



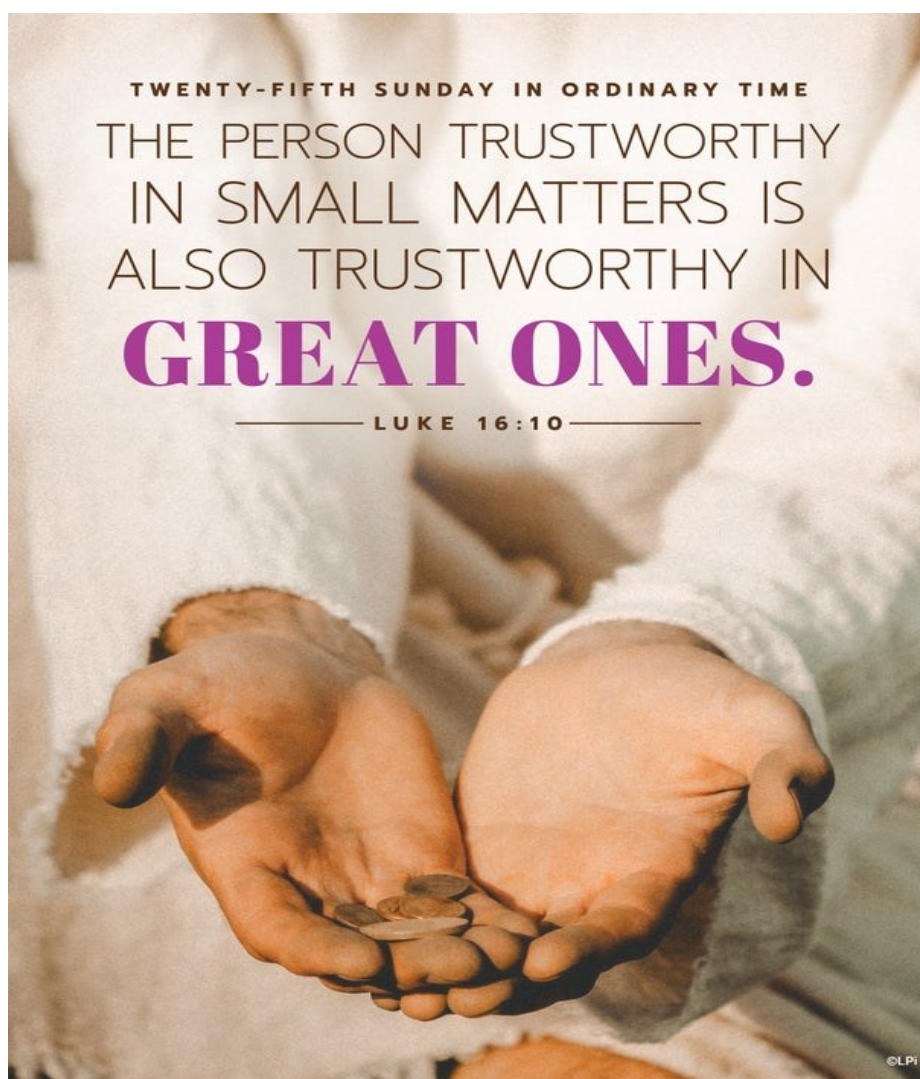
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203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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 21, 2025



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE PERSON TRUSTWORTHY
IN SMALL MATTERS IS
ALSO TRUSTWORTHY IN
GREAT ONES.

— LUKE 16:10 —

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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

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

SYNOD LISTENING SESSIONS: We will be holding listening sessions on the role of the laity in the Church and all are invited to attend. The listening session at **St. Teresa will be on Monday, September 22, in the Parish Center**, and at **St. Thomas on Wednesday, September 24, at St. Elizabeth Center; both from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.**

You may remember these Synod listening sessions started under Pope Francis and are now continuing under Pope Leo. The ideas gathered from these sessions are collected at each parish and then sent to the diocese, then passed on to a national committee, and finally are presented to a committee in Rome. Your input is very important.

