



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

July 5, 2026



14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” - Mt 11:28

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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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 Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)
Friday: Closed

Message from the PastorPOPE 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.

ANointing OF THE SICK: I have been taking time in my column to reflect on the Sacraments in our church. Two weeks ago, we anointed 60 people after all the Masses. It is a reminder to all of us of the fragile nature of human life and how many people are struggling with illness in a variety of forms. Often times we do not know their illness or their struggle. All of this helps us to be more compassionate and understanding to one another. **"When you're struggling with something, look at all the people around you and realize that every single person you see is struggling with something, and to them, it's just as hard as what you're going through"** Nicholas Sparks

The change of name for this Sacrament from extreme unction (last rites) to the Anointing of the Sick reveals the way this sacrament is connected to the ministry of Jesus in which he was constantly bringing healing to the sick. This sacrament is intended to comfort people in their illness by knowing that God is with them in their illness and that the church community is praying for them in their illness. The Second Vatican Council changed this sacrament over 60 years ago to restore it to its original intent – healing and comfort to those who are ill. The Council said the Anointing of the Sick "is not a sacrament intended only for those who are at the point of death. Hence, it is certain that as soon as any of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, this is already a suitable time for them to receive this sacrament." (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #73)

**Sunday, July 5**

- 8:00a.m. †Pete Sander by Janet Ahl
(St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. †Don Tinko by Irene Weaver and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, July 6

- 8:00a.m. †Barb Krol by Dan & Chris Krol
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, July 7

- 8:00a.m. †George & Helen Groner by George Groner
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 8

- 8:00a.m. Peace on Earth by Gil & Barbara Wascak
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, July 9

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

Friday, July 10

- 8:00a.m. †Thelma Morgan by Judy Flynn
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, July 11

- 4:30p.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, July 12

- 8:00a.m. People of the Parish
(St. Thomas, Corry)
11:00a.m. †Ray Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)



This means that Catholics can be anointed as soon as they learn they have an illness that might lead to death. They can even request this sacrament if they are going to have an operation since sometimes even simple operations lead to complications. The Church also recognizes that those advanced in years have a right to be anointed since older persons are closer to death because of the illnesses to which they are susceptible. Today, we also include mental illness among the serious illnesses that can be the reason for someone to receive the anointing of the sick. When in doubt as to whether the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed.

- 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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of July 5th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Pauline Skalos by nieces and nephews



Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. Mark Hoffman, Very Rev. V. David Foradori, EV, Rev. Msgr. James Sanner, Rev. Thomas Brooks, Rev. John Hindman, and also *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Thanks to all who donated to Lifecare ministries through their Baby Bottle Boomerang fundraiser. Bottles were due back on June 21st. If you still have one, please return it to the church or parish office.



Knights of Columbus Road Clean Up

We wish to thank members of our parish's Knights of Columbus Council #425 who recently held a road clean up along Route 6 near the Corry Plaza. We are grateful to the Knights for their commitment to our parish community and the community at large—giving of themselves to better our world through works of charity.



To The Heights

Brotherhood
Daily Mass
Adoration
Confession
Meals &
t-shirt
provided

A Catholic Men's 21-Mile
Wilderness Retreat
That Will Test Your Body
and Renew Your Soul

OCTOBER
1-3, 2026
in the
Quehanna
Wilderness

Register Now - Limited Spots!



*This retreat is for men who are 18 years or older and have graduated from High School or equivalent.



Ryan Sayers Fr. Ben Dagher Fr. Luke Dagher



\$100 Registration (Deadline: September 21, 2026)

Questions: totheheightserie@gmail.com



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.

"Question of the Week" - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

Question for Youth: Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

Question for Adults: As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

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.



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 4

SAFEGUARDING THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE TRANSFORMATION

TRUTH

An essential common good for civic life

Digital technologies and AI are changing communication

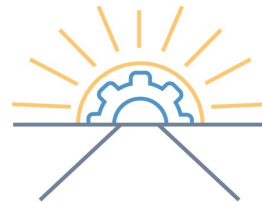
RISKS

- Disinformation
- Manipulation
- Increased control - totalitarianism

RESPONSIBILITY

- Critical education
- Transparency
- Responsible use of technologies

✂️ | "The search for truth is an essential element of democracy, which is itself a means of contributing to the common good." MH 134



FREEDOM

AI and digital technologies are also increasingly shaping behavior

RISKS

- Digital addictions
- Control through data
- New forms of slavery

RESPONSIBILITY

- Fair rules
- Shared responsibility
- Education

✂️ | "Freedom in the digital age is not merely a matter of interiority but also a public concern." MH 171

WORK

Contributes to the dignity of the person and to social participation

RISKS

- Job insecurity
- Inequalities
- Workers monitored or replaced by machines

RESPONSIBILITY

- Protection of work
- Continual formation
- More human innovation

✂️ | "AI frequently forces workers to adapt to the speed and demands of machines, rather than machines being designed to support those who work." MH 150

IF TECHNOLOGY DOMINATES

the human person becomes a means

IF IT IS GUIDED BY WISDOM

it becomes human development

The dignity of the person must be the criterion of all progress!



