



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 20, 2025



### 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. - Lk 10:38-39

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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**  
[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

Message from the Pastor

LAWN FESTIVAL AT ST. TERESA: Thanks to Matt Moon and Elizabeth Malec for coordinating our Lawn Festival. Thanks to all those who helped to set up and tear down, and all those who helped the night of the event.

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](http://ErieGives.org) or on our parish website [Parish of Saint Thomas the Apostle and its mission Saint Teresa of Avila Church](http://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!

PARISH OFFICE: The parish office is located at St. Thomas Church in Corry. The office is in the old convent building that sits behind the Church. The office hours are listed here:

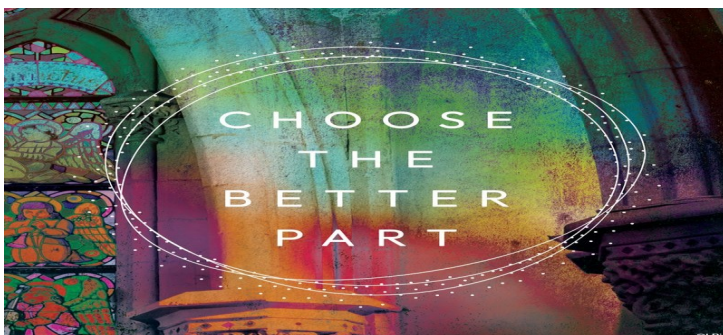
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Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Thursday: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Friday: Closed

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 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Union City, PA 16438. At St. Teresa there is a secure Mail Box next the rectory garage where things can be dropped off or placed in the collection basket.

BOOK RECOMMENDATION: *"HOPE: The Autobiography"* Pope Francis. This book was released shortly before Pope Francis died. I have not finished it yet but it is a profound look at the world in which we live through the eyes and the life of Pope Francis. This book gives us a modern understanding of the Church and where the Gospel of Jesus is found in today's world.

- Fr. Tom



**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)

**Monday, July 21**

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

**Tuesday, July 22**

8:00a.m. ✠ Z. Marion Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary, and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, July 23**

8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased and Living Members of the Vinca and Buccolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, July 24**

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

**Friday, July 25**

8:00a.m. ✠ Mary Jo Eddy by Geraldine Swanson (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, July 26**

4:30p.m. ✠ Cragg and Sullivan Families by the Craggs (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, July 27**

8:00a.m. ✠ Philip Wascak by Mom & Dad (St. Thomas, Corry)  
11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

"God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! All of us are in God's hands. So, let us move forward, without fear, together, hand in hand with God and with one another!"  
Pope Leo XIV (from his first speech)

**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**



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## 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.*

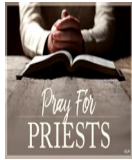
### PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

#### "Question of the Week" - 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** Name a time when you shared what you had with a friend, or a classmate at school.

**Question for Youth:** Martha chose to serve, Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to Him. Of those two actions, service or prayer, which do you feel more comfortable with? Why?

**Question for Adults:** The Gospel today invites us to serve and to be hospitable. When did you welcome Jesus into your home through the presence of a neighbor or a stranger?



*Pray for Vocations, Rev. Jeffrey Noble, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Rev. Gregory Passauer, Rev. Thomas Tyler, Rev. Thomas Trocchio, Rev. Walter Packard, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

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



#### Volunteers Needed to Help Sell Tickets at the Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair going on **September 1<sup>st</sup>—6<sup>th</sup>**. This annual fundraiser benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. We are hoping that parishioners from both St. Thomas and St. Teresa volunteer to help. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740), Deacon Randy Kondrlik (814-964-7823), Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-397-7332) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



#### Catholic Daughters' Meeting This Week

Members of the Catholic Daughters will hold a **picnic meeting on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00pm in Mead Park**. We hope you will join us. Please RSVP to Pat Phillips at 814-462-4114 for planning.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of victims of natural disasters in the world.

#### Mary Magdalene—Feast Day | July 22

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years. Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the women who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.



