



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

## February 15, 2026



**Commitment Weekend: February 14 & 15**

**Diocese of Erie  
2026 Catholic Services Appeal**

Be sure to return  
your  
Pledge Envelope  
Thank You!

# In Christ, We Are One

*"Look to Christ!...  
Listen to his offer of love  
and become his one family:  
in the one Christ, we are one."*

**- Pope Leo XIV**



### 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**  
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**Saint Teresa of Avila Church**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity.org)

**Parish Office**  
203 W. Washington Street  
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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

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL:** This Sunday is Commitment Sunday for our Catholic Services Appeal. Hopefully, you have received a letter from Bishop Persico inviting you to be a part of this Appeal and a pledge envelope. More pledge envelopes are available in the pews. Be on the lookout for the Faith Magazine that will have more information about this year's Appeal.

In my homily last weekend, I outlined how we are using the Catholic Services Appeal to also fund some major projects at the two Churches.

There are three boilers at St. Thomas – Church, School, and Office that desperately need to be replaced. We have been band-aiding them for the past two years and again just a few weeks ago.

At St. Teresa the roofs on the Parish Center need to be replaced, as we have been patching them for the past two years and years prior to that. We have been cleaning up one leak after another on the inside of the building.

These are projects that need to be done now. The future of our Churches is now. We cannot wait. And these projects, as you can imagine, are quite costly.

The boilers at St. Thomas will cost around \$250,000. The roofs at St. Teresa will cost around \$200,000.

We plan to begin these projects this summer, so we are ready for the next winter.

We plan to pay for these projects by adding them to our Catholic Services Appeal over the next three (3) years. That will mean adding a significant goal to our yearly assessment. At **St. Teresa our goal for each of those three years will be \$94,000**—\$27,000 for our CSA assessment and \$67,000 to go towards the roofs. At **St. Thomas our goal each of those three years will be \$123,000**—\$38,000 for our CSA assessment and \$85,000 to replace the boilers.

These projects are crucial for our present and our future. I have seen the good work you have done in the past and I trust that you will see how important these projects are to our present and our future, and that you will support these projects with your gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal over the next three years.

**THE WORD AMONG US BOOKLETS:** People seem to like these booklets, and we are continuing to purchase them for people from our parish. The Rosary Societies from each church have been underwriting the cost of these booklets. These booklets are intended for individual people of our parish. We hope that you continue to find them as a source of prayer and growth in your relationship with God.

**ISSUE:** We usually purchase enough booklets for those who want to use them. Recently, we seem to have someone taking large numbers of these booklets from St. Thomas to use at another location. Hence there are not enough for our parishioners who want them. This person needs to purchase the books for their purpose and not take ours. I might remind this person what you are doing is stealing. If the issue persists, we will find other ways to distribute the booklets to our parishioners.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** So far, I have a few people from St. Thomas who are interviewing for positions on Parish Council and no one from St. Teresa.

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

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**Sunday, February 15**

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

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

**Monday, February 16**

8:00a.m. ✠Christine Hartnett by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, February 17**

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

**Wednesday, February 18—Ash Wednesday | Lent Begins**

8:00a.m. Scripture Service with distribution of Ashes  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

12:00p.m. Scripture Service with distribution of Ashes at  
both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

7:00p.m. Scripture Service with distribution of Ashes  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Thursday, February 19**

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

**Friday, February 20**

8:00a.m. ✠Don Tinko by Irene Weaver and family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, February 21**

4:30p.m. For the People of the Parish  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00a.m. Special Intentions of the John Wilson Family by  
Charlie Buckshaw  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ✠Bill Flynn by Judy Flynn and family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**"Question of the Week" - 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** Which rules cause you the most difficulty? Why?

**Question for Youth:** In your own words, describe what the spirit of God's law is.

**Question for Adults:** Have you considered that laws are made with love? Do you accept God's love through his laws?

*Your mercy, O Lord, sustains me.*

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.

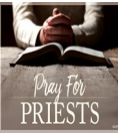
- Fr. Tom



## St. Thomas News



The SANCTUARY CANDLES at our churches for the week of February 15<sup>th</sup> burn in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of the church.



Rev. Msgr. Henry Krebs, Rev. Msgr. Robert Smith, Rev. David Wilson, Rev. Chris Hamlett, Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Very Rev. Marc Stockton, and also please Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.

