

THE PARISH OF
ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE
AND ITS MISSION
ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

November 8, 2026



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY & ZIP _____
PHONE _____

☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

Please drop into the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

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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

Message from the Pastor

THANK YOU to the women of our Altar Rosary Societies for assisting with the Mass for All Souls Day and for hosting the reception after Mass. Your assistance and hard work are greatly appreciated.

RECOMMENDED READING: I try to recommend books from time to time in order to keep alive the skill of reading and the quiet reflection that comes with reading. Just as reading the Scriptures leads us into prayerful quiet and reflection, our spiritual reading can lead us into that same prayerfulness. Fr. Ronald Rolheiser is one of my favorite spiritual authors. His insights, and his ability to clearly articulate his message, is what makes him accessible to everyone. His most recent book, *Our Heart Is Stronger Than Our Wounds*, is a series of short reflections on how we find hope in our suffering. Each reflection can lead to a time of prayer to deepen our understanding of what he has shared with us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS AT ST. TERESA: We will be collecting food for 30 Thanksgiving Food Baskets to support families in Union City. See the details of what is needed in the bulletin. Boxes are at the Church entrances to place your donations.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IN CORRY: The Knights of Columbus are collecting non perishable food items to helps support the Food Pantry in Corry for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Boxes are at the Church entrances to place your donations.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: Mass will be on **Thursday, November 26, at 9:00am at St. Teresa**. All are welcome to attend.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: Our Advent Penance Service will be **Sunday, December 6, at 1:30pm at St. Teresa Church**. There will be four priests available to hear confession during the Penance Service.

I GIVE CATHOLIC: The annual I Give Catholic online giving campaign will be held on **December 1**. Advanced Giving envelopes will be available as well. Watch the bulletin and the website for more information.

HOLY DAY MASSES FOR THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: Masses will be **Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00am at St. Thomas in Corry** and **at 7:00pm at St. Teresa in Union City**.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS AT BOTH CHURCHES: We will decorate for Christmas **at St. Teresa on Sunday, December 20, after the 11:00 Mass**, and **at St. Thomas on Monday, December 21, at 9:30am**. All are welcome to come and help.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: **Thursday, December 24, Mass will be at 4:30pm at St. Thomas and at 7:00pm at St. Teresa. On December 25, Mass will be at 10:00 at St. Thomas in Corry**.

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, November 8
8:00a.m. ✝ Peter Sander by RoseMarie Ross (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. ✝ Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her dauther, Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, November 9
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City.

Tuesday, November 10
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry.

Wednesday, November 11 - *Veteran's Day*
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry.

Thursday, November 12
No Mass or Services today at both St. Thomas & St. Teresa.

Friday, November 13
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City.

Saturday, November 14
4:30p.m. ✝ Christine Lloyd by Patricia Stolz (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, November 15
8:00a.m. People of the Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. ✝ Don Tinko by Irene Weaver and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

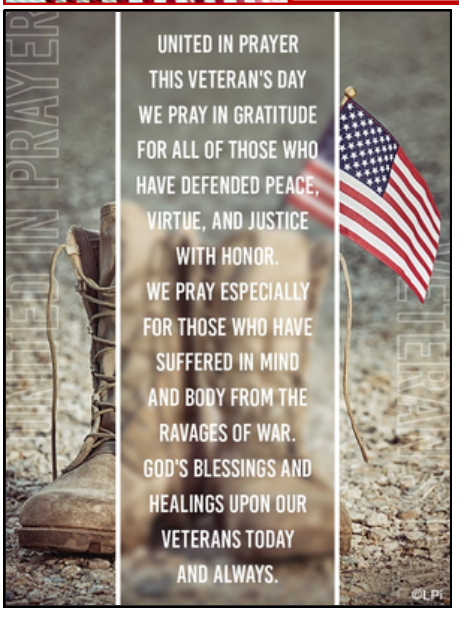
Parish Calendars: Calendars will be available in our churches near the entrances next weekend. We are grateful to the local funeral homes who sponsored our calendars so they can be enjoyed by parishioners. Please take only one per family, for now, until everyone who would like one has a chance to get one. Thank you.



Veteran's Day - Wed. Nov. 11th

We pray for all Veterans and Active Duty Military - may God protect them and give them peace.

Our Parish Office is Closed on Nov. 11
Sorry for any inconvenience.





