



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 13, 2025



15th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:33

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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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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

LAWN FESTIVAL AT ST. TERESA: **Thursday evening, July 17th** is the Lawn Festival at St. Teresa. Games for kids and adults. As always, lots of good food. And of course, you will run into people you know. **The Festival runs from 5:00pm to 9:00pm.**

You will find in the bulletin a list of dates when we need help setting up and tearing down this week. We can always use extra hands.

We are also looking for donations of drinking glasses, vases, small bowls for the dime pitch. And of course, two liter bottles of pop. These items can be left in the church or dropped off while people are working in the evening.

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 out of savings 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 (one more part to go) 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, 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.

ERIE GIVES – AUGUST 12, 2025: The annual **Erie Gives Day** will be **August 12, 2025**. St. Thomas the Apostle Parish and its Mission St. Teresa of Avila Church will be participating, as well as St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Teresa Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, and St. Thomas Cemetery Endowment Fund. You can access our site at ErieGives.org or on our parish website [Parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle and its mission Saint Teresa of Avila Church](#). Thank you in advance for your generous support of our parish!

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**Sunday, July 13**

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

Monday, July 14

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Tuesday, July 15

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

Wednesday, July 16

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

Thursday, July 17

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

Friday, July 18

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Saturday, July 19

- 4:30p.m. †Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and
Jean Cressley
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, July 20

- 8:00a.m. †Wascak, Stolar, and Huffman Families by
Carol & Darrell Huffman
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Prayer for Charity

Give me the grace, Lord, to truly see those around me:
the overlooked, the uncomfortable, the odd and disliked.

Your kingdom is one of belonging,
help us to be the types of neighbors who see
and respond with Godly generosity.

Amen.

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Monday: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
Friday: Closed

The phone number is 814-663-3041. This number will connect you to our parish staff or to Fr. Whitman.

Mail can be sent to either 203 W. Washington St. Corry, PA 16407 or 9 3rd Ave Union City, PA 16438. At St. Teresa there is a secure Mail Box next to the rectory garage where things can be dropped off or placed in the collection basket.

- 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.*

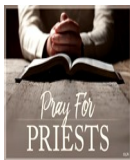
PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

"Question of the Week" - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus tells us to love today. Name a time when you showed your love for your family or friends during the past week or two.

Question for Youth: The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond?

Question for Adults: Jesus tells us today to love God, our neighbor and our self. How will you love God this week? How will you love your neighbor this week? How will you love yourself this week?



Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. Chris Hamlett, Very Rev. Michael Ferrick, VF, Rev. G. William Fischer OSFS, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of July 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tawnya (Diehl) Kressler by Pam Mennen.



Rachel Brady and
Hunter LaSalvia

Memorial Mass for Tawnya (Diehl) Kressler at St. Thomas



All are welcome to attend a Memorial Mass for Tawnya Kressler, daughter of Barb Diehl. The Mass will be held at St. Thomas Church on Wednesday, July 16 at 11:00am.

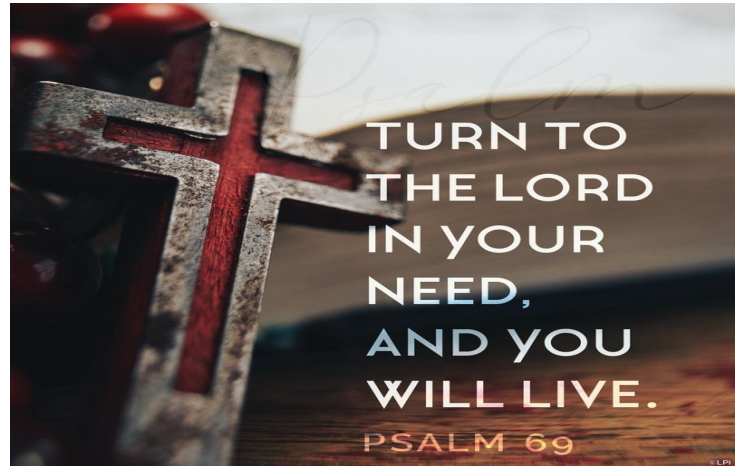
*May her soul and the souls of
all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

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



Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel turns our attention to one of Jesus' most familiar stories, the Parable of the Good Samaritan. It is about living how God intended us to live: to acknowledge God's divine love and compassion lavished upon us, and to extend that love and compassion upon others without reservation. We can find a lot of reasons for not stopping to help someone. We can talk ourselves out of being Good Samaritans. Strangers are not our responsibility, or are they? Good stewards understand that God's mercy is a gift that must be shared, and that doing the right thing, acting as Jesus would act toward others, is the only course of action for one who lives according to the demands of the Gospel. How might you be a Good Samaritan this week?

