



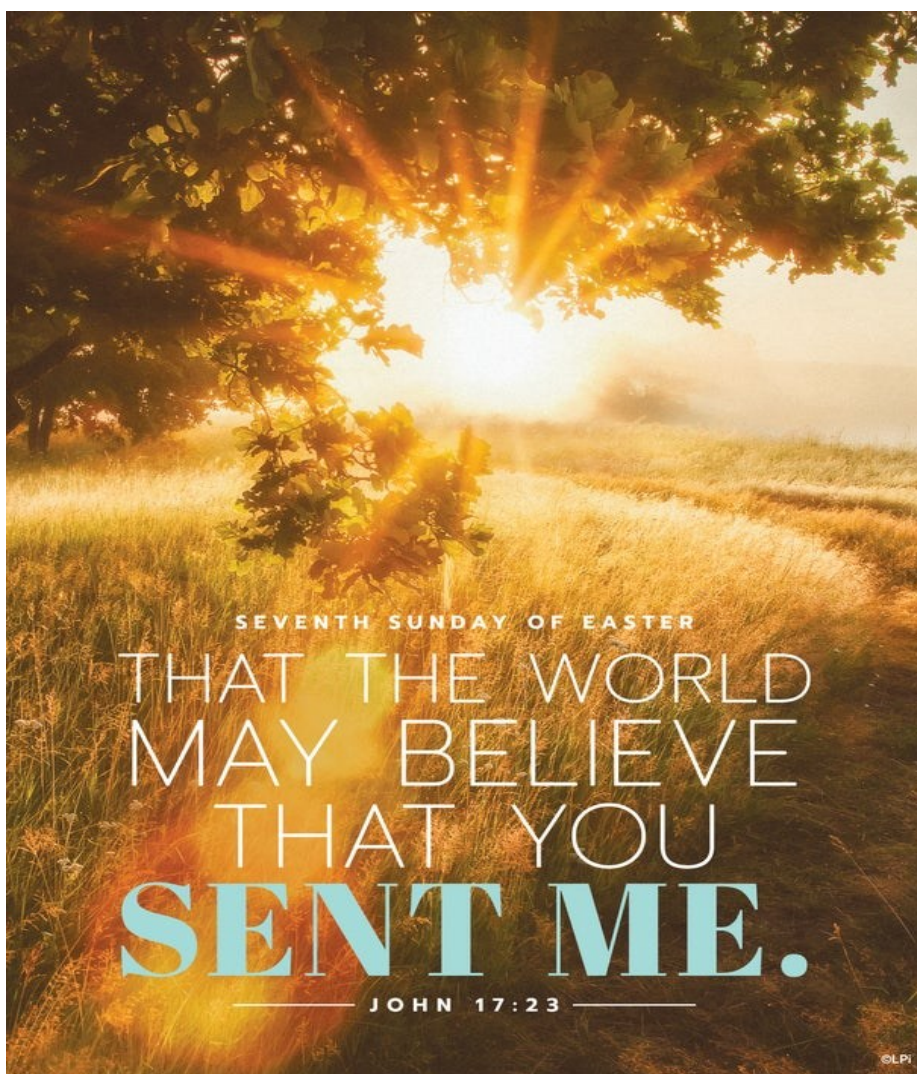
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407

# 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 1, 2025



### 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**  
[www.stthomastheapostle.church](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)

**Saint Teresa of Avila Church**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity.org)

**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**

**SISTER PARISH ENVELOPE:** Our sister parish in the Yucatan has contacted us about the need for school supplies for the children. We have an envelope in the monthly packet on June 1 for the sister parish. Please use this envelope to help these children obtain the school supplies they need to continue their educational success.

**REMINDERS ABOUT PARISH PROCEDURES:** We have some procedures in place that help us to make sure things run smoothly. Just a few reminders about some of those:

- **FUNERALS:** The first point of contact when someone dies is the funeral home. The funeral home will then contact the pastor and the parish office. All the funeral homes have a copy of the funeral planning booklet that we use at St. Thomas and St. Teresa. This booklet is also on our parish website. It has the readings you can choose from and the songs that can be chosen.

- **FUNERAL DINNERS:** Again, the first point of contact is the funeral home. The funeral home will then contact the office or the pastor to check on availability of the hall, if the funeral dinner is being held at St. Thomas or St. Teresa. The office or the pastor will contact the person in charge of funeral dinners.

- **USE OF PARISH BUILDINGS:** All organizations need to contact the parish office to arrange for meetings to be held in parish buildings. Those desiring to use the parish buildings for an event need to schedule that with the parish office. We have a variety of groups and rentals using the buildings that need to be coordinated by one person.

