



# SAINT THOMAS

## THE APOSTLE PARISH



Saint Elizabeth Parish Center

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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



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church

**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 24—Mass at St. Teresa, Union City**  
8:00a.m. † For the Poor Souls req by Katherine Young
- Tuesday, January 25—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry**  
5:15p.m. † Jack Cummings req by Len & Ann Clark
- Wednesday, January 26—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry**  
8:00a.m. † William Wieliczko req by Michael & Mary Johnson
- Thursday, January 27**  
NO MASS TODAY at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa
- Friday, January 28—Mass at St. Teresa, Union City**  
8:00a.m. † Four the Poor Souls in Purgatory
- Saturday, January 29—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry**  
4:30p.m. Intentions of our Parish Family
- Sunday, January 30**  
8:45a.m. † Tony Amoroso req by Janet & Family (St. Thomas)  
10:45a.m. † Bernard Gluvna req by Dan and Casey Pfeiffer (St. Teresa)

**End of Life Considerations**

Are you considering making funeral arrangements? Please consider one of our Catholic Cemeteries for your burial arrangements. St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries are dedicated to the service of the Church by reverently laying to rest those who have died, caring for those who grieve and providing a sacred place of prayer and reflection for all Christians. There is literature concerning our cemeteries at each entrance of the church. Please contact the Parish Office for more information or with any questions.

Are you considering your living will or other end of life issues and have questions about the Catholic teachings on these subjects, please visit <https://www.eriercd.org/socialjusticelife/end-of-life.html>

**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:**

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| <b>Amount in Envelopes: (59)</b> ..... | \$2938.00   |
| <b>Loose</b> .....                     | \$346.10    |
| <b>Faith Formation/Rel. Ed</b> .....   | \$5.00      |
| <b>Online Giving</b> .....             | \$250.00    |
| <b>Flower Fund</b> .....               | \$0.00      |
| <b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....    | \$3539.10   |
| <b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> ..... | *\$4,038.00 |
| <b>Difference</b> .....                | \$-498.90   |

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| <b>Actual Average Weekly Offertory</b> ..... | *\$3,625.00 |
| <b>Budgeted Weekly Expenses</b> .....        | *\$6,019.00 |
| <b>Actual Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....  | *\$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](http://www.StThomasTheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.*

**Annual Pre-Lenten Retreat**

Longing for a deeper encounter with the Lord this Lent? Singles and couples are invited to participate in a retreat Feb. 25-26 at St. Thomas More House of Prayer in Cranberry. Retreatants will have opportunities for community, talks, adoration, Mass and confession. For more information, visit [www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat](http://www.eriercd.org/chastity/retreat). Questions? Call or email Jacob Kessler at 814-824-1216, [jkessler@eriercd.org](mailto:jkessler@eriercd.org). The retreat is sponsored by the Diocesan Chastity Education Office.

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

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| <p><b>PARISH STAFF</b></p> <p><i>Pastor</i><br/><b>Reverend Matthew J. Strickenberger</b><br/><i>Deacon Assistant</i><br/><b>Deacon Randy M. Kondrlik</b><br/><i>Deacon Assistant/Retired</i><br/><b>Deacon William J. Saborsky</b><br/><i>Facilitator of Religious Education</i><br/><b>Mrs. Melissa Silka</b><br/><i>Director of Liturgical Music</i><br/><b>Mr. Nicholas P. Nasibyan</b><br/><i>Director of Parish Finance</i><br/><b>Mr. Daniel P. Crawford</b><br/><i>Director of Parish Cemeteries</i><br/><b>Mrs. Susan L. Vinca</b><br/><i>Administrative Assistant</i><br/><b>Mrs. Susan M. Johnston</b><br/><i>Assistant Secretary</i><br/><b>Mrs. Mary Jane Adamaszek</b><br/><i>Parish Center Events Manager</i><br/><b>Mrs. Kerrin A. Watrous</b><br/><i>Director of Maintenance</i><br/><b>Mr. Dan Grable</b><br/><i>Custodian</i><br/><b>Mr. Ben Barney</b></p> | <p><b>WELCOME</b><br/>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.</p> <p><b>PARISH MEMBERSHIP</b><br/>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.</p> <p><b>BAPTISM</b><br/>By appointment. Please contact the parish office.</p> <p><b>MARRIAGE</b><br/>Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Please contact the parish office.</p> <p><b>SACRAMENT OF THE SICK</b><br/>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.</p> |
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**Upcoming Events:**

**January 29, 2022, 11:00 a.m.—12:30—** Erie March for Life  
Downtown Erie

**February 6, 2022, 8:45 Mass—**Enrollment for First Reconciliation and First Communion students

**February 12, 2022, 8:30—noon—**Men 22:32 Conference

**THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH**

**Saturday, January 29**  
9:00am Rosary prayed at St. Thomas Church  
4:30pm Installation Mass and Reception for Fr. Matt

**Sunday, January 30**  
8:45am Youth Mass for grades 7 & 8 followed by Religious Education for all grades

## Diocesan & Parish News

### Pro-Life Event

**Erie March for Life Saturday, January 29, 2022 , 11 A.M.**

The March takes place in downtown Erie.

