



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 25, 2025



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you."
- Jn 14:27a

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
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PHONE _____

☐ 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

Notes from the Pastor

EAGLE SCOUT: Congratulations to Joseph Johnston and Noah West on receiving their Eagle Scout Award on Sunday, May 18. We commend them on their dedication and the contributions they have made to our community.

SISTER PARISH ENVELOPE: Our sister parish in the Yucatan has contacted us about the need for school supplies for the children. We have an envelope in the monthly packet on June 1 for the sister parish. Please use this envelope to help these children obtain the school supplies they need to continue their educational success. The full letter is found in the bulletin today.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MEMORIAL DAY MASS:** On Monday, May 26, at 9:00am, we will have Mass at St. Thomas Cemetery Chapel to remember our deceased loved ones.
- **ASCENSION THURSDAY MASSES:** Thursday, May 29, is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of obligation. Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa.
- **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** After all the Masses on the weekend of June 28/29, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: A brief review of the sacrament and those who are eligible to receive it may be needed. This sacrament is meant to help a person cope with their illness and confront the limitations that being human imposes on our souls: our hopes, our dreams, our desire to be meaningful. Sickness does not just affect our bodies but also our spirits and our attitudes. It is intended to heal the anguish of the soul.

“‘Anointing of the Sick,’ is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.” (Constitution on the Liturgy, Vatican Council II)

What might constitute “in danger of death from sickness or old age (serious illness)? Or who is eligible to receive the sacrament?

- A person who becomes ill and the illness becomes more serious;
- A person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery;
- Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In a case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred;
- Some types of mental illness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and who

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**Sunday, May 25**

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, May 26—Memorial Day

- 9:00a.m. Special Intentions of Pope Leo XIV (St. Thomas Cemetery Chapel, Corry)

Tuesday, May 27

- 8:00a.m. †Richard Smith by Joe & Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, May 28

- 8:00a.m. †Richard Adamaszek by his wife, MaryJane (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, May 29—Ascension of the Lord / Holy Day

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 7:00p.m. Special Intentions of this year's Confirmation Class by Deacon Randy & Ann Kondrlik (St. Teresa, Union City)

Friday, May 30

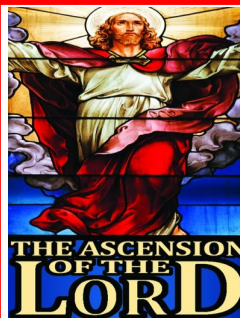
- 8:00a.m. †Bill Flynn by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, May 31

- 4:30p.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by the Craggs (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, June 1

- 8:00a.m. †Lois & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Ascension of the Lord | Holy Day**

We will celebrate the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord this week on Thursday, May 29th. There will be 2 Masses offered to fulfill your obligation:

- 8:00am at St. Thomas | Corry
- 7:00pm at St. Teresa | Union City

Jesus said: “I am with you always, until the end of the world.”

“Brothers, sisters... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because perhaps they feel unworthy or far away. I want to say: the Lord is near. He does not forget you. He calls you by name.”
- Pope Leo XIV

would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed (depression, paranoia, etc...);

• In case of doubt as to whether the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed.

- 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.*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Choir Practice THIS WEEK

All are invited to join us for choir practice on Monday, June 2 at 6:00pm in St. Thomas Church. We will be preparing music for the celebration of Pentecost on June 8. We hope to see you there!



Rev. John Santor, Rev. Stanley Swacha, Pray for Consecrated Life, Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. Benjamin Daghir, Rev. David Wilson, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



Eagle Scout Project at St. Elizabeth Cemetery

Joseph Johnston built a shed to house the water spout and various garden tools for people to use as they maintain their loved ones' graves. We are grateful to Joseph for his great addition to the St. Elizabeth Cemetery and we congratulate him on his great accomplishment of receiving the Eagle Scout Award.



Thank You to Our Garden Helpers

We are so grateful to everyone who has been helping Lois Woodcock and her team to beautify the gardens around St. Thomas Parish. A special 'Thank You' to those who helped spread more mulch on Thursday, May 15. There were only a few volunteers but they worked hard to complete the job!

