



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

January 26, 2025



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME.

LUKE 4:18

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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
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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

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.

Notes from the Pastor

SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY: On Sunday, February 9, 2025, we will have a Soup Fest at Noon in the Parish Center at St. Teresa. This is intended to be a social gathering for people to begin to get to know one another. Everyone is invited to bring something to the gathering – soup, bread, crackers – lists are posted at each Church to sign up to bring something, if you can, and a sign up to let us know how many people plan to attend so we can make preparations. You can bring one of the designated soups, or one of your own personal favorites.

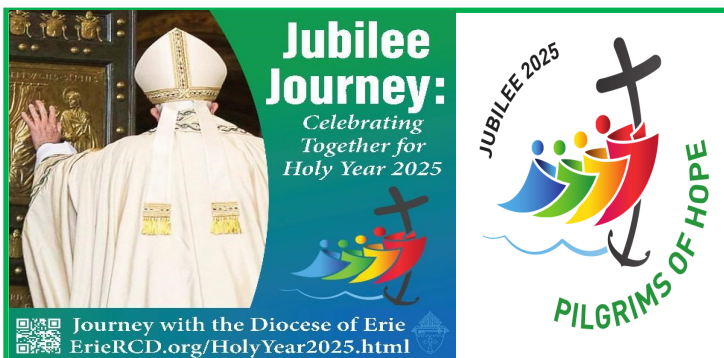
THANK YOU: Thanks to all those who helped to take down the Christmas decorations. It was a big help. At St, Thomas: Patti Brown, Jeanne and Bill Saborsky, Reva Lowry, Mini Sypniewski, Joan and Brad Allen, Judy Christensen, Kris Walsh, Randy Kondrlik, Denny and Chris Anderson, Janet Ahl. At St. Teresa Joe Sable, Helen Perry, Valerie Downor, Irene Weaver, Cheryl and Steve Mongera, Jack Bridgham, Lucas, Liam, and Missy Silka, Ilene Zakovitch, Sydney and Shannon Weis, Eric Adams, Dallas Triscuit.

MISSIONARY THANK YOU LETTER: I received a letter from Sr. Edna who spoke to us this summer for our annual missionary appeal. She wanted to thank everyone for their prayers and the financial support you gave to her and the Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy. I have placed a copy of the letter on the bulletin board.

PARISH FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2023-2024: In the bulletin today, you will find a summary of the financial statement for both parishes from 2023-2024. Our fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30. This statement covers July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024. In that year St. Teresa was able to pay off the loan for the partial roof over the kitchen in the parish center, pave part of the parking lot, and make some repairs to the boiler system. In that year St. Thomas was able to replace the other half of the roof on the west side of the church, make some repairs to the boiler in the school, and patch part of the parking lot. Thanks to generous donors, faithful parishioners, and our parish staff, we were able to make some good progress in the first year.

NEW OFFERTORY STATEMENT: Please note the new offertory summary statement in the bulletin today as well. This will show what we collected in the offertory, what we budgeted for offertory for the week, and the difference between the two. Remember that the offertory is only one line item in our income and does not cover our total expenses for the week.

- Fr. Tom



Jubilee Journey:
Celebrating Together for Holy Year 2025

Journey with the Diocese of Erie
ErieRCD.org/HolyYear2025.html



Sunday, January 26

- 8:00a.m. †Judith Johnston by Gary, Sue & Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, January 27

- 8:00a.m. †Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, January 28

- 8:00a.m. In honor of Tracy Blair (her intentions) by Gil & Barbara Wascak (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, January 29

- 8:00a.m. †Alumni & Faculty of St. Edwards School by the Alumni Association (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

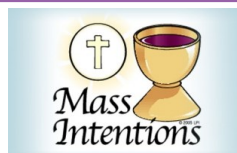
- 8:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Virginia Kozik (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, February 1

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

Sunday, February 2

- 8:00a.m. †Naomi Snell by Gary & Terri Snell (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Barb Krol by Sue & Tim Vinca (St. Teresa, Union City)




Requests for Mass Intentions

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is ONLY \$10 per Mass. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses. You may also sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for a loved one at either of our churches for just \$10 for one week.



Thank You for Supporting the Help Spread the Faith Collection

At this weekend's Masses across our diocese we will take up a second collection to *Help Spread the Faith*. This annual collection helps with our mission to spread the Good News of the Gospels and Jesus Christ through various means, media, and technologies (such as the *Faith Magazine* and *EriE-News* online). Your support is appreciated. Please give generously. If you were not prepared for today's collection, please put your donation in next weekend's collection, either in the designated envelope or another envelope marked 'Communication Collection'. Thank you!



