



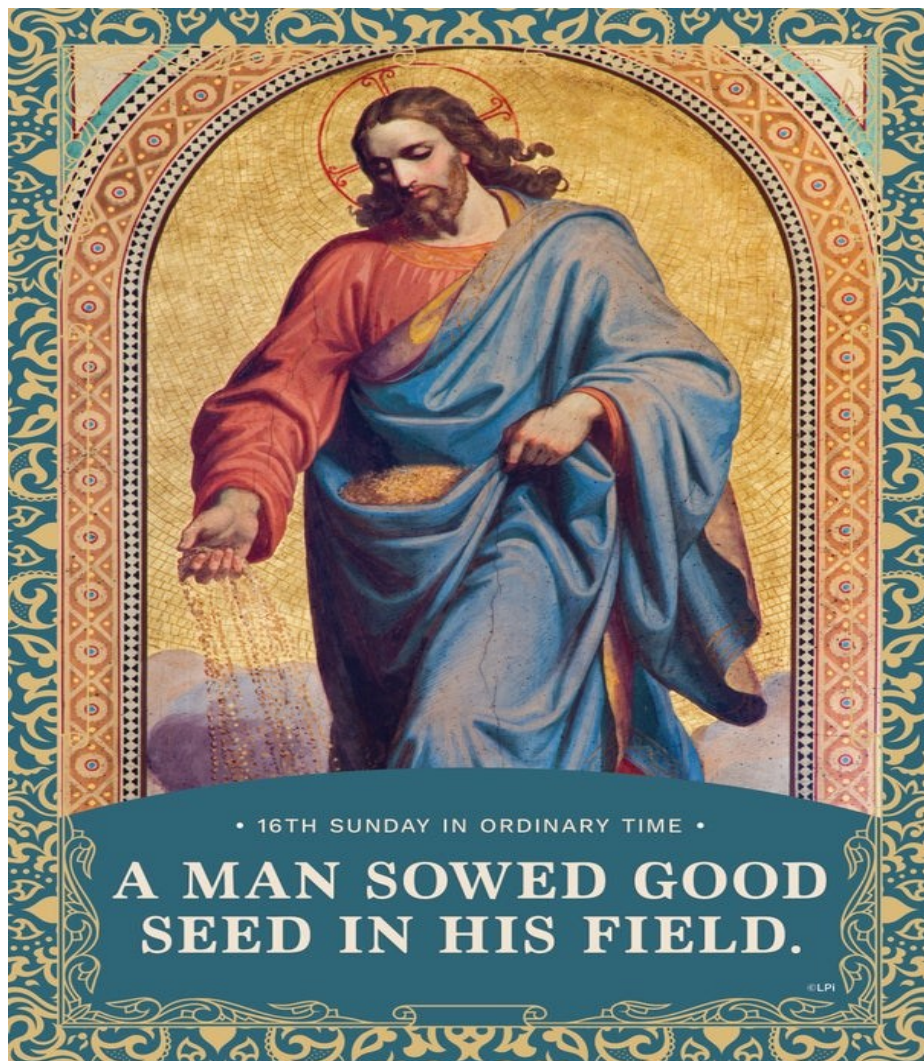
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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July 19, 2026



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

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.

Message from the Pastor

LAWN FESTIVAL CANCELLED: The Lawn Festival for this year has been cancelled. No one has come forward to take over the event since Matt Moon stepped down as the coordinator. Thanks to all those who have been so faithful in supporting this event in the past.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE (*continued from last week's message*): Jesus revealed God's original intention for married love. "So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." (Mark 10:6-9) His words indicate God's presence in the physical as well as spiritual union of husband and wife and point to a special importance of the marital relationship, that is even more sacred than that of parent and child, and cannot be broken by civil divorce.

When their marriage breaks down, some Catholics get a civil divorce in order to protect their safety or security. Catholics believe a marriage between Christians can never be dissolved. So, although for legal reasons a Catholic may get a civil divorce, the Church still considers them to be married and they cannot remarry in the Church without the benefit of an annulment. Those who have divorced and have not remarried without an annulment should continue to receive holy Communion and still remain full members of the Church.

Is an Annulment just a Catholic divorce? NO. An annulment is an official Church recognition that the marriage was not a true marriage in the first place. This can only be done if on examination of the relationship, it is found that one or more of the requirements of a valid marriage were not present at the time of the marriage. These requirements are found in the statements couples sign before marriage and are a part of the vows they make publicly at the ceremony: I am entering this marriage freely; I intend to be faithful to my spouse, I intend for this marriage to be permanent, and I agree that our marriage is open to having children. An annulment cannot be bought or arranged. It involves a long process requiring witnesses and evidence. An annulment in NO way affects the legitimacy of any children of the marriage.

