



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

June 15, 2025



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:13a

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
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

Message from the Pastor

SUMMER CONSTRUCTION: Just like Pennsylvania roads, maintenance will be a part of our parishes for the coming months. We ask you to be patient and understanding when there is a roof being replaced or a parking lot being paved.

At St. Teresa we will be replacing the roof on the church in late summer or early fall. The parking lot will be sealed at some point as well. These projects are projected to cost us \$80,000. The roof will be paid for by money from the sale of Our Lady of Fatima and the parking lot will be paid by this year's CSA appeal.

At St. Thomas we have just completed another section of the roof and have two more roofs to go to complete the church: the flat roof over the St. Elizabeth Room and the steeple roof. These were part of a project we started two years ago and will be completed this summer. Also, the parking lots at St. Thomas will be re-surfaced by a company that is doing road work in Corry, Suit-Kote. This will be a three-part process which will entail the parking lot being closed from time to time. The office will remain open during this time, but you may not be able to park in the parking lot. The roofing project will end up costing over \$200,000 taken from a bequest made to the parish and the parking lot will be an additional \$60,000. The parking lot will be paid for out of funds raised over the past two years in the CSA appeal.

We have been addressing some of the physical needs of the two churches over the past two years and we still have several significant projects yet to do at each church. A new roof is needed at St. Teresa Parish center, and the boilers at St. Thomas Church, School, and office need to be replaced.

I thank you for your generosity to our parish in order to make these needed improvements possible. The future of our parish and its churches depends on you. Thank You for being so supportive of what we are doing.

REMINDERS ABOUT PARISH PROCEDURES: We have some procedures in place that help us to make sure things run smoothly. Just a few reminders about some of those:

- **FUNERALS:** The first point of contact when someone dies is the funeral home. The funeral home will then contact the pastor and the parish office. All the funeral homes have a copy of the funeral planning booklet that we use at St. Thomas and St. Teresa. This booklet is also on our parish website. It has the readings you can choose from and the songs that can be chosen.

- **FUNERAL DINNERS:** Again, the first point of contact is the funeral home. The funeral home will then contact the office or the pastor to check on availability of the hall, if the funeral dinner is being held at St. Thomas or St. Teresa. The office or the pastor will contact the person in charge of funeral dinners.

- **USE OF PARISH BUILDINGS:** All organizations need to contact the parish office to arrange for meetings to be held in parish buildings. Those desiring to use the parish buildings for an event need to schedule that with the parish office. We have a variety of groups and rentals using the buildings that need to be coordinated by one person.

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**Sunday, June 15—*Most Holy Trinity* / Father's Day**

8:00a.m. ✠ All Deceased Fathers

(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠ All Deceased Fathers

(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Monday, June 16**

8:00a.m. ✠ Cheryl O'Neil by Judy Flynn

(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 17

8:00a.m. ✠ Cragg and Sullivan Families by the Craggs

(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, June 18

8:00a.m. ✠ Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell

Wascak

(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, June 19

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

Friday, June 20

8:00a.m. ✠ Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter,

Becky Boleratz

(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, June 21

4:30p.m. For the Intentions of Sts. Thomas & Teresa

(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, June 22—*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00a.m. ✠ Fr. Lawrence Lewis by Steve & Milie Weis

(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠ Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family

(St. Teresa, Union City)

• **MONEY SECURITY:** All fund-raising events need to follow diocesan policy in regard to securing money for your event and for counting and securing the money after the event. Money from fund raising events should never be kept at someone's home, nor should money be sent to someone's home. All money should be turned in to the parish office or placed in envelopes in the collection basket.

UPCOMING EVENTS: 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.

— Fr. Tom



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

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.*

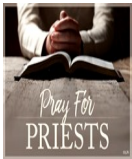
PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

"Question of the Week" - The Most Holy Trinity

Question for Children: God fills us with love. How, this week, will you show your family - your mom, dad, brothers, sisters, grandparents, cousins - that you love them as God loves them?

Question for Youth: When Jesus left the world, He sent the Holy Spirit to be with us. Have you ever given something important to someone else as a sign of your love for them? Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit as a similar gift to you?

Question for Adults: Today we celebrate the relationship of love among the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In what similar community of love do you live?



Rev. Brandon Feikles, Rev. David Renne, Rev. Brian Vossler, Rev. Johnathan Schmolt, Rev. Msgr. David Rubino, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. William Barron, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Knights of Columbus Road Cleanup on Route 6

Thanks to the members of the Corry Knights of Columbus and family volunteers who held a road cleanup of trash and debris along Route 6 near the Corry Plaza last weekend. We appreciate their continued dedication (for over 30 years) to helping keep our community 'clean'.



Time to Return the LifeCare Baby Bottles

TODAY is Fathers' Day and it is time to return the baby bottles filled with coins/bills for LifeCare's fundraiser. Please bring them to the parish office or the church as soon as possible. If you didn't take a bottle home to fill, you can still donate—there are large bottles at each entrance for one-time donations which are still being accepted. Thank you for supporting LifeCare and their good works in this annual fundraiser!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all deceased fathers.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Jim Burton** who passed away from St. Thomas Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Chester 'Chet' Hajec** who passed away from St. Thomas Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Wednesday, June 18, 2025

St. George Church - 6 - 8:30 p.m.

