



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA

October 12, 2025



28th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner
returned to give thanks to God?" - Lk 17:17-18

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
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

THANK YOU: Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for the very generous check (\$2,587.45) presented to St. Thomas last weekend. The work you did manning the gate entrances all week at the Spartansburg Fair raised these funds. Thanks to the Knights and all those who assisted them in this project at the Sparty Fair.

MENTAL HEALTH SUNDAY: Today is designated as Mental Health Sunday. This week is dedicated to prayers for all those who are struggling with Mental Health issues. I have include a couple of prayers that we might say this week.

Prayer for the Mental Health of Families

Lord Jesus, may our families draw ever closer to you and to one another. We lift up all families, particularly those with members facing mental health challenges. May family members help remove the stigma surrounding mental health challenges, both within their families and in their communities. Comfort, hold, lead to safety, and heal families affected by every form of trauma, mental health challenge, and mental illness. You know every family's specific situation, wounds and needs, and you can restore and make all things new. Lord, pour your grace into their hearts, minds, souls, and bodies, filling them with light and peace amid their suffering. Help all families, unite their suffering to your Passion and Death, mindful of the resurrection to new life to come. Amen. Holy Family, pray for us.

Prayer for the Mental Health of Children

Jesus, you chose to enter this world as a child, and as an adult, you said "Let the children come to me" (Mt 19:14). Your infinite beauty is so clear in the face of every child. Yet we do not always know how to love and care for children the way they deserve. Teach us to love children more deeply and to respect their journey of growth, always modeling Christ's peace to them. We pray particularly for children coping with mental illness and mental health challenges, and we resolve to work ever harder for systems that support children and help them thrive. Amen. St. Thérèse of Lisieux, pray for us.

A Prayer to Saint Dymphna Patroness of Mental Health

Good St. Dymphna, great wonder worker in every affliction of mind and body, we humbly implore your powerful intercession with Jesus through Mary, for the health of the sick. St. Dymphna, patroness of persons with mental health conditions, always look out for those men and women, for their healing and recovery, and for an end to stigma and indifference in society. Amen. St. Dymphna, pray for us.

#IGIVECATHOLIC: #iGiveCatholic is on GivingTuesday, December 2, 2025. You can support your local Catholic parish, school, or ministry on that day or you can make an #iGiveCatholic donation at any time during the **advanced giving period from November 17 through December 1, 2025**. Gifts made by check or cash can be made directly to qualifying organizations during this same time frame.

What is GivingTuesday? GivingTuesday is a global day of giving fueled by the power of social media and collaboration. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season when many people focus on holiday and end-of-year giving.

RCIA is now OCIA: You may be familiar with the RCIA program where we help those seeking to become Catholic to learn more about our faith. It is now called the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA). We are hoping to begin a class for those who are interested in becoming Catholic in October. If you know of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office.

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Sunday, October 12

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

11:00a.m. ✠Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 13

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15—*Feast Day of St. Teresa of Avila*

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

Thursday, October 16

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

Friday, October 17

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

Saturday, October 18

4:30p.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, October 19

8:00a.m. ✠Cragg and Sullivan Families by the Craggs (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠Andrew & Helen Harnak by Dorothy Rhodes and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU. Luke 17:19



Parish Office Closed on Monday, October 13

Our parish office will be closed in observance of Columbus Day on Monday, October 13. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be open Tuesday—Thursday, October 14th—16th this week.

BOOK OF THE REMEMBRANCE: We will be placing a Book of the Remembrance in each of the Churches during the month of October. During the month of October, you can write in the book the names of your deceased loved ones whom you wish us to pray for. The book will be closed on October 31 and placed near the altar for the month of November to remind us to pray for our deceased loved ones.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Keep in mind that our annual **All Souls Service will be held on Monday, November 3**, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. All are welcome to attend. We will be remembering in a special way all those who have died in the past year and were buried from St. Thomas or St. Teresa.

The weekend of **October 18 & 19 we will be celebrating the feast of St. Teresa of Avila at all the Masses**, just as we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas back in July.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00am at St. Thomas Church in Corry.

Our **Advent Penance Service will be Sunday, December 7**, at 1:30pm at St. Thomas Church.

Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:30pm at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa. **Mass on Christmas Day** will be at 10:00am at St. Thomas Church.

- 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.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

"Question of the Week" - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Make up a prayer which tells God you are thankful for everything you have, even if it's not all you want.

Question for Youth: Only one of the lepers returned to give thanks. This past week, when have you stopped to thank someone for something good they have done for you? When have you thanked God this week?

Question for Adults: What are some ways you can think of to show gratitude to God? Make them concrete and real.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of October 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of loved ones who have passed away.

