



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

## June 29, 2025

STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES  
AND UPON THIS  
ROCK I WILL BUILD  
**MY CHURCH.**

— MATTHEW 16:18 —



### 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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**Parish Office**  
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Corry, PA 16407  
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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

Notes from the Pastor

**FEAST OF ST. THOMAS:** The feast of St. Thomas falls on Thursday, July 3. We will celebrate the feast at all the Masses on the weekend of July 5 and 6. We will do the same for the Feast of St. Teresa in October.

**SUMMER CONSTRUCTION:** Just like Pennsylvania roads, maintenance will be a part of our parishes for the coming months. We ask you to be patient and understanding when there is a roof being replaced or a parking lot being paved.

At St. Teresa we will be replacing the roof on the church in late summer or early fall. The parking lot will be sealed at some point as well. These projects are projected to cost us \$80,000. The roof will be paid for from the sale of Our Lady of Fatima and the parking lot will be paid for by this year's CSA appeal.

At St. Thomas we have just completed another section of the roof and have two more roofs to go to complete the church: the flat roof over the St. Elizabeth Room and the steeple roof. These were part of a project we started two years ago and will be completed this summer. Also, the parking lots at St. Thomas will be re-surfaced by a company that is doing road work in Corry, Suit-Kote. This will be a three-part process which will entail the parking lot being closed from time to time. The office will remain open during this time, but you may not be able to park in the parking lot. The roofing project will end up costing over \$200,000 taken from a bequest made to the parish and the parking lot will be an additional \$60,000. The parking lot will be paid for out of funds raised over the past two years in the CSA appeal.

We have been addressing some of the physical needs of the two churches over the past two years and we still have several significant projects yet to do at each church. A new roof is needed at St. Teresa Parish center, boilers at St. Thomas Church, School, and office need to be replaced.

I thank you for your generosity to our parish in order to make these needed improvements possible. The future of our parish and its churches depends on you. Thank You for being so supportive of what we are doing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** After all the Masses this weekend, we will celebrate the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Immediately after Mass, we ask all those who wish to be anointed to sit in the VERY FIRST ROW to facilitate the anointing.

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 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.

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**Sunday, June 29—*Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles***

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

11:00a.m. ✠ Ray Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, June 30**

8:00a.m. ✠ Paul Mongera, Sr. by Lillie Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, July 1**

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

**Wednesday, July 2**

8:00a.m. ✠ Anne Crawford by her son, Dan Crawford (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, July 3—*Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle***

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

**Friday, July 4—*Independence Day***

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



**Saturday, July 5**

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas and Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, July 6**

8:00a.m. ✠ Richard & Eileen Farver by Richard K. & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠ Ronald Tomcho by Hanh Tomcho and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* (Matthew 16:16)

**HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION:** I have posted this several times and people are either not reading it or ignoring it.

First of all, if you choose to receive the Precious Blood from one of the cups, you are to take the cup in your hands and drink from the cup. Typically, people take a small sip. IT IS NEVER PERMITTED TO TAKE THE HOST AND DIP THE HOST INTO THE WINE. The minister of the Eucharist should cover the cup and instruct you to please consume the host first and then consume the wine.

If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, you should lean your head back open your mouth wide and extend your tongue. The minister of the Eucharist will place the host on your tongue. You should not try to bite the host out of the hand of the minister of the Eucharist. The host is placed on your tongue.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century offered a beautiful and powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then holding in your open hand the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.'"

If you choose to receive communion in the hand, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." If you are right-handed, then your left hand should be extended to be flat and your right hand should be underneath your left hand. The host will be placed in the palm of your hand. You

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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" - Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Question for Children:** Who do you say that Jesus is?

**Question for Youth:** How does the way you live your life show that you are a follower of Christ?

**Question for Adults:** Before the Resurrection, Peter denied Jesus three times. But in today's Gospel, we hear about a Peter who has unshakable faith. He clearly proclaims that Jesus is Christ, the Son of the living God. What can you do to strengthen your faith and draw nearer to Christ?

### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS from Bishop Persico

Lord God, creator of all things and source of all gifts and talents,  
your Son came to this world to fulfill His vocation as the  
Redeemer of all humanity.

Grant the sons and daughters of the parishes of the Diocese of  
Erie a profound awareness of their own vocations.

Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,  
may they come to realize their distinct place in your divine plan.

