



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

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



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

June 21, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YOU ARE WORTH MORE THAN MANY SPARROWS.

— MATTHEW 10:31 —



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

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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

EMMAUS CONVOCATION: The annual convocation for priests and deacons from the Diocese of Erie will begin Monday for priests and Wednesday for deacons at St. Vincent College in Latrobe. The convocation ends on Friday. Archbishop Bernard Hebda will be the main speaker for the week. Just to be aware that the deacons and I will be away this week.

POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL ON AI, MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS: Papal Encyclicals are often difficult to read and quite lengthy. Pope Leo's first encyclical is actually very readable but yet quite long. I have been reading it chapter by chapter. The first few chapters give a magnificent overview of Catholic Social Teaching. Last year I did an overview of Catholic Social Teaching in the bulletin, but I would recommend reading the first part of the encyclical to understand where Pope Leo comes from in his Papacy and where he has been in his ministry in South America for many years. This is something dear to his heart and of grave importance for our understanding of the dignity of the human person and how our choices and actions either support or impinge on our human dignity.

PARISH COUNCIL: I am still looking for people to be part of Parish Council from both Churches.

The new format for Council is still in the early stages of development. The heart of this new Council will be that they will brainstorm ideas to keep our parish moving forward and building community. They will not only be responsible for the idea phase but will also be responsible for making those ideas become reality. It will be a Council of planning and implementing those plans. Over the next few months, I will be interviewing people who may be interested in being a part of this Council. Depending on the number of interested people, we may have a Council and then a group of people who are interested in helping us implement the ideas Council proposes. If you are interested in interviewing for some part of this Council, please contact me at the parish office (814-663-3041) or by email (TJWhitman@eriercd.org) to schedule an appointment.

PARISH PROJECTS AND CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: At our most recent Finance Council meeting, we approved various projects at both Churches. At St. Teresa, we approved replacing the roofs over the Parish Center at a cost of \$194,000. St. Teresa has about 20% of this in reserve, the remaining amount is being financed through the Catholic Services Appeal over the next three years. Even though this work will be completed this summer, we will continue to pay for the work over the next three years in the proceeds from our CSA appeals. People are also welcome to donate directly to the project.

At St. Thomas, we approved replacing the boilers in the church, school, and office at a cost of \$270,000. This work is being covered by another very generous bequest from Marian Barton. We are using the Catholic Services Appeal over the next three years to replenish these funds in order that we might have funds for future projects at the parish. People are also able to donate directly to this project. This work is also scheduled to be completed this summer.

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, June 21—Father's Day

8:00a.m. People of the Parish
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †All Deceased Fathers
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, June 22

8:00a.m. †Dorothy Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 23

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

Wednesday, June 24

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

Thursday, June 25

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

Friday, June 26

8:00a.m. †Mary Jane Steimer by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, June 27

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

Sunday, June 28

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

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

250th Anniversary

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

As our nation approaches the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, Catholics across the country are invited to join in prayer as the United States is consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus from June 11 to July 4. Learn more about how to participate through prayer, parish resources, Eucharistic adoration and works of mercy at www.ErieRCD.org/250.html.

Diocese of Erie: Visit the diocese's website at www.eriercd.org for information, news and resources about our Catholic faith and much more.

Follow Us on Facebook!
Be sure to check out and follow our Facebook page: **St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa**
It's a great way to stay connected with the parish!

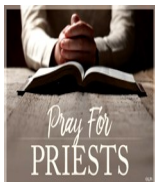
St. Thomas News



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.*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Wascak, Stolar, and Huffman Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman.



Rev. Thomas Whitman, Rev. Msgr. James Sanner, Rev. Msgr. Richard Siefer, Rev. Matthew Kujawinski, Rev. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, Rev. James McCormick, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese –especially as they are attending their Emmaus Retreat this week.*

Please Return LifeCare Baby Bottles

LifeCare Baby Bottles were to be returned this weekend (June 20/21) at Mass. If you forgot to bring your bottle with you, please return it to the church or parish office as soon as possible. Thank you! This is LifeCare's largest fundraiser to support their pro-life Christian ministries. Thanks for your help.



Events in our Area

Zabawa Volunteers: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie is looking for volunteers to help work at the Zabawa Polish Festival. The days are Aug. 21-23. Friday 4:30-9p.m., Saturday 11:30a.m.-9p.m. and Sunday 10:30a.m.-4p.m. Hours are flexible. Please contact Kaila Pribonic 814-384-4536 with any questions or if you are able to volunteer.

6-Day Centering Prayer Retreat: Bethany Retreat Center, 1036 Germania Rd, Frenchville, is hosting an in-depth retreat for those experienced in Centering Prayer. This retreat, designed to bring an atmosphere of silence, solitude and community will be held June 21-26. For more information or to register, please go to www.anawiministries.com.