### Choir Rehearsals at St. Thomas Church

Choir rehearsals for the Lent/Easter season will begin on **Thursday, March 12** and continue to meet weekly on **Thursdays evenings from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at St. Thomas Church until March 26**. If you love to sing or just want to give it a try, you are welcome to join us! We are always looking for new voices. If you have any questions, please see Joan Allen or Gary Johnston. Thank you.

### Family Perspective

To experience the peace Christ promises we must let go of grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns us that if you want peace in our hearts and homes, we must rid ourselves of anger. Anger is too costly.

## St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, February 18  
Fridays, February 27,  
March 13 & 27

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center  
33 W. Pleasant St., Corry



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage  
Kids Meal: Fish Sticks or Beer Battered Fish, choice of sides, dessert & beverage

**Adults \$16 Child (6-12) \$7**  
**Dine-in, Takeout or Delivery**

For Delivery Call 814-664-9187

*Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!*

### Dessert Donations Need for Fish Dinners

We are asking parishioners to please support our Fish Dinners by donating desserts. Drop off desserts from noon until 4:00pm—THIS WEEK on Wed., Feb. 18—to the parish center. Thank you.

### Coffee and Donuts TODAY—February 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas on **following the 8:00am Mass on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome.



## St. Teresa News

### St. Teresa Parish Center

Third Avenue  
Union City, PA



## LENTEN FISH FRY

February 20th & 27th  
March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

4:30 - 7:00pm

**Dine in or take out**

**Adults \$15.00**

**Children's Meal (12 and under) \$6.00**  
Mac & cheese, French fries and applesauce  
\*\* add \$2.00 for fish sticks

Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)  
Choice of: baked potato, French fries or mac & cheese.  
Homemade coleslaw or applesauce.  
Dinner roll, homemade dessert and beverage



For take-outs call

**814-438-2000**

### Calling All Bakers!

We are collecting your wonderful homemade desserts for our Fish Dinners. Your baked goods make our dinners extra special, and many guests look forward to the desserts just as much as our delicious fish!



Beginning THIS WEEK on **Thursday, February 19**, desserts may be dropped off at the Parish Center on **Thursdays from 4:00-7:00 PM**, or **Fridays starting at noon throughout Lent**.

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord! Psalm 119

Diocese of Erie  
2026 CSA Prayer  
Theme: "In Christ, We Are One"

God of unity and peace,  
Through Christ your Son,  
you call us to encounter your mercy in the sacraments,  
to live your compassion in our lives,  
and to share your Good News as one family.

Through the power of your Spirit,  
help us to live as Christ each day—  
to see as he sees,  
to love as he loves,  
to serve as he serves—  
That our witness will proclaim:  
"In Christ, we are one."

For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever.

Amen



HELP

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### Custodian Position Available at St. Teresa

We are seeking a person for the part-time custodial position at St. Teresa. Duties include cleaning the church and parish center. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at [business@stparish.org](mailto:business@stparish.org).



**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** February 7 & 8, 2026

Total Offertory Income ..... \$5,786.00  
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00  
**Offertory Shortage.....\$(-1,914.00)**

*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](http://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!*

**Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection.....\$1,041.00**  
 Thank you for your generosity to this special second collection taken up in our parish the weekend of January 24/25.



**Parish Office Closed**  
**Monday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sorry for any inconvenience.**

**Readings for the week of February 15, 2026**

Sun.: Sirach 15:15-20 ♦ Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 ♦  
 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 ♦ Matthew 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37  
 Mon.: James 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 ♦ Mark 8:11-13  
 Tues.: James 1:12-18 ♦ Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 ♦ Mark 8:14-21  
 Wed.: Joel 2:12-18 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦  
 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 ♦ Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18  
 Thur.: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ♦ Luke 9:22-25  
 Fri.: Isaiah 58:1-9a ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 ♦ Matthew 9:14-15  
 Sat.: Isaiah 58:9b-14 ♦ Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 5:27-32  
 Next Sun.: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 ♦  
 Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 ♦ Matthew 4:1-11

**22:32 MEN**

*Strengthen Your Brothers!*

**2026 CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 AM - 1:00 PM Event**

**At St. Jude Parish, Erie, PA and at**

**local parishes in NW PA and NE Ohio**

*All Faiths are Welcome!*

Inspiring NATIONAL SPEAKERS including:



**FATHER LARRY RICHARDS**



**FATHER MATHIAS THELEN**



**MATTHEW LEONARD**



"BUT I HAVE PRAYED FOR YOU  
 THAT YOUR FAITH MAY NOT FAIL.  
 AND WHEN YOU HAVE TURNED BACK,  
 STRENGTHEN YOUR BROTHERS."  
 LUKE 22:32

**\$20 Adult Early Registration**  
 (before February 1st)  
**\$25 Adult Registration**  
 (after January 31st)  
**\$20 Group of 8 or more**  
**\$15 Adult - first time attendee ONLY**  
**High School and College Students - FREE**  
 Please register beforehand.

