



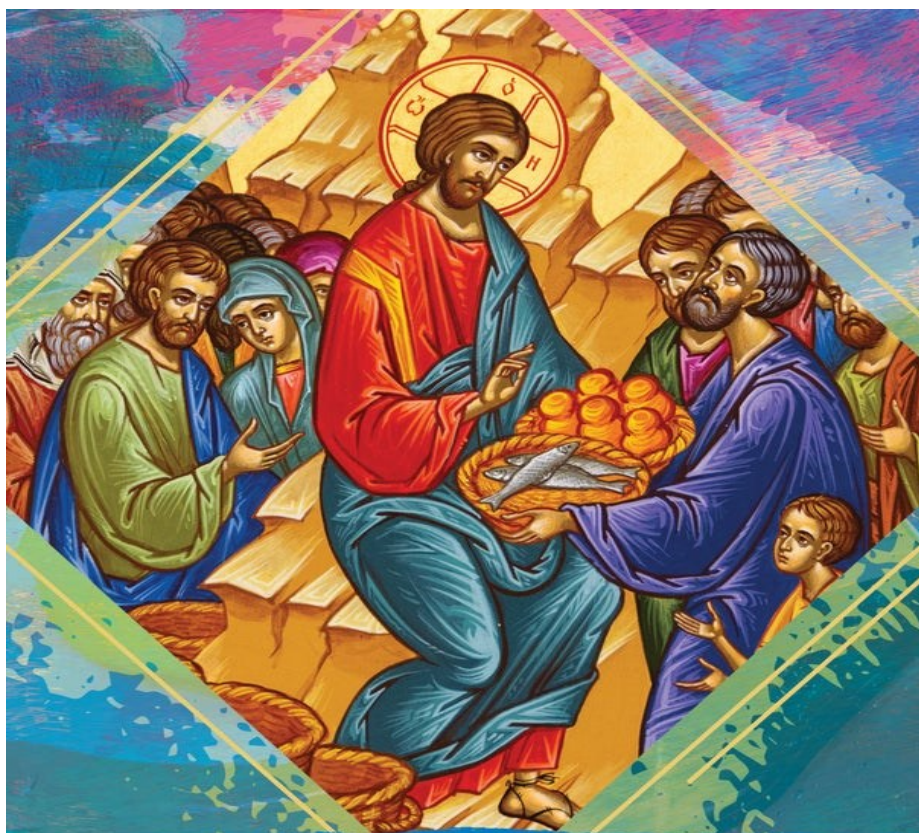
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407

# 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 22, 2025



### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

They all ate and were satisfied. - Lk 9:16

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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

**Notes 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 from the sale of Our Lady of Fatima and the parking lot will be paid for 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, 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.

**THANK YOU TO OUR ROSARY SOCIETIES:** We have had a number of funerals lately. Thanks to the Rosary Societies of both churches for doing extra duty to cook and serve the funeral dinners on many of these occasions.

**BINGO THANK YOU:** Thanks to Dick and Elaine Hasbrouck for coordinating our Cash Bingo last weekend. Thanks to all those who helped them set up and clean up, those who attended, and those who donated prizes. Your hard work and generosity are greatly appreciated and made for a fun evening.

**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. Immediately after Mass, we ask all those who wish to be anointed to sit in the VERY FIRST ROW to facilitate the anointing.

**HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION:** I have posted this several times and people are either not reading it or ignoring it.

First of all, if you choose to receive the Precious Blood from one of the cups, you are to take the cup in your hands and drink from the cup. Typically, people take a small sip. IT IS NEVER PERMITTED TO TAKE THE HOST AND DIP THE HOST INTO THE WINE. The minister of the Eucharist should cover the cup and instruct you to please consume the host first and then consume the wine.

If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, you should lean your head back open your mouth wide and extend your tongue. The minister of the Eucharist will place the host on your tongue. You should not try to bite the host out of the hand of the minister of the Eucharist. The host is placed on your tongue.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century offered a beautiful and powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out,

**MASS INTENTIONS**

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

8:00a.m. ✠Fr. Lawrence Lewis by Steve & Millie Weis (St. Thomas, Corry)

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

**Monday, June 23**

8:00a.m. ✠Dorothy Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, June 24**

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

**Wednesday, June 25**

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

**Thursday, June 26**

No Mass or Services at either Sts. Thomas or Teresa today.

**Friday, June 27**

8:00a.m. ✠Ron Bem by the Yaple family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, June 28**

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, June 29—*Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***

8:00a.m. ✠Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠Ray Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then holding in your open hand the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.'