Give them the grace to recognize and the courage to pursue  
vocations as devoted priests, deacons and consecrated women  
and men to assist the Diocese of Erie in fulfilling her mission.

With the intercession of Saint Patrick, our patron, who preached  
the Gospel in word and deed, we pray that they may find  
happiness and fulfillment in a life of service to others.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Also, please keep in prayer the high school men who are seeking  
to follow God's call in their lives who may be attending the **Quo  
Vadis Days**—a four-day retreat for discernment at Saint Mark  
Seminary this week, June 29 through July 2.

*Marriage Banns* Rachel Brady and  
Hunter LaSalvia

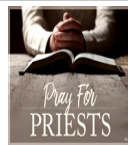


### ATTENTION Union City & Corry Knights of Columbus

Our annual summer picnic meetings are underway.  
We meet on the first Tuesdays of the month, with two  
summer meetings left in July and August. **All Brother  
Knights are encouraged to attend on 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!



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the  
week of June 29<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in  
memory of Christine Dyne Silver by Pat Keys.



Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, Rev. William Sutherland,  
Rev. David Perry, Rev. John Chaplin, Very Rev. John  
Detisch, VF, Rev. Ross Miceli, and also *Pray for All  
Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

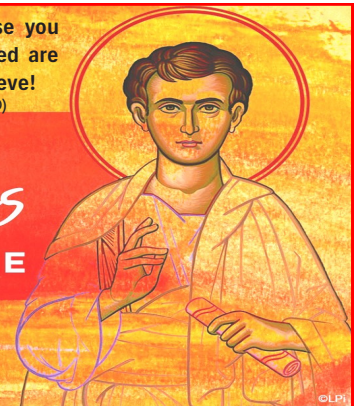


You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18

You believe in me, Thomas, because you  
have seen me, says the Lord: blessed are  
those who have not seen, but still believe!  
(John 20:20)

*St. Thomas*  
APOSTLE



### July 3<sup>rd</sup>—Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

The feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle reminds us that faith is a  
work in progress. Just as Thomas needed help to believe in the  
risen Christ, we also may struggle at times with strengthening  
our faith. May we be open to the grace to help deepen our  
faith as members of God's Church.



### 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 June 29, 2025

Sun.: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Galatians 1:11-20 ♦ John 21:15-19  
 Day: Acts 12:1-11 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18  
 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19  
 Mon.: Genesis 18:16-33 ♦ Psalm 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 ♦ Matthew 8:18-22  
 Tues.: Genesis 19:15-29 ♦ Psalm 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 ♦ Matthew 8:23-27  
 Wed.: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a ♦ Psalm 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 ♦ Matthew 8:28-34  
 Thur.: Ephesians 2:19-22 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ John 20:24-29  
 Fri.: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 ♦ Psalm 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 ♦  
 Matthew 9:9-13  
 Sat.: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29 ♦ Psalm 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 9:14-17  
 Next Sun.: Isaiah 66:10-14c ♦ Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1) ♦  
 Galatians 6:14-18 ♦ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9

### 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:

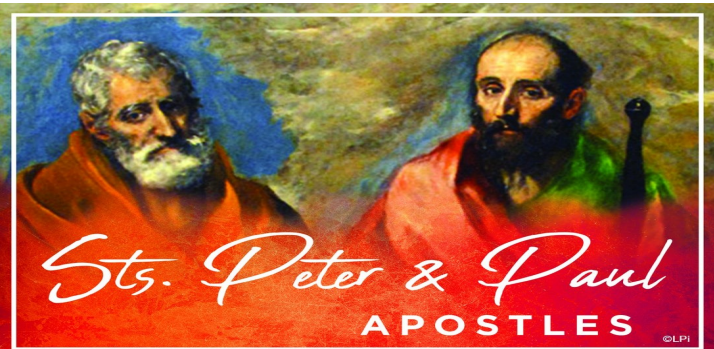
- Sunday, August 3 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00pm
- Sunday, August 24 at St. Tobias, Brockway at 3:00pm

Couples may complete registration online at <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, call 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.



### All Invited to OL' MERCY FEST

Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Rd. in Harborcreek will hold its Ol' Mercy Fest starting Friday, July 11 from 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Enjoy a summer evening of live music, great food and drinks and plenty of camaraderie. Bring your family and friends; admission is free and everyone is welcome! The night features live music from Roof Top Project, four amazing food trucks (Brady's Chuck Wagon, Waffle Miracle, Tariq and Smiley's Ice Cream), drink vendors including Erie Brewing, 6 Mile Cellars and Luminary Distilling, plus exciting games of chance like a beer pyramid, cash and bottle raffles, tip boards, instant bingo and a 50/50 drawing. Then, join us again on Sunday, July 13, for our annual BBQ Chicken Dinner; \$15 for adults and \$9 for children. Also featuring basket raffles, auctions and more fun throughout the afternoon!



