



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

November 1, 2026



ALL SAINTS DAY

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them." Matthew 5:1-2

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

BUSY WEEKEND: Last weekend was a busy one, but also a very good one.

- **Youth Mass and Fall Social:** Thanks to Missy Silka, our Religious Education Teachers, Religious Education Parents, and our Religious Education Students for a wonderful Mass and the Social that followed. It was a great time of prayer and fellowship. It was great to see everyone working together and having fun together. Thanks also to the many parishioners who donated items for the Social Event, your generosity is greatly appreciated.
- **Anointing of the Sick:** I anointed 64 people after Masses over the weekend. I am glad that people are taking advantage of this sacrament. It is also a reminder to us of how many people are dealing with illness and our need to keep them in our prayer.
- **Knights of Columbus:** I have been so impressed with the work of the Knights in our parish and community. You are truly one of the finest Knights of Columbus groups I have ever experienced. The Knights presented the parish with a check from their work at the Sparty Fair. They split what they make with the Church, and the other half goes to fund their other projects throughout the year. Thanks to all those who worked at the Fair to make this happen, Knights and non-Knights, as well.
- We also concluded our **October Count** this past weekend. Thanks to the ushers and music ministers for doing the counting each week. In the four Octobers that I have been here our numbers have remained steady. We average around 300 people each weekend at Mass.

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

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. A reception will follow in the parish center.

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.

**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)

Monday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

8:00a.m. ✝ Jerry Rushin by David & Mary Louise Capan
(St. Teresa, Union City)

7:00p.m. All Souls' Day Service at St. Teresa Church

Tuesday, November 3

8:00a.m. Special Intentions of the Kondrlik and Tarozik families by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, November 4

8:00a.m. ✝ Lutz and Amoroso Families by family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, November 5 - Adoration

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

Friday, November 6 - First Friday | Adoration

8:00a.m. ✝ Andrea Kennedy by Mary Beth Nagorski
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, November 7

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

Sunday, November 8

8:00a.m. ✝ Peter Sander by Rosemarie Ross
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✝ Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter,
Becky Boleratz (St. Teresa, Union City)

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.

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

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.

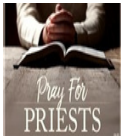
Persevere in Prayer

"Question of the Week" - Solemnity of All Saints

Question for Children: When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

Question for Youth: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?

Question for Adults: When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own life?



Rev. Joseph Czarkowski, Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Richard Toohey, Rev. Thomas Tyler, Rev. William Packard, Rev. Dennis Martin, and also Pray for All Priests and Deacons of our diocese.

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



Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Psalm 24



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 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ann Dyne by family.



Knights of Columbus, Council #425 News

Food Drive Collection: Our local Knights are collecting food to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. They are asking everyone 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.



Spartan Fair Fundraiser Event Successful for Knights

Brother Knights wish to thank everyone who helped with this year's fundraising event of taking gate fees at the Spartansburg Fair in September. We are grateful for everyone's support and help with this project. Half the money raised was donated to the parish (\$2,547) and the Knights will use the other half to support their community projects throughout the year. Below is the check presentation to Fr. Tom. *Great Job everyone!*



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.



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.



God has destined you to be a saint in your own place and time, in your own vocation, according to the shape of your life.
You will be guided to holiness.



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.



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Family Perspective

Anyone can appear saintly in front of strangers, but it is the daily acts of patience, acceptance, forgiveness, listening, and self-sacrifice within the family that truly embody religious devotion. Family life is the true ground of sanctity.

Readings for the week of November 1, 2026

Sun.: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 | Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 | 1 Jn 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12a
 Mon.: Wisdom 4:7-14 | Psalm 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 | Romans 5:17-21 | Matthew 11:25-30
 Tues.: Philippians 2:5-11 | Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30e, 31-32 | Luke 14:15-24
 Wed.: Philippians 2:12-18 | Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 | Luke 14:25-33
 Thur.: Philippians 3:3-8a | Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 | Luke 15:1-10
 Fri.: Philippians 3:17-4:1 | Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 | Luke 16:1-8
 Sat.: Philippians 4:10-19 | Psalm 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a and 9 | Luke 16:9-15
 Next 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

Blessing for All Souls

Dear Lord,

Bless those who have gone before us.

We entrust their precious souls to Your merciful care.

Those departed are deeply missed and dearly loved.

Be with them as they journey to eternity.

Amen.

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St. Boniface Fall Festival: TODAY - Sunday, Nov. 1 from 11:00am - 3:00pm at their parish center, 9367 Wattsburg Rd., Erie. There will be a delicious pork and sauerkraut dinner, raffles, crafts, a live polka band, crafts, a basket auction, bake sale and more. There will also be a chance to win a top prize of \$1000.

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!

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!*

All Souls' Service for the Departed

Join us for a special Mass to remember all those from our parish who have passed away this year.

Monday, November 2nd at 7:00pm
 St. Teresa of Avila Church, Union City

Refreshments following Mass
 in St. Teresa Parish Center.
 All are welcome.



Deceased from Our Parish

since Last All Souls' Day

MaryAnn Shinko - October 19, 2025
 Deborah Graves - October 20, 2025
 Jerry Adams, Jr. - October 26, 2025
 Ronald Triscuit - November 1, 2025
 Rexford Nichols - November 3, 2025
 Larry A. King - November 3, 2025
 Carol Groner - November 22, 2025
 Richard Makohus - December 10, 2025
 Nancy Brigham - January 5, 2026
 Colleen Amy-Rambish - January 24, 2026
 Margaret Zaphiris - January 25, 2026
 Flora Catalfu - March 16, 2026
 Robert 'RL' McCray - March 18, 2026
 Kathryn Brigham - March 23, 2026
 Haven Schaefer - March 23, 2026
 Patsy Nichols - April 11, 2026
 Eileen Anthony - April 23, 2026
 Margaret Porter - April 23, 2026
 Gerard 'Jerry' Rushin - May 4, 2026
 Veronica Bailey - May 20, 2026
 Mary Kay Zimmer - June 26, 2026
 Lucille Nelson - July 1, 2026
 Rick Albers - July 21, 2026
 Winifred Thomas - July 26, 2026
 Cody Fike - August 18, 2026
 Dorothy Rhodes - September 17, 2026

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord."

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 24 & 25, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$5,648.00
Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage.....\$(-2,052.00)

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!

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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



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.



TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 3rd

Pray - Discern - Vote

See more about Faithful Citizenship at eriercd.org/election.html

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.).

November 1 - Class

November 8 - Class

November 15 - Class

November 22 - Class / Safe Environment Training

November 29 - NO Class / Thanksgiving break



Follow Us on Facebook!

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



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

NOVEMBER DEVOTION

The Month of All Souls

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 = \$78,702

Paid to date = \$75,082

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

Paid to date = \$40,986

Number of Families who made a pledge is 215

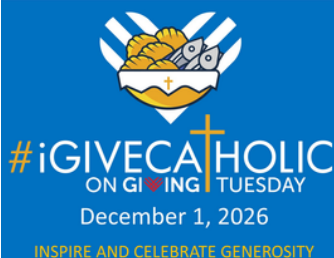
Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment

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!

Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

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, November 5th**
at St. Thomas Church, Corry
- **Friday, November 6th**
at St. Teresa Church, Union City

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

