



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

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



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

September 10, 2023



23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." - Mt 18:15

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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 ten (10) months in advance to schedule a Wedding.

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.

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

Partnered Parish Office Hours

Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm

Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm

Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)

Friday: Closed

Notes from the Pastor

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after all the masses this weekend. We ask those taking part in this sacrament to come and sit in the very front row of the church after Mass. This will let us know who is asking to be anointed and facilitate the actual anointing. We would ask others who are remaining in the Church after Mass to be quiet as we celebrate this sacrament. We will also be asking those who are receiving the sacrament to print their names on a paper we pass around that day so we can properly record the sacrament in our sacramental books. Thank You!

Just some reminders about who is eligible for this anointing.

- A person who becomes ill and the illness becomes more serious;
- A person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery;
- Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In a case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred;
- Some types of mental illness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and who would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed (depression, paranoia, etc.);

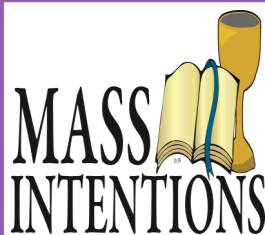
In case of doubt as to whether the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM: As we begin another year of Religious Education or Faith Formation with our young people, I encourage parents to take part in the parent meetings as things are a little different this year in terms of the programs offered for middle school and high school. Some new and exciting programs are being presented at these levels.

Sometimes, there is misinformation that circulates in a parish. I just want to reassure parents that there are no other programs being offered in our parish outside of the programs we are offering in our Religious Education. No one has permission or authority to begin their own program outside of the program offered by our parishes. Thanks to our Religious Education Staff and teachers for their sacrifices and commitments to make our programs a means of reinforcing the faith they are learning from the example of their parents and grandparents.

- Fr. Tom

Jesus, I trust in YOU



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend to have a Mass Intention said is \$10.



Sunday, September 10

- 8:00a.m. †Margaret and Walter Komenda by their estate
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Jane Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, September 11

- 8:00a.m. †Markie & Mary Petrasek by Judy & Bill Flynn
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 12

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

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

- 4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 17

- 8:00a.m. †Catherine Lackovic by Family
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Virginia Poninsky by Carol & Pete Poninsky
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Reminder: Our Fall/Winter Mass Schedule Now in Effect

Saturdays at 4:30PM

- (alternating between Sts. Thomas & Teresa)
at St. Thomas Church during Sept., Nov., January, March, May
at St. Teresa Church during Oct., Dec., February, April

Sundays

8:00AM Mass at St. Thomas Church

10:00AM Mass at St. Teresa Church

Confessions on Saturday from 3:30pm—4:00pm
at the church where Saturday Mass is being held

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

New Religious Education Year for 2023-2024

The schedule for the new Religious Education Year is now available and included in the registration packets. Parent registration packets for Religious Education are available in the church at both parishes. Parents are asked to pick up a packet. **Religious Education classes will begin on Sunday, September 17th.** We are looking forward to an amazing year in Religious Education. Thank you for the opportunity to teach our Catholic faith to your children. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the upcoming Religious Education year, please contact Missy Silka, Director of Faith Formation, at the parish office (phone: 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org).



St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: September 2 & 3, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (76)\$3,456.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 98)
Loose\$284.00
Online Giving (14)\$745.00
Religious Education (8)\$85.00
Total Offertory Income\$4,570.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-3,086.00)

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.



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

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

Church in Latin America Collection:\$597.00

This is a special diocesan collection was taken up on August 19/20, 2023 in our parishes. Thank you for your generous support.

A Family Perspective

The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

Prayer for the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie

Loving God, author of creation,
 your spirit pervades and enriches our world.
 Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
 you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
 and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community
 under the leadership of our bishop
 to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways
 and structures to spread your Gospel.
 Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
 especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
 Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
 in our parishes and communities.
 Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
 as we pray with Pope Francis
 for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
 for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
 and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL
 Bishop of Erie

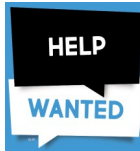


PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944),
 Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust,
 know that all requests are kept confidential.*



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 10th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Dick Lowry by Reva and family.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



Custodian Position Available at St. Thomas

We are seeking a person who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 10 hours per week.

Duties include cleaning the church, parish office, and other buildings of the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting

Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary are reminded for their next meeting which will be on Wednesday, Sept. 20th at 6:00pm. Please note that the location of the this meeting will be in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. *Hope you will join us.*



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish TODAY in the gym following the 8:00am Mass (Sunday, September 10th). Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.

Corry Knights of Columbus Seeking Donations of Food

Bins are available near the entrances of St. Thomas Church for donations of non-perishable foods to be donated to the Corry Food Pantry by our local Knights of Columbus. Thank you.

"Question of the Week" - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What is one thing you would do for someone whom you loved?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us about the importance of community and friendship. When have you helped heal an argument between friends? How did that feel?

Question for Adults: How do you make sure you follow the way of love as described by Paul in today's reading? What steps do you take to eliminate the unloving — grudges, hatred, prejudice, or others.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: tweir@4LPi.com.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 3, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (33) \$2,547.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 124)
Loose \$121.00
Continuing the Vision (12) \$300.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,968.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 3, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (19) \$745.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 11)
Loose \$298.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,040.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$4,008.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-769.00)

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 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or Our Lady of Fatima Church.*



Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code here.

