



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 28, 2026



13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.” - Mt 10:42

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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

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: It was my privilege to give scholarship money to Joseph Johnston as this year’s recipient of the St. Thomas the Apostle Memorial Scholarship. Joseph has been involved in our parish liturgical life for years as an altar server and at various times using his voice in our choir or as a cantor, and his musical gift with the saxophone. Joseph is also an Eagle Scout and his project at St. Elizabeth Cemetery has provided tools and water for those taking care of their loved ones’ graves. Recently, Joseph was inducted into the Knights of Columbus. We are grateful to Joseph for his involvement and service to our parish and wish him the best of luck as he begins his college career at Mercyhurst in the fall.

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.

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 people after all the Masses. I like to do this twice a year to expose people to the sacrament, as it has changed, and to make it readily available to people.



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)

Monday, June 29

- 8:00a.m. †Eileen Anthony by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 30

- 8:00a.m. †Cragg and Sullivan Families by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 1

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

Thursday, July 2—Adoration

- 8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas followed by Adoration until 12:00pm (noon)

Friday, July 3—Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

- 8:00a.m. †John ‘JJ’ Greishaw by Shelley Tomcho & family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, July 4—Independence Day

- 4:30p.m. People of the Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)



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)

This Sacrament used to be called, “extreme unction” or “last rites.” It was a sacrament that was received only once and most often people waited until they were dying and even dead to receive it. This is no longer how we understand and celebrate this Sacrament. It is now called the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. As priests, we are no longer permitted to anoint dead people. Sacraments are for the living, not the dead. This Sacrament then is to be administered when someone is ill or the sickness becomes more severe. It is also a Sacrament for those who are struggling with serious mental illness, as well as physical illness. The biggest change in this sacrament is that it can be received as many times as needed, not just once.

One of the ways I use this sacrament is with people who are shut-in to their homes. On the First Friday of every month, I visit those who are unable to get out to Mass and bring them communion and the anointing of the sick. In this way they are receiving the healing strength of the sacrament in their illness, their frailty, and their isolation. In this way, they are already prepared for a sudden change in their illness, or even the eventuality of their death. There is no need to wait until the last minute. With the shortage of priests today, people need to take advantage of receiving this sacrament when it is offered and not wait until it is an emergency. That was the purpose of changing the sacrament from last rites to the anointing of the sick. The Sacrament is meant to help people in their illness to know the healing power of God – whether that healing is forgiveness of sins (which always happens) or an actual physical healing (which may or may not happen).

– 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 June 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **Anne Crawford by Daniel Crawford.**



Rev. Jason Glover, Rev. David Perry, Rev. John Chaplin, Very Rev. John Detisch, V.F., and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

St. Thomas Parish Memorial Scholarship Awarded



The St. Thomas Parish Memorial Scholarship was recently awarded to Joseph Johnston, a 2026 graduate of Corry Area High School. The scholarship will be used for Joseph's studies at Mercyhurst University in the fall. *Congratulations!*

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.



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.

LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

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



For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. Psalm 89

Restoration Retreat: Hope and Healing for the Separated and Divorced— is full in-person and online retreat offered on July 11 for anyone walking through marital breakdown, separation, or divorce, whether currently or years ago. Through prayer, reflection, teaching, and sharing in genuine community, you will experience healing and hope, rediscover your authentic identity as a beloved child of God, and move forward with greater peace, clarity, and purpose. This retreat is co-sponsored by Abounding Joy Ministry and the Diocese of Madison and is offered on a Pay What You Can basis. Go to www.aboundingjoyministry.com/event-details/restoration-retreat-hope-healing-for-the-separated-divorced for details and registration information.

"Question of the Week" - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How can you live as a follower of Jesus?

Question for Youth: What does Jesus demand of his followers?

Question for Adults: What does this Gospel teach you about the cost of discipleship and how does it relate to your experience so far?



You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord: blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe! (John 20:20)

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 3 of 5 Chapter 3

THE GREATNESS OF THE HUMAN PERSON IN THE FACE OF THE PROMISES OF AI

The risk of the technocratic paradigm	Artificial Intelligence								
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Simulates intelligence, but is not human

Risks of AI	Criteria for a more humane AI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speed: less critical thinking False objectivity: hides bias Simulated relationships: illusion Concentrated power: everything in the hands of a few 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human dignity The common good Social justice Reliability Transparency <p>IA is not neutral, it reflects values and choices</p>

✂️ | "To disarm AI does not mean rejecting technology, but preventing it from dominating humanity." MH 100

✂️ | "The quality of a civilization is measured not by the power of its means, but by the care it is able to offer." MH 114

The myths of transhumanism	The true human being:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Humans as something to be optimised, 'enhanced' Removing limitations Transcending humanity Human-machine fusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship Vulnerability Care Love <p>A limitation is not a flaw: it is what makes us human</p>

✂️ | "For an algorithm, an error is a flaw to be corrected; for a person, however, it can be a catalyst for profound change." MH 128

AI should make life more human, not more efficient.

