



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

February 1, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HE WENT UP THE MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN TO TEACH.

MATTHEW 5:1



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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Pastor

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

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

ASH WEDNESDAY: Due to my surgery being pushed back a week, we will have a service of the Word with distribution of ashes at the following times on Ash Wednesday: 8:00am at St. Thomas, distribution of ashes at both churches at Noon, and 7:00pm at St. Teresa.

HEALTH UPDATE: Two years ago, I announced that I would be greeting people at the doors before and after Mass, but that I would NOT be shaking people's hands. I did this because I am immune suppressed and didn't want to take unnecessary risks and not pass those on to others. Most people have been very gracious in cooperating with my request to NOT shake hands (fist bump or anything else). I ask for your continued diligence with that as cold and flu season is in full swing.

As some of you may know, I have been experiencing some health issues since August. After months of tests and doctor appointments, I am having surgery to resolve my issues. My surgery will be early in February and will entail some "down time" on my part including not being able to drive for two weeks. I will be able to walk to Mass at St. Teresa but will not be able to drive to St. Thomas for those two weeks. Fr. Leo Gallina and Fr. Tom Suppa will cover the weekend Masses for me on those two weekends.

CONTACT INFORMATION: All business should be conducted through the office at St. Thomas in Corry. Please check the bulletin for office hours. The office is not open on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Recently, people have been showing up at St. Teresa to use the building without having contacted the parish office. The first point of contact for all parish related business is the office in Corry 814-663-3041.

When a parishioner is in the hospital, please call the parish office (814-663-3041) to let us know so someone can visit them and provide them with communion and/or the anointing of the sick. The same is true if someone is in the nursing home – particularly the Corry Manor. I visit the Manor each month to anoint the Catholic residents and one of our Eucharistic Ministers takes communion there each month as well.

In case of someone needing to be anointed you can call the parish office (814-663-3041) or the number at the rectory at St. Teresa is 814-438-6048. Remember that I live at St. Teresa but am in the office at St. Thomas part of the week. Don't be afraid to leave messages at both places for me. It is hard to be in two places at one time.

PARISH COUNCIL: We owe a debt of gratitude to our Parish Council for working through some difficult times over the past three years. They have worked through a parish partnership, the merging of three parishes into one parish and a mission church, as well as the sale of the property at Our Lady of Fatima. Those Council members were **Becky Boleratz, Ken Calfo, Nancy Ferro, Amy Helmer, Pat Keys, Paige Megat, Karen Puckly, Mike Roden, Jonathan Swank, Pat Valimont, and Bill Zimmer.** At our last meeting we discussed a new format for Council, and I thought it would be good to give this group a well-deserved break by ending their terms on Council. Please extend your thanks to them for all their hard work.

The new format for Council is still in the early stages of development. The heart of this new Council will be that they will brainstorm ideas to keep our parish moving forward and building

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**Sunday, February 1**

- 8:00a.m. ✠Sophie & Ed. Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. ✠MaryAnn Shinko by Pete & Carol Poninsky (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 2

- 8:00a.m. ✠Br. Bernard Mosier by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, February 3

- 8:00a.m. ✠Ronald Triscuit by the Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Erie (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, February 4

- 8:00a.m. ✠Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, February 5—Adoration

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

Friday, February 6—First Friday

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City
* *Adoration at St. Teresa for only one hour until 9:00am*
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church, Corry

Saturday, February 7

- 4:30p.m. ✠Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, February 8

- 8:00a.m. ✠Deceased Members of the Jeffords and Palmer Families by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

*Praying for the 2026
Catholic Services Appeal*

In the next few weeks we will be asked to consider how we will support this year's Catholic Services Appeal. Please begin to pray about your gift...reflecting on how God has blessed you, and how your gift may be offered as 'thanks' for those blessings and in support for others.



community. They will not only be responsible for the idea phase but will also be responsible for making those ideas become reality. It will be a Council of planning and implementing those plans. Over the next few months, I will be interviewing people who may be interested in being apart of this Council. Depending on the number of interested people, we may have a Council and then a group of people who are interested in helping us implement the ideas Council proposes. If you are interested in interviewing for some part of this Council, please contact me at the parish office (814 663 3041) or by email (TJWhitman@eriercd.org) to schedule an appointment

- Fr. Tom

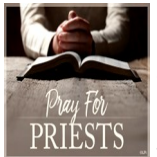
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PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944),
Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust,
know that all requests are kept confidential.*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of February 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Margaret Zaphiris.

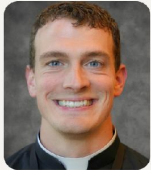


Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.
May they be strengthened in their ministry and given the grace to serve the people of our diocese with humility and joy. May their hearts be united with Jesus, the Good Shepherd, in care of their parishes.



