



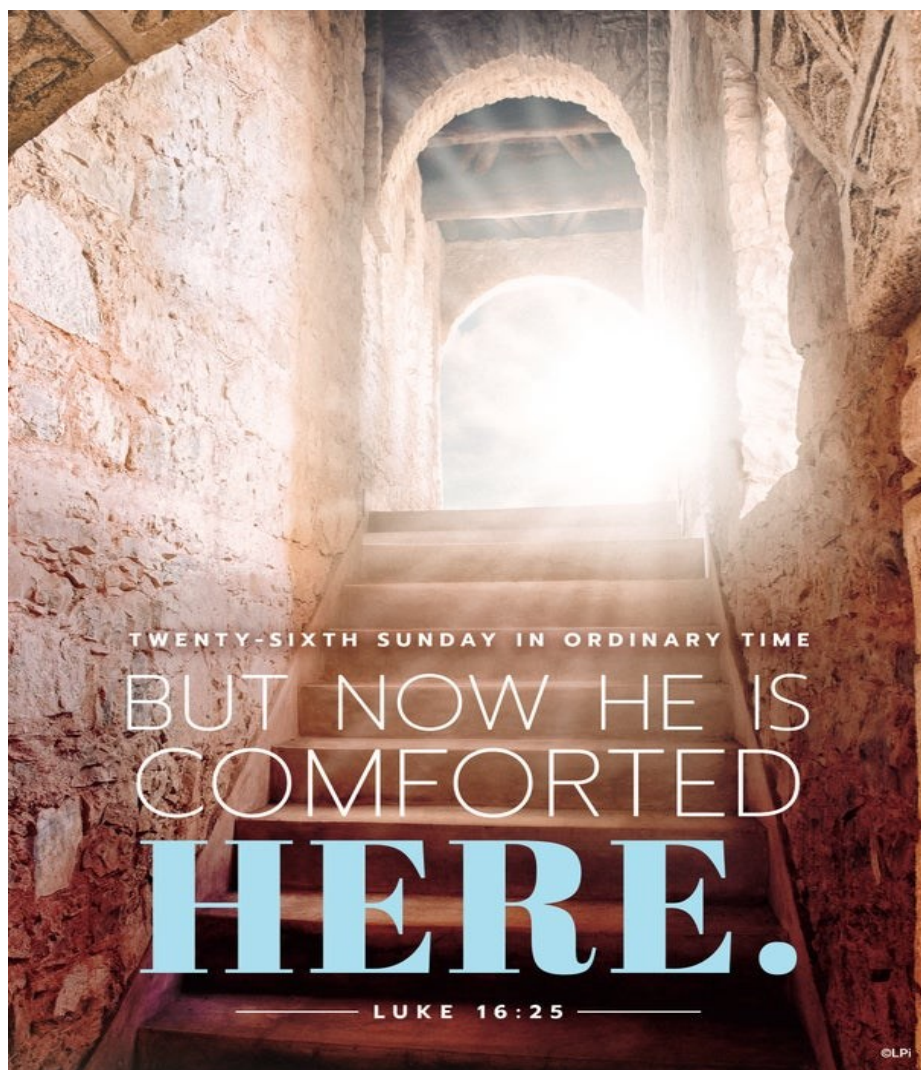
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203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

September 28, 2025



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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

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.

Message from the Pastor

UPCOMING EVENTS: Keep in mind that our annual **All Souls Service** will be held on Monday, November 3, at 7:00pm at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. All are welcome to attend. We will be remembering in a special way all those who have died in the past year and were buried from St. Thomas or St. Teresa.

The weekend of October 18 & 19 we will be celebrating the **feast of St. Teresa of Avila** at all the Masses, just as we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas back in July.

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00am at St. Thomas Church in Corry.

Our **Advent Penance Service** will be Sunday, December 7, at 1:30pm at St. Thomas Church.

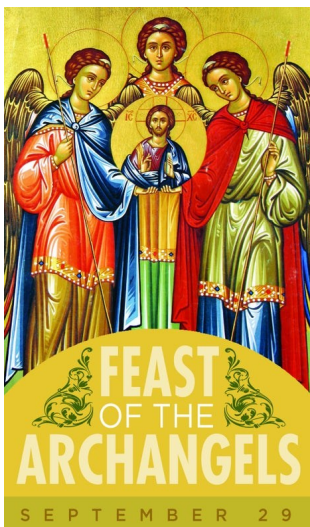
Christmas Eve Masses will be at 4:30pm at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa. **Mass on Christmas Day** will be at 10:00am at St. Thomas Church.

