

*Because I live,*

**YOU  
ALSO  
WILL  
LIVE.**

JOHN 14:19

*He is not here*

**HE IS RISEN**

**The Parish of St. Theresa  
Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey**



**The Parish of St. Theresa**  
**450 Radio Road**  
**Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087**

**Parish Office Business Hours**

Monday – Friday  
 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.  
*Closed for Lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM*  
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**DAILY PRAYER**

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are open for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am (*Daily Chapel*)  
**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00 pm  
**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

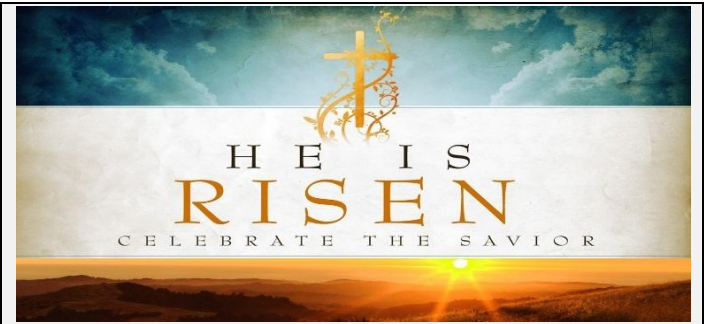
**Holy Days of Obligation**

**Vigil Mass:** 7:00 pm  
**Holy Day Mass:** 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

**Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 PM**  
 And by appointment

**WELCOME** *We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God, and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.*



**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43**

In this passage, Peter testifies that he and his followers saw the miracles performed by Christ, witnessed His death, and believe in His resurrection. Now they will proclaim to all that Christ is the Son of God.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4**

Paul tells the Colossians that they will appear with Christ in glory. They should be mindful of things above rather than things on earth.

**Gospel: John 20:1-9**

In vivid detail, John tells us that when Mary Magdalene visited Christ’s tomb, the tomb was empty. She told the apostles, who ran to the tomb and saw the “*wrappings*” on the ground. The disciple who entered first “*saw and believed.*”

**Consider & Reflect**

*“Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and he is going to Galilee; there you will see him.’ Behold, I have told you. Then they went quickly from the tomb, fearful yet overjoyed.”*

How many selections from the scriptures can be used for our reflection today! The gospel of Matthew and the message to Mary Magdalene is chosen, for she, who perhaps was the first to encounter the Risen Lord, is advised to go to Galilee to see Him. Before going, we find her as the first evangelizer of the good news, to tell the disciples that He is alive and where they could find Him.

Fearful yet overjoyed, they ran to announce this to the disciples. As we too are overjoyed with the Easter message we are sent: *‘He met them on their way and greeted them.’*

*May we discover the many ways Jesus meets us this special day as He sends us to tell the good news.*



### WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally, and/or spiritually, and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: *Kevin Brady, Amy Cisyk, Kim Coyle, Maureen Dwyer, Johnny Favro, Jace Gold, Chuck Griffin, Peter Hummel, John Lamberti, Valerie LaCava, Justin Marchese, Julia Matta, Peggy McDonnell, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rita Murray, Rota O’Neill, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Samantha Saraceno, Valerie Schaffer, Nick Steiger.*



### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *our recently deceased*. May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.



### WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are **currently deployed** and **their families**, especially: *Sr. Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCPI Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Airmen Tech Sgt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Pvt. Logan Mora, Sgt. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Staff Sgt. Adam Schenk, Capt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN.* May the Lord protect them as they protect us.



### WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

*Heavenly Father, your harvest needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen.* Follow us on Instagram: **TrentonMakesPriests**



### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptisms are held the first and third Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least two months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least one year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.



### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is **no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. *“Hence, as soon as any of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.”<sup>130</sup>*

We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or is under any emotional distress to avail themselves of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.