Help Spread the Faith
COMMUNICATIONS COLLECTION: JAN. 25-26
Support the work of the extraordinary communicators in our diocese!

St. Thomas News



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of January 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts TODAY

Coffee & Donuts will be served after Sunday's 8:00am Mass on January 26 in the multipurpose room at Saint Thomas. Donations accepted to help cover expenses. All are welcome to join us.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



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.

"Question of the Week" - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

Question for Adults: Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. Psalm 27

Snowman Raffle Tickets for Sale

If interested, tickets are for sale at the parish office (see Sue) or contact a Corry Knight. Drawing will be at the Knight's February meeting on Tuesday, February 11. Need not be present to win. Proceeds help benefit Knights Council #425 and the good works they do for our parish and community.

SNOWMAN RAFFLE
1st PRIZE - \$100.00 CASH
2nd PRIZE - \$50.00 CASH
3rd PRIZE - \$25.00 CASH
Drawing at Knights of Columbus "February Meeting"
Donation: \$1.00



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.

Custodian Position Available at St. Thomas

We are seeking an individual who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 15 hours per week. Duties include cleaning St. Thomas Church, the parish office, St. Elizabeth Parish Center, and the former St. Thomas school building. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.



St. Teresa News



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased parishioners.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday on February 9th

You're invited to join us on Sunday, February 9 at St. Teresa Parish Center as we celebrate Soup-er Bowl Sunday! We hope to have plenty of soup for everyone to enjoy. So we can better plan for the event, please let us know how many from your family will be attending. Sign up sheets are located in each church. If you wish to bring a crock-pot of soup to share, please see the sign up sheets at either church, or you may sign up to bring bread, crackers, etc. to share. We hope you will plan to join us for this fun event and a time of socializing. *This is a great way to "warm up" for the big game!*



SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE

Rosary Altar Bake Sale at St. Teresa Masses on February 1 & 2

Please plan to pick up a delicious treat for yourself or to share with family at our Bake Sale which will be held at both the 4:30pm Mass on Feb. 1 and the 11:00am Mass on Feb. 2 at Saint Teresa Church. Thank you for your support.

Fish Dinner Meeting at St. Teresa

Fish Dinners are rapidly approaching! We will hold a meeting for all those who would like to be involved on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30pm in the meeting room at St. Teresa Parish Center. As always, we need help with advertising, set up, clean up, serving, making desserts, and cooking. There are things to do the day before, and the day of the dinners. We can find a place for you to help. If you can't make the meeting, let Becky Boleratz or Father Tom know and we will keep you informed as to where we need your help or where you have helped in the past.

Whatever your situation and whatever your need, keep your heart fixed on the Lord! Place your hope in his promises, because hope doesn't disappoint.
(Romans 5:5)



Rev. Philip Oriole, Very Rev. Michael Polinek, Rev. Zab Amar, Very Rev. John Detisch, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. Msgr. Henry Krebs, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

2025 Parish Calendars Available in the Church

Families may take a 2025 Parish Calendar which are located near the entrances of the church at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa. Sorry they arrived late—due to circumstances beyond our control. We wish to thank this year's calendar sponsors:



Bracken Funeral Home and Warren-Glenn Funeral Home

St Thomas the Apostle

Financial Summary for July 2023 - June 2024

Income		
Offertory		\$219,876
Special Gifts		\$11,185
Investment Income		\$6,625
Parish Activities		\$14,559
Rental Income		\$13,010
Reimbursement		\$253,773
Other - Candles, Religious Ed, #givecatholic, ERIE Gives		\$16,354
Catholic Services Appeal		\$32,425
Total Income		\$567,807
Expenses		
Clergy Salary & Benefits		\$61,675
Employee Salaries & Benefits		\$110,651
Religious Education		\$32,773
Parish Activities		\$8,524
Rectory Expense		\$4,586
Office Expense		\$16,719
Altar & Liturgical Expenses		\$7,193
Maintenance		\$45,542
Utilities		\$48,415
Insurance/Taxes		\$17,025
Diocesan Assessments		\$15,311
Support to Catholic Education		\$21,006
Other		\$6,286
Total Expenses		\$395,706
Operating Net Income	<i>(Income minus Expenses)</i>	\$172,101
Extraordinary repairs - Church roof & paving holes in parking lot		\$110,111
Net		\$61,990