Here are the four questions we will be focusing on:

1. How does being baptized as a follower of Christ shape the way you live your faith at church and in everyday life?
2. In what ways do you feel personally called to share in the Church's mission and help carry it forward?
3. Where have you noticed the Holy Spirit moving or guiding you in your life of faith or your connection to the Church?
4. What gives you hope when you think about the role of everyday Catholics in the Church and the world—and what would you love to see in the future?

THANKS FOR THE FLOWERS: Thanks to Nick and Mary Jo Brunecz for the beautiful mums in the sanctuary at St. Thomas. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated and beautifully enhance our worship space.

UPDATES: The church and steeple roofs are all completed at St. Thomas and the Church roof at St. Teresa should have been completed this week. Also, at St. Teresa, the rectory entrance way was improved thanks to a new door and painting of the canopy. The rectory, as a residence, qualified for an ECGRA grant which we are grateful for. You probably see signs to this effect on the front lawns of many homes in Union City.

COMING 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.

- Fr. Tom

"PRAY, HOPE, and don't WORRY." St. Padre Pio

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 to have their name added to our list.

Hospital Visits

Please call the parish office to let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Area hospitals of Hamot and St. Vincent have priests on call in cases of emergency.



Sunday, September 21

- 8:00a.m. ✠Sophie & Ed Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)
 11:00a.m. ✠Jane Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, September 22

- 8:00a.m. ✠Julia & Andy Ryba by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 23

- 8:00a.m. ✠Steve Mennen by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, September 24

- 8:00a.m. ✠Carl Buckshaw by Charlie Buckshaw (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, September 25

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

Friday, September 26

- 8:00a.m. ✠Lutz and Amoroso Families by Family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, September 27

- 4:30p.m. ✠Deceased Members of the Farver and Shone Families by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

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)

Though our Lord Jesus Christ was rich, he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8:9



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.*

"Question of the Week" - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Clothes, food, toys all cost money. How do you keep your faith more important than money?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us that money can get in the way of serving God. How can you use all that you have (possessions, money, time, talent) to serve God?

Question for Adults: Money is an important part of modern life. Suggest one or two ways you can keep the need for money in balance with your faith.

Catholic Daughters' Meeting This Week

Members of the Catholic Daughters will hold a meeting on **Thursday, September 25th at 6:00pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Center.** Members and ladies of the parish may join us.

New Cemetery Coordinator for Corry

We welcome Michelle Demeter to our staff as the new coordinator of our Corry Catholic cemeteries at the parish. Any questions regarding St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery may be directed to Michelle at the parish office (814-663-3041). She will be available at the office on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:00am—12:00pm.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Paul Griebel by Joan & Brad Allen.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

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.



WE SHOULD SPEND AS MUCH TIME
IN THANKING GOD FOR HIS BENEFITS
AS WE DO IN ASKING FOR THEM.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Requests for Mass Intentions

Please stop in or contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is ONLY \$10

per Mass. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you.

You may also sponsor the Sanctuary Candle for a loved one at either of our churches for just \$10 for one week.



**Payment is expected at the time of making Mass requests.
Thank you.**



Come join us on Sunday,
October 5th, 2025, Noon- 5pm
Taste of Poland Dinner

St. Stan's Parish Hall

516 E. 13th St.

Noon - 5pm - Take out Available.

Meal includes:

Pierogi, Sausage, Golabki,

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Kapusta,
Bread and Butter.