Volunteers Needed to Help Plant Flowers at St. Thomas Church

We are asking for volunteers to help us plant the flower beds around St. Thomas Church on Saturday morning, May 31. Much help is needed and greatly appreciated. Volunteers are asked to please bring gardening gloves and any tools to help with planting. We hope to see you on Saturday, May 31 around 9:00am. In case of inclement weather, we will plant flowers on the rain date of Saturday, June 21. Donations are still being accepted toward the purchase of flowers for the garden beds. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Thomas Garden Flowers."



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of May 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Deceased Members of the August & Mary Wascak Family and in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Paul & Sherry Wascak.

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

Question for Children: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

Question for Youth: Jesus told us to trust in the Holy Spirit to help guide our lives. How can you be open to what the Holy Spirit might say to you?

Question for Adults: How do you experience the peace which Christ offers us?

Family Perspective

Today Jesus gives this advice: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." Worry and anxiety can consume our lives preventing us from seeing the love which surrounds us and binds us to one another.

St. Boniface Parish Festival

On Saturday, May 31, from 6:00pm-10:00pm, St. Boniface Parish, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, is hosting an event at the Coleman Center with tithing donations to benefit Julia House and People for Life. There will be live acoustic music by Jesse James Weston, homestyle chicken dinners from 11:00am to 3:00pm, basket auction, raffles, sandwiches and beer. Come for fun and benefit a few good causes.

Thank you to the ladies who graciously helped organize the Coffee & Donuts on Sunday mornings after Mass at St. Thomas. They will be taking a break over the summer months—hopefully to return in the fall to again offer a time of fellowship for all to enjoy.



Hospitality Sunday



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.

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of May 25, 2025

Sun.: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 ♦ Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4) ♦
 Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23 ♦ John 14:23-29
 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 18:1-8 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ John 16:16-20
 Ascension / Holy Day: Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) ♦
 Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23 ♦
 Luke 24:46-53
 Fri.: Acts 18:9-18 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ John 16:20-23
 Sat.: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16 ♦ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ♦
 Luke 1:39-56
 Next Sun.: Acts 7:55-60 ♦ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 ♦ John 17:20-26

Seeking Raffle Items for Our Cash Bingo

We are asking for donations of items to include in our raffle at the Cash Bingo. Questions, please contact Elaine Hasbrouck.

Words from St. John Paul II:

Man cannot live without hope. Many hopes go down when they crash against the rocks of life. However, Christian hope "does not disappoint," because it is based on the solid foundation of faith in the love of God revealed in Christ.



May 15, 2025

Dear friend of the Mission of Friendship,

Warm greetings from the Mission Office! I hope you are doing well as the beautiful summer season begins.

Our friends in Mérida, Yucatán, are experiencing a very difficult financial situation currently due to two main factors: an increasing number of Mexican families requesting help, and a decreasing number of benefactors.

The Mission of Friendship has an increasing need of support for families with young children, especially at the beginning of the school season (which will be in August).

Having said this, I am writing you this letter asking if you can make a special donation to help the Mission of Friendship through this challenging time of year. Many individuals and organizations that support the Mission are now facing financial difficulty themselves, and their support is in jeopardy. So, I am seeking donations to the Amigos Program-school supplies project, and/or the Mission of Friendship in general, which can be used to assist them in providing what their children need to succeed in their education. Honestly, we are concerned that the Mission may not survive a prolonged financial crisis without additional funds. For this reason, I am asking for your help. I know that you may be facing similar financial uncertainty, and so a donation may not be possible. That is completely understandable. However, if you can, any amount will help.

Donations can be made online through the Diocese of Erie—Mission Office website: (<https://www.eriercd.org/missions/>), or a regular check can be made out to "Mission of Friendship" ("Amigos school supply project", or "Mission of Friendship general" in the memo line), and mailed to me at the Mission Office, St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E Grandview Blvd., Erie, PA 16504.