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

We now offer gravestone cleaning on a limited scale at ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Some members of our cemetery committees are trained in gravestone cleaning/preservation. The process will help remove dirt, lichen, and lighten up some discolorations/stains on gravestones. It is safe and gentle, so it will not damage the stones. Because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. Base rate estimates are: Small stone (24"-35")—\$50; Medium (36"-59")—\$100; and Large (60"-75")—\$150. If you wish to have a loved one's stone cleaned, please contact the parish office. We will be taking orders for those who are interested. Thank you.



St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting—Date Change

The October meeting of the Altar Rosary Society will be moved to **Thursday, October 16 at 6:00pm** in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas. This change is facilitated by the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society hosting their Harvest Moon Card Party on Wed., October 15 at St. Teresa Parish Center. Ladies are encouraged to attend the card party on Wednesday, if possible, as well as our monthly meeting on Thursday. We hope you will join us!

Trees Removed at St. Thomas

We wish to thank members of the Knights of Columbus and others who worked with Lois Woodcock to remove the damaged trees, including their stumps, near the school building at St. Thomas. Clearing the area will help improve the grounds and let us evaluate a plan for the future. Thanks again to everyone who helped.

Local Catholic Daughters to Celebrate CDA Day

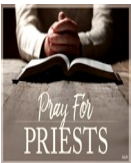
The Catholic Daughters of St. Thomas Parish will be celebrating CDA Day by gathering for a special breakfast on Sunday, October 19th at 9:30am at the Dutch Village in Clymer, NY. We wish to welcome ladies of the parish to this breakfast who may be interested in joining the Catholic Daughters. The breakfast is self-pay for those attending. Please make your reservation with Pat Phillips by calling 814-462-4114. *Please join us.*



COMING SOON...

NEW Parish Website

We are in the process of transitioning to a new parish website featuring both Sts. Thomas & Teresa. We are working with a team from the diocese to create the new site and have it operational soon. **The changeover date is set for October 17.** You may experience a delay or error if attempting to reach either Sts. Thomas or Teresa's current websites the weekend of Oct. 17. We ask for your patience during this transition. Both former websites will cease operation after that point. Thank you.



Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, **Rev. Thomas Whitman**, Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Msgr. Andrew Karg, *Pray for Consecrated Life*, Captain Joseph Campbell, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



Check presentation to Fr. Tom from the Knights of Columbus—Spartan Fair fundraiser.



Next Knights of Columbus Meeting

Brother Knights of Council #425 will meet on Tuesday, October 14 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We will pray The Rosary at 6:30pm and the business meeting will follow. Hope you will join us.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Knights of Columbus, Council #425 is holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to please donate non-perishable food items. Place donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thank you!



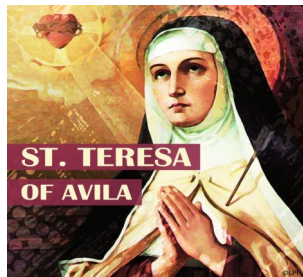
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Readings for the week of October 12, 2025

Sun.: 2 Kings 5:14-17 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b) ♦ 2 Timothy 2:8-13 ♦ Luke 17:11-19
 Mon.: Romans 1:1-7 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ Luke 11:29-32
 Tues.: Romans 1:16-25 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Luke 11:37-41
 Wed.: Romans 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 ♦ Luke 11:42-46
 Thur.: Rom 3:21-30 ♦ Psalm 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab ♦ Luke 11:47-54
 Fri.: Romans 4:1-8 ♦ Psalm 32:1b-2, 5, 11 ♦ Luke 12:1-7
 Sat.: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 ♦ Luke 10:1-9
 Next Sun.: Exodus 17:8-13 ♦ Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2) ♦ 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2 ♦ Luke 18:1-8

Celebrating St. Teresa of Avila Feast Day - October 15th

St. Teresa of Avila is one of the four female Doctors of the Church and the patron saint of one of our parish churches. We will honor her this coming weekend, October 18 & 19, at all of our Masses. St. Teresa of Avila—Pray for Us!



Mysteries of the Rosary Series—The Joyful Mysteries

Enter into the Mysteries of Christ and rediscover the power of the Rosary! Mysteries of the Rosary integrates deeply reflective insights on the life of Christ, theological truths, and captivating stories together with breathtaking scenery, illuminating sacred art, and inspiring music. By filming on location in the Holy Land, our aspiration is to make the Rosary come alive in the hearts and minds of the participants. Please join us for this video series, discussion and prayer time. **Series begins on Oct. 23rd and will meet Thursdays from 6:30pm-7:45pm in St. Teresa Parish Center.** Contact Paige Megat (814-722-7784) for more information.



St. Teresa Rosary Altar Meeting

The Rosary Altar Society will meet on Tuesday, October 14th at 9:00am in the parish center to prepare for the card party and bake cookies. We will also hold a business meeting at that time. We hope you will join us.