CHURCH PARKING LOTS: We have done work on the parking lots at both Churches this summer. Lines have been painted at St. Teresa and at St. Thomas. Please, park in those spaces that have been designed by these lines. Those are the only designated parking places. If there are no lines there, it is not a parking space but an area where people are to drive. There are **unpaved** sections of St. Teresa that are not lined but are used for parking.

There are places that are designated NO PARKING. This means you are not allowed to park there AT ANY TIME. Some of these NO PARKING spaces are FIRE LANES or access to FIRE HYDRANTS. You endanger everyone by not obeying the NO PARKING signs. Other NO PARKING spaces are to allow access to and from the garages, all of them. Other NO PARKING spaces are to provide access to doorways and buildings, particularly in case of emergency. PLEASE have a sense of respect for others and obey the NO PARKING signs. Please do not block entrances and exits to the buildings.

At St. Teresa, there is parking on only one side of 3rd Avenue on Sunday morning. (The side closest to the Church).

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, September 28

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

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, September 29

8:00a.m. † Ted & Barbara Krol by Bev & Ed Weaver (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 30

8:00a.m. †Chester Hajec by Pat Sproveri (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, October 1

8:00a.m. †Henry & Philomena Groner by George & Carol Groner (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, October 2

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

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

Friday, October 3—First Friday / Adoration

8:00a.m. †Jean Calfo by Irene Weaver (St. Teresa, Union City)

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

Saturday, October 4

4:30p.m. †Gilbert Rowland by Nancy Giblin (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, October 5

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

11:00a.m. For the People of the Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)

OCTOBER: Clergy Appreciation Month 2025

We give thanks and praise to all our priests and deacons who shepherd and guide the faithful in our diocese.

May God bless them in their ministry. Lord, give them health, strength, peace and encouragement as they serve Your people.

Pray For PRIESTS

Rev. Thomas Trocchio, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Philip Pinczewski, Rev. Walter Packard, *Pray for Vocations*, Rev. David Renne, Rev. Alexander Amico, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Eucharistic Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Our parishes will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, October 2nd (8:00am) through Friday, October 3rd (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, October 3rd (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.

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" - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus teaches us to share what we have with others. What do you have that you are able to share?

Question for Youth: The Gospel story tells us that we are judged by what we do or don't do for the poor and needy. How are you currently reaching out to those in need? What more could you do?

Question for Adults: What choices can you or have you made to balance your own life with those who are homeless, poor and in need of assistance for daily living? How does this Gospel reading inform you about that?

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

We are offering gravestone cleaning on a limited scale at ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Some members of our cemetery committees are trained in gravestone cleaning/preservation. The process will help remove dirt, lichen, and lighten up some discolorations/stains on gravestones. It is safe and gentle, so it will not damage the stones. Because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. Rate estimates are: Small stone (24"-35")—\$50; Medium (36"-59")—\$100; and Large (60"-75")—\$150. If you wish to have a loved one's stone cleaned, please contact the parish office. We will be taking orders for those who are interested. Thank you.

Here is a recent example of how the cleaning process will transform the look of a headstone.



***Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*** Matthew 5:3

Winds of Autumn — Saturday, October 4th Corry Band Show Competition

Please join us as the Corry Marching Band hosts a home competition for all to enjoy! The competition will be at Corry High School (rain or shine) on Saturday, October 4th with opening ceremonies at 5:30pm and awards at 8:00pm. Admission: Adults—\$8 and Students—\$6. There will be seven marching bands from area high schools performing. Come to enjoy not only the music & performances, but Concession Food, Bake Sale, Gift Baskets and more. Hope to see you there!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Mary Schneider by Tom & Lori Dingfelder and family.



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish will be served in the multipurpose room **following the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, October 5th**. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Nancy Saxton Borton** who passed away from Saint Thomas Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



OCTOBER DEVOTION

The Month of the 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.

Festivals/Events Around the Diocese

Oct. 3 & 4—Oktoberfest at St. Luke Parish, Erie

1552 E. Grandview Blvd. on Friday (5 to 11pm) and Saturday (12 to 11pm) Authentic German food, a beer and wine tent, live music, a kids' fun zone, a wiener dog race, a Bavarian coffee house, games of chance and more than 150 theme baskets. Guests will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle for the chance to win a 2025 BMW Roadster or \$50,000.

Oct. 5—Taste of Poland Dinner at St. Stanislaus Parish, Erie

516 E. 13th St., from 12 to 5pm, with takeout available. Meal includes pierogi, sausage, golabki, mashed potatoes and gravy, kupusta and bread with butter, at a cost of \$16 for adults, \$6 for children ages 6–12 and free for those under 5. Czarnina and frozen pierogi will also be for sale, along with a large bake sale, theme basket auction, special raffle baskets and a 50/50 raffle.