- **MONEY SECURITY:** All fund-raising events need to follow diocesan policy in regard to securing money for your event and for counting and securing the money after the event. Money from fund raising events should never be kept at someone's home, nor should money be sent to someone's home. All money should be turned in to the parish office or placed in envelopes in the collection basket.

**THANK YOU:** A huge note of thanks goes out to Irene Weaver, Helen Perry, Ilene Zakovitch, and Cheryl Mongera for pulling all the weeds from around the church, the center, and the rectory. Thank you for being so generous to our parish with your time and energy.... and your hatred for weeds!!!

**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.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** A brief review of the sacrament and those who are eligible to receive it may be needed. This sacrament is meant to help a person cope with their illness and confront the limitations that being human imposes on our souls: our hopes, our dreams, our desire to be meaningful. Sickness does not just affect our bodies but also our spirits and our attitudes. It is intended to heal the anguish of the soul.

" 'Anointing of the Sick,' is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." (Constitution on the Liturgy, Vatican Council II)

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**Sunday, June 1**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, June 2**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ June Springer by Judy Flynn  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, June 3**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Wotus & Sarnicki Families by Jim & Debbie Wotus (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, June 4**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Frank Karkoski by Family  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, June 5**

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

**Friday, June 6—First Friday**

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

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

**Saturday, June 7**

- 4:30p.m. ✠ Barb Krol by Roger Pelc  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, June 8**

- 8:00a.m. Special Intentions of the Corry Class of 1965  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)



**What might constitute "in danger of death from sickness or old age (serious illness)? Or who is eligible to receive the sacrament?**

- A person who becomes ill and the illness becomes more serious;
- A person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery;
- Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In a case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred;
- Some types of mental illness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and who would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed (depression, paranoia, etc...);
- **In case of doubt as to whether the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed.**

*- 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



# 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)



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION:  
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COST \$50  
TO REGISTER:  
ERIEVOCATIONS.ORG  
DEADLINE TO  
REGISTER:  
FRIDAY, JUNE 20<sup>th</sup>

### Choir Practice THIS WEEK

All are invited to join us for choir practice on  
**Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00pm in St. Thomas  
Church.** We will be preparing music for the  
celebration of Pentecost on June 8. We hope to see you there!



**Lord, teach me to be thankful in every circumstance.**



### 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 June 1<sup>st</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in  
memory of the Wascak Family by Carol & Darrell  
Huffman.

### "Question of the Week" - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Question for Children:** Jesus tells us He is always with us. Name  
a time this past week when you knew that God was with you in  
a special way.

**Question for Youth:** Jesus prayed for his disciples, that others  
might believe in him through their words. How are you  
spreading your belief in Jesus through your words and actions?  
Do others know who Jesus is by knowing you?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus invites us to be one with God. Name  
a moment when you were one with God this past week.



Rev. Zeb Amar, Rev. Thomas Suppa, Rev. Dennis  
Veltri, Very Rev. Michael Ferrick, VF, Rev. John Beal,  
Rev. Thomas Aleksa, Very Rev. Andrew Boyd, VF, and  
also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

### LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

There is still time to donate to the pro-life cause by  
supporting the LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser. You may  
take a small bottle home with you, which are located near  
the entrances of St. Thomas Church, and fill with your spare  
change and other donations and return it to our church on  
Father's Day Week in mid-June. You may also give by placing your  
donation in the large baby bottles near the entrances. Thank you!



**Next Weekend is Pentecost—Let Us Pray:  
COME, HOLY SPIRIT! Fill the hearts of your faithful.**

### Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus speaks of unity, not uniformity.  
Uniformity means everything is the same, while unity requires  
recognizing and reconciling differences. How do you reconcile  
differences in your home? Do you listen respectfully, or do you  
try to manipulate or impose your opinion? The seeds of unity  
and division are present in every family. What we sow, we reap.  
What is your family harvest?



### ATTENTION Union City & Corry Knights of Columbus

Our annual summer picnic meetings are scheduled for  
the first Tuesdays of the month during the summer  
months of June, July, and August. **All Brother Knights  
are encouraged to attend on June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, and August  
12<sup>th</sup> 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!