 *Mass Intentions*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

EASTER VIGIL – SATURDAY – April 4, 2026

8:00 PM – Thomas & Haydee Chizan/ Adriana Chizan  
Shawn Pluta/ Adriana Chizan  
Janine McKeon/ Husband  
Joe Geiss/ Bob & Ann Marie Rehrmann

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5, 2026

7:30 AM – Marion & Harry Phillips/ Daughter, Maureen  
Peter Compitello/ Betty Ann Wheeler & Family  
Vera Heydorn/ Dave & Ann Wilton  
John Auer/ Helene & Tim Weeks

9:00 AM – Josephine & Joseph Richard/ Marianne & Michael Hoover  
Thomas Cullen/ Dave & Sandi Johnson  
Frank Hughes/ Wife, Sue  
William Lisner/ Ann Lisner

11:30 AM – Helene & Vincent Morano/ Deborah & Joseph  
Andrew Callahan/ Bonnie & Kevin  
Ed & Ana Lyn Daproza/ Mila  
Joseph Fink/ Sister, Rita



The Bread & Wine

*In Memory of: Kevin Mooney*

Requested by: Mom & Dad

Sanctuary Light

*In Memory of: The Gnanapragasam Brothers*

Requested by: Peggy Madison

Readings for Next Weekend

April 12, 2026

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*

*Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47*

*Reading II: 1 Peter 1:3-9*

*Gospel: John 20:19-31*

 *Mass Intentions*

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

MONDAY – April 6, 2026

8:00 AM – Joseph Tolland/ Nancy & Jim  
Frank & Mary Donoghue/ Bill Long

TUESDAY – April 7, 2026

8:00 AM – Peter Compitello/ Carol Owens  
Loni Vera Haydorn/ Emma & Pat McGovern

WEDNESDAY – April 8, 2026

8:00 AM – Linda Makofka/ Peg & Roy  
Joseph Collins/ Diane Wolny

THURSDAY – April 9, 2026

8:00 AM – Rae Manfredo/ Peggy & Bill Murphy  
Osvaldo Montanha, Jr./ Family

FRIDAY – April 10, 2026

8:00 AM – Steven Bonner/ John & Maureen Geoghegan  
Rocco & Catherine Menta/ Maria

SATURDAY – April 11, 2026

4:00 PM – Nicholas Lepore/ Wife & Daughters  
Thomas & Haydee Chizan/ Adriana Chizan  
Shawn Pluta/ Adriana Chizan  
Dolores Richey/ Marjorie Annette

SUNDAY- April 12, 2026

7:30 AM – (L) Laura & Russ Albert & Family/ Maria  
Joseph Geiss/ Barbara & Frank Davide  
Joseph Bradley, Sr./ Bob & Thom  
Rosemary Rohri/ Russell

9:00 AM – Alice & Bob Hellowell/ Peter Hellowell  
Peter Compitello/ Gail & Rich Englert  
Leigh Hart/ Betty & Gerry Maguire  
Alice Murray/ Alice & Lou Mankowski

11:30 AM – David Davis/ Irene & Ray Wolf

Thomas Cullen/ Mary Modlin

Jacob Strassburger/ Reinertsen Family

Michelle Barron/ Kathryn & Ryan Frei



## **Liturgical Ministers Schedule**

### **April 11, 2026 – 4:00 PM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Phil Pflieger, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Sue Eggert

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Raelyn Lewis, Kim Werling, Sophia Hand

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Ann Marie Rehrmann, Jack Stewart, Barbara Ragusa, Pat O'Hara, Cathy Mills, Carol Owens, Janet Pascavitch

### **April 12, 2026 - 7:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Cyril Johnson, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** Linda Sherry

**ALTAR SERVER:** Alex Acquaviva

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Gail Englert, Mary Schneider, Ginny Biely, John Minnella

### **Sunday, April 12, 2026 - 9:00 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Cyril Johnson, Deacon Jay Werling

**READER:** John Brady

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Matthew Wurst, Jacob Schaffer

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Fran Marchese, Gail Buffi, Jayne Ziegler, Kathy Barneman, Diane Coccozza, Joann Spickard

