



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 31, 2026



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16-17

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
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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

ANOINTING OF THE SICK JUNE 13 & 14: We will celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick after all the Masses on the weekend of June 13 & 14. See the article below for those who are eligible to receive the Sacrament.

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 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 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.**

LAWN FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON: Matt Moon has chaired the Lawn Festival for a number of years and is stepping down as chairperson. We are grateful to Matt for all he has done over the years to keep the Festival going. We are looking for someone who might be interested in taking over the position of chairperson for the Lawn Festival, or someone who may be interested in fostering a new summer fundraiser. Please contact Fr. Tom if you are interested.

PARISH COUNCIL: I am still looking for people to be part of Parish Council from both Churches.

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 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 a part 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.

**Sunday, May 31— *The Most Holy Trinity***

8:00a.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †George Tinko by Irene Weaver and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, June 1

8:00a.m. †Jack & Marlene Flynn by Judy Flynn
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 2

8:00a.m. †Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell
Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, June 3

8:00a.m. †Hand Family by Judy Green
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, June 4— *Adoration*

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

Friday, June 5

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

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

Saturday, June 6

4:30p.m. †George & Irene Tinko by Irene Weaver and
family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, June 7— *The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*

8:00a.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by Family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Parish Wedding Anniversary Recognition**

Our parish wishes to recognize those couples from St. Thomas and St. Teresa who are celebrating milestone (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th) anniversaries this year. **The recognition will be at weekend Masses on August 8 & 9.** Couples are asked to call the parish office and let us know the number of year's married and which Mass time they will attend. Couples celebrating this year will also be eligible to participate in the Diocesan celebration in 2027.

PARISH PROJECTS AND CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: At our most recent Finance Council meeting, we approved various projects at both Churches. At St. Teresa, we approved replacing the roofs over the Parish Center at a cost of \$194,000. St. Teresa has about 20% of this in reserve, the remaining amount is being financed through the Catholic Services Appeal over the next three years. Even though this work will be completed this summer, we will continue to pay for the work over the next three years in the proceeds from our CSA appeals. People are also welcome to donate directly to the project.

At St. Thomas, we approved replacing the boilers in the church, school, and office at a cost of \$270,000. This work is being covered by another very generous bequest from Marian Barton. We are using the Catholic Services Appeal over the next three years to replenish these funds in order that we might have funds for future projects at the parish. People are also able to donate directly to this project. This work is also scheduled to be completed this summer.

– 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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of May 31st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tony Montani by Pam Mennen.



Rev. Marc Solomon, Rev. Philip Oriole, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, V.F., Rev. James Campbell, Rev. Brian Vossler, Rev. Dennis Veltri, Rev. Glenn Whitman, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Veronica 'Roni' Bailey** who passed away from St. Thomas Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of His Son, The Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father. (Gal. 4:6)



LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Pick up your baby bottle today after Mass to help support LifeCare and their pro-life Christian ministries. This is their annual fundraiser, Baby Bottle Boomerang. Fill bottles with change and/or bills and return it at Mass on Fathers' Day (June 21), or place your donations in the large baby bottles that are at the entrances of the church. Thank you!



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.

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

Gravestone cleaning is offered on a limited scale for ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Rates range from \$50—\$150, but because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. We are taking orders for those who are interested. Please contact the parish office.



"Question of the Week" - Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Question for Children: When people love each other, how do they treat each other?

Question for Youth: The Trinity is celebrated today. How would you describe your relationship with God the Father? With Jesus? With the Spirit?

Question for Adults: If you were to encourage the members of your own parish to live as a "community of love," which is how we define the Trinity, how would you advise them to live? Use St. Paul's list of exhortations as your starting point.



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Missionary Co-Op Collection— TODAY— May 30/31

Our parish will host a missionary from the Archdiocese of Mwanza in the northwestern region of Tanzania, one of the vibrant nations of East Africa. We are blessed to border Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Tanzania is also home to Mount Kilimanjaro—Africa's tallest peak and the second-highest mountain in the world. Through their mission appeal, they humbly seek support in three critical initiatives that are vital to the life and growth of the Church and its people:

1. Priestly Formation—to secure the future of our faith, the Archdiocese of Mwanza is deeply committed to the formation of young men for the priesthood. Currently we have 100 major seminarians preparing for ordination. It costs approximately \$1,000 per seminarian each year to cover tuition, transportation, accommodation, and health insurance.
2. Education for Girls— in our region, education has long favored boys, while girls are often married off in exchange for dowries, treated merely as a source of income. This injustice deprives young women of their dignity and perpetuates cycles of poverty and inequality. We hope to build primary and secondary schools dedicated to educating girls.
3. Clean Drinking Water Project—in many of our remote areas, people share contaminated water sources with livestock, leading to illness and loss of life. We are actively drilling deep wells to provide clean, safe drinking water. Each well costs about \$8,000.

Please use the special envelope in our offertory packets for Missionary Co-Op or plan to bring your gift in an envelope with your name on it. We will have a special second collection at all Masses this weekend—May 30/31.