The funds collected will be directed to families with young children still in elementary or secondary school through school supplies or Mission of Friendship's social services. Unfortunately, the schools in México do not provide the students with any school supplies or other social services at all.

Whether you are able to donate or not, I ask for your continued prayers for the staff and families served by the Mission of Friendship in Yucatán. Together, we will get through this crisis and be stronger. Know that you are very much in my prayers.

Many blessings,

Indira J. Suarez
 Director, Diocesan and International Mission Office
 Diocese of Erie

Please use the 'Sister Parish' envelope in your offertory packets to make a donation.
 Thank you!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Cathryn Landis.

2025 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations are scheduled for:

- Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie (2:00pm)
- Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway (3:00pm)

Couples may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 24 for the Erie celebration, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025.



St. Teresa Church



Saturday, June 14, 2025

Doors open at 4:30 - Bingo starts at 6:00

Union City Fire Hall
 50 2nd Avenue • Union City, PA

Admission \$30.00

- BYOB
- Food Truck
- On Site
- Basket Raffle
- Chinese Auction
- Lottery Tree
- 50-50 and more...

For reservations contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck
 814-450-2766

No one under 21 admitted • St. Teresa Church

Help Wanted at St. Teresa Cemetery

We are seeking a Cemetery Manager for St Teresa Cemetery to oversee the daily operations and 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.

We are also seeking seasonal summer help at St. Teresa Cemetery to help maintain the grounds such as lawn mowing, weed eating, laying mulch, trim bushes and shrubs, etc.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager at business@stparish.org.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 17 & 18, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$5,961.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortfall.....\$(-1,739.00)

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'.

If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

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 = \$64,865

Paid to date = \$47,720

Amount Pledged at St. Teresa to date = \$34,588

Paid to date = \$28,058

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 213

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.



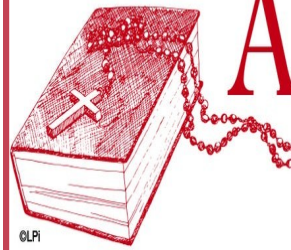
*Diocese of Erie
2025 Catholic
Services Appeal*

Lenten Fish Dinners—Final Accounting

We'd like to send a huge THANK YOU to all those that helped make our Lenten Fish Dinners so successful this past season, especially those who organized and oversaw the dinners. Whether you cooked, served, sold tickets, worked in the background to prepare or clean-up the dinner, we appreciate all you did. We are grateful to those who purchased dinners and donated desserts. We appreciate everyone's support and hard work. The total profit for St. Thomas was \$8,260 for 4 dinners served and profits for St. Teresa were \$20,240 for the 6 dinners during the season. Both churches did very well and each saw an increase in profits this year. *Our churches are blessed because of everyone's efforts.*

Rediscover Your Marriage with Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Thousands headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is not a spiritual retreat, sensitivity group, seminar, or a social gathering. For confidential information about the program or to register for an upcoming weekend, visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 412-277-3434 or email us at 3041R@HelpOurMarriage.org.

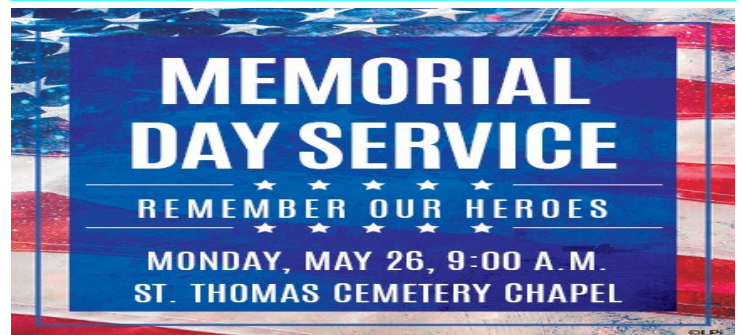


Anointing of the Sick

Weekend of June 28 & 29
following all Masses at St. Thomas & St. Teresa

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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

**Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day**

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the holiday. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be back in the office on Tuesday morning—May 27.

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.