Knights 10K/5K Race and Walk: Attention all runners and walkers! Knights of Columbus Council #4071 is sponsoring their 40th Anniversary Liberty 10K/5K Race and Walk on Saturday, July 4. It will be held at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. with the race starting promptly at 8 a.m. The fee is \$35. You can register online at rnsignup.com or erierunners.club. A free T-shirt will be given to the first 100 participants. Make it a family affair! There will be trophies for 1st and 2nd place winners and medallions will be awarded to all finishers. Refreshments will be provided and 10% of all profits benefit the St. Paul's Soup Kitchen. Please call Mark at 814-392-3526 for details or questions.



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.

Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

Gravestone cleaning is offered on a limited scale for ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Rates range from \$50—\$150, but because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. We are taking orders for those who are interested. Please contact the parish office.



"Question of the Week" - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Computer Safety Tip: Reboot Your Router Monthly

Rebooting your Wi-Fi router is a highly recommended security practice. Federal agencies, including the NSA, urge consumers to restart their routers regularly to disrupt malware residing in the device's memory. U.S. cybersecurity agencies recently disrupted a network of compromised home and small-office routers used by a Russian military intelligence unit. Rebooting your router can disrupt certain types of malware and clear temporary connections that attackers exploit. How to Reboot Your Router: Unplug your router, wait 60 seconds, plug it back in.

While our priests and deacons attend the Emmaus Clergy Convocation June 22-25, 2026, let us keep them in our prayers - that their time together may renew their hearts, strengthen their brotherhood and deepen their love for Christ and his church.

THE EMMAUS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer
for the spiritual renewal of priests and deacons.
We praise you for giving their ministry to the church.
In these days, renew them with the gifts
of your Spirit.

You once opened the Scriptures to
the disciples on the road to Emmaus.
We ask you to renew your ordained ministers
with the truth and power of your Word.

In the Eucharist, you gave the Emmaus disciples
renewed life and hope.
Nourish priests and deacons with your own
Body and Blood.
Help them to imitate in their lives
the death and resurrection they
celebrate at your altar.

Give priests and deacons enthusiasm for the Gospel,
zeal for the salvation of souls,
courage in leadership, humility in service,
fellowship with one another
and with all the faithful.

For you love them, Lord Jesus,
and we love and pray for them in Your Name.
Amen.



DIocese of ERIE
Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of June 21, 2026

Sun.: Jeremiah 20:10-13 ♦ Psalm 69:8-10, 14 and 17, 33-35 ♦
Romans 5:12-15 ♦ Matthew 10:26-33
Mon.: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 ♦ Psalm 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 ♦ Matthew 7:1-5
Tues.: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 ♦ Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 ♦
Matthew 7:6, 12-14
Wed.: *Vigil:* Jeremiah 1:4-10 ♦ Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 ♦
1 Peter 1:8-12 ♦ Luke 1:5-17
Day: Isaiah 49:1-6 ♦ Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 ♦ Acts 13:22-26 ♦
Luke 1:57-66, 80
Thur.: 2 Kings 24:8-17 ♦ Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 ♦ Matthew 7:21-29
Fri.: 2 Kings 25:1-12 ♦ Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Matthew 8:1-4
Sat.: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 ♦ Psalm 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 ♦
Matthew 8:5-17
Next Sun.: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a ♦ Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 ♦
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 ♦ Matthew 10:37-42



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Scott King by Larry, Kim, and family.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, Jesus says "Do not be afraid" three times and reminds us that "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not fear acknowledging problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness," they can "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding, and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

Lawn Festival Chairperson Needed

We are seeking a volunteer to serve as chairperson for the St. Teresa Lawn Festival. This important event brings our parish community together for fellowship, fun, and fundraising, and we are looking for someone willing to help lead and coordinate the festival efforts. Responsibilities include organizing committees, coordinating volunteers, and helping oversee festival planning with guidance from the past coordinator. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Fr Tom. *Your time and talents would be greatly appreciated!*



2026 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals:

Diocesan Goal for our parish is \$64,881

St. Thomas portion is \$38,000 / St. Teresa portion is \$27,000

Stretch Goals: St. Thomas—\$123,00 / St. Teresa—\$94,000

Amount Pledged at **St. Thomas** to date = \$77,035

Paid to date = \$60,655

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$41,730

Paid to date = \$37,230

Number of Families who made a pledge = 207



Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

PRAYER for a NEW BISHOP

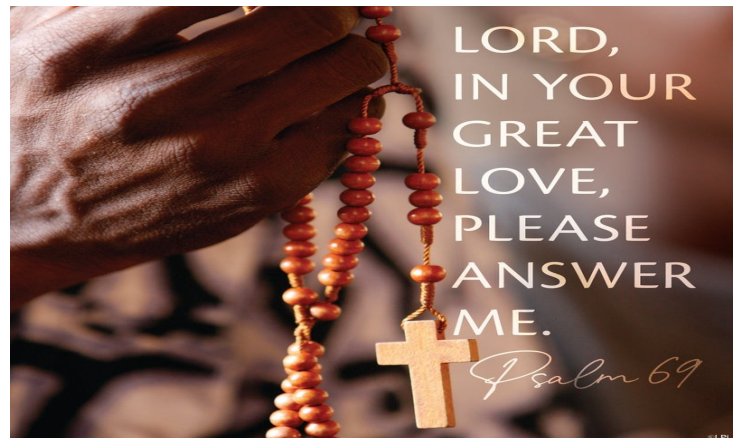
O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father and those who assist him in the discernment of our new bishop. May the one chosen have the strength to be a compassionate leader, who models humility and joy. Grant him the wisdom of Solomon, the courage of the apostles, and the tenderness 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 Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



