



SAINT THOMAS

THE APOSTLE PARISH



Saint Elizabeth Parish Center



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m. . (monthly rotation w/ St. Teresa Parish, Union City)

Sunday morning: 8:45 a.m.

Daily Masses

Please visit schedule in this bulletin.

Sacrament of Penance / Confessions

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

24 hour Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday before the First Friday - 8:30 a.m.

To First Friday of the Month - before 8:00 a.m. Mass

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Due to the new protocols for Mass outlined by the Bishop, there will not be a procession to present the gifts during Mass, so those sponsoring Masses will not be able to 'bring up' the gifts.

Monday, January 17

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Tuesday, January 18 - Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Wednesday, January 19 - Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Thursday, January 20

NO MASS TODAY at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

Friday, January 21

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Saturday, January 22 - Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

4:30p.m. ☩ Millie Falcone req by Donna, Gary, Seth, and David Johnson (St. Thomas)

Sunday, January 23

8:45a.m. ☩ Lucy Vinca req by Tim & Sue Vinca (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. ☩ The Intentions of Our Parish Family (St. Teresa)

Visiting Priests

Please take a moment to thank our visiting priests who have graciously given of their time to be with us while Fr. Matt is away. This weekend, January 15 & 16, Fr. Tom Suppa celebrates Mass with us.

Thank You!!

Thank you to all those that helped decorate and 'un'decorate the church for the holidays. Also, thank you to all those that served for the Christmas Masses. Working together makes for a joyous season for all.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).
Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor

Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger

Deacon Assistant

Deacon Randy M. Kondrlik

Deacon Assistant/Retired

Deacon William J. Saborsky

Facilitator of Religious Education

Mrs. Melissa Silka

Director of Liturgical Music

Mr. Nicholas P. Nasibyan

Director of Parish Finance

Mr. Daniel P. Crawford

Director of Parish Cemeteries

Mrs. Susan L. Vinca

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Mrs. Susan M. Johnston

Assistant Secretary

Mrs. Mary Jane Adamaszek

Parish Center Events Manager

Mrs. Kerrin A. Watrous

Director of Maintenance

Mr. Dan Grable

Custodian

Mr. Ben Barney

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the parish office to register.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes active participation in the sacramental life of the Church, involvement in the activities of the faith community and financial support of the parish. New members are welcome to register by coming into or calling the parish office.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Please contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor or deacon know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital, or at a nursing home.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 9, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (64)	\$3072.00
Loose	\$174.47
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed	\$20.00
Online Giving	\$175.00
Flower Fund	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3441.47
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	*\$4,038.00
Difference	\$-596.53

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	*\$3,625.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	*\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	*\$5,951.00

**Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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.



Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at

www.StThomasTheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

Upcoming Events:

January 20-22, 2022—49th Annual Bus Trip

Erie, PA - Washington, DC

January 21, 2022 March for Life in Washington D.C.

January 29, 2022, 11:00 a.m.— Erie March for Life

Downtown Erie

January 29, 2022, 4:30 pm—Installation Mass for Fr. Matt Strickenberger, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with reception to follow.

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Sunday, January 16

Religious Education for all grades

Saturday, January 22

9:00am Rosary prayed at St. Thomas Church

Sunday, January 23

Religious Education for all grades

Marriage Moment

Martin Luther King talked a lot about racial equality. What about equality in Marriage? Are both of you equally good at cooking, mechanical things, sewing, small talk? Probably not. Even though your spouse may have a natural talent for a particular task, try trading chores for a day, just for fun.

Please pray for our country and all those suffering from or mourning for a loved one due to COVID. God Help Us.

Diocesan & Parish News

A Letter From Our Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am grateful every day for the resources we have to help spread the Gospel message. Imagine how different our experience of the pandemic would be if we did not have the ability to Zoom or to livestream. It is changing the way we approach so many aspects of our lives.

At the heart of all that communicating is strong content. That's why the Diocese of Erie continues to invest in a team dedicated to providing you with thoughtful publications, social media posts, web resources and more, all designed to help me in my role as shepherd of the Diocese of Erie. Some of it comes right to your mailbox in the form of Faith, an engaging magazine filled with the stories and testimonies of Catholics striving to grow closer to Christ in northwest Pennsylvania. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we have not missed a beat with this important resource, and in fact, have used it to provide much-needed encouragement and updates.