ST. TERESA'S

Harvest Moon Card Party

Sponsored By
ST. TERESA'S ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Admission \$6.00
Includes Light Dinner with Coffee or tea

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Doors open at 5:00 p.m.
6:00 P. M.
AT ST. TERESA'S CENTER UNION CITY

Reservations ELAINE 814-450-2766












The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of October 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Jerry Adams by Diana Adams and family.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, we see the lepers who, despite their intention to thank Jesus for their healing, got so caught up in their excitement that they never got 'around to it.' This is a situation we can all relate to. Often, we become so absorbed in our own lives that we forget to appreciate the blessings we have and the people who have helped us. This week, let's make a conscious effort to take nothing for granted and express our gratitude to those who deserve it.

Help Wanted— St. Teresa Cemetery Maintenance Manager

We are seeking a **Cemetery Maintenance Manager** for St. Teresa Cemetery to oversee the daily 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.. If interested, please contact the Parish Office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager at business@stparish.org.

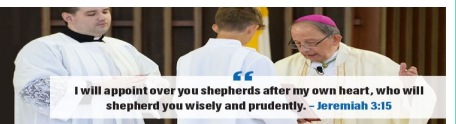
October is Clergy Appreciation Month

We thank those who faithfully serve our parishes and diocese as priests and deacons. Let us also pray for an increase of vocations by using the *Pray for Vocations* created by Bishop Persico:

Lord God, creator of all things and source of all gifts and talents, your Son came to this world to fulfill His vocation as the Redeemer of all humanity. Grant the sons and daughters of the parishes of the Diocese of Erie a profound awareness of their own vocations. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, may they come to realize their distinct place in your divine plan. Give them the grace to recognize and the courage to pursue vocations as devoted priests, deacons and consecrated women and men to assist the Diocese of Erie in fulfilling her mission.

With the intercession of Saint Patrick, our patron, who preached the Gospel in word and deed, we pray that they may find happiness and fulfillment in a life of service to others. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OCTOBER: Clergy Appreciation Month 2025
THANK YOU, PRIESTS!



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 = \$66,803

Paid to date = \$61,048

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$36,593

Paid to date = \$33,844

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 226

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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 4 & 5, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$9,280.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Overage \$1,580.00

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'.

Catholic Education Collection \$1,463.00
 Thank you for your donations to this special second collection taken up the weekend of Sept. 20 & 21 at our parish. Half of the funds collected stay in our parish to help our Religious Education program. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Total Offertory Income (7-1 through 9-30) \$87,803.34
Total Miscellaneous Income \$46,387.24
 (includes rentals, fundraisers, miscellaneous income)
Total Income \$134,190.58
Total Expenses \$135,649.99
 (Includes normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs)
Total Income after Expenses \$(- 1,459.41)

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News



Reminder for First Communion Parents:

One parent is asked to attend Sunday morning classes with their child for the preparation of the sacrament from Sept. 28—Nov. 16.

Upcoming Calendar Dates for Religious Education:

- October 12— No Class
- October 19 – Class
- October 26 – Class / Youth Event TBD

NEW—Small Group for Youth

Let's grow in faith, build friendships, and have some fun! Our new Small Group will be for all confirmed youth in the parish who want to stay connected after Confirmation through relaxed meetups, shared meals, faith talks, service projects, and fun outings. **What to Expect:** Real conversations about life & faith / Snacks and chill time / Activities & service opportunities / Place where you belong. Please watch the bulletin for more details in the upcoming weeks.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments – October is Respect Life Month: Our faith calls for us to uphold the value of human life and the dignity of the human person. The protection of children and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the entire Church, including the faithful. The protection of children, youth and vulnerable adults from abuse and other harm is a respect life issue, and we must all do our part to uphold this ideal. Anyone who suspects or knows of abuse should report it immediately. For information on reporting child abuse visit <https://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/>.



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



September 10, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Every year, **World Mission Sunday** reminds us of our shared responsibility to proclaim the Gospel to all nations. It is a day when Catholics around the world unite in prayer and solidarity to support the missionary work of the Church. This year's theme, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples," is particularly moving because, even though it was chosen by Pope Francis, it reflects both the heart of our faith and the vision of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, who spent most of his priestly ministry as a missionary in Peru.

The example of Pope Leo encourages us to recognize our vital role in sustaining the life and growth of the Church in over 1,124 mission territories across Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and parts of Europe and the Middle East. These areas where the Church is young depend on our prayers and financial support.

This year, **World Mission Sunday will be observed on the weekend of October 18 and 19, 2025.** Our prayer and financial contributions are signs of our communion with the global Church. They support the formation of seminarians, religious sisters, and catechists; the building of chapels, schools, and clinics; and the ongoing evangelization of peoples who may be hearing the Gospel for the first time.

I encourage you to offer your joyful prayer, and financial support, according to your ability, during this year's celebration of World Mission Sunday. Please know of my gratitude for all that you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

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