



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

May 10, 2026



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”
- Jn 14:20-21

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STREET _____
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St. Thomas the Apostle St. Teresa of Avila

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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

Message from the Pastor

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY: Best wishes and tremendous thanks to all of our Mothers today. This is certainly one of the most important days of the year. Remembering all that our mothers have done for us even before we were born and then the countless ways in which they have sacrificed for us, loved us, nurtured us, and shared their faith with us. Our very life has depended on them. The bond that they forge with us is one that never ends. Thank You and may God continue to bless you.

ASCENSION THURSDAY: Thursday, May 14 is the feast of the Ascension of Jesus into heaven and a holyday. Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST: For the past few weeks, I have been reflecting on the various parts of our celebration of the Eucharist. Last week I concluded the first half of our celebration which involved the Introductory Rite and the Liturgy of the Word. I started that reflection by talking about how we gather, primarily, to pray. And this prayer is a communal prayer, not private prayer. I spoke about the importance of understanding the gestures we make and how to make them properly, so they preserve their meaning. By entering into prayer, we prepare ourselves to listen to the readings from Sacred Scripture, the Word of God, in order that we might hear what God is saying to us in this moment.

That leads us into the next parts of our celebration, the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Concluding Rite.

After we finish the Universal Prayers or the General Intercessions, we are seated for the Offertory or Preparation of the Gifts. During this time, we sing together another song, typically related to the theme of the Mass or the gifts we are preparing to offer to God. We bring forward bread, wine, and the collection to be placed on the altar. The bread and wine will be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, and the collection is our sacrifice to help support the parish. But we are also asked to place ourselves on this altar. We are asking God to transform not only this bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Jesus, but we are also asking God to transform us to be the Body and Blood of Jesus in the world. We need to continually be transformed more and more into the real presence of Christ in our lives and in the world. The altar is the place where this transformation and sacrifice is made.

Then we begin a long series of prayers which begins with the Preface, a dialogue prayer – one part the priest says and the next part the people say, and back and forth. Again, it is a communal prayer in which we all participate in the responses.

After the Preface, we begin the Eucharistic Prayer which is where we recall what Jesus did and said at the Last Supper. We take the bread and wine and say the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper, "This is my Body ... This is my Blood... This long prayer recalls how Jesus at the Last Supper changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood. He asked us to do this in memory of him. And so, we do what he did and say what he said. Jesus becomes really present to us in the forms of bread and wine, and we prepare to receive him in those forms.

Remembering what Jesus did at the Last Supper is a different kind of remembering. It is not just thinking about something that happened in the past. We remember in such a way that we make a past event present again. We make the sacrifice of his death and resurrection present again to us in the forms of bread and wine.

**Sunday, May 10—Mother's Day**

8:00a.m. †All Deceased Mothers
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †All Deceased Mothers
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, May 11**

8:00a.m. †Virginia Poninsky by Carol & Pete Poninsky
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, May 12

8:00a.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by Family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, May 13

8:00a.m. Special Intentions of Mark Brady by Charlie
Buckshaw (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, May 14—Holy Day / Ascension of the Lord

8:00a.m. †Deceased and Living Members of Vinca and
Buccolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin
(St. Thomas, Corry)

7:00p.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Friday, May 15

8:00a.m. †James Bryant by Carol Bryant
(St. Teresa, Union City)

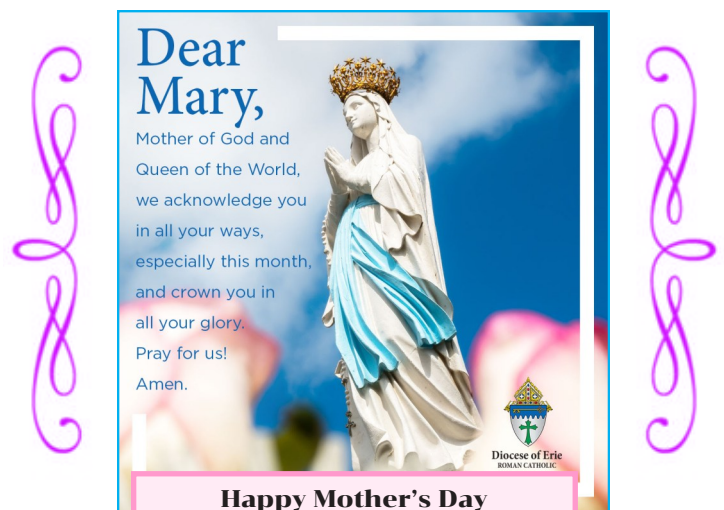
Saturday, May 16

4:30p.m. †Deceased Members of Butchko Family by
Patricia Stolz (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 17

8:00a.m. †Irene Zaczekiewicz and Judith Johnston by Sue,
Gary, and Joseph Johnston
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Teresa, Union City)



At the end of the Eucharistic Prayer, we sing the Great Amen. This is where we give our assent to what has taken place. We say "Amen," "Yes," "So be it" to the fact that this bread and wine have now truly become the Body and Blood of Jesus.