Quo Vadis Days 2026

Join Us For Our Summer Priesthood Discernment Camp!
June 28 - July 1, 2026 at St. Mark Seminary



For Catholic Young Men (Those Finishing 8th Grade to 2026 High School Graduates) Seeking to Do God's Will

For More Information:
Fr. Scott Jabo
Vocation Director
814-824-1198
SWJabo@eriercd.org



Cost: \$50
To Register:
WWW.erievocations.org
Deadline to Register:
June 22, 2026

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 13 & 14, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$6,392.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage\$(-1,308.00)

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!

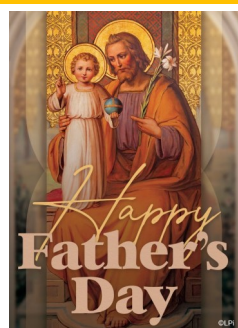
Missionary Co-Op Collection (May 30/31).....\$2,516.00
 Thank you for your generosity to the Missionary Co-Op Collection which will assist the Archdiocese of Mwanza in the northwestern region of Tanzania in East Africa. We were blessed to have a missionary with us at our weekend Masses on May 30 & 31 to share the challenges and hopes for the Church in Africa. He spoke to us about three critical initiatives that are vital to the life and growth of the Church and its people: Priestly Formation, Education for Girls, and Clean Drinking Water.

Sister Parish Special Envelope.....\$963.00
 Thank you for using the special envelope in our offertory packets to help support the Mission of Friendship and our Sister Parish—St. Anthony of Pauda in the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico.

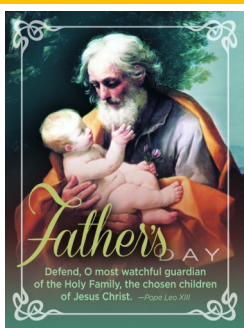
THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

Parish Wedding Anniversary Recognition

Our parish wishes to recognize those couples from St. Thomas and St. Teresa who are celebrating milestone (25th, 40th, 50th, 60th) anniversaries this year. **The recognition will be at weekend Masses on August 8 & 9.** Couples are asked to call the parish office and let us know the number of year's married and which Mass time they will attend. Couples celebrating this year will also be eligible to participate in the Diocesan celebration in 2027. You may also register online for the wedding anniversary celebration at St. Thomas Parish by going to <https://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> and scroll down the page to locate the celebration for St. Thomas Parish. ***Congratulations to all the couples who are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary! May God continue to bless your marriage.***



This Father's Day, let's honor all the men in our lives who provide strong role models for young and old alike through their strength, faith, and instinct to protect.



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May 20, 2026

On June 28th, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who gave their lives for Christ in Rome. Each year, the Peter's Pence Collection is taken up throughout the Church on or near this Solemnity. This year, the collection will be taken up in our parishes on the weekend of June 27 and 28.

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most in need among our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, we are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 + *Lawrence T. Persico*
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

FIRST ENCYCLICAL OF POPE LEO XIV



ENCYCLICAL LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER LEO XIV
MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
On safeguarding the human person in the time of Artificial Intelligence

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Chapter 2

FOUNDATIONS AND PRINCIPLES OF THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL TEACHING

✠ | "Embodying God's love in the concrete events of life." MH 47

THE FOUNDATIONS

Person = image of God

✠ | "Every human person is planned and willed by God to enter into communion with him, with others and with creation." MH 50

Human Dignity

- It is **innate** (not earned)
- It is **infinite**
- It applies to **everyone**

The value of human rights

- **Universal**
- **Inviolable**
- Grounded in **dignity**

THE PRINCIPLES

to guide today's world in the face of its challenges

The common good

The good of all is greater than the sum of the good of each individual

The universal destination of goods

So that they may sustain the lives of everyone

Subsidiarity

Helping without taking over

Solidarity

None is saved alone

Social justice

Providing dignified conditions for all



INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

the concrete way in which these principles are put into practice in history

THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF THE PERSON

- 1 economic | 2 social | 3 spiritual | 4 environmental

Development is genuine only if it concerns the whole person and all people

✠ | "Do technological innovations truly help individuals and populations to become more humane and fraternal, while respecting our common home and future generations?" MH 65

Social doctrine is not theory; it is concrete action.
Building a more just and fraternal society is possible!



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As artificial intelligence continues to shape communication, education, work and everyday life, Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica Humanitas* ("Magnificent Humanity"), offers the Church and the world a timely reflection on the dignity of the human person in an increasingly digital age. The Holy See / Vatican website can be accessed to see more information on Pope Leo's first encyclical by going to: <https://www.humandevlopment.va/en/magnifica-humanitas.html>