



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

June 7, 2026



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

"This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." - Jn 6:57-58

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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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Corry, PA 16407
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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

CHURCH GROUNDS: Thanks to all those who have been so helpful in sprucing up the grounds at both Churches. Lois Woodcock and the Knights of Columbus at St. Thomas and an anonymous group of women at St. Teresa. Your generosity and hard work have our grounds looking better than ever. Thank You!

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

**Sunday, June 7—*Corpus Christi***

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)

Monday, June 8

8:00a.m. †Thomas Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 9

8:00a.m. †Philip Wascak by Mom & Dad
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, June 10

8:00a.m. †Carol Groner by Deacon Randy & Anne
Kondrlik (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, June 11

No Mass or services today at both St. Thomas & St. Teresa

Friday, June 12

8:00a.m. †Anne Marie Wildes by Marty Brown
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, June 13

4:30p.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, June 14

8:00a.m. †Mary & Francis Blair by Barbara & Gil Wascak
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Monsignor James Peterson by Judy Flynn
(St. Teresa, Union City)



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.

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

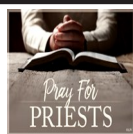
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PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944),
Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-882-6806).
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust,
know that all requests are kept confidential.*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 7th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tom Dyne by family.



Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Cesar Segovia, Rev. Zab Amar,
Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw,
Rev. John Malthaner, and also please *Pray for All
Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Lifecare ministries is a pro-life Christian ministry. ALL services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. Baby Bottle Boomerang is LifeCare's largest fundraiser. Return bottles filled with coins/dollars at Mass on Fathers' Day (June 21), or put your donations in the large baby bottles that are at the entrances of the church. Thank you!



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.

Knights 10K/5K Race and Walk: Attention all runners and walkers! Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring their 40th Anniversary Liberty 10K/5K Race and Walk on Saturday, July 4. It will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. with the race starting promptly at 8 a.m. The fee is \$35. You can register online at runsignup.com or erierunners.club. A free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 participants. Make it a family affair! There will be trophies for 1st and 2nd place winners and medallions will be awarded to all finishers. Refreshments will be provided and 10% of all profits benefit the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Please call Mark at 814-392-3526 for details or questions.



Saturday Morning Rosary

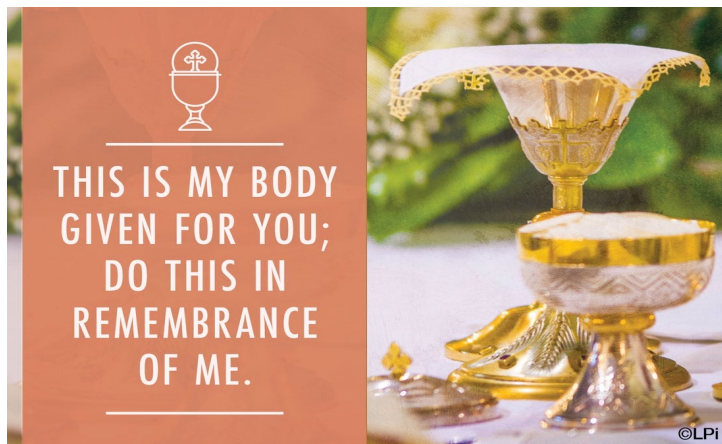
All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

"Question of the Week" - Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Question for Children: How does receiving Holy Communion change how you treat those around you?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that through the Eucharist we will remain in him and he is us. How does the Eucharist keep you in relationship with Jesus?

Question for Adults: Share one way that the Eucharist connects us as "one body" – how does it change the way we relate to each other?



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

— June 12 —

JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR PRIESTS

On June 12, the Church marks the World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, celebrated each year on the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

This special day invites the faithful to pray for priests — for holiness, strength and renewed zeal in their vocation as they faithfully serve Christ and His Church. Let us keep all priests in prayer in a special way this day.



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.