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of May 31, 2026

Sun.: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9 ♦ Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ♦ 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 ♦ John 3:16-18
 Mon.: 2 Peter 1:2-7 ♦ Psalm 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 ♦ Mark 12:1-12
 Tues.: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18 ♦ Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 ♦
 Mark 12:13-17
 Wed.: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12 ♦ Psalm 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef ♦ Mark 12:18-27
 Thur.: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 ♦ Mark 12:28-34
 Fri.: 2 Timothy 3:10-17 ♦ Psalm 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 ♦
 Mark 12:35-37
 Sat.: 2 Timothy 4:1-8 ♦ Psalm 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 ♦ Mark 12:38-44
 Next Sun.: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦
 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ♦ John 6:51-58



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Family Perspective

Just as the Father 'sent His Son into the world,' parents send their children into the world "so that the world might be saved." This is the missionary role of the Christian family. Your family is a school where your children develop convictions that enable them to make a difference in the world. Parenting is an awesome responsibility, not for the weak or transient.

Lawn Festival Chairperson Needed

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as chairperson for the St. Teresa Lawn Festival. This important event brings our parish community together for fellowship, fun, and fundraising, and we are looking for someone willing to help lead and coordinate the festival efforts. Responsibilities include organizing committees, coordinating volunteers, and helping oversee festival planning with guidance from the past coordinator. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Fr Tom. *Your time and talents would be greatly appreciated!*



SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale after weekend Masses on Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7. Please plan to pick up a treat to share with family or for yourself. Thank you for your support.

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 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE
 YOUNG TRINITY MISSIONS, PA

FAMILY SERVICE WEEK

Young People Who Care
 1031 Germania Rd
 Frenchville, PA 16836
 814-263-4177

We are looking for families who would like to serve others for a day, or 2, or 4 days!

JUNE 28 - JULY 3, 2026

OUR ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Yardwork - gardens
- ✓ Clearing garages, attics, basements
- ✓ Outdoor painting
- ✓ Cleaning - visiting Elderly

HOW TO JOIN OUR TEAM?

- FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM
- CALL TO SPEAK TO SISTER SUZANNE

814-263-4177 YPWCOMMISSION@GMAIL.COM

PRAYER for a NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God,,
 Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie that he is called to serve. may we welcome him with open hearts and work with him in a spirit of synodality, called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, St. Joseph, the protector of the Church, and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese, may we journey the path of life with an unwavering focus on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie

Events in our Area

St. Boniface (Erie) Summer Festival: Their annual summer festival will be at the Coleman Center, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie on Sat., June 6, from 6-10p.m. and Sun., June 7, from 11a.m.-3p.m. There will be music, sandwiches and beer on Saturday, along with live music from *Box of Chocolates* with special guest Tim Gehrlein. On Sunday, there will be a homestyle chicken dinner. All tithing and donations to benefit the St. Patrick's Haven.

Zabawa Volunteers: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie is looking for volunteers to help work at the Zabawa Polish Festival. The days are Aug. 21-23. Friday 4:30-9p.m., Saturday 11:30a.m.-9p.m. and Sunday 10:30a.m.-4p.m. Hours are flexible. Please contact Kaila Pribonic 814-384-4536 with any questions or if you are able to volunteer.

6-Day Centering Prayer Retreat: Bethany Retreat Center, 1036 Germania Rd, Frenchville, is hosting an in-depth retreat for those experienced in Centering Prayer. This retreat, designed to bring an atmosphere of silence, solitude and community will be held June 21-26. For more information or to register, please go to www.anawimministries.com.

October COUNT

View the 2025 October Count Sunday Mass attendance report online, including full diocesan data and statistics across all 13 counties, at ErieRCD.org/OctoberCount.html.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 23 & 24, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$6,780.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage\$(-920.00)

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!

Religious Education News

We wish all of our students, catechists, and religious education families a wonderful summer break. See you in the Fall for more fun and learning about our Catholic Faith!



Turn Your Everyday Shopping into Support for Our Parish!

We're excited to introduce online gift cards through **RaiseRight!** Simply purchase gift cards for stores you already shop at, and a percentage of each purchase goes directly back to support our church.

It's an easy way to give back while you shop for groceries, gas, dining, and more!

Interested? Just scan the QR code for more information, visit the website www.raiseright.com (enrollment code: **JWFHT6MPCX7L**), or download the app and see how easy it is to give back!

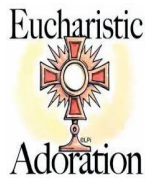
We'll be sharing more information (and a quick demo!) soon — so stay tuned! In the meantime, questions? No problem! Give Missy a call at the parish office. We hope you will help support us!



Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

The Good Shepherd as Risen. Alleluia.

Our churches will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, June 4th (8:00am) through Friday, June 5th (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, June 5th (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



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.

250th Anniversary

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as the United States is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from June 11 to July 4. Learn more about how to participate through prayer, parish resources, Eucharistic adoration and works of mercy at www.ErieRCD.org/250.html.



Quo Vadis Days 2026

**Join Us For Our Summer Priesthood Discernment Camp!
 June 28 - July 1, 2026 at St. Mark Seminary**



For Catholic Young Men (Those Finishing 8th Grade to 2026 High School Graduates) Seeking to Do God's Will

For More Information:
 Fr. Scott Jabo
 Vocation Director
 814-824-1198
 SWJabo@eriercd.org



**Cost: \$50
 To Register:
 WWW.erievocations.org
 Deadline to Register:
 June 22, 2026**