Church in Latin America Collection: \$638.00
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Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Diocesan Child Protection Policies: The Diocese of Erie, is committed to protecting minors who are entrusted to our care. The Diocese has policies and procedures in place to address the national problem of child abuse, to aid in the prevention of abuse and to develop and maintain safe environments. All those who minister to minors are screened, trained, and agree to a Code of Conduct. To read the Policy that includes the Code of Conduct, go to: <https://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/policies-1.html> For more information, contact the diocesan Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

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

"Do small things with great love." St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta

St. Matthias Church in French Creek Celebrates 150 Years

As part of St. Matthias Church's 150th year celebration, they will be holding a bingo event on October 8th from 1:00pm to 4:00pm at JPT Events Center, 2319 W. 38th St. in Erie. All are welcome to attend. Tickets are \$30. Doors open at noon. Also, St. Matthias will raffle off 1/4 USDA Beef, along with two cash prizes of \$200 and \$100. If interested, raffle tickets are available in our parish office this week. Drawing will be held on September 17, 2023.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 10th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased family and friends.

Readings for the week of September 10, 2023

Sun.: Ezekiel 33:7-9 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8) ♦ Romans 13:8-10 ♦
 Matthew 18:15-20
 Mon.: Colossians 1:24—2:3 ♦ Psalm 62:6-7, 9 ♦ Luke 6:6-11
 Tues.: Colossians 2:6-15 ♦ Psalm 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 ♦ Luke 6:12-19
 Wed.: Colossians 3:1-11 ♦ Psalm 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab ♦ Luke 6:20-26
 Thur.: Numbers 21:4b-9 ♦ Psalm 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 ♦
 Philippians 2:6-11 ♦ John 3:13-17
 Fri.: 1 Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14 ♦ Psalm 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11 ♦
 John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
 Sat.: 1 Timothy 1:15-17 ♦ Psalm 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 ♦ Luke 6:43-49
 Next Sun.: Sirach 27:30—28:7 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8) ♦
 Romans 14:7-9 ♦ Matthew 18:21-35



Women's Retreat

*He Leads Me
Beside
Still
Waters*

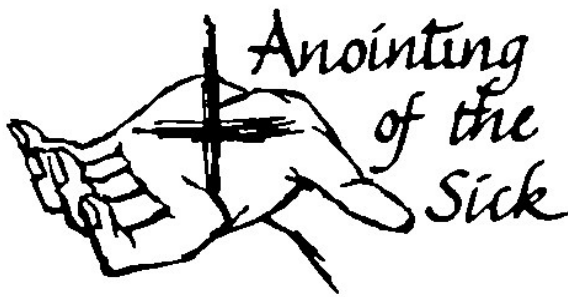
Retreat Leader
Susan Yurkewicz
Music by
Brianna Erdman

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
Hope House Retreat Center

DOORS OPEN 8:15 AM / CONCLUDES WITH LUNCH AT 12:30PM
Includes Continental Breakfast & Lunch
61 EAST HIGH STREET, UNION CITY, PA 16438

To Register: email Mtrabold@thereasonforourhope.org or call 814-455-7364
 FREE WILL OFFERING taken at the event / space is limited

We welcome you to enjoy some peaceful time and fellowship with other women as we refresh and learn together.



A brief review of the sacrament and those who are eligible to receive it may be needed. This sacrament is meant to help a person cope with their illness and confront the limitations that being human imposes on our souls: our hopes, our dreams, our desire to be meaningful. That sickness does not just affect our bodies but also our spirits and our attitudes. It is intended to heal the anguish of the soul.

“Anointing of the Sick,” is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as any one of the

faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for that person to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived.” (Constitution on the Liturgy, Vatican Council II)

What might constitute “in danger of death from sickness or old age (serious illness)? Or who is eligible to receive the sacrament?

- A person who becomes ill and the illness becomes more serious;
- A person may be anointed before surgery whenever a serious illness is the reason for the surgery;
- Elderly people may be anointed if they have become notably weakened even though no serious illness is present;
- Sick children are to be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by this sacrament. In a case of doubt whether a child has reached the use of reason, the sacrament is to be conferred;
- Some types of mental illness are now classified as serious. Those who are judged to have a serious mental illness and who would be strengthened by the sacrament may be anointed (depression, paranoia, etc...);
- In case of doubt as to whether the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed.

The Anointing of the Sick was started 60 years ago as a way to better minister to those who were seriously ill and dying. Some of you may remember what the church called last rites. Last Rites was a sacrament that could be received only once in a lifetime and thus people waited until their last breathe to receive it. Sometimes the priest arrived in time and sometimes he didn't. Priests even anointed dead bodies. The Catholic Church no longer has what is called “last rites.” It has been replaced with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It is surprising that people 60 years later are still using the term “last rites” and even talking about the sacrament in terms that we stopped using 60 years ago.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a healthy revision of what was called Last Rites. The Anointing of the Sick can be received as many times as a person needs it, where last rites were given only once. The Anointing of the Sick still carries with it forgiveness of sins, a prayer for physical healing, and a prayer for strength in the midst of one's suffering. The Anointing of the Sick is intended to strengthen people in faith and hope in the midst of their struggle with illness and even death. We try to minister to people in their illness and suffering rather than just waiting until they are at the moment of their last breath. Today, a priest is not allowed to anoint someone who has died – sacraments are for the living, not the dead. Anyone who has a serious or chronic illness, is preparing for major surgery, or who is struggling with a serious mental illness can be anointed. Even children who have sufficient use of reason to understand the effects of the sacrament can be anointed in case of serious or chronic illness. If you are not sure if the illness is serious or not, the person should be anointed. The sacrament can be received as many times as needed.

Training for Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion

There will be two training sessions for ALL who are Lectors and/or Ministers of Holy Communion in our parishes. Please plan to attend one of these training sessions: Monday, Sept. 18th at 6:00pm at St. Teresa Church (Union City) or Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Church (Corry). This training is for ALL ‘new’ and existing Lectors and Ministers of Holy Communion. *See you there!*