St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of June 7, 2026

Sun.: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦
 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 ♦ John 6:51-58
 Mon.: 1 Kings 17:1-6 ♦ Psalm 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12
 Tues.: 1 Kings 17:7-16 ♦ Psalm 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 ♦ Matthew 5:13-16
 Wed.: 1 Kings 18:20-39 ♦ Psalm 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 ♦ Matthew 5:17-19
 Thur.: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580) ♦ Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13 ♦
 Matthew 5:20-26
 Fri.: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 ♦ 1 John 4:7-16 ♦
 Matthew 11:25-30
 Sat.: 1 Kings 19:19-21 ♦ Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 ♦ Matthew 5:33-37
 Next Sun.: Exodus 19:2-6a ♦ Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5 ♦ Rom 5:6-11 ♦
 Matthew 9:36-10:8



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 7th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.

Family Perspective

Parenting is a Eucharistic activity because, from the first moment of conception, children receive life from us. Without our self-sacrifice, our children would not have life. This is the paschal mystery of parenting: Christ is present in each act of self-sacrifice.



St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will hold a Bake Sale after this weekend Masses—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.




Follow Us on Facebook!
Be sure to check out and follow our updated, combined Facebook page:
St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa.

2026 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals:
Diocesan Goal for our parish is \$64,881
 St. Thomas portion is \$38,000 / St. Teresa portion is \$27,000
 Stretch Goals: St. Thomas—\$123,00 / St. Teresa—\$94,000

Amount Pledged at **St. Thomas** to date = \$77,025
 Paid to date = \$59,770
 Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$41,330
 Paid to date = \$35,805
 Number of Families who made a pledge = 204

Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



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!*

Corpus Christi Prayer

O Precious Jesus, The gift of your Body and Blood,
 shared with us, is unfathomable.
 Like manna that satiated our hunger, fill us where we lack.
 Like the bread given to Elijah in the desert, sustain us.
 Grace us with a glimpse into your love for us,
 now and forever, present in the Eucharist. Amen.



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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.



God is Spoken of Here
Y.P.W.C.
 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO CARE
 FRENCHVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA, PA
 1031 Germania Rd
 Frenchville, PA 16836
 814-263-4177

FAMILY SERVICE WEEK



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 | YPWCMISSION@GMAIL.COM




FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 30 & 31, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$5,967.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage(\$-1,733.00)

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!

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!
 We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.



Visit the Diocese of Erie's website at www.eriecd.org for information, news and resources about our Catholic faith and much more.

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

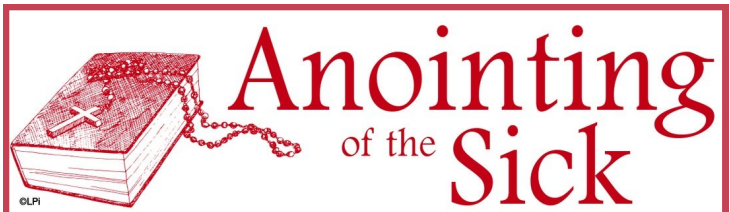
For More Information:
 Fr. Scott Jabo
 Vocation Director
 814-824-1198
 SWJabo@eriecd.org



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

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. You may also register online for the wedding anniversary celebration at St. Thomas Parish by going to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> and scroll down the page to locate the celebration for St. Thomas Parish. *Congratulations to all the couples who are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary! May God continue to bless your marriage.*



Anointing of the Sick

Weekend of June 13 & 14
 following ALL Masses at St. Thomas & St. Teresa
 Those wishing to receive the sacrament should move to the front pews of the church at the end of Mass. Thank you.

Congratulations to Our 2026 Graduates

We wish to congratulate members of our parish who recently graduated from local area high schools or graduated from college. We applaud them for their accomplishments and commend them on their achievements. We wish them much success in all their future endeavors and pray for the Holy Spirit to guide them in the next chapter of their life.

May God continue to pour out His blessings on them.



DID YOU KNOW?

THE FIRE IN MANY IMAGES OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS REPRESENTS THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF DIVINE LOVE.

June 12



DID YOU KNOW?

THE AIM OF THE DEVOTION OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY IS TO UNITE HUMANKIND TO GOD THROUGH MARY'S HEART.

June 13

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 celebrate 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.