



SAINT THOMAS

THE APOSTLE PARISH



Saint Elizabeth Church



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SACRAMENTAL SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday evening: 4:30 p.m.

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



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Mass Schedule and Intentions

If you made an offering for a weekend Mass Intention, honor the person(s) mentioned by bringing up the Offertory Gifts. Please let the ushers know 15 minutes prior to the start of Mass.

- Monday, December 2 (St. Thomas)**
8:00a.m. †Jim Kasper (birthday) req by the Family
- Tuesday, December 3**
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas
8:00a.m. Mass at St. Teresa in Union City
- Wednesday, December 4 (St. Thomas)**
5:15p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families req by Steve & Julie Rushin
- Thursday, December 5**
8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas
8:00a.m. Mass at St. Teresa in Union City
- Friday, December 6 (St. Thomas)**
8:00a.m. †Deceased Members of the Shone, Timmerman, and Reilly Families req by Richard & Jean Farver
- Saturday, December 7**
4:30p.m. †Mike Knowlton, Rod Knowlton, and Marty Roehrig req by Punk, Lana and Jenna Messina (St. Thomas)
4:30p.m. †Paul Mongera, Jr. req by Family (St. Teresa)
- Sunday, December 8**
8:45a.m. Intentions of our Parish Family (St. Thomas)
10:45a.m. †Anna Matvey Carbaugh req by Dorothy Mongera (St. Teresa)



The SANCTUARY CANDLE for the week of December 1st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Susan Dyne Nichols requested by the Dyne Family.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (665-6944), Shirley (664-2764), or Pam (664-7459). Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.

PARISH STAFF

- Pastor.....Reverend D. G. Davis III
- Deacon Assistant.....Deacon William J. Saborsky
- Deacon Assistant.....Deacon Randy M. Kondrlik
- Faith Formation Team.....Mrs. Vickie Stull
and Mr. James Erdman
- Director of Liturgical Music.....Mr. Nicholas P. Nasibyan
- Director of Parish Finance.....Mr. Daniel P. Crawford
- Director of Parish CemeteriesMrs. Susan L. Vinca
- Administrative AssistantMrs. Susan M. Johnston
- Assistant Secretary.....Mrs. Mary Jane Adamaszek
- Parish Center Events Manager.....Mrs. Kerrin A. Watrous
- Director of Maintenance.....Mr. Dan Grable

Upcoming Events:

- December 9—Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary
- December 15—Parish Advent Penance Service at St. Thomas
- December 17—Final Bible Study on the Scriptures

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: November 17, 2019

St. Thomas:

Amount in Envelopes: (101)	\$2,600.00
Loose	\$436.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed	\$0.00
Online Giving	\$35.00
Flower Fund (for Christmas)	\$574.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,645.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	*\$4,327.00
Difference	\$(-682.00)

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	*\$4,309.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	*\$6,536.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	*\$6,338.84

**Based on Fiscal Year July 2019—June 2020*

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'.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: November 24, 2019

The Financial Stewardship Report for the weekend of November 23 & 24 will be published in the next bulletin (December 8th). Today's bulletin had to be submitted early to our publisher prior to the weekend Masses. Thank you to all who regularly use your church offertory envelopes and/or give to the parish collection. We appreciate your support.

This Week's Events

- Sunday, December 1—First Sunday of Advent**
8:45am Mass of Advent at St. Thomas Church
No Religious Education Classes due to Thanksgiving break
- Thursday, December 5**
24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration after morning communion service and continues until 8am Mass on Friday at St. Thomas
- Friday, December 6—First Friday**
If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass due to health reasons and wants a visit, please call the parish office.
- Saturday, December 7**
9:00am Rosary prayed at St. Thomas Church
3:30pm Confessions at St. Thomas Church
4:30pm Vigil Mass of Advent at St. Thomas Church
- Sunday, December 8—Second Sunday of Advent**
8:45am Mass of Advent at St. Thomas Church
10:00am Rel. Ed. Classes (all grades) until 11:30am

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Diocesan & Parish News



Giving Tuesday is December 3, 2019!

Don't forget about the opportunity to make a year-end gift to St. Thomas Parish and/or other Catholic entities by donating to **#iGiveCatholic**. Donations can be made NOW until DECEMBER 3rd at www.iGiveCatholic.org, or you can find a link on our parish's website. Please help support our parish and other Catholic organizations. Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish! We are grateful.

