



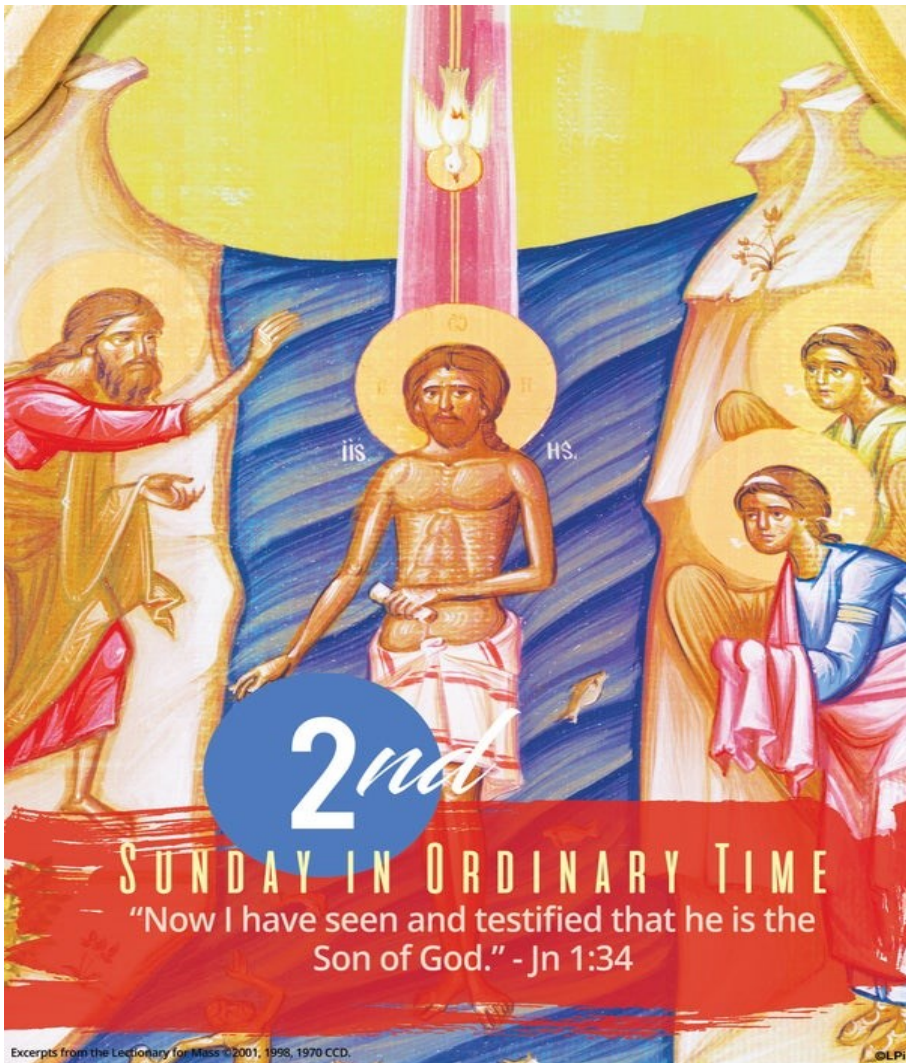
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

January 15, 2023



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Partnered Parish Office Hours
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.



Please keep our parishes of Sts. Thomas & Teresa in your prayers during this time. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit to grow together in unity and love for one another.

Pray for our Bishop and those at the Diocesan Offices who are working to help us. May the Holy Spirit guide them in discerning who to send to shepherd us and the best course of action moving forward for our parishes and its peoples.

Pray for Fr. Greg Passauer, who was recently appointed as our Temporary Parochial Administrator. Pray for Fr. Tom Suppa, who generously agreed to provide coverage for our weekend Masses. Pray for our deacons and parish staff. May they all be given the grace to continue to serve the peoples of our parishes to the best of their abilities.

Pray for each other.... for peace in our homes and in our hearts. And please continue to pray for Fr. Matt.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



Monday, January 16

No Mass or Service at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa today.

Tuesday, January 17

No Mass or Service at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa today.

Wednesday, January 18

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

Thursday, January 19

No Mass or Service at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa today.

Friday, January 20

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Saturday, January 21

4:00p.m. †Dick McKeta by the Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425 (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, January 22

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

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)



Daily Masses & Communion Services

At this time, due to current circumstances, we will NOT BE celebrating daily Masses at both Saints Thomas and Teresa Parishes. The diocese has granted us permission to hold one Communion Service per week at each parish. Here is the schedule for the Communion Services:

8:00a.m. Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church (Corry)

8:00a.m. Fridays at St. Teresa Church (Union City)

All are welcome to join us for prayer and Communion. We will let you know when daily Masses are to resume.

