

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church
(Union City)

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:45 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
(Canadohta Lake)
Weekend Masses
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.
Confessions: before Mass

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 office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

● ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.

● KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

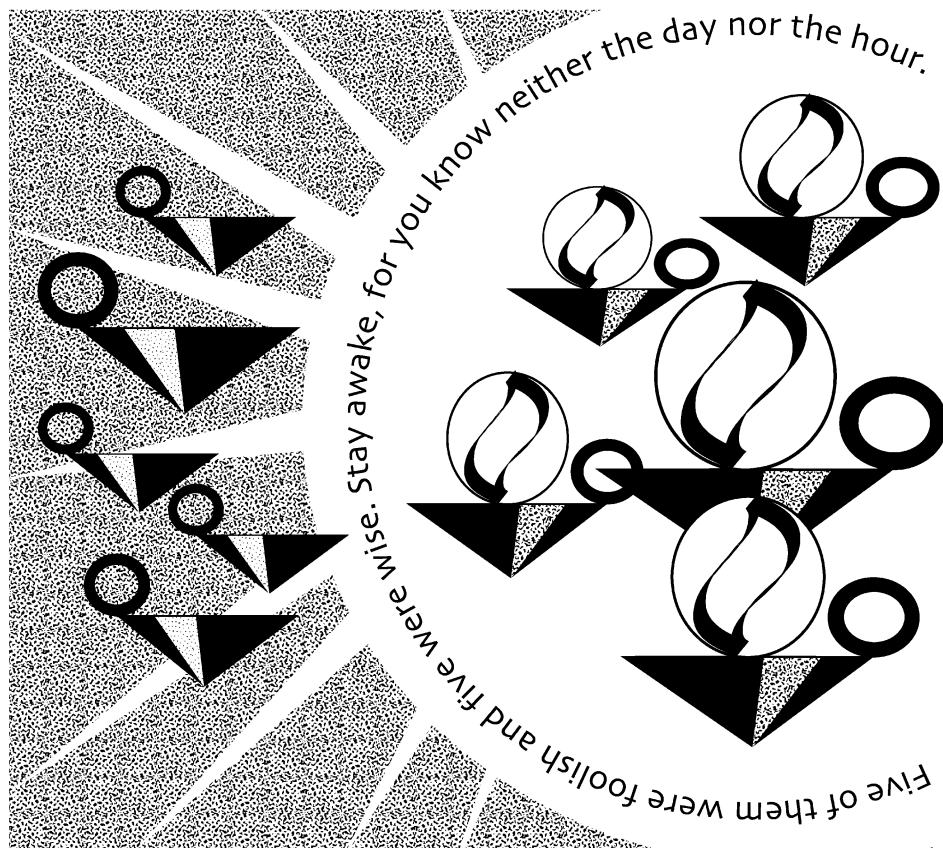
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

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Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time

November 8, 2020

My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 7 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Theresa) Herb Combs by the John Gronostaj family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Ed Burkhart (Anniversary of Death) by Joan & Family

Sunday, November 8 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Intentions of our Parish Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Jeanne Vallimont by Dick and Elaine Hasbrouck

Monday, November 9 The Dedication of the Laterian Basilica

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, November 10 St. Leo the Great

8:00am Stanley and Dorothy Gronostaj by Sophie Combs

Wednesday, November 11 St. Martin of Tours

8:00am Don Tinko by Ed and Irene Weaver

Thursday, November 12 St. Josaphat

8:00am Margaret Campell by Family and friends

Friday, November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00am Communion Service

Saturday, November 14 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30p.m. (St. Teresa) Don Tinko by Ed and Irene Weaver

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of Americas by C D of A Court #35

Sunday, November 15 Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Alexander Ross by Shirley Skiff

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of our Parish family

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$2,822 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,757 in envelopes and \$65 in loose & \$110 for Our Lady of Fatima in envelopes. Offertory Goal \$3,000

A Family Perspective The bridesmaids in today's gospel were considered 'foolish' because they let their lamps go out. Don't be foolish. Pay attention to the small acts necessary to keep the flame alive in all your relationships.

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on line at st-teresa-unioncity.org

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9.12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11,16-17 ♦ John 2:13-22
Tue. Titus 2:1-8,11-14♦ Luke 17:7-10
Wed. Titus 3:1-7♦ Luke 17:11-19
Thu. Philemon 7-20 ♦ Luke 17:20-25
Fri. 2 John 4-9 ♦ Luke 17:26-37
Sat. 3 John 5-8♦ Luke 18:1-8
Sun. Proverbs 31¹⁰-13,19-20,30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 ♦ Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15,19-21

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

Goal - \$31,004

Amount Pledged to Date - \$28,644

Amount Paid to Date - \$26,569

Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

Religious Education

11/08 REP Class

11/15 No REP class, Corry/REP Class, Union City

11/22 REP Class

11/29 No REP Class, Thanksgiving break

SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER 14 & 15

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Nancy Ferro

Bill Sullivan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Dick Hasbrouck

Casey Pfeiffer

TURTLE'S TOY BOX is an agency that accepts donations of new/gently loved toys to give to children who are victims of misfortune. Any donations that you might have can be dropped off at the parish office.