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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>

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of June 28, 2026

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
 Mon.: *Vigil*: Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Galatians 1:11-20 ♦
 John 21:15-19
 Day: Acts 12:1-11 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19
 Tues.: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 ♦ Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 ♦ Matthew 8:23-27
 Wed.: Amos 5:14-15, 21-24 ♦ Psalm 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 ♦
 Matthew 8:28-34
 Thur.: Amos 7:10-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ♦ Matthew 9:1-8
 Fri.: Ephesians 2:19-22 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ John 20:24-29
 Sat.: Amos 9:11-15 ♦ Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ♦ Matthew 9:14-17
 Next Sun.: Zechariah 9:9-10 ♦ Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 ♦
 Romans 8:9, 11-13 ♦ Matthew 11:25-30



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased parishioners.

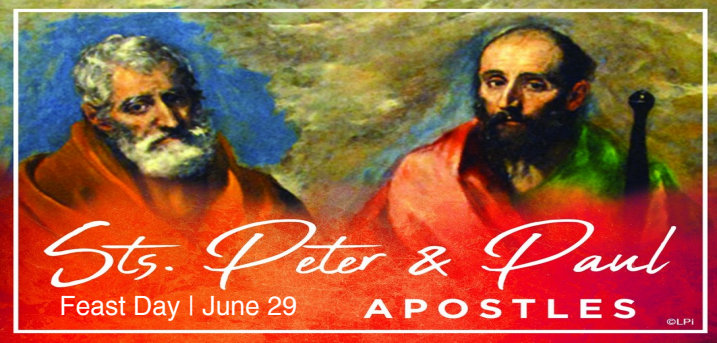
Family Perspective

Today's gospel challenges us to resist the individualism of our culture. Everything we are and have is a pure gift, meant to be shared, especially with the "lowly ones." What has been freely given must be freely shared, with no strings attached.



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!*



St. Joseph's 87th Annual 4th of July Celebration
 Clarion County's Oldest
 Parish Grounds - 112 Rectory Lane - Lucinda, PA
 I-80 Exit 60, Rt. 66 N 10 Miles

July 4 • 11AM - 4 PM
 Rain or Shine - Canopy Covered

Our Traditional "all-you-can-eat" Chicken & Ham Dinners
 Nearly 2,000 dinners served each year

Homemade Desserts & Soup with Our Famous Homemade Noodles
 Dining Room Serving 11 AM - 3 PM
 Takeouts 11 AM - 2 PM
 Dinner Ticket Sales Open 10:00 AM
 Adults \$14.00, Children 6 - 12 \$7.00
 Children under 6 Free

★ Games of Skill & Chance ★ Bingo
 ★ Live Entertainment ★ Festival Food
 ★ HANDMADE QUILTS

OVER \$40,000 IN CASH & PRIZES!

GRAND PRIZE \$5000⁰⁰

June 15 - July 2
 Online Handmade Quilt Auction

PRE-FESTIVAL KICKOFF SATURDAY, JUNE 27
 Liberty 5K Run/Walk
 8 AM - Lucinda Train Station
 1040 Lander Drive, Lucinda

Parking Shuttle Available
 Proceeds benefit St. Joseph School

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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



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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 20 & 21, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$5,769.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage(\$-1,931.00)

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!

Father's Day Memorials\$1,270.00
Thank you for remembering fathers with a gift to this memorial.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

Events in our Area

JES - Positively Corry 2026: Come learn about all that is happening with the many projects in Corry with speaker, Mayor Jeff Fike. Topics include the new wastewater treatment plant, the Greenway Junction Trail, Corry/Lawrence Airport transfer, new zoning ordinance, and much more. Join us on Tuesday, June 30 at the Corry Higher Education Council, 221 N. Center St., Corry from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Program is free but registration is appreciated by calling 814-459-8000.

Thursday in the Park: Live music in the Corry City Park on Thursdays during the summer from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music in the park. Free and open to everyone.

Community Health Fair: The Corry Manor, 640 Worth St., will host a Community Health Fair on Thursday, July 2 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Variety of activities to enjoy. Event promotes health, wellness, and community connection. Attendees will have access to helpful health resources, information, and services. We're also offering FREE blood pressure checks on-site, along with opportunities to connect with healthcare professionals. Take a proactive step in your health.

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.eriecd.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.*



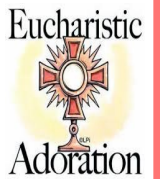
Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

At dawn I bring my plea expectantly before you.

Our churches will hold their monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. Adoration is from 8:00am until 12:00pm (noon) at both churches on the following dates:

- Thursday, July 2nd at Saint Thomas Church, Corry
- Friday, July 3rd at St. Teresa Church, Union City

All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. (Matthew 10:42)

A Prayer for America's 250th Anniversary

O God,
Lord of history and of every nation under heaven,
we give You thanks for the 250 years
since the founding of these United States.
Look with favor upon this land which we love.
Grant that its people may be
guided by truth and charity.
Bless all who serve in elected office.
May they govern with integrity and humility.
Strengthen families, renew communities,
and heal every division that weakens our life together.
We ask especially through the intercession of
Mary Immaculate, patroness of these United States,
that this nation may remain a land
where human dignity is honored,
where the weak are protected,
and where hope is never extinguished.
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.

Office for Divine Worship, 2026, Diocese of Erie



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