### **Sunday – April 12, 2026 - 11:30 AM**

**CELEBRANT:** Fr. Gerry Johnson

**READER:** Ann Wilton

**ALTAR SERVERS:** Bartie DiFrancia, Sophia DiFrancia

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY**

**COMMUNION:** Cathy Brys, Ann Burg, Jaqueline Arduini, Desiree Ott, Norma Mooney, Frank Ellwood, Patricia Claussen



## **THIS WEEK**

### **Monday, April 6, 2026**

*Parish Office Closed*

*Al-Anon 7:15 PM*

*(Faith Formation Center)*

### **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

*Monthly 50-50 Drawing (Parish Office)*

*Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Church)*

*OCIA 7:00 PM*

### **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

*Scripture Study 9:15 AM (Daily Chapel)*

*Choir Practice 7:00 PM (Church)*

### **Thursday, April 9, 2026**

*No Events Scheduled*

### **Friday, April 10, 2026**

*Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM (Daily Chapel)*

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament*

*8:30 - 4:00 PM*

*Evening Prayer with Benediction 4:00 PM*

*(Daily Chapel)*

### **Saturday, April 11, 2026**

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale*

*(Gathering Space)*

### **Sunday, April 12, 2026**

## **ST. THERESA'S DAY AT LITTLE EGG DINER**

*Monthly 50/50 Tickets on Sale*

*(Gathering Space)*

*Children's Faith Formation 9:00 AM*

*(Church & Faith Formation Center)*

## **St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle**

Tickets are on sale after all the Masses in the **Gathering Space** and at the Parish Office during office hours.

The next drawing will be held **April 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

*We hope you will support this fundraiser!*

## Divine Mercy Sunday



**Sunday, April 12, 2026**  
**3:00 PM**  
St. Mary of the Pines  
Manahawkin

*Please join us for our Divine Service as we celebrate the Feast of Mercy!*



**Bereavement Support Group**  
**Tuesdays, Beginning April 14, 2026**  
**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**St. Theresa Faith Formation Center**

Losing someone we love through death is one of the most painful of life's transitions. It is at times like this that we need the love and support of family and friends. But sometimes even that is not enough. We need to be with others who understand and share our pain.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP can be just the experience we need at this time. Sessions will contain input and optional sharing. This group is open to anyone who has lost someone in their lives and wishes to come and share their pain.

*For more information, call Gwen at 609-335-5252.*

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on **Fridays** in the Daily Chapel following the 8:00 AM Mass and closing with Evening Prayer and Benediction at **4:00 PM**.

*Please prayerfully consider spending an hour or so in the presence of our Lord each week.*



**We need your help.**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
*selling Monthly 50/50 tickets.*

We are in **desperate need** of volunteers to sell our monthly 50/50 tickets on the weekends.

It only involves a few minutes before & after Mass & it would be at the Mass you normally attend.

Please call the Parish Office if you can help us.

**We would greatly appreciate it.**



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*Thank you to all who have donated so far!*

Our gift summary for the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal as of March 20, 2026 is as follows:

**Goal: \$53,000.00**  
**Pledged: \$35,116.50** (66% of goal)  
**Paid: \$33,061.50** (62% of goal)  
**Total Donors: 207**  
**Average Gift: \$169.64**

**Please be sure to honor your pledge. If you haven't sent in your pledge card yet, please send it as soon as possible.**

**NEW DONORS**

If the number of donors increases **10%** from last year, the parish will receive an additional **5%** of the goal.

*(We do not have to reach goal to be eligible for the additional 5%.)*

Total new donors needed to qualify: **360**

Please be as generous as possible!



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

**609-296-1345**

**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Items needed this month:**  
**TOILET PAPER**

*Hamburger Helper-type packaged products, pasta sauce, canned corn, ravioli, canned soups, canned pastas, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice and pasta. Thank You!*



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**KNIGHT'S KORNER #28**

**HE HAS RISEN!**

The long-awaited day is finally here. Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior has conquered death and has risen from the dead! Alleluia!