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***Blessed are they who have kept the Word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*** Luke 8:15

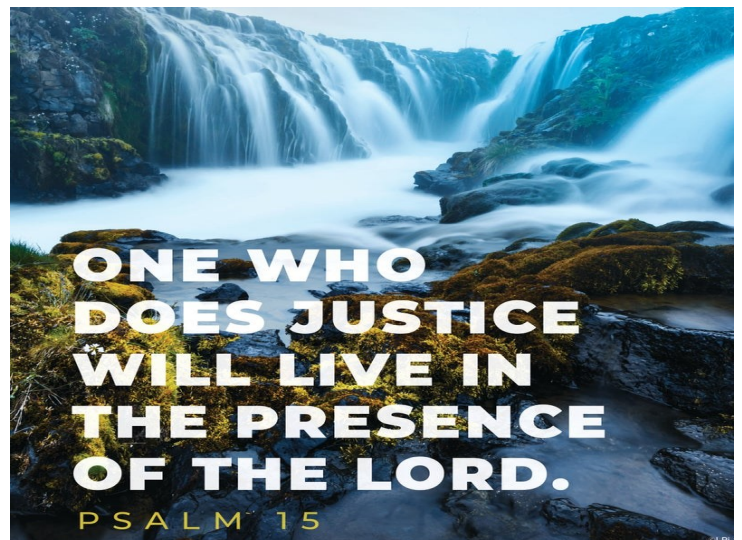
#### St. Thomas Church Gardens

We are grateful to those who help keep the flower gardens at the church looking good during the hot days of summer. Help may be needed in trimming some bushes. Those wishing to help should contact Lois Woodcock or the parish office. Thank you.



#### 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 20, 2025

Sun.: Genesis 18:1-10a ♦ Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a) ♦ Colossians 1:24-28 ♦ Luke 10:38-42  
 Mon.: Exodus 14:5-18 ♦ Exodus 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 12:38-42  
 Tues.: Songs of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ John 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Wed.: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15 ♦ Psalm 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 ♦ Matthew 13:1-9  
 Thur.: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b ♦ Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ♦ Matthew 13:10-17  
 Fri.: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 ♦ Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Matthew 20:20-28  
 Sat.: Exodus 24:3-8 ♦ Psalm 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 ♦ Matthew 13:24-30  
 Next Sun.: Genesis 18:20-32 ♦ Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a) ♦ Colossians 2:12-14 ♦ Luke 11:1-13

### 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.



### Thank You from the St. Teresa's Lawn Festival

We wish to thank all those who helped to make this year's Lawn Festival a success, especially to Matt Moon for coordinating the festival so it would run smoothly. We will post the profits raised from the Lawn Festival in an upcoming bulletin.

Pursue a lasting love ...

# MARRIAGE

Create hope for the future!

Natural Family Planning...supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage

Natural Family Planning Awareness Week  
July 20—26, 2025



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Jerry Adams by Diana Adams and family.

### Family Perspective

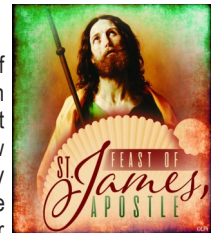
Facebook, messenger, messages, phone calls, emails, texts, and tweets can turn our lives into a series of constant interruptions. In today's gospel, Jesus says, 'You are anxious about many things,' reminding us that these distractions steal the precious time we need to truly be with others. Quality time is intentional time—free from distractions.

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

### St. James the Apostle—Fest Day | July 25

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee. Matthew 4:18-22 tells the story of Jesus calling first Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and then the sons of Zebedee. In Mark 3:17 the brothers receive a nickname from Jesus who calls them "sons of thunder" because of their many extreme reactions, like that in Luke 9:54 when they offer to call down fire on a Samaritan village.



Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in 9th century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb. In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral there and one can still undertake the pilgrimage.

Offer to God a sacrifice of Praise. Psalm 50



## Jubilee Journey: Pilgrims of Hope

Celebrating Together  
for Holy Year 2025





**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** July 12 & 13, 2025

**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$5,305.00  
**Average Budgeted Offertory Income** ..... \$7,700.00  
**Offertory Shortage** ..... \$(-2,395.00)

*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!*

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

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

*"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 = \$66,693

Paid to date = \$56,278

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$36,143

Paid to date = \$30,803

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 224

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.*



**STS. JOACHIM & ANNE**  
 GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS—JULY 26

**Sunday, July 27 is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

Let us take time to remember our grandparents and those advanced in years for their commitment and courage to passing on the faith to future generations. We thank them for their wisdom, understanding, and love. May God bless them all the days of their lives and may He grant them eternal rest in His kingdom.

**Thank You for Supporting the National Needs Collection**

Today's second collection was taken up in parishes throughout our Diocese—the Collection for National Needs which combines two collections: the Catholic Home Mission Appeal and the Black and Indian Mission Collection. We are grateful to those who supported today's second collection which helps poorer communities in our country who struggle to receive basic pastoral care and catechesis. Thank You! If you were not prepared to give today but wish to do so, please place your donation in an envelope marked '**National Needs Collection**' and put it in next weekend's collection basket or bring it to the parish office.

**NATIONAL NEEDS  
COLLECTION**



**MONTH OF THE  
PRECIOUS BLOOD  
OF JESUS**



**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.*