Oct. 12—St. Lawrence/St. Philip Annual Fall Dinner, Albion

129 E. Pearl St., Albion, PA from 11:30am to 2pm, until sold out. Menu is road beef, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn or green beans, applesauce, coleslaw, roll and pie. Cost is \$15. Takeouts available, as well as Auction, Bake Sale, Raffle, and 50/50.

2025 Knights of Columbus NFL Football Sweeps Fundraiser



Council #425 of Corry is selling PA Knights NFL Football Sweeps tickets for \$10 each. If interested in purchasing a ticket, please see Len Clark or stop into the parish office. Tickets will only be sold until October 12. Weekly prizes totaling \$3,000 to be awarded.

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sun.: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) ♦ 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ♦ Luke 16:19-31
 Mon.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab ♦ Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 ♦ John 1:47-51
 Tues.: Zechariah 8:20-23 ♦ Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Luke 9:51-56
 Wed.: Nehemiah 2:1-8 ♦ Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Luke 9:57-62
 Thur.: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458) ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ♦ Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 Fri.: Baruch 1:15-22 ♦ Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 ♦ Luke 10:13-16
 Sat.: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 ♦ Psalm 69:33-35, 36-37 ♦ Luke 10:17-24
 Next Sun.: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) ♦ 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 ♦ Luke 17:5-1



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Virginia Poninsky by Pete & Carol Poninsky.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the rich man died and was condemned to "a place of torment" because he ignored the poor. He asked Lazarus to go and warn his five brothers to change their ways, revealing ignoring the poor was a family pattern. What is your family's attitude toward those who are poor?



Angel of God, my guardian dear,
 to whom God's love commits me here,
 ever this day, be at my side,
 to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen

"I give you a new commandment:
 Love One Another as I have Loved YOU."

John 13:34

October | Respect Life Month



Catholic Charities' Helping Hands Gala 2025

Get ready for an incredible evening of generosity and celebration at the Helping Hands Gala! Join Catholic Charities on Thursday, Oct. 9, from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Yehl Alumni Ballroom, Gannon University, Erie. We will celebrate Joe Tarquinio as the Helping Hands of Justice honoree and Chris & Maria Ehrman as the Helping Hands of Service honorees for their unwavering commitment to the church and community. Tickets are \$100 each, or \$750 for a table of eight. Proceeds directly support Catholic Charities. Enjoy a special performance by the Erie Playhouse Showstoppers. Can't attend? Participate in our online silent auction, opening Saturday, Oct. 4, at <https://givebutter.com/c/hhgala25/auction>. Visit <https://ccincerie.org/gala-tickets> to purchase your tickets today!

ST. TERESA'S Harvest Moon Card Party



Sponsored By
**ST. TERESA'S
 ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY**

Drawings
 50-50
 Gas Card

**Admission
 \$ 6.00**

Includes Light Dinner
 with Coffee or tea

Door
 Prizes

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

6:00 P. M.

**AT ST. TERESA'S CENTER
 UNION CITY**

Gift Baskets

Reservations ELAINE 814-450-2766

Praise
 the Lord,
 O my soul!

PSALM 146



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.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: September 20 & 21, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$5,593.00

Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00

Offertory Shortage \$(-2,107.00)

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!



THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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



The Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi

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 = \$66,793

Paid to date = \$60,503

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$36,593

Paid to date = \$33,114

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 226

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.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News



Welcome Back Religious Education Students!

We are so excited to have all our students back—the first class went wonderfully, and it's a joy to see everyone again!

A very special **thank you** to our returning and new catechists this year:

- **PreK, K & 1st Grade** – Mrs. Natalie Moss
- **2nd Grade** – Mrs. Donna Blessing
- **3rd Grade** – Mrs. Heather Wilson
- **4th & 5th Grade** – Mr. Seth Moss & Mr. Eric Williams
- **EDGE (6th–8th Grades)** – Mrs. Jeannette Boyd with Mr. Jack Brigham
- **Confirmation (9th Grade)** – Deacon Randy Kondrlik with Mrs. Anne Kondrlik

Reminder for First Communion Parents:

Beginning this **Sunday, September 28**, one parent is asked to attend class with their child for the next six weeks.

Upcoming Calendar Dates for Religious Education:

- September 28 – Class
- October 5 – Class
- October 12 – No Class

NEW—Small Group for Youth

Let's grow in faith, build friendships, and have some fun! Our new Small Group will be for all confirmed youth in the parish who want to stay connected after Confirmation through relaxed meetups, shared meals, faith talks, service projects, and fun outings. **What to Expect:** Real conversations about life & faith / Snacks and chill time / Activities & service opportunities / Place where you belong. Please watch the bulletin for more details in the upcoming weeks.

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.