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.

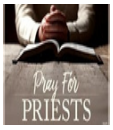
Persevere in Prayer

"Question of the Week" - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: If Jesus came to your house today, what would you do to get ready for him?

Question for Youth: Even though you are still young, what strategy do you have to make sure you are "ready" for the inevitable moment when you will die?

Question for Adults: How are you preparing to be ready for that moment that no one escapes, the moment when you come to the end of your life as you know it now?



Rev. Edward Walk, Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Jason Glover, Rev. Michael Kesicki, Very Rev. Justin Pino, VF, Very Rev. John Detisch, VF, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons of our diocese.

Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

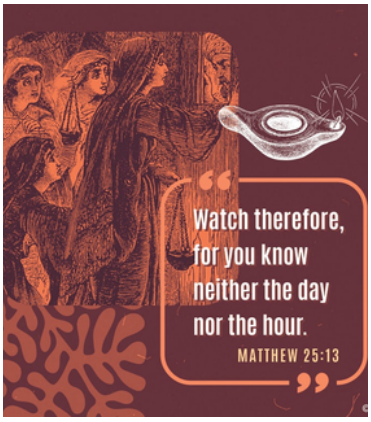


The ladies of the Altar Rosary will again sell pastries at Masses the weekends of Nov. 14/15 and Nov. 21/22. Costs is $18 for Kolachi (Walnut and Apricot) and $13 for Baklava. Monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.

You're Invited to Join the Choir at St. Thomas

We will be starting choir rehearsals to prepare for Advent and Christmas season on **Monday, November 9 from 6:00pm-7:30pm meeting in St. Thomas Church**. Rehearsals will continue on Monday evenings. Anyone who likes to sing is invited to help enhance our liturgies with your voice. Please consider joining us this year - all are welcome. Any questions, please contact Gary Johnston or Joan Allen.





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 November 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Millie and Chappy Smith by Susan Crawford.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

Our local Knights are collecting non-perishable food to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to please donate non-perishable food items and place donations in the bins found inside St. Thomas Church near each of the entrances. Thank you for your generosity in helping our neighbors in need.



Knights of Columbus Meeting This Week

Brother Knights are reminded of their monthly meeting this week on Tuesday, November 10 in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We will begin with the Rosary at 6:30pm and the meeting will follow.

SAVE THE DATE

Cemetery Fundraiser at Corry Pizza Hut
Tuesday, November 17th
Help Support
St. Thomas & St. Elizabeth Cemeteries
More information to come.

Pizza Hut

Coffee & Donuts at St. Thomas Next Sunday

All are invited to join us for Coffee & Donuts next **Sunday, November 15th, following Mass at 8:00am in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas** (inside the former school building across the parking lot behind the church). Please come and join us - we would love to see you!

PRAYER
for a NEW BISHOP

O Almighty God,,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
may we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Revrend Lawence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie

St. Teresa News

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society & Operation Christmas Child

All items for the 'Christmas Shoebox' sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society are **due TODAY - Sunday, November 8**. Keeping in mind that items must fit inside a shoebox. Monetary donations are also needed to help defray the cost of shipping. If you have questions, please contact Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766.

St Teresa's Rosary Altar Society Meeting

Ladies of the Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, November 9th at 4:00pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend. *Hope to see you there!*

Readings for the week of November 8, 2026

Sun.: Wisdom 6:12-16 | Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14 | Matthew 25:1-13
Mon.: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 | Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 | 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 | John 2:13-22
Tues.: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 | Psalm 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 | Luke 17:7-10
Wed.: Titus 3:1-7 | Psalm 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 | Luke 17:11-19
Thur.: Philemon 7-20 | Psalm 146:7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 | Luke 17:20-25
Fri.: 2 John 4-9 | Psalm 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 | Luke 17:26-37
Sat.: 3 John 5-8 | Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Luke 18:1-8
Next Sun.: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 | Psalm 28:1-2, 3, 4-5 | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 | Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!
We appreciate their support and ask that you patronize their businesses.

Donations Needed for Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We are looking to provide **30 families right here in Union City** with everything needed to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner! **Items needed to fill each meal include**:

Canned Items: Vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas), Sweet Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit, Pumpkin, Gravy.

Boxed & Pantry Items: Stuffing Mix, Dessert Mixes (cake, brownies, Jell-O, etc.), French Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom or Chicken Soup, Broth (Chicken, Vegetable, or Turkey).