- 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 **May 10th** burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all deceased mothers.



Rev. Kevin Holland, Rev. Msgr. Robert Smith, Rev. Robert Horgas, Rev. Mark Hoffman, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. Philip Pinczewski, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

LifeCare will again hold its annual fundraiser, Baby Bottle Boomerang. Lifecare ministries is a pro-life Christian ministry, offering biblically based support and guidance to anyone in need of help with pregnancy, post-abortive and other family needs. ALL services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. LifeCare provides clients with accurate information and important facts so they can make an informed choice about their pregnancy or life situation. This fundraiser is LifeCare's largest fundraiser and it needs your support. Please consider taking a baby bottle (available next weekend, May 16/17), fill it with change and/or bills and return it at Mass on Fathers' Day (June 21), or put your donations in the large baby bottles that are at the entrances of the church. Thank you!



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



Follow Us on Facebook!
 Be sure to check out and follow our updated, combined Facebook page:
St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa
 It's a great way to stay connected with parish news, events, and announcements!



Donations for Garden Flowers at St. Thomas Church

Donations are being accepted toward the purchase of annual and perennial garden flowers around St. Thomas Church. 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. Thank you.

Seeking Volunteers to Spread Mulch at St. Thomas

Meet in the church parking lot on **Saturday, May 16 at 9:00am** to help lay mulch around the church grounds. Volunteers should bring their own tools (rake, shovel, gloves, etc.). Our local Knights of Columbus will be helping. In case of rain, the date will be rescheduled. Thank you.

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

Gravestone cleaning is offered on a limited scale for ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Rates range from \$50—\$150, but because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. We are taking orders for those who are interested. Cleaning will begin again soon.



"Question of the Week" - 6th Sunday of Easter

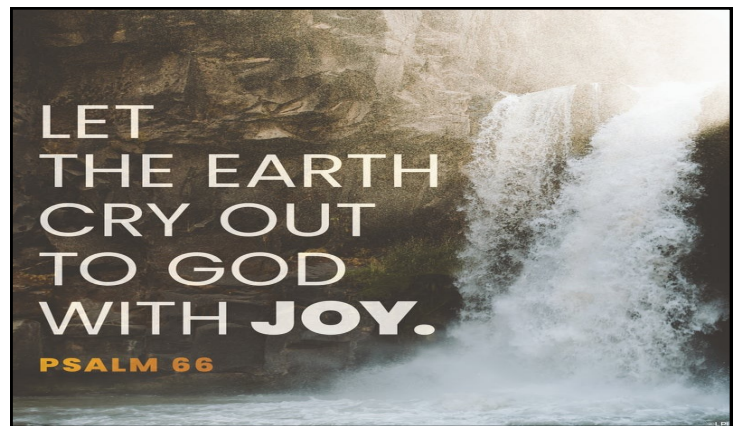
Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Gerard 'Jerry' Rushin** who passed away from Saint Thomas Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Knights of Columbus Meeting in Union City this Month

Members of Council #425 of the Knights of Columbus will meet on **Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center in Union City** (please note location change).

We hope you will join us.

Knights of Columbus Degree Ceremony

Council #425 of the Knights of Columbus will hold a Degree Ceremony on **Monday, May 18 at 7:00pm** at St. Teresa Church, Union City. This is part of the initiation of our new members. The event is open to families of members. Contact Gary Johnston at 814-462-6804 if you have any questions.

Use Extreme Caution—Be Alert to Potential Scams

Parishioners and staff are receiving fraudulent messages from individuals posing as the pastor, often requesting gift cards or money. These are scams. Do not respond or send money. Always verify any request by calling the parish using the official phone number listed in the bulletin or on the parish website—never a number provided in the message. The Diocese of Erie, its clergy, parishes and schools will not request money or personal information through unsolicited emails, texts or calls. Report suspected scams to the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.



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.

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Readings for the week of May 10, 2026

Sun.: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 ♦ Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20 ♦ 1 Peter 3:15-18
♦ John 14:15-21
Mon.: Acts 16:11-15 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ John 15:26-16:4a
Tues.: Acts 16:22-34 ♦ Psalm 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 ♦ John 16:5-11
Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1 ♦ Psalm 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 ♦ John 16:12-15
Thur.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 ♦ Psalm 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ John 15:9-17
Fri.: Acts 18:9-18 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ John 16:20-23
Sat.: Acts 18:23-28 ♦ Psalm 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10 ♦ John 16:23b-28
Next Sun.: Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Ephesians 1:17-23 ♦
Matthew 28:16-20

Quo Vadis Days 2026

Join Us For Our Summer Priesthood Discernment Camp!
June 28 - July 1, 2026 at St. Mark Seminary



For Catholic Young Men (Those Finishing 8th Grade to 2026 High School Graduates) Seeking to Do God's Will

For More Information:

Fr. Scott Jabo
Vocation Director
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Cost: \$50

To Register:
WWW.erievocations.org
Deadline to Register:
June 22, 2026

In Christ, We Are One

Help support our parish through the 2026 Catholic Services Appeal! Every dollar raised over our CSA goal stays in our parish.