RSVP's Due for Organizations Combined Christmas Dinner

The Altar Rosary Society, Knights of Columbus, and Catholic Daughters of the Americas are inviting their members to their annual, joint organizational Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 11th, with salad served at 6:00pm and dinner to follow at 6:30pm. The cost is \$10 per person. RSVP's should be made by Wednesday, Dec. 4th to the parish office. Spouses are welcome. We hope all members can make it.

Advent Centering Prayer Weekend at Bethany Retreat Center

The Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville is offering an Advent Centering Prayer Weekend on December 13-15. The theme of the retreat is "Bridges to Contemplative Living with Writings from Father Thomas Merton." Activities include Mass, a conference, prayer, personal time and meals. This retreat is designed for those with an established daily practice of Centering Prayer who wish to deepen the transforming love of God in the midst of silence and solitude. The offering is \$190 per person (includes overnights, meals and book). There is a non-refundable \$75 deposit. For more information and to register, go to www.bethanyretreatcenter.org or call 814-263-4855.

Give in Thanksgiving—2nd Collection Next Weekend (Dec. 7/8)

"The nuns left lasting impressions on me," writes a donor. "I shall always be grateful for my Catholic education." Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. Next week's second collection is for the Retirement Fund of Religious, which helps hundreds of religious communities care for aging members. Please give generously to next weekend's second collection. Thank you.

Attention All Men Cursillistas

You are invited to a GR at the Hope House Retreat Center, 61 E. High St. in Union City, parking in the rear of the house) on Wednesday, Dec. 4th at 6:00pm. Attendees will schedule the next GR before closing. For more information, call 814-882-0916. Bring a friend ... Decolores!

Clothing Distribution Event on December 7

Community Outreach Group, founded by a men's Cursillo group, will host its annual clothing distribution party Dec. 7 from 10:00am—2:00pm at St. Paul Center, 453 W. 16th St., Erie. Patrons receive free clothing and a free, hot lunch. Santa and his helpers will distribute toys to children. For more information and/or to volunteer, search Facebook for "Community Outreach Group of Erie, PA" or contact Tim Nowakowski at 814-566-6435.

A Word from Our Pastor on St. Elizabeth Church

The St. Elizabeth Mass of Farewell was so beautiful and reverent. And so, a thank you to all who helped to make it so. To the priests, former pastors, who returned to concelebrate; to all the liturgical ministers whose service at the altar and to our Lord was so well done; to the musicians who went above and beyond their giftedness to give glory to God; to those who prepared a worthy reception and time of fellowship; the Knights who came adorned in regalia carrying their swords of honor; and to those who spent so much time, arranging displays of memory and emotion that all of us could share. The building may be closed but the spirit of St. Elizabeth will live on, in remembrances, in our hearts, and in prayer. *God bless—Fr. Skip*

In regards to the future of the St. Elizabeth Church building, I have met with realtors and as of it's official close date, the building will be listed for sale. Regarding the removal and re-location of the stained glass and other blessed and sacred articles from Saint Elizabeth, here is what will happen. Except for the tabernacle, the vestments and various church supplies, all of which will be soon brought to St. Thomas, nothing else will be removed or re-located until the building is actually sold, and then, as quoted from the diocese, "all sacred objects are to remain in ecclesiastical custody and should not be given to lay persons or sold." Thus, these articles will be displayed at St. Thomas or placed in storage; hopefully if room allows, the first of the two. If there are any further questions, please talk to me, and if I do not know the answer – remember, I have never been directed to close a church before, and so, in following diocesan directives – I will attempt to find an answer for you. Thanks for all your understanding and cooperation.

God bless—Fr. Skip

Christmas Remembrance Tree at St. Thomas Church

We will again have a Christmas Remembrance Tree, which will be decorated with ornaments in honor of deceased loved ones, especially those who have passed this year from our parish. If you wish to honor a loved one on the tree, please provide the parish office with a Christmas ornament with the person's name and/or photo. Ornaments should be given to the parish office by Wednesday, December 18th. It will be your responsibility to collect the ornament after the Christmas season. If you have any questions, please call the office or see Fr. Skip. Thank you.

‘Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.’

“Question of the Week” - 1st Sunday of Advent

Question for Children: What can you do to be ready for God to come into your heart and your life?

Question for Youth: The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Question for Adults: As you prepare to re-welcome Christ into your heart while you prepare for Christmas, what does Isaiah call you to do? What does Isaiah call us as a people to do?