The March will be followed by a closing program.

The entire event will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Catholic Men's Conference

**The conference is less than one month away!!**

Be a part of it! The name 22:32 Men is based on the theme of Luke 22:32: *"But I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers."*

The conference will be held on Saturday, February 12, from 8:30 am to noon and men from our diocese will gather to pray, reflect, and be inspired in three different ways:

1. Live, in-person at St. Jude the Apostle Church in Erie
2. Virtually at a hosting parish, participating parishes are listed on the website
3. Virtually via YouTube in your home

The morning program consists of two amazing speakers and Mass with Bishop Persico. If you attend at St. Jude's or a satellite hosting parish, you will enjoy two of our life-giving Sacraments: Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation.

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

### Seven

**"Say Yes! to the 7th Annual 1:38 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](http://www.138women.com) for more information and to register."

### 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 following Mass at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center, 33 West Pleasant Street in Corry.

***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

In today's gospel Jesus was "praised by all" except at home in Nazareth where the "eyes of all were intently on him." Acceptance can be hard to find at home due to unreal EXPECTATIONS. Jesus challenges us to "proclaim liberty" to anyone "oppressed" or "captive" by our EXPECTATIONS.

### Marriage Moment

Because we are humans, we have eyes, ears, hands, feet, and many other body parts. Ideally, they all work together. Is there any part of your body that sometimes gives you trouble? How might your beloved aid or comfort you? Ask.

### Report Suspected Child Abuse

**Anyone** can report suspected child abuse 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you suspect a child is in immediate danger from abuse **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

• **Report suspected child abuse by calling: CHILDLINE at 1-800-932-0313.** Callers may choose to remain anonymous.

## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education classes meet THIS WEEKEND.

Our students in Religious Education will meet for class this weekend after Sunday Mass (at 10:00am). Classes will meet Sunday January 30th, which will also be a **Youth Mass for 7th & 8th grade.** On February 6th there will be class and we will also have **Enrollment for our First Reconciliation and First Communion students at Mass.**

**Safe Environment Training:** Our Religious Education program is mandated by the Bishops of the United States to provide Safe Environment training to all students annually. The training will take place sometime during 2021-2022 catechetical year. If you DO NOT want your child/children to participate, please contact Missy Silka in the Religious Education office in writing and your child/children will be withheld from the program when it is presented (melissa.silka@stthomastheapostle.church). Thank you.

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*Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.*

*Amen.*

### **"Question of the Week" - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** Jesus is present to each of us in a different way. Tell about a time that you knew Jesus was with you.

**Question for Youth:** Name a moment or situation in your life where Jesus was present. What are some situations or places where you wish that Jesus was more visible?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus came to bring glad tidings to the poor and set free the enslaved. How has this mission of Christ in the world affected you personally?



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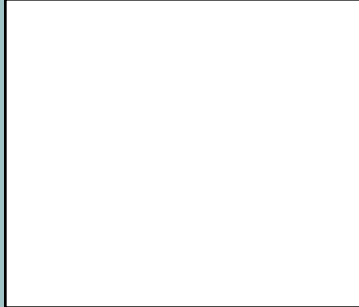
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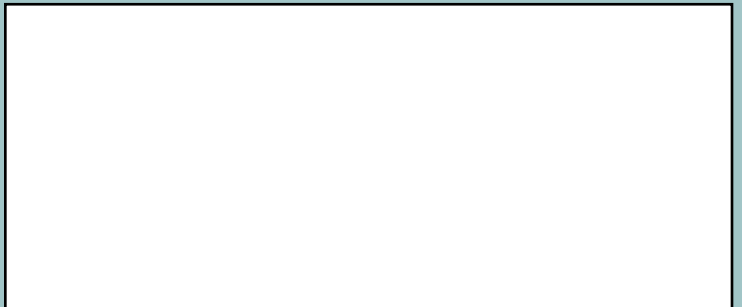


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