



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

July 6, 2025

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT.

LUKE 10:2



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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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
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Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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Parish Office
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

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.

PARISH REGISTRATION AND SPONSORS CERTIFICATES: It seems every so often we need to remind people about parish registration and sponsor certificates.

Parish Registration: Every baptized Catholic is welcome to be a member of our Parish. Part of being a member is to physically fill out a registration form that gives us contact information for you. This gives you access to information about parish events and enlists in you in our parish envelope system to help support the services our parish provides for you. It offers us a means to contact you, or your family, in the case of an emergency.

Being a member of a parish means more than just having your name on the parish roster. Being a member means you attend Mass on a weekly basis, you support the parish with your time, talent, and treasure, you are a part of what happens at the parish in terms of service, worship, and fund raising. Everyone fulfills that responsibility according to their particular situation and means. You might think about it in terms of a sports team. You are considered a member of the team if you go to the practices and the games. You do what the other members of the team do to support the team. If you don't go to the practices or the games, it is really quite a stretch to say you are a member of the team.

Children are considered members under their parents until they are no longer dependents of their parents. At this point, they are asked to register on their own. Those who no longer live here are expected to register in the parish where they live and go to church. Membership is about belonging to the parish where you live and worship.

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**Sunday, July 6**

8:00a.m. ✠ Richard & Eileen Farver by Richard K. & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

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

Monday, July 7

8:00a.m. ✠ Danny Chundrlek by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, July 8

8:00a.m. ✠ Andrew Rushin and family by Jerry & Alice Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 9

8:00a.m. ✠ Mary Vinca by Lisa Zurat (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, July 10

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

Friday, July 11

8:00a.m. ✠ Thelma Morgan by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, July 12

4:30p.m. ✠ Tony Montani by Claudia Montani and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, July 13

8:00a.m. For the Intentions of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠ Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sponsor Certificates: This term covers those who are asked to be sponsors for confirmation or those who are asked to be godparents for someone being baptized. This is a special certificate that states that this person is:

1. A registered member of our parish.
2. Has received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
3. They participate in the celebration of the Eucharist (Mass) on a weekly basis.
4. If they are married, their marriage either took place in the Catholic Church or has been blessed by the Catholic Church.

Some people mistakenly think that a baptismal certificate can be used for a Sponsor Certificate. This is not true. A Sponsor Certificate states much more than simply someone was baptized in the Catholic Church as indicated above. At times people are denied a Sponsor Certificate because they do not fulfill all the requirements to be a Sponsor or a godparent. I spend more time explaining this in Baptism class than I do on the actual Sacrament of Baptism because it is often difficult to find people who fulfill all these requirements today. You need to take special care in making decisions about who you will ask to be a sponsor or a godparent.

- 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.

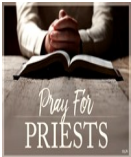
PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

"Question of the Week" - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How do you let others know about your faith?

Question for Youth: Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn't be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you?

Question for Adults: To what part of the harvest are you being sent? What are you being called to do for the Reign of God?



Rev. Msgr. James Sanner, Rev. Mark Hoffman, Very Rev. V. David Foradori, EV, Rev. Nicholas Fratus, Rev. Msgr. Andrew Karg, Rev. Richard Toohey, Rev. Alexander Amico, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



ATTENTION Union City & Corry Knights of Columbus

Our annual summer picnic meetings are underway. All Brother Knights are encouraged to attend on **Tuesday, July 8th** and **Tuesday, August 12th** in Corry Mead Park at the Knights of Columbus Green Top Pavilion. Meeting starts at 6:00pm. Grilled hotdogs/buns and beverages are provided. Please bring a food item/dish to share—thank you. We hope to see you there!



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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of July 6th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tony Montani by Claudia Montani and family.



Rachel Brady and
Hunter LaSalvia

*God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.
Jesus, help me to do my part to proclaim your kingdom
and entrust the rest to you!*

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Let the Peace of Christ control your hearts;
Let the Word of Christ dwell in you. Col. 3:15a, 16a

HELP

WANTED

Seeking Corry Cemeteries Business Manager

Our parish is looking for an individual to manage our 2 Catholic cemeteries (Sts. Thomas & Elizabeth) in Corry. This is a part-time position that requires management skills, computer skills, and the ability to physically visit the cemeteries occasionally. This position will be approximately 12-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka at the parish office 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of July 6, 2025

Sun.: Isaiah 66:10-14c ♦ Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1) ♦ Galatians 6:14-18
 ♦ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9
 Mon.: Genesis 28:10-22a ♦ Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab ♦ Matthew 9:18-26
 Tues.: Genesis 32:23-33 ♦ Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 ♦
 Matthew 9:32-38
 Wed.: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a ♦ Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 ♦
 Matthew 10:1-7
 Thur.: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 ♦ Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 ♦
 Matthew 10:7-15
 Fri.: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 ♦
 Matthew 10:16-23
 Sat.: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 10:24-33
 Next Sun.: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ♦ Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37 ♦
 Colossians 1:15-20 ♦ Luke 10:25-3

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.eriecd.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.



