



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 19, 2025



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“They have no wine.”  
- Jn 2:3

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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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**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

**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

- Fr. Tom

**Parish Office Closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**

We will not be open on Monday this week—sorry for any inconvenience. Please call or visit the parish office this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday (January 21—23). Thank you.



Celebrating  
Martin Luther King, Jr.  
January 20<sup>th</sup>

**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.*



**Sunday, January 19**

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

11:00a.m. †Thomas Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, January 20**

8:00a.m. †Irene Tinko by Irene Weaver and family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, January 21**

8:00a.m. †Joseph Vanik by a friend  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, January 22**

8:00a.m. †Mary Vinca by Mary Bresnan  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, January 23**

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

**Friday, January 24**

8:00a.m. †Priscilla Kozik by Joe & Holly Guzowski

**Saturday, January 25**

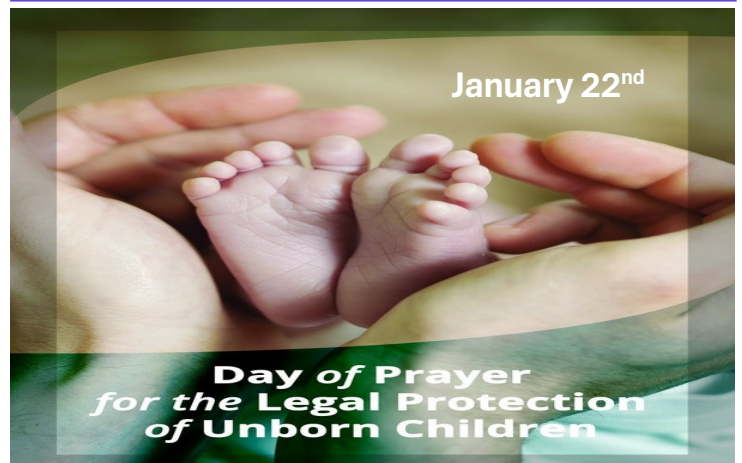
4:30p.m. †Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**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)

**Keep Praying:** Jesus, I believe that you are Lord  
and that you have the authority to set me free!  
Thank you, Lord, that I am not left to deal  
with things on my own.



In all the dioceses of the United States, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person.

*General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373.*

# St. Thomas News

**St. Thomas Fish Dinner Meeting TODAY**

Join us for a Fish Dinner planning meeting on Sunday, Jan. 19 beginning at 10:45am at the St. Thomas School Building. Anyone interested in helping plan the Lenten dinners is welcome to attend. If you are unable to attend and would like to help with the dinners or have comments or ideas, please call or text Sue Vinca (814-964-0290) or Judy Green (814-964-1646). Thank you!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of January 19<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of those children lost to abortion.

**“Question of the Week” - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

**Question for Adults:** God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

**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.

**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



**You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts at St. Thomas**

Coffee & Donuts will be held after next Sunday's 8:00am Mass on January 26 in the multipurpose room. Donations accepted to help cover expenses. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing.

**WE PROCLAIM HIS MARVELOUS DEEDS.**  
PSALM 96

*Concert Dedication of the restored Casavant Opus 3353 Gallery Organ and newly installed Casavant Opus 3953 Sanctuary Organ*  
**FEBRUARY 2, 2025**  
**4:00PM**  
**SAINT PETER CATHEDRAL**  
230 W 10TH ST | ERIE, PA 16501

Join us for an afternoon musical celebration on Sunday, February 2, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
Organ concert at 4:00pm featuring concert organist



**NATHAN LAUBE**

Free and open to the public

**Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK –New Time**

Members of the local Catholic Daughters will meet on Thursday, January 23, at **5:00pm** in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please join us and bring a friend. *Hope to see you there.*

**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](mailto:business@stparish.org).



**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. Thomas Church Organizations / Groups**

- Altar—Rosary Society**  
Meets the third Wednesday of the month
- Knights of Columbus—Corry Council #425**  
Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas**  
Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 5:00 PM

**St. Teresa News**

**Soup-er Bowl Sunday on February 9<sup>th</sup>**

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!*



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**Family Perspective**

At Cana, we gain valuable insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand, or manipulate. Instead, she simply pointed out the situation and trusted her son to make the best decision.

**Rosary Societies—Epiphany Gathering**

Ladies of both the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society and St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society held an Epiphany gathering on Sunday, January 12, 2025 in the St. Teresa Parish Center. A good time was had by all, enjoying a meal together, playing a few games, and sharing each others company. Below is a group photo of those who attended the event.