If you choose to receive communion in the hand, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." If you are right-handed, then your left hand should be extended to be flat and your right hand should be underneath your left hand. The host will be placed in the palm of your hand. You should take the host with your right hand and place it in your mouth. (The opposite is true if you are left-handed.)

- Please do not grab the host from the minister of the Eucharist.
- Allow the minister of the Eucharist to place the host in your hand and wait until the minister's hand is out of the way before you reach to take the host in your hand to consume it. You should not be reaching for the host until AFTER the minister has placed the host in your hand.
- Please make sure your hand is flat, not cupped.
- You should not be flipping the host from one hand to another and then picking it up to consume it. Your dominant hand should be on the bottom.
- Please make sure that one hand is underneath the other, not side by side.
- We do not eat the host out of the palm of our hand, but we pick up the host and place it in our mouth.
- PLEASE do not switch lines to receive from the priest or deacon. The Eucharist you receive from a priest, deacon, or lay minister is the real presence of Christ – that is what we do in each celebration of the Eucharist. There are not some hosts that are better than others. Switching lines is insulting to the Eucharistic Minister.

**PRIESTS AND DEACONS AT EMMAUS PROGRAM:** The priests and deacons of the diocese will be at St. Vincent College in Latrobe this week for their annual convocation. Please pray for Bishop Persico, the priests and deacons of the diocese as they spend time in prayer, instruction, and planning for the diocese.

– 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



THIS IS MY BODY  
GIVEN FOR YOU;  
DO THIS IN  
REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME.



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#### Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

From the rich Eucharistic themes to be drawn from today's second reading, one stewardship theme stands out: The Eucharist is Christ's gift to us. Good stewards are grateful for this gift and realize that no matter their station in life, they are welcome to come to the table and receive the body and blood of Christ. If Jesus could break bread with his betrayer, Judas, his denier, Peter, and the other ten who deserted him, then he will welcome us. Do we truly appreciate what a tremendous gift it is to approach the Lord's table? Do we realize that the Holy Spirit means to transform us by the gift of Christ's body and blood?

#### Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus teaches that we will find abundance by sharing what little we have. Regardless of how limited our time, money, or food may be, it becomes sufficient when shared.

#### LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

If you still have a baby bottle from the fundraiser, please return it to the church or parish office as soon as possible. LifeCare's annual fundraiser is now over and they hope to collect all their bottles this week. Thank you!



#### 2025 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

Mark Your Calendars for the 2025 Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico. Couples celebrating 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or more wedding anniversaries are invited to attend the annual Diocesan Anniversary Celebration. This years celebrations are scheduled for:

- Sunday, August 3, 2025 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie (2:00pm)
- Sunday, August 24, 2025 at St. Tobias, Brockway (3:00pm)



Couples may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 24 for the Erie celebration, until August 14 for the Brockway celebration or until September 11 to be mailed to you. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful sacrament with you in August 2025.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 22<sup>nd</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Jim Burton.

#### "Question of the Week" - Corpus Christi

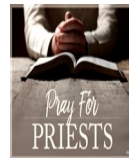
**Question for Children:** How can you share what you have received from Jesus with others this week?

**Question for Youth:** Each week, when we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we are asked to "do this in remembrance of me". How else do you acknowledge the importance of Jesus in your life? Through prayer? Through the ways that you treat others?

**Question for Adults:** How can you prepare yourself to be nourished by Jesus in the Eucharist this week?

#### Catholic Daughters' Meeting This Week

Members of the Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, June 26 at 6:00pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please join us.



Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, Rev. William Laska, Rev. Richard Allen, Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Rev. John Jacquel, Rev. George Strohmeyer, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

#### Emmaus Clergy Convocation—June 23 to June 27

Please join us in praying for our Bishop and all priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie attending this year's Emmaus Clergy Convocation at St. Vincent College. May their time together be filled with grace, fellowship and relaxation. May they return refreshed and renewed to continue their ministry to God's people and his Church.



#### Emmaus Prayer for Priests and Deacons

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer  
for the spiritual renewal of priests and deacons.  
We praise you for giving their ministry to the church.  
In these days, renew them with the gifts of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to  
the disciples on the road to Emmaus.  
We ask you to renew your ordained ministers  
with the truth and power of your Word.

In the Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples  
renewed life and hope.  
Nourish priests and deacons with your own Body and Blood.  
Help them to imitate in their lives  
the death and resurrection they celebrate at your altar.