On June 29, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul to honor the two great apostles Peter and Paul. St. Peter, one of the Twelve and the chief of the Apostles, the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, and St. Paul "called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1) and Apostle to the Gentiles. Together they are honored as founders of the Church of Rome, having been separately martyred there during the reign of Emperor Nero.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 29<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all those who lost their lives for our country.

### Family Perspective

In this story, Jesus asks his friends who they think he is. Peter says that Jesus is God's Son. Jesus is very happy with Peter's answer and tells him that his strong faith will help build a strong Church. This teaches us that knowing who Jesus is and having faith is very important. What would YOUR answer be?

### New Program: Catholic Council for Exceptional Families

The Catholic Council for Exceptional Families is creating a sensory-friendly program for special needs youth and families to do hands on and sensory friendly catechesis. If your family, or a family you know, has Youth ages 6-18 with special needs, they are encouraged to learn more by calling Dr. Aaron Kerr at the Diocese of Erie Faith Formation office, 814-824-1222 or email: [akerr@eriercd.org](mailto:akerr@eriercd.org).

### Staying Safe Online

With more people trying to access our phones without permission, it's important to keep them secure, especially since we rely on them to stay connected with our church and loved ones. To protect your phone, use a strong password or fingerprint lock, download apps only from trusted sources like the official app store, and regularly update your phone and apps. Be cautious when using public Wi-Fi, as it can expose your private information. You might also consider installing a trusted security app for extra protection. These simple steps can help keep your phone safe and ensure you stay connected with your community. Find out more here: <https://www.wizer-training.com/blog/how-to-keep-your-mobile-phone-more-secure>.



- Oliver Wendell Holmes



### St. Joseph's 86<sup>th</sup> Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration

Friday, July 4 from 11am—4pm at St. Joseph Parish Grounds, 112 Rectory Lane, Lucinda, PA (I-80 Exit 60—Rt. 66 North 10 miles). Clarion County's Oldest Independence Day Celebration! Traditional all-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham Dinners with Homemade Pie; Soup with our famous homemade noodles. Dining Room serving from 11:00am—3:00pm; Takeouts available 11:00am—2:00pm. Dinner is \$13—Adults, \$6—Children ages 6-12. Games of skill and chance for all ages—Live entertainment—Festival Foods—Bingo and more. Cash prizes, handmade quilts, E-bike, Gift certificates and \$5,000 grand prize. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. *Come Celebrate!*



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should take the host with your right hand and place it in your mouth. (The opposite is true if you are left-handed.)

- Please do not grab the host from the minister of the Eucharist.
- Allow the minister of the Eucharist to place the host in your hand and wait until the minister's hand is out of the way before you reach to take the host in your hand to consume it. You should not be reaching for the host until AFTER the minister has placed the host in your hand.
- Please make sure your hand is flat, not cupped.
- You should not be flipping the host from one hand to another and then picking it up to consume it. Your dominant hand should be on the bottom.
- Please make sure that one hand is underneath the other, not side by side.
- We do not eat the host out of the palm of our hand, but we pick up the host and place it in our mouth.
- PLEASE do not switch lines to receive from the priest or deacon. The Eucharist you receive from a priest, deacon, or lay minister is the real presence of Christ – that is what we do in each celebration of the Eucharist. There are not some hosts that are better than others. Switching lines is insulting to the Eucharistic Minister.

– Fr. Tom



Weekend of June 28 & 29  
following all Masses at St. Thomas & St. Teresa

May you have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday!



### 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 = \$66,441

Paid to date = \$53,311

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$35,988

Paid to date = \$29,883

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 219

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.*



### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 21 & 22, 2025

**Total Offertory Income** .....\$6,056.00

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

**Offertory Shortage**.....\$(-1,644.00)

*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.***

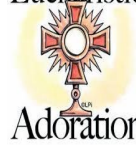


***Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at***

**[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!*

### Eucharistic Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK



***'My Lord and my God!'...I believe...***

Our parishes will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> (8:00am) through Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, July 4<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.

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

### 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.*