Adults: \$16. 6-12-year-old: \$6. Under 5: Free

Czarnina and Frozen Pierogi's for Sale,

We will be having a HUGE Bake Sale

Chinese Auction, Special Raffle Baskets

And a 50/50 Raffle

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT ST. STAN'S

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of September 21, 2025

Sun.: Amos 8:4-7 ♦ Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b) ♦ 1 Timothy 2:1-8 ♦ Luke 16:1-13 or 16:10-13
 Mon.: Ezra 1:1-6 ♦ Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Luke 8:16-18
 Tues.: Ezra 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 ♦ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 ♦ Luke 8:19-21
 Wed.: Ezra 9:5-9 ♦ Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 ♦ Luke 9:1-6
 Thur.: Hagai 1:1-8 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ Luke 9:7-9
 Fri.: Hagai 2:1-9 ♦ Psalm 43:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Luke 9:18-22
 Sat.: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a ♦ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 ♦ Luke 9:43b-45
 Next Sun.: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) ♦ 1 Timothy 6:11-16 ♦ Luke 16:19-31



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Andrew & Helen Harnak by Dorothy Rhodes and family.

Family Perspective

Despite all our time-saving gadgets, we still have less leisure and family time. To address this, we created the Myth of Quality Time. Don't be fooled: Quality Time is Quantity Time. Jesus counsels us today that we "cannot serve two masters" and expect to be happy. Dedicate time to your family. No one in their final hours regretted not spending more time at work.



Rev. Luke Daghir, Rev. Benjamin Daghir, Pray for Vocations, Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Msgr. Richard Seifer, EV, Rev. Robert Manning, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.

*For where your treasure is,
there also will your heart be.* Luke 12: 34

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.

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

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, September 22, 2025

PEOPLE FOR LIFE BUS TRIP
\$50 / SEAT

Join us for this very important and powerful public pro-life statement.

Leave Erie at 5 a.m.

March and Rally at the State Capitol

Return to Erie by 8 p.m.

Use the QR code (peopleforlife.com/pamarch) to reserve your seat(s) or send your payment to People for Life; PO Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512.

Include contact information and a name for each reservation.

Time will be available to tour the capitol building and visit your legislators.

www.PeopleforLife.org



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OCTOBER 3-4, 2025

**FRIDAY
5-11 PM**

**SATURDAY
12-11 PM**

ST. LUKE CHURCH & OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL ♦ 1553 E. GRANDVIEW BLVD ♦ ERIE
FOR MORE INFORMATION or TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS GO TO:

WWW.STLUKEOLMC.ORG

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: September 13 & 14, 2025

Total Offertory Income \$5,966.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income \$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage \$(-1,734.00)

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 the specific cemetery: 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!

Special Emergency Second Collection:

People of Gaza Collection \$1,500.00

Thank you for your donations to this special second collection taken up the weekend of Sept. 6/7 at our parish. This collection supports the people of Gaza with humanitarian relief. Thank you for your generosity. Please keep them in your prayers and continue to pray for peace in our world and an end to violence.

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

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.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News



Religious Education / 2025-2026 School Year

For the 2025-2026 Religious Education Year, we will again have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May). **Classes start THIS WEEKEND on Sunday, September 21st with all students (from both churches) meeting at St. Teresa Parish Center from 9:30am until 10:45am.** If you have school-aged students not yet registered, please contact Missy Silka at the parish office and/or come to class on Sunday mornings with your student to get them registered. We are looking forward to a great year with our students, catechists, and families in Religious Education!

NEW—Small Group for Youth

Let's grow in faith, build friendships, and have some fun! This year our Religious Education program is expanding to include Small Group. 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
- ✓ A place where you belong

Please watch the bulletin for more details in the upcoming weeks.



"CATECHISTS ARE PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE MEMORY OF GOD ALIVE; THEY KEEP IT ALIVE IN THEMSELVES AND THEY ARE ABLE TO REVIVE IT IN OTHERS."

- POPE FRANCIS

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Today's Second Collection: Catholic Education Collection

Thank you to those who donated to today's second collection for Catholic Education. Reminder— half of the money raised here stays in our parish to support students in our Religious Education Program. If you were not prepared to give today, please do so next week. Be sure to mark your envelope/donation for 'Catholic Education'. Thank you!

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 = \$66,733

Paid to date = \$59,593

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$36,568

Paid to date = \$32,889

Total Number of Families who made a pledge = 225

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.

