



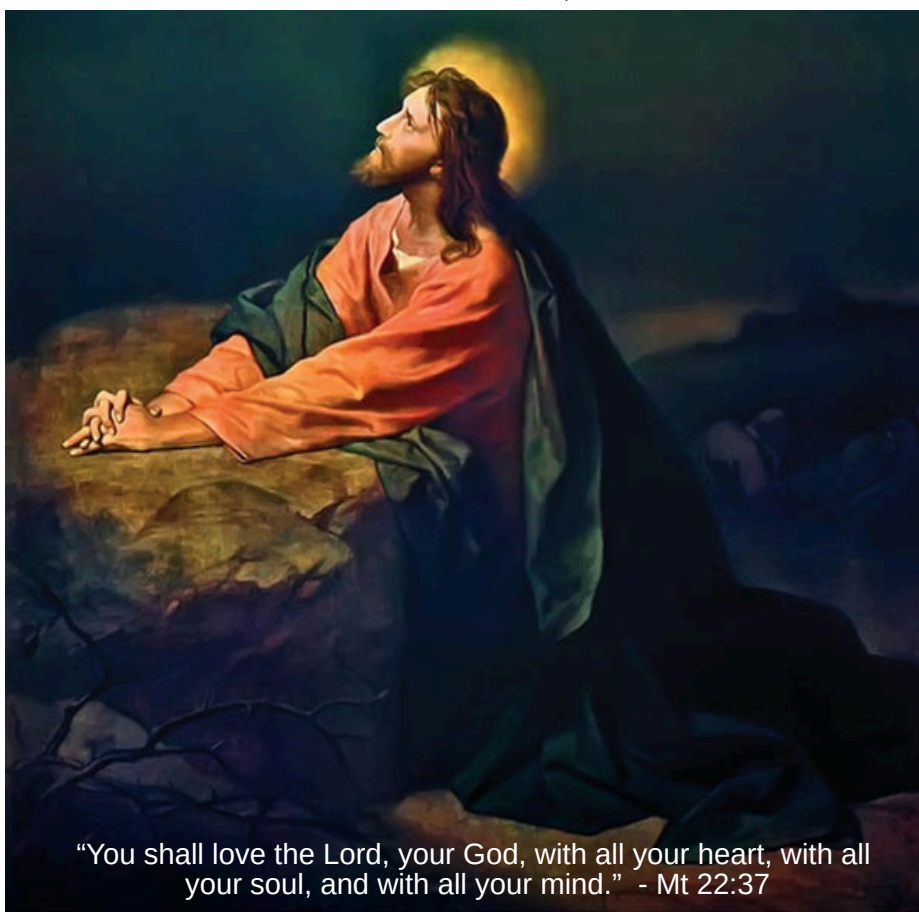
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

October 25, 2026



"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
203 W. Washington Street
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

Message from the Pastor

CORPUS CHRISTI ACADEMY: Bishop Persico asked that this portion of his letter be reproduced in order to clarify the status of what has been called the Corpus Christi Academy.

He writes:

"I write to you clarifying a recent development: the establishment of Corpus Christi Academy, a classical liberal arts school, by private citizens in Erie County. This school was incorporated with the Pennsylvania Department of State as a nonprofit corporation.

There is confusion among some that this is another "Catholic school" opening in Erie. I want to be very clear; this is not a Catholic school. Catholic school status is ecclesiastically regulated, not unilaterally assumed by a private organizer. Canon 803 prohibits a school from bearing the title "Catholic school" without ecclesiastical consent. I have not given that title to Corpus Christi Academy. The organizer was informed of my decision.

Also, Canon 806 confirms the diocesan bishop's authority and responsibility to oversee and regulate Catholic schools within his diocese."

ANointing OF THE SICK AFTER MASSES: After all the Masses this weekend, we will celebrate the anointing of the sick. All those who are struggling with mental or physical illness are invited to receive the sacrament. **WE ASK ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT TO SIT IN THE VERY FRONT ROW.**

A brief review of the sacrament and those who are eligible to receive it may be needed. This sacrament is meant to help a person cope with their illness and confront the limitations that being human imposes on our souls: our hopes, our dreams, our desire to be meaningful. That sickness does not just affect our bodies but also our spirits and our attitudes. It is intended to heal the anguish of the soul.