From: International Catholic Stewardship Council / e-Bulletin: July 2025

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FRENCHTOWN HAM or CHICKEN DINNER

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

SAINT HIPPOLYTE CHURCH

State Highway 27—7 miles east of Meadville
GPS: 26012 North Frenchtown Road, Guys Mills PA

Dinners Served 12:30—4:30(or sold out)

Menu:

½ BBQ Chicken or Ham
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,
Green Beans, Coleslaw,
Applesauce, Dinner Roll,
Beverage and Dessert

Adults	\$ 15
Senior Citizens	\$ 14
Youth (6-12)	\$ 10

*Children 5 and younger
enjoy a free dine in meal*

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

MONEY RAFFLE
QUILT/AFGHAN RAFFLE
50/50 RAFFLES
GIFT AUCTION
BINGO TENT
COUNTRY STORE
and
FREE Games for the Kids

CARRY OUTS and OUTDOOR SEATING SHUTTLE TO THE PARKING AREAS

Proceeds benefit both Saint Hippolyte and Our Lady of Lourdes



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 July 13, 2025

Sun.: Deuteronomy 30:10-14 ♦ Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37(see 33) ♦ Colossians 1:15-20 ♦ Luke 10:25-37
 Mon.: Exodus 1:8-14, 22 ♦ Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 10:34—11:1
 Tues.: Exodus 2:1-15a ♦ Psalm 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 ♦ Matthew 11:20-24
 Wed.: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12 ♦ Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 11:25-27
 Thur.: Exodus 3:13-20 ♦ Psalm 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 ♦ Matthew 11:28-30
 Fri.: Exodus 11:10—12:14 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 12:1-8
 Sat.: Exodus 12:37-42 ♦ Psalm 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 ♦ Matthew 12:14-21
 Next Sun.: Genesis 18:1-10a ♦ Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a) ♦ Colossians 1:24-28 ♦ Luke 10:38-42

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.



**You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
 with all your being, with all your strength,
 and with all your mind,
 and your neighbor as yourself.**

The Greatest Commandment / Luke 10:27

Family Perspective

Children learn by watching us. Do they see you helping others like the Good Samaritan, or avoiding them like the Levite in today's gospel? Frequently, it's more important to be concerned about what your children observe in your actions than what they see on TV or tech. Reflect on that.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
 who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124

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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bob Adams by Melody Adams and family.

JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

Help & Items Needed for our Lawn Festival

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, Glassware (drinking glasses, vases, small bowl, etc.), and most importantly YOUR TIME! Donated items can be placed in the back of the church or please reach out to Matt Moon to arrange for a pickup.

If you can help work in one of the many booths during the festival, please contact **Matt Moon at 814-490-1494**. We will need help with setup and/or tear down on the following dates:

Monday, July 14 (4:30pm—6:30pm), Tuesday, July 15 (5:00pm—8:00pm), Wed., July 16 (5:00pm—8:00pm) or tear down on Friday, July 18 (10:00am—2:00pm). Please look for raffle tickets and festival signs to pick up in the back of church—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 secure mailbox near the rectory garage or returned the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. Thank you!



St. Teresa's Lawn Festival

Union City, Pennsylvania

Thursday, July 17, 2025

5:00pm to 9:00pm



**CASH PRIZES
GIFT CARDS
GAS CARDS
CHINESE AUCTION**

PRIZES DRAWN AT 9:00pm



**POPCORN
COTTON CANDY
WAFFLE CAKES
BAKE SALE**

**BOOTHS - FUN - FOOD - GAMES
CRAFTS AND PLANTS**



SGOC # 20257338

**PONY RIDES
KIDDIE LAND
BALLOONS**

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 5 & 6, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$8,551.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Overage \$851.00

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 the specific cemetery: 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!

Peter's Pence / Holy Father Collection \$1,198.00

Thank you for your donations to this special second collection taken up the weekend of June 28/29 at our parish. Proceeds benefit the special needs/charities for the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Thank you for your generosity.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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



June 20, 2025

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be missionaries. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice, both around the world and here at home.

The Collection for National Needs, to be taken this year the weekend of July 19 and 20, affords the opportunity for Catholic communities, who have the means, to stand in solidarity with poorer ones in our own country. This collection is a combination of two other collections:

- **The Catholic Home Mission Appeal** impacts the lives of nearly 9 million Catholics. Through annual grants, the Catholic Home Missions funds catechesis for children and adults, seminarian education, lay ministry training, Hispanic ministry, and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses.

- **The Black and Indian Mission Collection** helps to evangelize and support our African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities with mission schools, religious education programs, the purchase of catechetical materials, and ministry training.

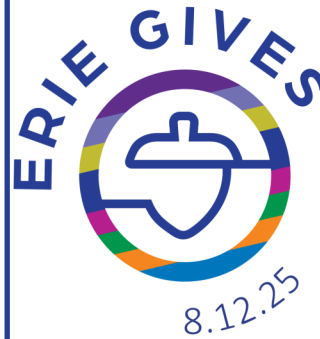
The struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis is faced by thousands of faithful living in home mission dioceses. I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 19 and 20. Your support will truly make a difference in strengthening the Church at home and be greatly appreciated. Be assured that you and your family remain in my prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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
St. Thomas Cemetery Endowment Fund

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7

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 = \$66,471

Paid to date = \$53,576

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

Paid to date = \$30,583

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.



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.