*Our conference will be held live at St. Jude Parish in Erie and will also be live-streamed out to parishes in the Erie Diocese and others in surrounding areas. Our website has a list of those parishes.*

[www.2232Men.com](http://www.2232Men.com)  
[info@2232Men.com](mailto:info@2232Men.com)  
 for more details and to register.

**Religious Education News****Religious Education Program**

Now that we are in the second half of the Religious Education year (January—May) — ALL Classes will meet at St. Thomas school building from 9:00am—10:30am on Sunday mornings.



*We are grateful for the opportunity to teach our faith to future generations.*

**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

Sunday, Feb. 15—No Classes  
 Saturday, Feb. 21—Retreat for First Communion at St. Thomas  
 Sunday, Feb. 22—Classes for students  
 Saturday, Feb. 28—Retreat for First Reconciliation at St. Thomas  
 Sunday, Mar. 1—Classes for students & Youth Mass at St. Thomas  
 Sunday, Mar. 8—Classes for students / Youth Confessions  
 Sunday, Mar. 15—No Classes

**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!

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

**Prayer for Peace**

*Loving God, bring peace to our hearts, our schools, and our country. Help us to treat one another with kindness, respect, and love, and make us peacemakers each day. We place our nation in your care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**PRAY**



**FAST**



**GIVE**

**Say Yes!**

*to the Eleventh Annual*

**1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

**PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie**

**TIME: 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**Registration and Refreshments: 8:00 - 8:30 AM**

**Cost: \$25**

**College and High School students & Religious - FREE!**

**Conference includes:** Two talks, Adoration, Confession, Mass, Basket Raffle & Book/Media Sales

**SPEAKERS:** Jeff Joaquin with his message of Mercy and Paula Umana with her message of Hope

**ATTENDANCE:** Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



**JEFF JOAQUIN**



**PAULA UMANA**

**MORE INFO**

[www.138women.com](http://www.138women.com) or 814-455-7364

**ALL FAITHS WELCOME!**





# Lent 2026

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Wednesday, February 18, is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of Lent. A prayer service with distribution of ashes will be celebrated at 8:00AM at St. Thomas and 7:00PM at St. Teresa. There will also be a prayer service at Noon with the distribution of ashes at both Churches.

**PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING:** and other forms of self-denial are encouraged during Lent. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.

**ASH WEDNESDAY, ALL FRIDAYS IN LENT, AND GOOD FRIDAY:** are days of abstinence from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.

**ALL FRIDAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR:** outside of Lent remain days of penance. Each Friday is an opportunity for us to reflect on the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross made on Good Friday. As part of our gratitude for what God has done for us some act of penance should accompany each Friday of the year. The traditional practice of abstinence from meat, together with fasting, for the cause of peace in the world is highly recommended. However, some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance may be substituted.

**ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY:** are DAYS OF FASTING for those age 18 to 58 inclusive. (Those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal and two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength according to one's needs. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are permitted. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** During the Lenten Season we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross on Thursday evening at 7:00PM at St. Teresa and on Friday evening at 7:30PM at St. Thomas.

**LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE:** Sunday, March 8 at 1:30pm at St. Teresa Church in Union City. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

March 28/29 —PALM SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday 4:30PM (St. Thomas)  
Sunday 8:00AM (St. Thomas)  
Sunday 11:00AM (St. Teresa)

April 2 — HOLY THURSDAY: 7:00PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER (St. Teresa)

April 3— GOOD FRIDAY: 3:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (St. Thomas)

April 4 — HOLY SATURDAY: NOON - Blessing of Easter Food at both Churches  
8:30PM - EASTER VIGIL (St. Teresa)

April 5 — EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: 8:00AM (St. Thomas)  
11:00AM (St. Teresa)



Those in ministry who wish to serve for liturgies during Holy Week and Easter should sign up on the volunteer sheets which will be in the church soon; or you may contact the parish office to add your name to the list. Thank you.