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

We are NOT ABLE to take and/or schedule Mass Intentions for loved ones at this time at Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We ask that you please hold off on bringing/sending Mass Intentions to the office until we are able to accommodate your requests. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will let you know when this situation changes. We will be rescheduling any intentions not said due to No Mass.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

3 Ways for Teens to Reboot—Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices – especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriercd.org/childprotection

WELCOME

If you are new to our Parishes, 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.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish office at least six 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: 3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 7 & 8, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (82)\$3,159.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 105)

Loose\$218.00

Online Giving (10)\$330.00


Total Offertory Income\$3,707.00


Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(3,949.00)

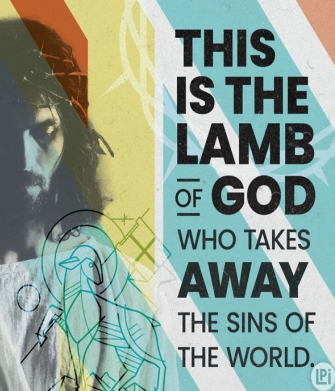
Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

Please write checks to St. Thomas Church.
If checks are to go to our parish cemeteries—please make them to St. Thomas Cemetery or St. Elizabeth Cemetery.
Thank you.


 **DONATE ONLINE** Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

 **PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).
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 January 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all those lost to abortion.**

 **THIS IS THE LAMB OF GOD WHO TAKES AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD.**

Our desire for God can only grow when we place ourselves in His presence.
 -Pope Francis



Readings for the week of January 15, 2023

Sun.: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 ♦ Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ♦ John 1:29-34

Mon.: Hebrews 5:1-10 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Mark 2:18-22

Tues.: Hebrews 6:10-20 ♦ Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c ♦ Mark 2:23-28

Wed.: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17 ♦ Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4 ♦ Mark 3:1-6


Thur.: Hebrews 7:25—8:6 ♦ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 ♦ Mark 3:7-12

Fri.: Hebrews 8:6-13 ♦ Psalm 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ♦ Mark 3:13-19

Sat.: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Mark 3:20-21

Next Sun.: Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ♦ Psalm 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a) ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ♦ Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Pro-Life March in Washington, DC
 Please pray for those who will be attending the Pro-Life March in Washington on Friday, January 20th. We pray for their safety in traveling to and from the march and thank them for standing up in defense of all life.



 **Two Great Speakers = One Great Conference!**
 Our Tenth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference promises to be the best yet! We have Father Larry Richards as our featured speaker and Father Chase Hilgenbrinck as our guest speaker. You won't want to miss it! **The conference begins at 8:30a.m, March 4th, 2023 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie and concludes with Mass at noon.** It will also be broadcast to outlying parishes via YouTube. Registration opens later this month! Go online to 2232men.com for more information and registration.

“PRAYER, HUMILITY, AND CHARITY TOWARD ALL ARE ESSENTIAL IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: THEY ARE THE WAY TO HOLINESS.”

Pope Francis

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“Question of the Week” - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: If someone were to ask you, “who is Jesus?” how would you answer?

Question for Youth: How are you able to see through all the busyness, the distractions, and the din of today's world to really see Christ as he makes himself present today? Where do you see him or experience his presence?

Question for Adults: In the gospel today, John tells us who Jesus is for him. If someone were to ask you, how would you answer this question: Who Jesus is for you?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 8, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (60) \$2,140.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 97)
Loose \$56.00
Continuing the Vision \$121.00
Christmas \$15.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,332.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 8, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$102.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)
Total Offertory Income \$102.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,434.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,343.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
 Our Lady of Fatima Church.*





Marriage Moment
 Martin Luther King emphasized that our differences need not divide us. How are you and your beloved different yet you complement each other. (Perhaps one gives attention to detail vs. seeing the whole picture, one is a quick thinker vs. thorough planner, an extrovert vs. self-reflective...).


St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

- Rosary—Altar Society**
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM
- Knights of Columbus**
Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM
- Religious Education Guild**
Meets during the school term

In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 15th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our loved ones.**
You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office if you wish to do so. Thank you.