St Teresa of Avila


Financial Summary for July 2023 - June 2024

Income		
Offertory		\$144,738
Special Gifts		\$50,596
Continuing the Vision		\$4,876
Parish Activities		\$63,184
Rental Income		\$9,067
Reimbursement		\$5,129
Other - Candles, Religious Ed, Interest, #givecatholic, ERIE Gives, past CSA funds		\$19,567
Catholic Services Appeal		\$13,810
Total Income		\$310,967
Expenses		
Clergy Salary & Benefits		\$31,816
Employee Salaries & Benefits		\$59,285
Religious Education		\$18,273
Parish Activities		\$38,976
Rectory Expenses		\$2,604
Office Expense		\$12,393
Altar & Liturgical Expenses		\$6,197
Maintenance		\$17,068
Utilities		\$31,588
Insurance/Taxes		\$16,513
Diocesan Assessments		\$9,921
Support to Catholic Education		\$9,744
Other		\$4,949
Total Expenses		\$259,327
Operating Net Income	<i>(Income minus Expenses)</i>	\$51,640
Extraordinary & Major repairs - Paving parking lot, repair to pipes feeding boiler, New roof over kitchen at PC	-	\$72,293
Paid loan using additional funds from past CSA & Savings	+	\$23,184
Net		\$2,531

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 18 & 19, 2025
Total Offertory Income \$6,271.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortfall.....\$(-1,429.00)

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.



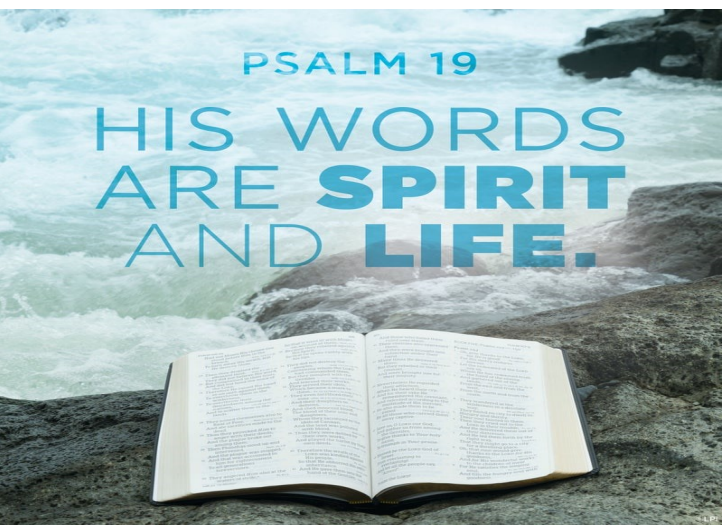
Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

Respect Life Collection \$604.00
 Thank you for donating to the Respect Life Collection which was taken up in our parish the weekend of Jan. 18/19. Your gift benefits the prolife efforts of the LifeCare Family and Pregnancy Resource Center.

If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Have you paid in full your pledge to the 2024 CSA? If not, please try to do so by the end of January. The 2025 CSA will begin soon. 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.




Readings for the week of January 26, 2025

Sun.: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 (see John 6:63c) ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 ♦ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21
 Mon.: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 ♦ Mark 3:22-30
 Tues.: Hebrews 10:1-10 ♦ Psalm 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11 ♦ Mark 3:31-35
 Wed.: Hebrews 10:11-18 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Mark 4:1-20
 Thur.: Hebrews 10:19-25 ♦ Psalm 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ Mark 4:21-25
 Fri.: Hebrews 10:32-39 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 ♦ Mark 4:26-34
 Sat.: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ♦ Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ♦ Mark 4:35-41
 Next Sun.: Malachi 3:1-4 ♦ Hebrews 2:14-18/Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Religious Education News

2024-2025 Religious Education Program
 Our Religious Education Program combined this year. **Now that we are in the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes will meet at St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sundays.**



Calendar Reminders for Religious Education
 January 26—No Classes today
 February 2—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 February 9—Classes for all students at St. Thomas
 February 16—No Classes today
 February 23—Classes for all students at St. Thomas

Pre-Lenten Retreat
 The Office of Virtue & Integrity Education of the Diocese of Erie is sponsoring a Pre-Lenten retreat on Friday, Feb. 28, through Saturday, March 1, at St. Thomas More House of Prayer, 365 Hill City Road, Cranberry. The retreat master will be Father Chris Beran. The retreat will focus on the strength, beauty, wisdom and goodness of God’s plan to bring us back to him. The last day to register is February 21. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.eriecd.org/chastity/retreat.html>. Questions? Call or email Cassandra at 814.824.1216, cdragone@eriecd.org.

Family Perspective
 In today’s gospel, Jesus was 'praised by all' except in his hometown of Nazareth, where 'the eyes of all were intently on him.' Acceptance can be difficult to find at home due to unrealistic EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to 'proclaim liberty' to anyone 'oppressed' or 'captive' by our EXPECTATIONS.

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, Cory 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.