'May we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ.'

Bishop Lawrence T. Persico (excerpt from this *Prayer for a New Bishop*)

Helping Those Who Struggle to Have Children

Did you know that 1 in 5 women struggle with infertility? Couples carrying the cross of infertility are in our families, among our friends, and in our pews. They need to know that they have many gifts to bring to our parish, that their marriages are life-giving in many beautiful ways, and that God has not abandoned them—and neither have we. If you know someone struggling with infertility or pregnancy loss, resist the temptation to offer solutions or make predictions about what will happen if they “just pray a little harder.” Instead, show these couples your support by listening to them, praying for them, reminding them that God is with them, and that they are not alone. For more resources and support, visit www.springsinthedesert.org.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 10th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Virginia Poninsky by Pete & Carol Poninsky.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus prepares his disciples for his departure. Family life is filled with departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older, we constantly move from the familiar to the unknown. Today, Jesus assures us that we are not alone in these transitions: “I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you.”

Our Lady of Fatima,
pray for us!

Feast Day
May 13



My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God.

—Our Lady of Fatima

Say the Rosary daily to bring peace to the world.

I will send the Spirit of truth, says the Lord; he will guide you to all truth. (John 16:7,13)

Missionary Co-Op Collection— the Weekend of May 30/31

Our parish will host a missionary from the Archdiocese of Mwanza in the northwestern region of Tanzania, one of the vibrant nations of East Africa. We are blessed to border Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tanzania is also home to Mount Kilimanjaro—Africa's tallest peak and the second-highest mountain in the world. Through their mission appeal, they humbly seek support in three critical initiatives that are vital to the life and growth of the Church and its people:

1. Priestly Formation—to secure the future of our faith, the Archdiocese of Mwanza is deeply committed to the formation of young men for the priesthood. Currently we have 100 major seminarians preparing for ordination. It costs approximately \$1,000 per seminarian each year to cover tuition, transportation, accommodation, and health insurance.
2. Education for Girls— in our region, education has long favored boys, while girls are often married off in exchange for dowries, treated merely as a source of income. This injustice deprives young women of their dignity and perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality. We hope to build primary and secondary schools dedicated to educating girls.
3. Clean Drinking Water Project—in many of our remote areas, people share contaminated water sources with livestock, leading to illness and loss of life. We are actively drilling deep wells to provide clean, safe drinking water. Each well costs about \$8,000.

Please use the special envelope in our offertory packets for Missionary Co-Op or plan to bring your gift in an envelope with your name on it. We will have a special second collection at all Masses the weekend of May 30/31.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 2 & 3, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$8,288.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Overage\$588.00

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!

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!
 We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

**Ascension of the Lord
 Holy Day on Thursday, May 14**



We will offer two Mass times for this obligation day:
 8:00am—St. Thomas, Corry
 7:00pm—St. Teresa, Union City



Visit the Diocese of Erie's website at www.eriercd.org for information, news and resources about our Catholic faith and much more.

Heavenly Father,
 from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way.
 We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice.
 Bless all mothers this day.
 Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care.
 May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude.
 Amen.



EVENT CANCELLED | 2026 Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Due to several circumstances, there will **NOT BE any Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations this year.** All couples celebrating milestone (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th) wedding anniversaries this year will be invited to attend next year's Diocesan Anniversary Celebration in 2027 for in-person recognition. There may be local celebrations which parishioners can attend and we will keep you informed in future bulletins. If you have questions, please reach out to Kate Wilson at the Diocesan Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1261 or email: kwilson@eriercd.org.



Religious Education News

Religious Education Program



We are now on summer break from our Religious Education Classes. Again, **THANK YOU** to our wonderful Catechists for your time, dedication, and love for our students. Your willingness to share your faith and guide our children is a true gift to our parish. We are so grateful for all you do! And, **THANK YOU** to all our Religious Education Families for your support, commitment, and dedication to growing in faith together. Your involvement and encouragement mean so much and make our program truly special. We are so grateful for each of you! *Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer!*

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



Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Ninth grade students from our parish will be sealed with the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and become fully initiated into the Church during the Sacrament of Confirmation which will be celebrated this Friday evening, May 15, with Bishop Lawrence Persico and other parishes at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean during a 7:00pm Mass. Please pray for our students: **Hunter Donoghue, Emma Geer, Luca Proy, Chase Whitmeyer, and Emily Wilson.**

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Safety Tips for Parents: Your child's personal info online is easy to track—and hard to erase. Protect them with these simple steps: Never share personal details like full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on social media. Keep passwords private – never give them to anyone. Check privacy settings on games, apps, social media, and devices. Turn off GPS sharing to prevent location leaks. Avoid public Wi-Fi when sharing personal info. For more resources: www.eriercd.org/childprotection

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.