PRIEST + PROPHET + KING
Soup, Salad & Soul
Lent 2026

MASS AT 5:15PM
DINNER & SPEAKER, 6:00PM
(SAINT GEORGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA)



Father
Brandon Feikles
FEBRUARY 24



Father
Luke Daghir
MARCH 3



Father
Michael Seanga
MARCH 10



Father
Joe Petrone
MARCH 17



Father
Ben Daghir
MARCH 24



Holy Thursday
6:00PM SOUP, BREAD, & DESSERT
7:30PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS
APRIL 2

OUR SPEAKERS WILL BE SHARING THEIR VOCATION STORIES,
REFLECTING ON HOW THEY SERVE & SUPPORT THE LAY FAITHFUL, ADDRESSING THE NEEDS
OF THE CHURCH TODAY, & SHARING THEIR VISIONS OF HOPE FOR THE FUTURE!

SAVE-THE-DATES

Men's Conference on Saturday, March 7, 2026
Women's Conference on Saturday, April 18, 2026

COAL SWEEPSTAKES 16 GREAT PRIZES 0093806

1 st Prize \$15,000	2 nd Prize \$10,000	3 rd Prize \$7,500	4 th Prize \$5,000
5 th Prize \$5,000	6 th Prize \$5,000	7 th Prize \$2,500	8 th Prize \$2,500
9 th Prize \$2,500	10 th Prize \$2,000	11 th Prize \$2,000	12 th Prize \$2,000
13 th Prize \$1,000	14 th Prize \$1,000	15 th Prize \$1,000	16 th Prize \$1,000

Drawings - PA State Lottery (Sweepstakes) - PA State Lottery, Harrisburg, PA
Prizes - PA State Lottery (Sweepstakes) - PA State Lottery, Harrisburg, PA
Rules - PA State Lottery (Sweepstakes) - PA State Lottery, Harrisburg, PA

COAL Tickets (Chance of a Lifetime) are on sale now from the local 4th Degree Council of the Knights of Columbus. You may contact Mike Gluvna (814-664-4416) or stop into the parish office to get your tickets. Donation of \$5 per ticket will

give you a chance to win a prize. Winners will be drawn in May. Proceeds benefit the Knights State Council Charities. Thank you.

"Question of the Week" - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Choose one of the Beatitudes and share how you will make it part of your life.

Question for Youth: Jesus gives us a plan for our happiness in the beatitudes. Do the things that make you happiest also lead you towards God? Do they follow God's plan?

Question for Adults: How do you describe what it means to be "blest" in your own life?

Snowman Raffle Tickets for Sale

If interested, tickets are for sale at the parish office (see Sue) or contact a Corry Knight. Drawing will be at the Knight's February meeting on Tuesday, February 10. Need not be present to win. Proceeds help benefit Knights Council #425 and the good works they do for our parish and community.



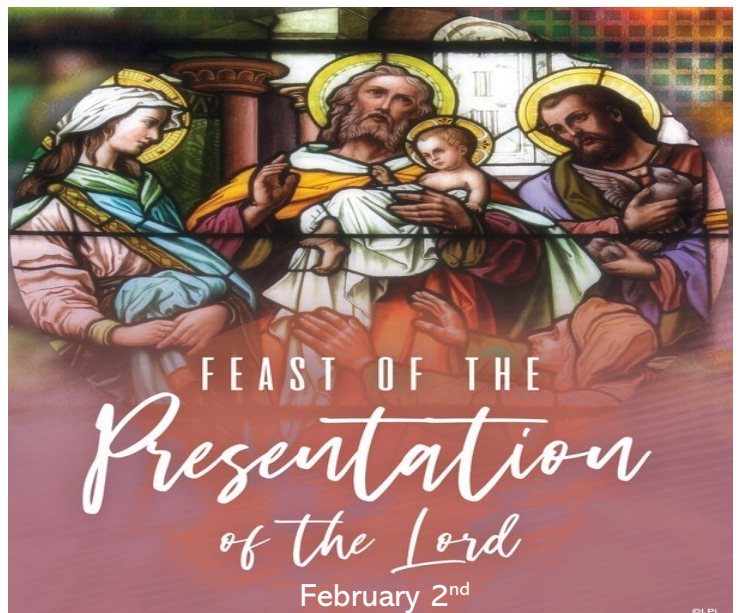
Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret Zaphiris** who passed away from St. Thomas Church.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Colleen Amy-Rambish** who passed away from St. Thomas Church.

*May their souls and the souls of
all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

Thank You for Supporting the Help Spread the Faith Collection

At last weekend's Masses across our diocese we took up a second collection to *Help Spread the Faith*. This annual collection helps with our mission to spread the Good News of the Gospels and Jesus Christ through various means, media, and technologies (such as the *Faith Magazine* and *EriE-News* online). Your support is appreciated. Please give generously. If you did not give to this special collection and wish to do so, please put your donation in next weekend's collection using the special envelope or one marked 'Help Spread the Faith'. Thank you!



FEAST OF THE
Presentation
of the Lord
February 2nd

St. Teresa News

Attention Married Couples

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share, and connect more deeply. It's about learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Visit www.me.org.



Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sun.: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 ♦ Psalm 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10 ♦
1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12a
Mon.: Malachi 3:1-4 ♦ Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Heb 2:14-18 ♦
Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tues.: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3 ♦ Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦
Mark 5:21-43
Wed.: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 ♦ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 ♦ Mark 6:1-6
Thur.: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 ♦ 1 Chronicles 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd ♦
Mark 6:7-13
Fri.: Sirach 47:2-11 ♦ Psalm 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 ♦ Mark 6:14-29
Sat.: 1 Kings 3:4-13 ♦ Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 ♦ Mark 6:30-34
Next Sun.: Isaiah 58:7-10 ♦ Psalm 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ♦
Matthew 5:13-16



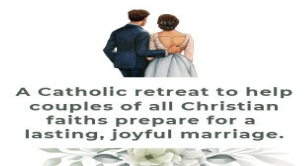
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Family Perspective

It is within our family that we learn to be merciful, peaceful, and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God start at home and rely on you. Parents set the example.



St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale next weekend, February 7 & 8, after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St. Teresa Church. Please plan on stopping by and picking up a treat for yourself and/or your family. Thank you for your support!



A Catholic retreat to help couples of all Christian faiths prepare for a lasting, joyful marriage.

February 6–8, 2026 at St. Mark Catholic Center, Erie.

Whether you're engaged or know a couple preparing for marriage, this retreat is a beautiful way to invest in their future. It fulfills diocesan marriage prep requirements and welcomes **Catholic and interfaith couples**. Call the Family Life Office at **814-824-1261** or email: familylife@erieRCD.org. Register and learn more at eriercd.org/familylifeoffice.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Linda Dean** who passed away from St. Teresa Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

St. Francis Xavier Parish
Eighteenth Annual
Mardi Gras Night



BONUS!
Win \$500
on Entry Ticket

Basket Raffle
Games of Chance
Pull Tabs


FRIDAY, February 13, 2026
6:00 pm to 10:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier
Parish Center
8880 W. Main Street
(Rt. 99)
McKean, PA

\$20 per person
ages 21 and over **ONLY**
Includes food and beverages
(Beer, pop, coffee and water)
BYOB & snacks ok if desired


Grand Prize
“Show Me The Money”
\$1,000.00!!
Tickets \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00

This year's proceeds will be used to replace church carpeting, address general needs of the parish property, and support ongoing evangelization efforts. License #20257239

Diocese of Erie
Pre-Lenten Retreat
FEBRUARY 13 - FEBRUARY 14, 2026



Step away from busyness and stress to join other single and married adults in a weekend of prayer and community. The Virtue & Integrity Education Office of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a pre-Lenten retreat. Opportunities for the sacraments, time for quiet prayer, and community will be available.



<https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DMYY>

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 24 & 25, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$5,085.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage.....\$(-2,615.00)

Thanks to everyone who regular 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!

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

First Friday Calls

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Hospital Visits

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Please know that Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency. Be sure to ask your nurse.



Cathedral Preparatory School
 250 West 10th St.
 Erie, PA 16501



February 28, 2026



10:00AM to 3:00PM



Word Made Flesh Altar Server Retreat

6th-12th Graders Invited

FREE to Attend - Registration Required!

- Be with Bishop Persico and fellow altar servers from around the Diocese
- Grow deeper in love, reverence, and knowledge of the Mass
- Encounter Christ in Talks, Adoration, and Confession
- Meet consecrated Religious Brothers and Sisters

SCHEDULE

9:15 - 9:45AM	Registration and Welcome Please arrive by 9:45AM	1:00 - 1:25PM	Talk 2 - Nature of Serving: Spiritual, Evangelical, Reverent
10:00 - 10:40AM	Logistics / Talk 1 - The Power and Reality of the Mass	1:45 - 2:45PM	Eucharistic Exposition / Confessions/ Reflection by Bishop Persico
11:00 - 11:45AM	Q & A Panel	2:50 - 3:00PM	Closing Remarks, Departure
NOON	LUNCH (will be provided)		

**Registration deadline:
February 21st**

REGISTER HERE

<https://forms.office.com/r/XvmjFZDWMH>



Religious Education News

Religious Education Program

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 Sunday mornings.



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

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, Feb. 1—Classes for ALL students

Sunday, Feb. 8—Classes for ALL students

Sunday, Feb. 15—No Classes

Sunday, Feb. 22—Classes for ALL students

Sunday, March 1—Classes for ALL students

Fish Dinner Raffle Basket Reminder

Just a note to Religious Education families that **monetary donations, gift cards, or items** for our Fish Dinner Raffle Baskets are due by Sunday, February 8th. Thank you for your generosity and support—these baskets help raise money for our program! If you have any questions, please reach out to Missy Silka.

Eucharistic Adoration **Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK**



Let my prayer come before you, Lord.

Our churches will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, February 5th (8:00am) through Friday, February 6th (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, February 6th (8:00am –9:00am) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

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, 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.