Praise & Worship Witness
Prayer Food Fellowship



JESSICA LAUS
WITNESS



EVENT HOST
SUSAN YURKEWICZ



PRaise & WORSHIP
BRIANNA ERDMAN

Calling all women seeking community and authentic connection –
this event is for YOU! Join us for:

- Praise and worship with the soul-stirring voice of **Brianna Erdman**
- Powerful, transformative **witness** by **Jessica Laus**
- Lifegiving **Scripture reflection & prayer** with **Susan Yurkewicz**
- Refreshments & Fellowship

RSVP: SUSAN@HARBORLILYCREATIVE.COM OR CALL 814.455.7364

Don't Miss It & Invite a Friend!

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St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of June 15, 2025

Sun.: Proverbs 8:22-31 ♦ Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (2a) ♦ Romans 5:1-5 ♦ John 16:12-15
 Mon.: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ Matthew 5:38-42
 Tues.: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 ♦ Psalm 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a ♦ Matthew 5:43-48
 Wed.: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11 ♦ Psalm 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 ♦ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thur.: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11 ♦ Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 6:7-15
 Fri.: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 6:19-23
 Sat.: 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 ♦ Psalm 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 ♦ Matthew 6:24-34
 Next Sun.: Genesis 14:18-20 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b) ♦ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ♦ Luke 9:11b-17

2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2025 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

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

Couples may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, calling their parish office or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 24 for the Erie celebration and until August 14 for the Brockway celebration. You may also register until Sept. 11 to have a scrolled mailed to you.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

In today's Gospel Jesus talks about life with his Father and the Spirit. He tells his disciples that what belongs to the Father belongs to him, and that the Spirit will take from what is his and give it to them. Jesus helps us understand that the relationship between Father, Son and Spirit is one of perfect sharing and loving generosity. This shared life is the foundation for what we now understand as part of living life in the Trinity. The abundant generosity of those who are good stewards of the gifts entrusted to them give us a glimpse into the love of the Triune God. Does the extent of our generosity give others a glimpse of God's life within us?



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family.

Family Perspective

The words of Jesus in today's gospel, 'I have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear it now,' resonate deeply with the experience of any parent. It can be frustrating when our efforts to guide are misunderstood or not well received. We cannot program our children; we can only teach, lead, and trust that the Spirit of truth will guide them

Men's Retreat: To the Heights

Adult men (18+ and out of high school) are invited to a powerful 3-day, 2-night backpacking retreat in the Quehanna Wild area (near Parker Dam State Park) from Thursday, June 19 to Saturday, June 21. Retreat leaders - Father Ben Daghir, Father Luke Daghir and Ryan Sayers - wish to share their inspiration from Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati who loved hiking and the outdoors. The cost is \$50, which includes meals, a retreat t-shirt and a Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati medal. Register by June 9 by visiting the Facebook page "To The Heights - Diocese of Erie" or online: [To the Heights](https://www.totheheightseries.com). Please email any questions to: totheheightseries@gmail.com.

JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

St. Teresa's Lawn Festival—Thursday, July 17th

We are in need of the following items to make this endeavor a success: **2 liter bottles of pop, cases of pop, baked goods, Chinese Auction items, and most importantly YOUR TIME!**

If you can help working in one of the many booths for a couple hours please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Soon there will be raffle tickets and festival signs to pick up in the back of church, please take some and sell them! You can return your sold raffle tickets with the money in an envelope marked "Lawn Festival". They can be put in the collection basket (preferred) or returned the evening of the festival before 8:00pm.

Thank You

We wish to thank to all those who helped to spread mulch at St. Teresa: Steve Mongera, Joe Sabo, Dick Hasbrouck, Alex Fannen, and Brian Titch. Thanks to the weeders and the mulchers, and everyone who helps beautify the parish grounds—it looks great!



Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 7 & 8, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$6,285.00

Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00

Offertory Shortage.....\$(-1,415.00)

*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!*

International Needs Collection\$1,131.75

Thank you for your donation to this special second collection taken up on May 24/25 at our parish. This was a combined collection for Catholic Relief Services, Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Day / Ascension of the Lord.....\$1,363.00

Thank you for your donation to the Holy Day collection on May 29—the Ascension of the Lord. We are grateful for your gift to the parish.

Father's Day Memorials\$1,244.00

Thank you for donating to the Father's Day Memorial envelopes. We are grateful for your gift to the parish.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**JUNETEENTH—THURSDAY, JUNE 19th**

Our parish office will be closed for this federal holiday. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will reopen on Monday, June 23.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

**A Regional Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ— Sunday, June 22 at**

St. Peter's Cathedral in Erie. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at the end of the 11:00am Mass. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 2:00pm and will conclude at the Cathedral with Benediction. All the faithful are invited to this celebration as an act of thanksgiving. It is an expression of our faith in Christ's presence in the Eucharist, that he dwells with us and he leads us.

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 = \$66,335

Paid to date = \$51,951

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$35,488

Paid to date = \$29,133

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 218

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.***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 RECONCILIATIONConfessions 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.*