Donations are also a wonderful way to help! We will be purchasing fresh rolls for each meal. **You can contribute by dropping monetary donations in the collection basket or in the mailbox next to the rectory garage**.



You may also bring food donations to the entrance of **St. Teresa Church Monday–Thursday, 8:30AM–4:00PM, or before and after weekend Masses. Donations will be accepted now until Sunday, Nov. 15th**. Together, we can make this Thanksgiving special for our neighbors in need!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.

Family Perspective

The bridesmaids in today's gospel were deemed 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts that keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

Be Cautious About Sharing Personal Information

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in our Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and parishes will never solicit your personal or business information unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information—including a request for gift cards —exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or parish by using official contact information only. Financial fraud like gift card scams can be reported to the FTC here: https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find 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 returing it in the Offertory Colleciton or to 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.

SACRAMNET 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 mailing address, phone numbers, or email. Thank you.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 31 & Nov. 1, 2026

Total Offertory Income $8,788.25
Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....$7,700.00
Offertory Overage.....$1,088.25

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.

DONATE ONLINE

Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

You may also give by simply scanning the QR Code here:
THANK YOU for supporting our parish.

Second Collection: Mission Sunday $1,635.50

Thank you for your generosity to the special second collection for Mission Sunday taken up in our parish the weekend of October 17/18. Your donation helps missionaries throughout the world to help spread the Gospel message to places which may not have heard it. Thank you!

FINANCIAL STEWARSHIP: QUARTERLY UPDATE

Total Offertory Income (7-1 through 9-30)..... $86,045.13
Total Miscellaneous Income..... $23,948.72
(includes rentals, fundraisers, misc income)
Total Income..... $109,993.85
Total Expenses..... $118,945.00
(includes normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs)
Total Income after Expenses..... $ (-8,951.15)

Early Bulletin Deadlines

The holidays are fast approaching and with it comes early bulletin deadlines. They are as follows:

For the Nov. 22 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 12
For the Nov. 29 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 18
For the Dec. 6 Bulletin - articles due by Nov. 28
For the Dec. 13 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 3
For the Dec. 20 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 10
For the Dec. 27 Bulletin - articles due by Dec. 16

Please be sure to have any items for the bulletin to the parish office well in advance to ensure publication. You may email the information to: *secretary@stparish.org* or drop it off in the parish office. Thank you.

#iGIVECATHOLIC ON GIVING TUESDAY December 1, 2026

Join Us for #iGiveCatholic
Tuesday, December 1, 2026

What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish?

Advanced Giving runs from Mon., Nov. 16th - Mon., Nov. 30th

You can support St. Thomas and St. Teresa with an offline gift of check or cash by placing your gift in the #iGiveCatholic envelope found in the pews at both our churches. Please be sure to designate which project/church you wish your gift to be applied.

St. Thomas - raising funds to help offset the cost of new boilers
St. Teresa - raising funds to pay for the new parish center roof

You may give online at: **erie.igivecatholic.org** (search for St. Thomas)

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish!

Faith Formation & Religious Education News

We are excited to share the teaching of the Catholic faith in our Religious Educaiton Program

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Class Schedule

Classes meet from 9:30am - 10:45am at St. Teresa Parish Center in Union City for ALL students (Sept. - Dec.).
November 8 - Class
November 15 - Class
November 22 - Class / Safe Environment Training
November 29 - NO Class / Thanksgiving break

Youth Mass and Fun Celebration Shared Together

Students, catechists, and families participated in our parish Youth Mass on Sunday, October 25th at St. Teresa Church. It was followed up by a Fall social gathering in the parish center. Here are some photos from these events to highlight experiences shaping and strengthening our young people in faith:



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

November is designated National Homeless Youth Awareness Month, a critical time to raise awareness about the challenges facing young people experiencing homelessness. Annually approximately 1.2 million children under age 6 and 4.3 million youth and young adults experience homelessness. Youth without stable housing face a high risk of trauma, violence, substance abuse, sex trafficking and mental health issues. Homeless high school students were nearly twice as likely to consider suicide and over three times as likely to attempt it compared to housed students. You can help by supporting local shelters, outreach programs and advocating for policies that protect vulnerable youth. For more resources visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.