When I emphasize the need for strong communications, I am thinking first and foremost of you. My work is done in service to Christ and to you. I strive 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. Do you know why the upcoming Synod on Synodality at the Vatican is important? Are you aware that the US bishops are collaborating on an effort to help American Catholics understand and embrace the church's teaching on the Eucharist over the next three years? And what's the latest on pastoral planning in our diocese?

This year we've reported on all this and more in Faith, in the weekly Diocese of Erie-news, at www.ErieRCD.org and on our social media platforms. Thanks to your generous support, all of it remains available free of charge.

Please consider participating the 2022 Help Spread the Faith collection scheduled for the weekend of January 22nd – 23rd . It's one important way to fulfill Jesus' command to go forth and make disciples of all nations.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!
Psalm 133:1

"Question of the Week" - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What is one special gift that God has given to you to share with your friends or classmates?

Question for Youth: Jesus got his start in ministry through the urging of his mother. Who urges you to pray, go to Church, and do good works?

Question for Adults: God fills each of us with grace (miracles) and gifts, what is one grace (miracle) or gift that you have shared with your family?

Installation Mass

Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger's Installation Mass has been scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2022. It will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church at the 4:30 Mass with The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L. presiding. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and a reception to follow. Please continue to keep Fr. Matt in your prayers as he continues this new leg of his journey. God Bless You Fr. Matt!!

A Family Perspective

At Cana we get a good insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, argue, demand or manipulate. She merely pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the best decision.

9th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Enjoy a dynamic experience with men from around the Diocese of Erie and beyond! The conference will be held on February 12, from 8:30 to noon at St. Jude the Apostle Parish, 2801 W. 6th Street in Erie. Speakers include Bear Woznick and Fr. Anthony Baetzold, CFR. Fr. Larry Richards will be Master of Ceremonies and Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Lawrence Persico. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers and opportunities for prayer, reconciliation and Mass.

Cost is just \$20. For more information and to register visit www.2232men.com or call (814)455-7364.

Seven

"**Say Yes!** to the 7th Annual 138 Women's Conference. The conference will be held from 8:30-12:30 on March 12, 2022. You may attend live at St. Jude Parish in Erie, PA, virtually at satellite parishes via zoom or in your own home via zoom. The cost is \$20. This year's conference will feature national speakers Lisa Hendey, best selling author and founder of CatholicMom.com and Patricia Breen who writes online for Blessed is She, Fem Catholic, Grotto Network and CatholicMatch. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register."

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Congratulations to our High School classes (grades 9-11), they were the winners of the Thanksgiving/Christmas food drive!!

Our students in Religious Education will meet for class this weekend after Sunday Mass (at 10:00am). Classes will meet Sunday for the rest of January (23 & 30). The **Winter Social** is coming up in February, more details to come!

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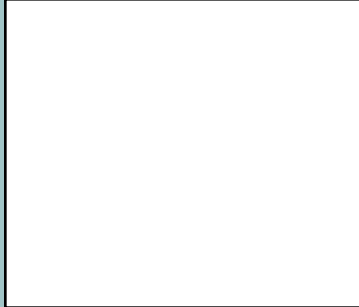
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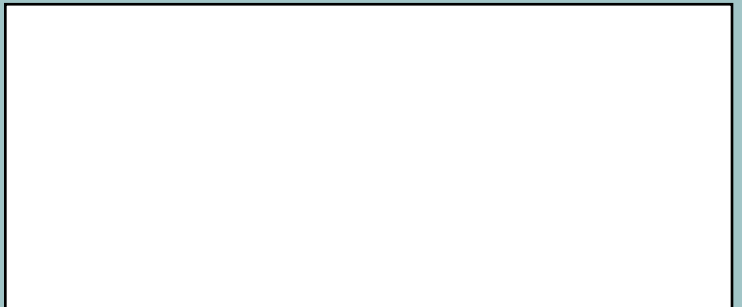
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