Anyone that is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist may contact Ken Calfo 746-8219, Yvonne Stauffer 438-7017, Ilene Zakovitch 438-3664 or the parish office 438-3408

Thanksgiving Food Baskets: We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving. If you know of anyone in need of a basket, please call the parish office with a name and phone number of the person in need. We will need non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. Thank you in advance for your donations. These food items can be left in the back of the church or dropped off at the parish center. Donations will be received through November 22nd.

ATTENTION RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: We need your help. The parish is making food baskets for those in need this Thanksgiving. We are having a contest to see which Religious Ed. Class can bring in the most non-perishable food goods. Since classes are different sizes, we will base the count on the percent per student. The class with the highest percentage will win a breakfast of doughnuts and milk. The contest will begin November 8 through November 22.

Please Pray for Our Priests: Very Rev. Christopher M. Barnes, V. F. Rev. Joseph R. Czarkowski, Rev. Msgr. Gerald L. Orbanek, Rev. Msgr. Richard G. Mayer, Rev. Chris M. Hamlett, Very Rev. Ross R. Miceli., V. F. Rev. Peter Pierjok, O.S.B.

Marriage Moment Hopefully you are both healthy, but just suppose your spouse approached you today and said, “The doctor said I only have a year to live.” Share your feelings about this news. Then talk about how you would spend this next year if it were true. Can you do one of the actions this year?

The monthly Bible Study, “Christology in Film” will continue on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm, in the former St. Thomas School multi-purpose room, through the end of 2020. All those previously in attendance as well as any new participants are welcome as we show and discuss the film “Jesus of Nazareth.” Please mark your calendars.

During the month of November, there will be a “Book of the Dead” in the back of the church. You may write the names of any deceased family members, friends, parishioners, etc. in the book at any time in November, and those names will be remembered in our intercessory prayers throughout the month.

All Souls envelopes: In your envelope packet there is an envelope for *All Souls Day Remembrances*. You can list the names of deceased loved ones on this envelope and place it in the offertory, mail it, or bring it to the parish office any time during the month of November. The envelope will be placed on the main altar and remain there throughout the month. A donation in the envelope would be appreciated, and it will be deposited in the parish Mass account; Masses for “Our Beloved Deceased” will be offered throughout the year. Any envelope can be used for this purpose as long as names of loved ones are listed and it is “earmarked” for this purpose.

If there is anyone in the parish that would like to be a benefactor for the new Paschal Candle in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please let Father Skip know. The usual cost of this candle is about \$200.

Great Is Your Reward – Chances are that everyone has, at some point, been excluded or disliked; this is, without a doubt, a painful experience. How are you supposed to respond when someone ignores you (Luke 6:22)? A natural response would be hurt or anger, but Jesus tells believers to respond quite differently.

When we’re left out, ostracized, or persecuted because of our faith, Jesus says to rejoice. We’re told to leap for joy! Why would we respond in such a way? Our faithfulness to Christ will result in great rewards in heaven; that’s how we can live joyfully in the face of rejection or abandonment.

The next time someone walks away or mocks you because of your faith, choose joy over bitterness. Remind yourself that you’re experiencing the same thing your forefathers experienced and that the rewards are more than anything you could imagine. Then, if you have it in you, go ahead and leap

Any rejection I experience on earth will one day fade away. Thank You, Lord, for the joy of a heavenly reward.

Give Catholic – Advanced Giving on November 16-30. Envelopes for this are included with this weeks bulletin. Online giving starts December 1st. and can be processed through <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/> and search for St. Teresa. More about this can be found on our website.

STAY SAFE – STAY HEALTHY – STAY HAPPY

PRAY FOR PEACE

We do not want you to be unaware . . . about those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:13)

We all struggle at times with doubts about our faith, and the Thessalonians were no exception. Some of their loved ones had died before Jesus' Second Coming—an event they thought would happen in their lifetime. Now what, they wondered? How could the dead participate in Jesus' triumphant return?

Paul reassures them: they haven't lost their loved ones forever, so they don't have to grieve like those who have no hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13). When Jesus returns, he will raise those who have already died along with those who are still alive.

For us too, the seeming finality of death can lead us to doubt the truths of the resurrection. Even if we believe that Jesus was raised from the dead, we might wonder what's in store for us after we die. Can God really give us and our loved ones glorified bodies that are never subject to sickness, decay, or death (1 Corinthians 15:52-53)? Yes, he can, but we won't know what this looks like until we ourselves pass through death to life everlasting.

That's where faith comes in. Paul was asking the Thessalonians, as he is asking us, to believe that Jesus' resurrection really does have consequences for us. Christ is "the firstfruits," the first to be raised; "then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:23). We don't know the details, the "how" or the "when." But as we put our faith in Jesus and what he has done for us, he will move us from doubt to hope.

Paul consoles the Thessalonians with these words: "We shall always be with the Lord" (4:17). So will you. You don't have to give in to doubt, which can lead to worry and fear. God is with you now, and he will be with you in the future—whatever that future holds.

"Jesus, I believe you are with me, both now and forever."