Today, we as Catholics celebrate His resurrection, three days after His crucifixion, symbolizing victory over sin and death and offering hope for eternal life. Easter is not just a Holy Day; it is **THE** Holy Day.

St. Paul in his writings stated that without the Resurrection, faith is in vain; therefore, Easter is the cornerstone of Christian belief (Cor 15:14).

Easter is also the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies..." (Jn 11:25-26.)

**So why does Easter matter?**

Because the tomb is empty. Because death isn't the end. Because the worst thing we've ever done doesn't have the last word. Because Jesus didn't stay in the tomb and neither will we.

Easter is not, however, just a one-day event that marks the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is an important season that should remind us of the teachings of Christ and how we can apply them in our lives. As Catholics, we are called to live out our faith every day, not just during Holy Week. We can do this through our acts of forgiving others, loving one another as He loved us, spreading the good news of his resurrection and embracing the hope of our own resurrection.

Let us never forget the sacrifice Jesus made for us and the hope His resurrection brings. Let us live our lives with faith, knowing that God is with us always.

***Your St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus wish our parishioners a Blessed and Happy Easter!***



**HAPPY EASTER**

The Parish Offices will be closed  
April 6<sup>th</sup>

Sorry for any inconvenience.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 2**

The day consists of Mass,  
Music, guest speaker, sharing, networking and  
prayers for healing.

The guest speaker is Jean Roberts.  
“The Stigmata”

**Date:** Saturday, April 18, 2026  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Mass:** 9:00 AM - celebrated by Fr. Dean Gaudio

**Place:** St. Mary of the Pines Church, Manahawkin

**Admission:** \$25.00 includes Box Lunch

Pay at the door.

**Reservations** are necessary. Select a Box Lunch  
from selections listed on CWOZ Website,  
[www.cwoz.org](http://www.cwoz.org)

You can also register by phone. Please leave your  
phone number, spell your last name and selection of  
Box Lunch at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday,  
April 14<sup>th</sup>.

**If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann  
Collett, MSW, MA, CLEM Co-founder/Director of  
Catholic Women of Zion [cwoz@cwoz.org](mailto:cwoz@cwoz.org)**



**AL-ANON**

**AL-Anon** is a mutual support group of peers who share  
their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to  
problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in  
their lives. Al-Anon meets **every Monday** at **7:15 PM**  
in the Faith Formation Center.

Please visit [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org) for more information.



**Respect Life Ministry Meeting**

An open invitation is extended to all parishioners  
to join us on

**Sunday, April 19, 2025**

**1:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center**

**“Life is a Gift from God –**

**what we do with our Life is our Gift to God”**

We hope you will join us in this very important ministry.

**OLD PALMS**



We are finished collecting &  
burning old palms for this year.

Old Palms are **only** accepted in  
Church during the month of  
February. The parish cannot  
store old palms for the entire year.

If you have any old palms, please return them  
to nature reverently, which can be done by  
burning them and burying them in your own  
home garden. Please do not leave them in the  
Church.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**Collection for March 22, 2026**

**\$10,385.00**

**Spring Collection**

**\$4,078.00**

**Contributions Online**

*(includes other donations)*

**\$3,985.92**

*Thank you to all those who financially sacrifice  
each week to support our parish and its ministries!*

**PARKING LOT REPAIR**  
**UPDATE**



This week, we collected **\$1,100.00**.  
Thank you to all who contributed.

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To contribute, mail or drop off checks payable to St. Theresa's to the Parish Office or place in the collection, designating "Parking Lot" in the memo section. For credit cards, electronic payments, please call Chris at 609-296-2504 Ext. 223

**WE ARE HOPING & PRAYING  
FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

**"ST. THERESA'S DAY"**  
**At the Little Egg Diner**



**SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026**

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

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**"St. Theresa's Day"**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

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