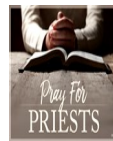
**Readings for the week of January 19, 2025**

Sun. Isaiah 62:1-5 ♦ Psalm 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3) ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 ♦ John 2:1-11  
 Mon.: Hebrews 5:1-10 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Mark 2:18-22  
 Tues.: Hebrews 6:10-20 ♦ Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c ♦ Mark 2:23-28  
 Wed.: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Mark 3:1-6  
 Thur.: Hebrews 7:25—8:6 ♦ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 ♦ Mark 3:7-12  
 Fri.: Hebrews 8:6-13 ♦ Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ♦ Mark 3:13-19  
 Sat.: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ Mark 16:15-18  
 Next 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

**BINGO**  
*All Saints Parish*  
 11264 Rt 97 N in Waterford  
 Doors open 5:30 pm, first game at 6:15

**THIRD SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**  
 Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 15,  
 NO April bingo (Easter),  
 May 17, Jun. 21...

Get ready to shout "BINGO!" and win some amazing CASH prizes.  
 Must be 18 years old to attend.



Pray for Consecrated Life, Rev. William Laska, Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Rev. David Carter, Pray for Vocations, Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, and also please Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.

**MARCH FOR LIFE WASHINGTON, DC**

**JANUARY 24, 2025**

*LET'S MAKE EVERY LIFE GREAT AGAIN!*

**52ND ANNUAL TRIP**

Depart from Erie on Thursday evening, January 23, 11 p.m.  
 March in Washington, DC on Friday, January 24  
 Return Saturday morning, January 25 about 1:30 a.m.

- ✓ \$90 / seat
- ✓ Early reservations recommended.
- ✓ Sponsorship inquiries are welcome!
- ✓ [peopleforlife.org/january2025](http://peopleforlife.org/january2025)
- ✓ [www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip](https://www.facebook.com/MarchforLifeBusTrip)
- ✓ Please call or e-mail with questions.

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**St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups**

- Rosary—Altar Society  
 Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM
- Knights of Columbus  
 Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM
- Religious Education Guild  
 Meets during the school term

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** January 11 & 12, 2025

**Amount in Envelopes:** (141) ..... \$5,150.00

**Loose** ..... \$389.75  
 (Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)

**Online Giving (12)** ..... \$410.00

**Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.** ..... \$0.00

**Buildings & Grounds.** ..... \$100.00


**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$6,049.75

**Average Weekly Expenses**.....\$11,390.00  
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

**Weekly Average Shortfall**..... \$(-5,340.25)

*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](http://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!*

**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 19—Classes for all students at St. Thomas  
 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

**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.

**“DO WHATEVER HE TELLS YOU.”**  
*- good counsel from our Blessed Mother Mary*



**Jubilee 2025**  
**Pilgrims of Hope**  
**CATHOLIC ITALY**

**Spiritual Guide- Father Mike DeMartins**

**FULFILL THAT DREAM NOW!**

Walk Through the Holy Doors in ROME  
 2025 Jubilee Year  
 VISIT  
 CAPRI| SORRENTO| POMPEII  
 plus  
 Honor Saint Padre Pio in San Giovanni Rotondo  
 Visit Saint Benedict's Monastery in Subiaco  
 See the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano

**October 15-25, 2025**


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***Pilgrimage to Italy 2025***  
**Info session: January 26**  
*with Belinda Held, travel organizer, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick Parish, 130 East 4th Street, Erie*

January 6, 2025



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I want to take a moment to express how deeply inspired I am by your faith and generosity. As we celebrate this Holy Year, your support allows us to share the Good News of Christ in every corner of our diocese, which is why **I ask you to consider making a gift to the Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, held the weekend of January 25-26, 2025.**

The 2025 Jubilee invites us to be pilgrims of hope, and this month celebrates the Jubilee of the World of Communications. Mark 16:15 states: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

Our diocesan Office of Communications is central to this calling. It supports me in uniting and evangelizing our Catholic family across all 13 counties of the Diocese of Erie. Through Faith Magazine, Diocese of EriE-News, and social media, we proclaim the Gospel, connect our community and inspire discipleship.

This year, I ask you:

- Were you inspired by an article shared in Faith Magazine?
- Have you learned about an historic event in our Catholic Church by reading Diocese of EriE-News or through our social media channels?
- Did your family find a new way to connect by reading the new Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope newsletter?

These vital communication tools are made possible through your contributions to this special collection. Faith Magazine reaches over 34,000 households and organizations – at no cost – sharing uplifting stories and reflections to deepen connections with Christ. On social media, we extend Christ’s love beyond diocesan borders, inviting others to encounter him in new ways.

Your gift enables us to collaborate with parishes, schools and ministries, sharing their stories and providing resources to enrich their missions. Thank you for making this vital work possible.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
 + *Lawrence T. Persico*  
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL  
 Bishop of Erie