- Fr. Tom

**Sunday, July 19**

8:00a.m. †Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jeane Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)

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

Monday, July 20

8:00a.m. †Alfred & Lois Tujetsch by Carol Bryant (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, July 21

8:00a.m. †Deceased and Living Members of the Vinca and Buccolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 22

8:00a.m. †Z. Marion Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary, and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

8:00a.m. †Eileen Anthony by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

8:00a.m. †Nick & Betty Jo Waltier by Chris & Denny Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. †Bob Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

SAVE THE DATE



TUESDAY- AUGUST 11, 2026

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER



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Be sure to check out and follow our Facebook page: **St. Thomas the Apostle & its Mission St. Teresa** It's a great way to stay connected with the parish!

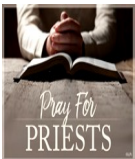
St. Thomas News



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 19th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Robert Crawford by Daniel Crawford.



Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Joseph Dougherty, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Rev. David Carter, Rev. Kevin Holland, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



Help Sell Gate Tickets at This Year's Sparty Fair

The Knights of Columbus are seeking volunteers from our parish to sell gate tickets at the Spartansburg Fair the week of September 7—12. If you wish to help with this project, please call the parish office to have your name placed on a list or talk to a member of the Knights. Thank you.

Catholic Daughters Picnic this Week

Members of the Catholic Daughters are invited to a special picnic on Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00pm at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please bring a dish to share and your own table service. The picnic is in place of our regular monthly meeting. Hope you come and enjoy.

Parish Gardens—Flower Beds

We wish to thank those volunteers who continue to maintain our parish flower beds at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa Churches. Your hard work shows in the beauty of the flowers and plants at our parish grounds. Thank you!



Cemetery Gravestone Cleaning Project

We are offering gravestone cleaning on a limited scale at ST. THOMAS & ST. ELIZABETH CEMETERIES ONLY. Some members of our cemetery committees are trained in gravestone cleaning/preservation. The process will help remove dirt, lichen, and lighten up some discolorations/stains on gravestones. It is safe and gentle, so it will not damage the stones. Because each stone is unique, pricing may vary. Rate estimates are: Small stone (24"-35")—\$50; Medium (36"-59")—\$100; and Large (60"-75")—\$150. If you wish to have a loved one's stone cleaned, please contact the parish office. We are taking orders for those who are interested. Thank you.

Below is a recent example of how the cleaning process will transform the look of a headstone.



"Question of the Week" - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What are the things that keep you from being a friend of Jesus?

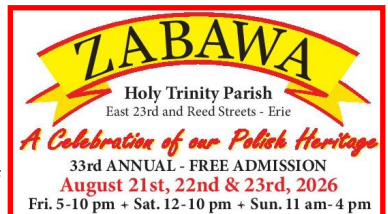
Question for Youth: The good and the bad have the same opportunity to rule our life. What are you doing (bad habits, poor choices, etc.) that you need to weed out? Who can help you with that?

Question for Adults: How would you describe "the weeds" which have polluted your own faith, or the faith of people whom you know.

Events in our Area

Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner: Frenchtown's Annual Ham or Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, July 26 at St. Hippolyte Church. Dinner is served from 12:30pm—4:30pm (or until sold out). The menu includes 1/2 a BBQ chicken OR a generous portion of ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, dinner roll, beverage, and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$14 for seniors (60+), and \$10 for children (6-12). Also included are festival games, bingo tent, gift auction, quilt/afghan raffle, 50/50 raffle, country store and the Grand Prize Drawing of \$2000. St. Hippolyte Church is located on Route 27, just 7 miles east of Meadville.

Zabawa Volunteers: Holy Trinity Parish, 2220 Reed St., Erie is looking for volunteers to help work at the Zabawa Polish Festival on August 21—23. Hours are flexible. Please contact Kaila Pribonic 814-384-4536 with any questions or if you are able to volunteer.



It's Picnic Time!
 Diocesan Cursillo
 Picnic

When: **Saturday, August 1, 2026**

Where: **Our Lady of Peace picnic pavilion, behind the school**
2401 West 38th Street, Erie, PA

Time: **1:00 – 4:00 (Eat between 1:30 and 1:45)**

Bring a dish to share and your own chair!

Chicken, hotdogs, corn, watermelon, and drinks provided.
 All family members are welcome.

Please RSVP by July 27th by email or the contact us link below.

<https://eriecursillo.org/contact-us>

If you would like to help with set-up, clean-up, or food, please text or call Debbie Patterson 814-504-8400.



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.

St. Teresa News

Readings for the week of July 19, 2026

Sun.: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19 ♦ Psalm 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 ♦ Romans 8:26-27 ♦
Matthew 13:24-43 or 13:24-30
Mon.: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8 ♦ Psalm 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 ♦
Matthew 12:38-42
Tues.: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 ♦ Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 12:46-50
Wed.: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 ♦
Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ John 20:1-2, 11-18
Thur.: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 ♦ Psalm 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 ♦
Matthew 13:10-17
Fri.: Jeremiah 3:14-17 ♦ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 ♦ Matthew 13:18-23
Sat.: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 ♦ Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 ♦
Matthew 20:20-28
Next Sun.: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 ♦ Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 ♦
Romans 8:28-30 ♦ Matthew 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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 = \$77,065

Paid to date = \$63,925

Amount Pledged at **St. Teresa** to date = \$42,345

Paid to date = \$38,595

Number of Families who made a pledge = 211



Diocese of Erie
2026 Catholic
Services Appeal

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

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.

