27-33 ♦ Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 ♦ John 3:31-36
 Fri.: Acts 5:34-42 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ John 6:1-15
 Sat.: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 ♦ John 6:16-21
 Next Sun.: Acts 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2 and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 ♦
 1 Peter 1:17-21 ♦ Luke 24:13-35

Year End Giving Statements

To request your 2025 giving statement from the church please contact Sue Johnston in the church office by Calling: 814-663-3041 or E-mailing: secretary@stparish.org

Thank you for supporting our parish of St. Thomas the Apostle and its mission, St. Teresa of Avila.

TAXES DUE April 15, 2026



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of April 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Thomas Bengel by Laura Bengel and family.

Family Perspective

“Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven” signifies that the Kingdom of God begins in your home, where children learn the paths to peace through the example set by their parents. Holding onto grudges only leads to greater misery over time.

St. Teresa Reverse Raffle—Saturday, April 25th

Our annual Reverse Raffle is coming up on the last Saturday of April. We are in need of help to make this event another success this year.

Dessert Donations are Needed—Attention Bakers—we need your help with dessert items for the Reverse Raffle. Baked goods can be dropped off at St. Teresa Parish Center on Saturday, April 25th beginning at 10:00am until the start of the event at 5:00pm.

Volunteers Needed to Work the Raffle—if you can help at the event, please call Kim Yapple at 814-397-1268. Volunteers must be aged 21 or older to help. Thank you.

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society Bake Sale on April 11 & 12

Please stop by their table today after Mass to pick up a sweet treat to enjoy for yourself or share with loved ones. Thank you for supporting their good works for the church.



Custodian Position Available at St. Teresa

We are seeking a person for the part-time custodial position at St. Teresa. Duties include cleaning the church and parish center. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

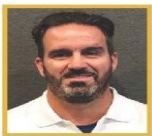
**Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
 His love is everlasting.** Psalm 118

Say Yes! to the Eleventh Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
 TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Registration and Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 AM
 Cost: \$25

College and High School students & Religious - FREE!
 Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle & Book/Media Sales

SPEAKERS: Jeff Joaquin with his message of Mercy and Paula Umama with her message of Hope
 ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



JEFF JOAQUIN



PAULA UMAMA

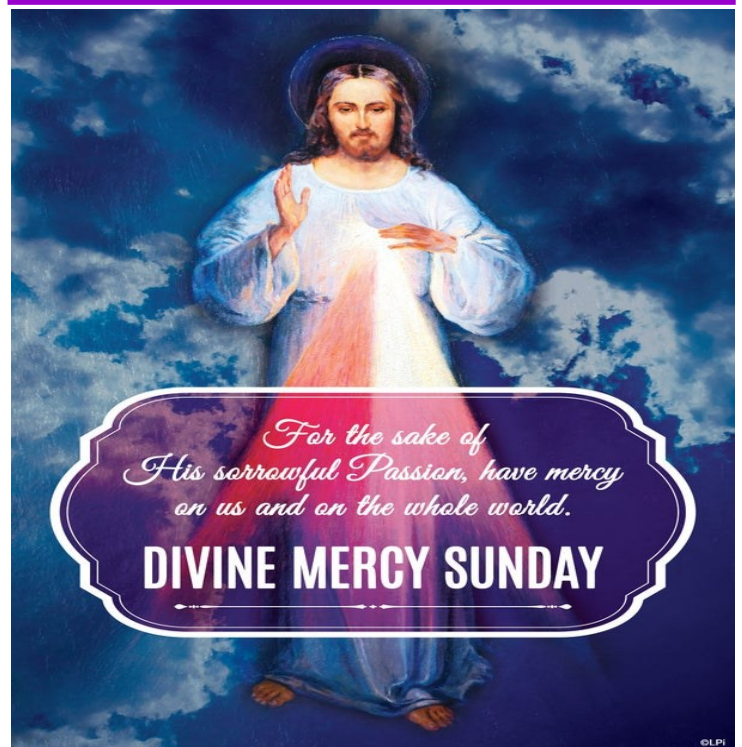
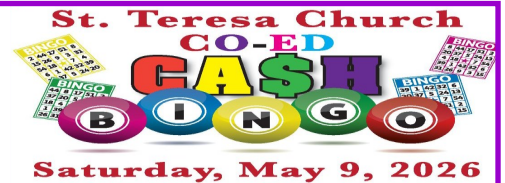
MORE INFO
www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
 ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



Women's Conference Offered at Hope House in Union City

You may also attend this year's 1:38 Women's Conference at Hope House Retreat Center, 61 E. High St., Union City. They will accept call-in registration to attend. Phone Ralph at Hope House at 814-350-5064 or call the Reason For Our Hope Foundation at 814-455-7364 if wishing to register to attend the Women's Conference in Union City on April 18.

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 28 & 29, 2026
Palm Sunday Masses

Total Offertory Income \$6,638.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage \$(-1,062.00)

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!

Diocesan Collections during Holy Week:

Holy Thursday Collection / Rice Bowl\$836.10
Good Friday Collection / Holy Land\$1,110.00

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 4 & 5, 2026 / EASTER

Total Offertory Income \$9,253.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Overage.....\$1,553.00

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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 celebrate that evening—at St. Thomas Church, Corry or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (depending on the month); and other times by request made to the Parish Office.

Please be sure to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or email address. Thank you.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Program

During the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes meet at the St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sunday mornings.



We are grateful for the opportunity to teach our faith to future generations.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, April 12—Classes for students
Sunday, April 19—Classes for students
Sunday, April 26—Classes for students
Sunday, May 3—Last Class for 2025/2026 Rel. Ed. Year



Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Ninth grade students from our parish continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated on Friday evening, May 15 at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean: **Hunter Donoghue, Emma Geer, Luca Proy, Chase Whitmeyer, and Emily Wilson.**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

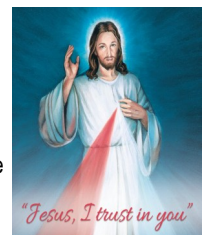
Child Abuse Prevention Month: Who is a Mandated Reporter? A mandated reporter is required by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected or disclosed cases of child abuse to ChildLine or law enforcement. Mandated reporters in our diocese are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/serving in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local law enforcement, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

Divine Mercy Sunday—TODAY—Holy Hour with the Chaplet

Deacon Randy will hold a Holy Hour with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Thomas Church on **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm**. All are invited to join us!

Divine Mercy Blessing

Dear Jesus,
May your mercy flow over us,
filling our gaps and healing our wounds.
Open our hearts more deeply with knowledge of your love for us, understanding of the depth of your passion, and trust in your never-ending mercy. Amen.



Turn Your Everyday Shopping into Support for Our Parish!

We're excited to introduce gift cards through **RaiseRight!** Simply purchase gift cards for stores you already shop at, and a percentage of each purchase goes directly back to support our church — at no extra cost to you.

It's an easy way to give back while you shop for groceries, gas, dining, and more!

Interested? Just scan the QR code for more information, visit the website www.raiseright.com (enrollment code: **JWFHT6MPCX7L**), or download the app and see how easy it is to give back!

We'll be sharing more information (and a quick demo!) soon — so stay tuned! In the meantime, questions? No problem! Give Missy a call at the parish office. We hope you will help support us!