## St. Teresa News

### Readings for the week of June 1, 2025

Sun.: Acts 7:55-60 ♦ Psalm 97 ♦ Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 ♦ John 17:20-26  
 Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 ♦ Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab ♦ John 16:29-33  
 Tues.: Acts 20:17-27 ♦ Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21 ♦ John 17:1-11a  
 Wed.: Acts 20:28-38 ♦ Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab ♦ John 17:11b-19  
 Thur.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 ♦ John 17:20-26  
 Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab ♦ John 21:15-19  
 Sat.: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 ♦ Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7 ♦ John 21:20-25  
 Next Sun./ **Pentecost**: Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 or Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b or  
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 or Joel 3:1-5 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30) ♦ Romans 8:22-27 ♦ John 7:37-39  
 Extended Vigil: Genesis 11:1-9 ♦ Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b ♦  
 Ezekiel 37:1-14 ♦ Joel 3:1-5 ♦ Psalm 104:1-2, 24, 35,  
 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30) ♦ Romans 8:22-27 ♦ John 7:37-39  
 Day: Acts 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30) ♦  
 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17 ♦ John 20:19-23  
 or John 14:15-16, 23b-26



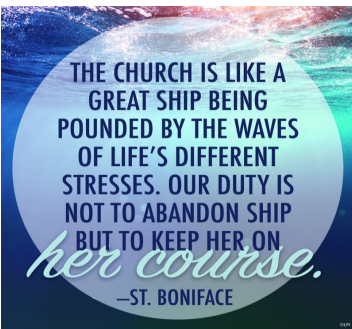
The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 1<sup>st</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our parish.

The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will have a Bake Sale following both the Masses next weekend, June 7 & 8, at St. Teresa Church. Please support them in their efforts and pick up a treat for yourself and/or family. Thank you.



### 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/#>.



### Lawn Festival Meeting Next Weekend

It's that time of year again, when we begin to plan for the St. Teresa Lawn Festival. We will have a planning meeting in the parish center on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> following the 11:00am Mass. Please join us.

### Seeking Raffle Items for Our Cash Bingo

We are asking for donations of items to include in our raffle at the Cash Bingo. Questions, please contact Elaine Hasbrouck.

## St. Teresa Church

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CASH

BINGO

**Saturday, June 14, 2025**

Doors open at 4:30 - Bingo starts at 6:00

Union City Fire Hall  
50 2nd Avenue • Union City, PA

**Admission \$30.00**

- BYOB
- Food Truck On Site
- Basket Raffle
- Chinese Auction
- Lottery Tree
- 50-50 and more...

For reservations contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck  
**814-450-2766**

No one under 21 admitted • St. Teresa Church

### 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.



### Help Wanted at St. Teresa Cemetery

We are seeking a **Cemetery Manager** for St Teresa Cemetery to oversee the daily operations and 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.

We are also seeking **seasonal summer help** at St. Teresa Cemetery to help maintain the grounds such as lawn mowing, weed eating, laying mulch, trim bushes and shrubs, etc.

If interested, please contact the Parish Office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager at [business@stparish.org](mailto:business@stparish.org).



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** May 24 & 25, 2025

Total Offertory Income ..... \$6,195.00

Average Budgeted Offertory Income ..... \$7,700.00

**Offertory Shortage.....\$(-1,505.00)***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](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!***Good Shepherd Collection..... \$1,823.00**

Thank you for your donation to this special second collection taken up on May 10/11 at our parish. Proceeds benefit the retired priests of the Diocese of Erie with medical and healthcare expenses. Thank you for your generosity to those who faithfully served us in our diocese.

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

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

**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 = \$64,970

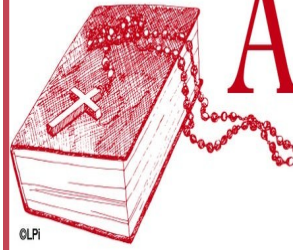
Paid to date = \$49,350

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$35,188

Paid to date = \$28,158

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 215

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

**Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**Diocese of Erie  
2025 Catholic  
Services Appeal**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.**I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.**I will come back to you, and your heart will rejoice. John 14:18***Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK*****'...that the world may know that YOU sent ME...'***Our parishes will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, June 5<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) through Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

# Anointing of the Sick

Weekend of June 28 &amp; 29

following all Masses at St. Thomas &amp; St. Teresa

**NCYC 2025: Register today!! Don't Miss Out!**NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) is back this **November 20–22, 2025 in****Indianapolis!** It's an epic 3-day event whereCatholic teens encounter Christ, build friendships, and discover how they're called to lead in today's world. **Tickets are on sale now until September 30.** Teens and chaperones are responsible for costs, but our sponsorship program makes it easy for family and parishioners to help. Give your teen a life-changing experience! More information on the Young Adult and Youth Ministry webpage: <https://www.eriercd.org/youth/ncyc.html>**First Friday Calls**

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

**Hospital Visits**

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Please know that Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency. Be sure to ask your nurse.

**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, 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.*