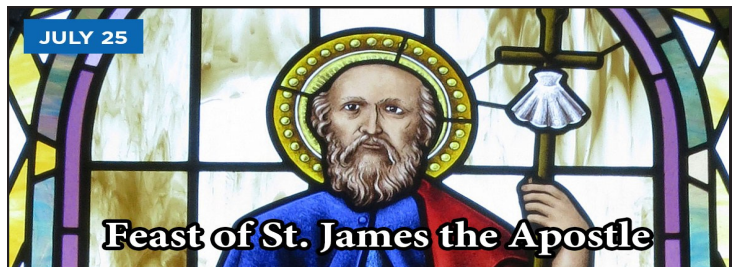
Imprimatur, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L., Bishop of Erie



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 19th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased priests who served our parish.

Family Perspective

Parents instill values in their children, hoping that the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment, and fidelity will grow with them and eventually become "a safe haven" for many.



THE DIOCESE OF ERIE IS HONORED TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE NATIONAL STAGE FOR OUTSTANDING COMMUNICATIONS THAT INFORM, INSPIRE AND EVANGELIZE.

10 National Catholic Media Awards Catholic Media Association 2026

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FIRST PLACE	WINNER	FIRST PLACE
C316: Hot Topic — Pope Francis <i>Remembering Pope Francis</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Allison Mosier, Communications & Advancement Team		MS13C: Best Regular Column — Family Life <i>Parenting Column</i> Faith, the Magazine of the Diocese of Erie The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Melanie Sisinni
SECOND PLACE C318: Hot Topic — The Jubilee Year <i>Jubilee of Hope in NWPA</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Melanie Sisinni, Allison Mosier, Elizabeth Butterfield, Communications & Advancement Team		THIRD PLACE MS45: Best Interview <i>Reflections at 75</i> Faith, the Magazine of the Diocese of Erie The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling
THIRD PLACE C315d: Best Initiative or Campaign — Hot Topic: Conclave and the Election of Pope Leo XIV <i>Election of Pope Leo XIV</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Allison Mosier, Communications & Advancement Team		HON. MENTION AW362: Best Multimedia Package — Hot Topic: Conclave and the Election of Pope Leo XIV <i>Election of Pope Leo XIV</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Allison Mosier, Communications & Advancement Team
HON. MENTION AW372: Best Multimedia Package — Hot Topic: Pope Francis <i>Remembering Pope Francis</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Allison Mosier, Communications & Advancement Team		IMPACT INFORMS OUR FAITH COMMUNITY With timely, trustworthy and relevant content. INSPIRES DISCIPLESHIP By sharing stories that strengthen faith and encourage action. EVANGELIZES By proclaiming the Gospel through platforms we use. BUILDS UP THE CHURCH By fostering connection and unity across our diocese and beyond. These national awards affirm our mission to proclaim the Gospel through excellent communications that build up the Church, serve our communities and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.
AW373: Best Multimedia Package — Hot Topic: The Jubilee Year <i>Jubilee of Hope in NWPA</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Kristine Rilling, Melanie Sisinni, Allison Mosier, Elizabeth Butterfield, Communications & Advancement Team		MISSION The Office of Communications does this work because of the support of the Catholic Services Appeal.
C315b: Best Initiative or Campaign — Package: General Campaign <i>Black Catholic History Month</i> The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Allison Mosier, Elizabeth Butterfield, Rich Papalia		DIOCESE OF ERIE Sharing the Catholic faith in northwest Pennsylvania
MS75C: Best Reporting on a Special Age Group — Children and Teens Younger than 18 <i>Faith Magazine Youth Section</i> Faith, the Magazine of the Diocese of Erie The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, Melanie Sisinni		

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SHARE THE GOSPEL.

All registered parishioners of the Diocese of Erie receive *Faith Magazine*.
If you are not receiving your copy, please contact the parish office.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 11 & 12, 2026

Total Offertory Income \$7,024.00
 Average Budgeted Offertory Income.....\$7,700.00
Offertory Shortage\$(-676.00)

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!

Peter's Pence Collection (June 27/28).....\$1,517.00

Thank you for your generosity to the Peter's Pence Collection which supports the charitable works of the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. This collection also supports seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, and medical facilities in developing nations.

**Designed by God
 Guided by Love
 Open to Life**

Awareness Week
 July 19—25, 2026

Learn more at
<https://www.eriercd.org/chastity/>

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

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.***

**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.

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NATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION JULY 19, 2026

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Provide support for ministries beyond our diocese and throughout the world.

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- Education and leadership development.
- Black and Native American missions in the U.S.
- Rebuilding efforts in Eastern Europe.
- Ministry to military families.



Please give generously!

ErieRCD.org/National-Needs.html



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