 Rev. Cesar Segovia, Rev. James Power, Rev. Vincent Cieslewicz, Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, Pray for Consecrated Life

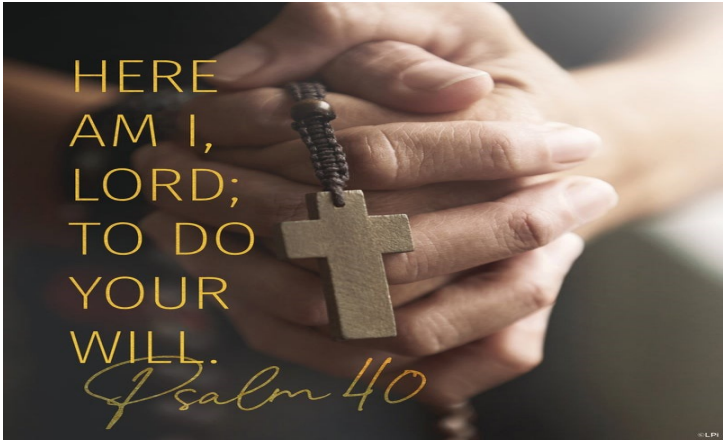
St. Teresa Knights of Columbus Meeting
 Members of the St. Teresa Knights of Columbus will meet on Wednesday evening, January 18 at 7:00pm in the Saint Teresa Parish Center. All Brother Knights are encourage to attend. 

Who Can Offer Anointing of the Sick?

Question: Can anyone offer the Anointing of the Sick to a sick or dying person, or is that only something a priest can do?

Answer: The Letter of James speaks to us of the ancient tradition of a special anointing and blessing of those who are sick: “Is there anyone sick among you? Let him send for the presbyters of the Church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord ... If he has committed any sins, they will be forgiven him” (5:14, 15b). This passage forms the foundation for the theology of the sacrament that we call “Anointing of the Sick.” In keeping with what we read in the Letter of James and the ancient tradition of the Church, the anointing of a person who is sick or dying many only be performed by a priest or bishop.

Although deacons and other members of the Church are not able to celebrate the sacrament with a person who is sick, we can read Sacred Scripture and pray with and for those who are ill. Resources like the Book of Blessings also contain special blessings that can be celebrated by deacons or lay ministers. In the end, we want to be sure that we show a special care and concern for the sick, helping them to always experience God’s loving comfort made tangible through our acts of charity and service. **If you have a loved one who is ill and wishes to be anointed, please do not wait until they are in grave condition (near death) before calling the parish office. We can help to arrange for a priest to visit if we know ahead of time.** ©LPi



WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

September 10, 2022 thru May 21, 2023

Saturday 4:00PM

St. Thomas Church (Corry)

September, November, January, March, May

St. Teresa Church (Union City)

October, December, February, April

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church (Corry)

10:00AM at St. Teresa Church (Union City)

Confessions

Saturday from 3:00pm—3:30pm

at the church where Saturday Mass is celebrated
OR by appointment—please call the parish office

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes

Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.



Class Schedule for January

- Sunday, January 15—Class
- Sunday, January 22—Class
- Sunday, January 29—Class / Youth Mass today
- Sunday, February 5—No Class



Special Intention of Pope Francis

During the month of January, we pray for all teachers. May all educators be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all. *We pray to the Lord—Lord hear our prayer.*



A Letter from our Bishop

January 2, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From the earliest days of my tenure as bishop of the Diocese of Erie, I have been committed to strong communications. While I am the shepherd of this diocese, all of us are on this journey of faith together.

That's why I continue to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed about what is happening with the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States and here in northwest Pennsylvania. This is no small effort, given the changing media landscape. We strive to reach you whether you prefer to read Faith magazine, receive the weekly Diocese of Erie-news in your email or find us through social media. This requires interacting on a variety of platforms in order to reach different audiences.

Thanks to your generous support of the annual Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, all of these options and more remain available to you, free of charge.

We have a small but dedicated team of communications professionals not only working to share important information, but also to write and promote stories that inspire. People tell us they pass these stories along or discuss them with family and friends — a great way to begin conversations that open doors and hearts.

Please help me continue this essential outreach by participating in the **2023 Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection** scheduled for the weekend of January 21- 22.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

2023 Parish Calendars

Available in the Church

2023 Parish Calendars are located near the entrances of the church at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa. Please feel free to take a calendar or two for your families.



“Unconditional love will have the final word.” –MLK
ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 28, 2023 ★ 11 A.M.

- ◆ **Begins at Perry Square in Downtown Erie.**
- ◆ **Will conclude by 12:30 p.m. following a brief program.**
- ◆ **Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.**
- ◆ **Be a Voice for the Voiceless!**



The *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973 legalized abortion for virtually any reason during all nine months of pregnancy. More than 63 million lives have been lost to abortion since then. Although Roe has finally been overturned, the abortion culture it generated continues to claim many lives. Societal change still depends on people of good will raising their voices and asserting their basic values with conviction, compassion, and courage.

PEOPLE FOR LIFE

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office@peopleforlife.org
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