Give priests and deacons enthusiasm for the Gospel,  
zeal for the salvation of souls,  
courage in leadership, humility in service,  
fellowship with one another and with all the faithful.

For you love them, Lord Jesus,  
and we love and pray for them in Your Name.  
Amen.

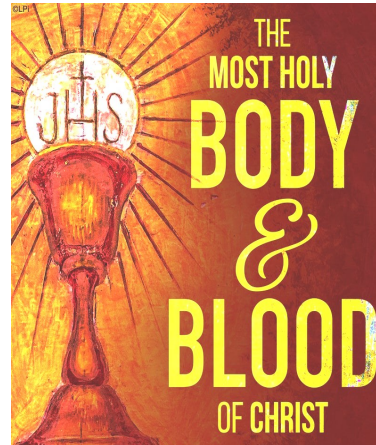
## St. Teresa News

### Readings for the week of June 22, 2025

Sun.: Genesis 14:18-20 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 (4b) ♦ 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ♦ Luke 9:11b-17  
 Mon. Genesis 12:1-9 ♦ Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 ♦ Matthew 7:1-5  
 Tues.: *Vigil:* Jeremiah 1:4-10 ♦ Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 ♦ 1 Peter 1:8-12 ♦ Luke 1:5-17  
*Day:* Isaiah 49:1-6 ♦ Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 ♦ Acts 13:22-26 ♦ Luke 1:57-66, 80  
 Wed.: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Matthew 7:15-20  
 Thur.: Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16 ♦ Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 ♦ Matthew 7:21-29  
 Fri.: Ezekiel 34:11-16 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦ Romans 5:5b-11 ♦ Luke 15:3-7  
 Sat.: Genesis 18:1-15 ♦ Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 ♦ Matthew 8:5-17  
 Next Sun.: *Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5/Galatians 1:11-20 ♦ John 21:15-19  
*Day:* Acts 12:1-11 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19



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## Quo Vadis Days

Join Us For Our Summer Priesthood Discernment Camp!



**JUNE 29-JULY 2**

at St. Mark Seminary

**FOR CATHOLIC YOUNG MEN**  
(THOSE FINISHING 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO THOSE FINISHING THEIR SENIOR YEAR IN 2025)



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FRIDAY, JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

### Pre-Cana Marriage Preparation

St. Mark Catholic Center, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie, will be hosting a Pre-Cana session on **Saturday, July 12, from 8:00am—6:00pm**. Pre-Cana is a marriage preparation tool that helps to prepare couples for a lifelong sacramental marriage through a series of presentations and activities facilitated by a team of married couples and a priest. Topics include sacramental commitment, finances, spirituality, sexuality, family planning and common obstacles. During these sessions, participants will gain insights and listen to real-life stories from couples in various stages of marriage, with plenty of time for personal reflection and private dialogue to discuss thoughts with their fiancé. The cost is \$60/couple. If you have questions, please call: 814-824-1216 or visit: <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/#>.

### Comfort through Grief Ministry at St. Joseph / Bread of Life Parish

Held in their Community Center, 147 W. 24<sup>th</sup> St., Erie. The gathering is in the upstairs multi-purpose room on the fourth Monday of the month from 5:30pm—8:00pm. Next session: Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> with guest speaker Deacon Tony Alleruzzo. The program is entitled *A Journey Shared by All and Welcomed by None*. This program highlights the elements our Catholic Faith provides to assist in our grief journey.

## JOIN US FOR OUR PARISH FESTIVAL

### St. Teresa's Lawn Festival—Thursday, July 17<sup>th</sup>

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.





**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** June 14 & 15, 2025

**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$5,425.00  
**Average Budgeted Offertory Income** ..... \$7,700.00  
**Offertory Shortage**.....\$(-2,275.00)

*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!*

**Sister Parish Collection** ..... \$893.00

Thank you for your donation to this special collection by using your offertory envelope dated June 1 provided in our packet. These funds will go to an appeal from the Diocese's Mission of Friendship Office to help with the *Amigos Program*—school supplies project. Thank you for your generosity in using your envelope to support this need.

**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 = \$66,411

Paid to date = \$52,466

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.*



**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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

# Anointing of the Sick

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

May 20, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29<sup>th</sup>, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. **The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up every year throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. This year the collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 28 and 29.**

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most in need among our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, we are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Lawrence T. Persico*

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

• Look for the Peter's Penance special envelope (with a red boarder—dated June 29) in our offertory envelope packets to make your donation. Thank you.

**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 are invited.

**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.*