"'Anointing of the Sick,' is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." (Constitution on the Liturgy, Vatican Council II)

What might constitute "in danger of death from sickness or old age (serious illness)? Or 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 a 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.**

**Sunday, October 25**

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

11:00a.m. † Andy Bengel by Laura Bengel and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 26

8:00a.m. † Lutz and Amoroso Families by family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, October 27

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

Wednesday, October 28

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

Thursday, October 29

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

Friday, October 30

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

Saturday, October 31

4:30p.m. † MaryAnn Shinko by John & Sue Tomcho and
Hahn Dang (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints

8:00a.m. † Carl Buckshaw by Mary Buckshaw and family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

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



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS: One of the themes in our Religious Education Program this year is to pray for vocations. All of the students are praying that they might know where God is calling them. It may be a call to Marriage, the Single Life, Priesthood, or Religious Life. As a part of this focus on vocations, the students have "adopted" one of our seminarians and a young woman who is entering the convent from our diocese. The Parish Center has a whole wall devoted to vocations. The kids gather here each week and say a prayer for vocations. I am including the prayer, so that you too might join in our effort to pray for all vocations.

Jesus, I know that you love me. Teach me to talk to you, how to listen to you, and how to follow you. Help me to know that a vocation is a special way you call me to love and serve others. Help me to know which vocation is mine: marriage, priesthood, religious life, or single life. May I learn how all vocations are special and all vocations build up the church. Thank you for listening to me and keep my ears open to listen to your call. Amen.

ALL SOULS MASS: We will be celebrating Mass on **Monday, November 2, at 7:00pm at St. Teresa** to pray for all those who have died from our parish since last All Souls Day. All are welcome to attend.

- Fr. Tom

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.

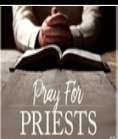
Persevere in Prayer

"Question of the Week" - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.



Rev. F. Thomas Suppa, Rev. Brian Vossler, Rev. Thomas Aleksa, Rev. Thomas Brooks, Rev. David Perry, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons of our diocese.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support and ask that you patronize their businesses.

Events Around Our Diocese

Dance with Live Music at Our Lady of Mercy Parish: The Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Harborcreek will host a dance featuring live music by "The Groove" on **Friday, November 6, from 7:00pm to 11:00pm** in the parish gym, 837 Bartlett Road, Harborcreek. Tickets are \$20 per person and may be purchased at Our Lady of Mercy after Masses or at the parish office Monday through Thursday, from 8a.m. to 3p.m. Space is limited and the event has sold out in previous years, so early ticket purchases are encouraged.

Cathedral Prep Open House: Cathedral Prep invites all middle school students to attend Open House on **Sunday, October 25, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm**. Join us for student-guided tour of campus and meet our students, teachers and coaches. Discover our unique Academic Path Programs that focus on experiential, high-impact learning and career exploration. Explore a variety of clubs, activities, service projects, mission trips, performing & visual arts and varsity athletics. Learn more about college credit opportunities, tuition assistance and scholarships. Most importantly, find out what it's like to be a Rambler! To pre-register for Open House, visit www.cathedralprep.com/oh26registration.

Praise and Worship at St. Luke Church: St. Luke Parish, 421 E. 38th St., Erie, is hosting a Praise and Worship in Adoration of our Lord on **Wednesday, October 28, from 6:30pm - 7:30pm**. All are invited.

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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of **October 25th** burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **Cody Fike** by Pam Mennen.



SAINT BONIFACE Fall Festival & Dinner

November 1, 2026
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Coleman Hall
9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie, PA

Delicious Pork & Sauerkraut,
LIVE POLKA BAND, Raffles, Crafts,
Basket Auction & Bake Sale

TOP CASH PRIZE: \$1,000

Almighty God,

Thank You for the gift of the priests and deacons of the Diocese of Erie. We are grateful for their "yes" to You; for the Masses they celebrate, the confessions they hear, the comfort they bring to the sick, and the ways they guide and serve our parishes with love.

We thank You, too, for our retired priests whose quiet witness still blesses our communities. Their lives remind us what it means to follow Jesus with faith and joy.

Lord, give them strength when they are tired, peace when they are stretched thin, and encouragement in times of struggle. May they always know how much they are loved and appreciated.

Keep calling new vocations in our diocese. Open the hearts of young men to serve You as priests and deacons, and give them the courage to say, "Here I am, Lord, send me."

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Provided by the Office for Divine Worship

We
Pray

**CLERGY
APPRECIATION
MONTH**



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.
October is Month of the Rosary

St. Teresa News

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society & Operation Christmas Child

The Rosary Altar Society is seeking donations for 'Christmas Shoebox.' Please select a 'tree' from the board in the back of St. Teresa Church, purchase the items listed and return them no later than **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. For more information about the program, visit: samaritanaspurse.org/occ.