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.

Thanks for Supporting St. Teresa's Cash Bingo

The Cash Bingo brought in a profit of approximately \$2,825 this year. We wish to thank Dick and Elaine Hasbrouck for organizing this year's bingo. THANK YOU to all who helped and supported the bingo, making this event successful.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 6th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.

Family Perspective

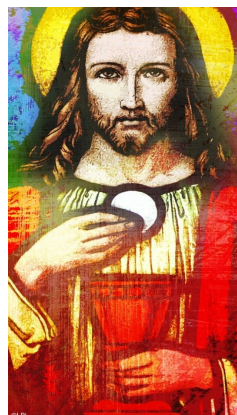
Just like the seventy-two disciples sent out by Jesus in today's gospel, families are called to be missionaries. Through our lives, words, and lifestyle, we proclaim peace, commitment, fidelity, and respect in a culture often consumed by violence and self-gratification.

Help Wanted— St. Teresa Cemetery Maintenance Manager

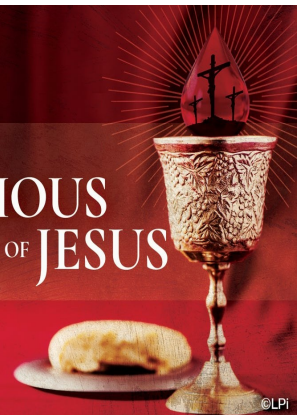
We are seeking a **Cemetery Maintenance Manager** for St. Teresa Cemetery to oversee the daily maintenance of our cemetery. This role involves coordinating burials, maintaining grounds, and ensuring compliance with regulations, while treating all visitors, property, and graves of the deceased with respect and reverence.. If interested, please contact the Parish Office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager at business@stparish.org.

All Invited to OL' MERCY FEST

Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd. in Harborcreek will hold its Ol' Mercy Fest starting Friday, July 11 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Enjoy a summer evening of live music, great food and drinks and plenty of camaraderie. Bring your family and friends; admission is free and everyone is welcome! The night features live music from Roof Top Project, four amazing food trucks (Brady's Chuck Wagon, Waffle Miracle, Tariq and Smiley's Ice Cream), drink vendors including Erie Brewing, 6 Mile Cellars and Luminary Distilling, plus exciting games of chance like a beer pyramid, cash and bottle raffles, tip boards, instant bingo and a 50/50 drawing. Then, join us again on Sunday, July 13, for our annual BBQ Chicken Dinner; \$15 for adults and \$9 for children. Also featuring basket raffles, auctions and more fun throughout the afternoon!



July
THE MONTH
OF THE PRECIOUS
BLOOD OF JESUS



Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating Together
for Holy Year 2025



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 28 & 29, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$6,680.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage.....\$(-1,020.00)

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!

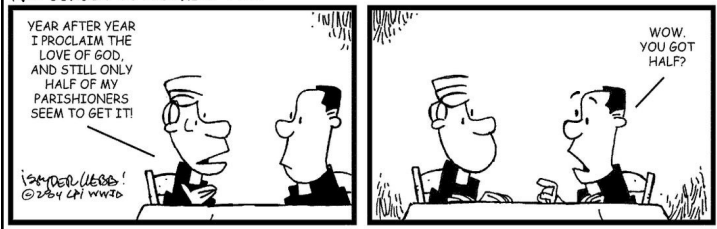
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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**2025 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals:**

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 = \$66,441

Paid to date = \$53,311

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$35,988

Paid to date = \$29,883

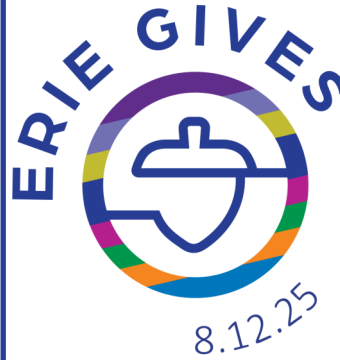
Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 219

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.

**SAVE THE DATE | August 12, 2025**

Please join us in celebrating the generosity of the people of Northwest PA in support of local area nonprofits.

We hope you will consider donating to our churches and cemeteries:

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish
St. Teresa of Avila Church
St. Thomas Cemetery
St. Teresa Cemetery
St. Elizabeth Cemetery

NATIONAL NFP AWARENESS MASS & RECEPTION

SUNDAY • JULY 20 • 11:00 A.M.
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 LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW AT MOTHER TERESA HALL

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.