DICASTERY FOR PROMOTING INTEGRAL HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
www.humandevlopment.va

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>

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of July 5, 2026

Sun.: Zechariah 9:9-10 ♦ Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 ♦ Romans 8:9, 11-13
 ♦ Matthew 11:25-30
 Mon.: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 ♦ Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦
 Matthew 9:18-26
 Tues.: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13 ♦ Psalm 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 ♦ Matthew 9:32-38
 Wed.: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 ♦ Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Matthew 10:1-7
 Thur.: Hosea 11:1-4, 8e-9 ♦ Psalm 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 ♦ Matthew 10:7-15
 Fri.: Hosea 14:2-10 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦ Matthew 10:16-23
 Sat.: Isaiah 6:1-8 ♦ Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ♦ Matthew 10:24-33
 Next Sun.: Isaiah 55:10-11 ♦ Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 ♦ Romans 8:18-23 ♦
 Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

Events in our Area

Epiphany of the Lord Parish Ice Cream Social: I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream. Epiphany of the Lord Parish, 353 Pine St., Meadville, is holding their annual ice cream social on Tuesday, July 14 from 4-6:30 p.m. Casey's Ice-Cream will be served by the men's club for your donation. There will also be 50/50 tickets for sale. The Altar-Rosary Society will be selling sandwiches with chips or sloppy joes for \$4, hot dogs for \$3 or 2 for \$5. See you there!

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.



Follow Us on Facebook!

Be sure to check out and follow our updated, combined Facebook page:
St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa.

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 = \$77,015

Paid to date = \$62,390

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

Paid to date = \$37,230

Number of Families who made a pledge = 209



Diocese of Erie
**2026 Catholic
 Services Appeal**

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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 5th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of the church.

Family Perspective

Today's gospel emphasizes the call to be missionaries. Just as Jesus accepted his mission, parents embrace the mission of raising a family. This exhausting and challenging vocation is not one they face alone. Jesus invites us to find solace in Him, saying, "Come to me, and I will give you rest."

WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS

JULY 4



As we mark this 250th year,
 grant that we may recommit ourselves
 to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness
 in a way that is ever more just,
 more united, and more faithful
 to Your will. Through Christ our Lord.
 Amen."



Join us in the *We Hold These Truths*
 campaign. Learn more and participate:
www.ErieRCD.org/250.html

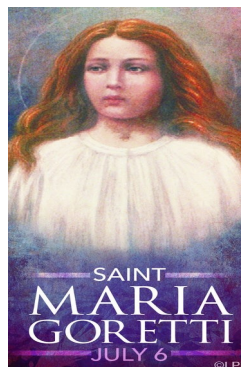
JULY 4: Today, as our nation marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, let us give thanks for the gift of religious freedom and recommit ourselves to living as disciples of Christ. May God bless our nation, guide our hearts and strengthen us to serve one another with truth, charity and love.

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.

Hospital Visits

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Please know that Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency. Be sure to ask your nurse.



The Lord is gracious and
 merciful,
 Slow to anger and of great
 kindness.
 The Lord is compassionate
 toward all
 His works.

Psalm 145

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 27 & 28, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$6,476.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage(\$-1,224.00)

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!

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Oppose House Bill 2632 to
PROTECT CATHOLIC EDUCATION

House Bill 2632 could reduce access to Pennsylvania's tax credit scholarship programs, impacting thousands of students and families who rely on these opportunities to choose a quality education rooted in faith and values.

Message your legislators today:
 Pennsylvania Catholic Conference Voter Voice
<https://www.pacatholic.org/voter-voice/>

We invite you to learn more and advocate for educational opportunity.



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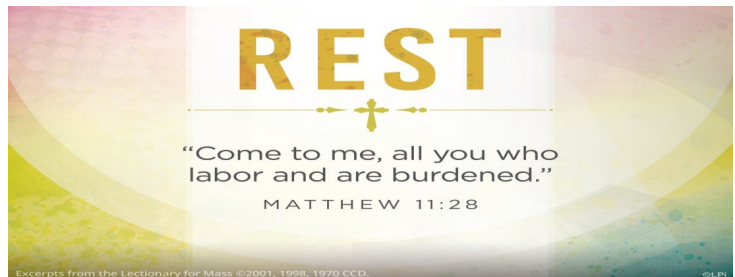
Parish Wedding Anniversary Recognition

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.***



Blessing for Rest
 O God,
 As You rested after the creation of the world, remind us to take a sacred pause, too. Surround and support us with Your love, help us to practice holy rest — a practice that renews and recreates.
 Amen.

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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 celebrate 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 be sure to notify the Parish Office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or email address. Thank you.