Readings for the week of October 25, 2026

Sun.: Exodus 22:20-26 | Psalm 18:2-3a, 3b-4, 47 and 51 |
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 | Matthew 22:34-40
Mon.: Ephesians 4:32-5:8 | Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 |
Luke 13:10-17
Tues.: Ephesians 5:21-33 | Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 | Luke 13:18-21
Wed.: Ephesians 2:19-22/ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 | Luke 6:12-16
Thur.: Ephesians 6:10-20 | Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10 | Luke 13:31-35
Fri.: Philippians 1:1-11 | Psalm 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 | Luke 14:1-6
Sat.: Philippians 1:18b-26 | Psalm 42:2, 3, 5cdef | Luke 14:1, 7-11
Next Sun.: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14 | Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 |
1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12a

*Do not conform yourselves to this age
but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,
that you may discern what is the will of God,
what is good and pleasing and perfect.*

Romans 12:2



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of October 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all those who have no one to pray for them.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel, the Pharisee spoke about commandments, while Jesus spoke about love. One demands allegiance; the other requires personal commitment. In our families, we lay down our lives for each other daily, not because we have to, but because love compels us to make sacrifices.

Shopping for an Occasion? Don't Forget RaiseRight!

Would you like to support our parish as you shop? You can simply by purchasing gift cards through RaiseRight! Whether you're shopping in-store or online, you can buy gift cards for many of your favorite retailers right from the RaiseRight app. You can also use the app to shop online through participating retailers and earn rebates for our parish. If you haven't already, download the RaiseRight app today and start earning while you shop. It's an easy way to support St. Thomas!

Just scan the QR code for more information, visit the website www.raiseright.com (enrollment code: JWFHT6MPCX7L), or download the app and see how easy it is to give back!

Please contact Missy Silka at the parish office if you have any questions.



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 returning it in the Offertory Collection 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.

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

3RD ANNUAL FALL DINNER HOSTED BY THE PEOPLE FOR LIFE EDUCATION FUND

Friday, November 6, 2026
Colony Banquet Center
3014 W. 12th St., Erie, PA
Doors open at 5 p.m. Program at 6 p.m.

Special Guest Speaker
Dr. Monique Ruberu
Pro-Life Ob/Gyn
& Infertility Expert

What is IVF? Are there alternatives? What is the abortion pill? Do pro-life laws endanger women's health?



PEOPLE FOR LIFE

(814) 882-1333
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RESERVATIONS

Due by November 1
Regular \$35 Students \$30
Submit to People for Life
1625 W. 26th St. Erie, PA 16508.
Include names and contact information.
Online Registration:
PeopleforLife.org/dinner

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 17 & 18, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$5,839.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage.....\$(-1,861.00)

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'.

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



If you are not receiving offertory envelopes from our parish and wish to, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Faith Formation & Religious Education News

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



Religious Education Class Schedule

Classes meet from 9:30am - 10:45am at St. Teresa Parish Center in Union City for ALL students (Sept. - Dec.).

October 25 - Class and Youth Mass at St. Teresa Church | 11am
 November 1 - Class
 November 8 - Class
 November 15 - Class
 November 22 - Class / Safe Environment Training
 November 29 - NO Class / Thanksgiving break



Thank You!

Thanks to everyone who donated items for use at our Religious Education Program's Fall Trail of Treats. We appreciate your generosity and support in helping make this a special event for our students and those involved with our program.



Daylight Savings Time Ends

Don't Forget to

TURN CLOCKS BACK

One Hour Next Weekend
 before going to bed on October 31st

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Psalm 18

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 - \$123,000 | St. Teresa - \$94,000



Amount Pledged at St. Thomas to date = \$78,747
 Paid to date = \$74,842

Amount Pledged at St. Teresa to date = \$42,480
 Paid to date = \$40,986

Number of Families who made a pledge is 215

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



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

We are looking to start classes for those who wish to become Catholic, or those who wish to update their understanding of their faith. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Father Tom or Deacon Randy or the parish office.



October 20, 2026

Special
 Second Collection
 taken up in our church
 on November 14/15.

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

"You, O Lord, are my hope." Pope Leo XIV's message for 2025's World Day of the Poor, which opens with these words from the book of Psalms, reminds us that "every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope."

The annual Collection for Local Needs, to be taken this year on November 14 and 15, offers a concrete way for us to offer hope. This collection helps people living on the margins address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving "one-size-fits-all" handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower people to make positive impacts in their own communities.

When you give to this collection, you make a local impact because 100% of your contribution stays within our own diocese. Your support brings hope to communities and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie. Please consider helping us to uphold human dignity and eradicate poverty by giving generously to the Collection for Local Needs on November 14 and 15. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

Scan to give



Please use the special collection envelope in your offertory packet or another enveloped marked 'Local Needs Collection' to make your gift. Thank you.

TODAY after MASS
 Weekend of October 24 & 25

**Anointing
 of the Sick**

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT

St. Thomas the Apostle & St. Teresa of Avila



Those wishing to be anointed should sit or move to the very front pews in the church at the conclusion of Mass.