



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

August 27, 2023



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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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
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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

ONLINE GIVING NOW AVAILABLE AT ST. THOMAS AND ST. TERESA: This past week we have created a link for online giving for St. Teresa Parish through a company called Vanco. You will find a QR code in the bulletin to take you to this link, as well as a link on the St. Teresa Parish website, www.st-teresa-unioncity.org St. Thomas already has an online giving tool on their website, www.StThomasTheApostle.Church where you can click "Donate Online." St. Thomas parishioners might want to make sure their online giving is still active. Some people have noticed that they set their giving up for a 6-month period or a year, and that period has expired and needs to be reset. Thanks to everyone who so generously supports our parishes with time, talent, and treasure.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: We will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick after all the masses on the weekend of September 9 & 10. 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.

- Fr. Tom

Readings for the week of August 27, 2023

Sun.: Isaiah 22:19-23 ♦ Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc) ♦ Romans 11:33-36 ♦ Matthew 16:13-20
 Mon.: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ Matthew 23:13-22
 Tues.: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 ♦ Psalm 139:1-3, 4-6 ♦ Mark 6:17-29
 Wed.: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 ♦ Psalm 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab ♦ Matthew 23:27-32
 Thurs.: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13 ♦ Psalm 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦ Matthew 24:42-51
 Fri.: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 ♦ Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12 ♦ Matthew 25:1-13
 Sat.: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 7-8, 9 ♦ Matthew 25:14-30
 Next Sun.: Jeremiah 20:7-9 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b) ♦ Romans 12:1-2 ♦ Matthew 16:21-27



Sunday, August 27

- 8:00a.m. ✠Nick & Betty Jo Waltier by Denny & Chris Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)
 11:00a.m. ✠Dorothy Mongera by Virginia Kozik (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Monday, August 28

- 8:00a.m. ✠Annie Ranyak by David & Linda Wethli and Family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 29

- 8:00a.m. ✠Dick Lowry by Shirley Skiff (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 30

- 8:00a.m. ✠Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Chris & Denny Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 31

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

Friday, September 1—First Friday

- 8:00a.m. ✠Cleo & Dick Flynn by Judy & Bill Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, September 2

- 4:30p.m. ✠Frank Karkoski by Gerrie and Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 3

- 8:00a.m. ✠Dan Ahl by Fred & Susie Ahl (St. Thomas, Corry)
 10:00a.m. ✠Joan Bell by Jean Cason (St. Teresa, Union City)
 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

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.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the Parish office know of anyone in need of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, or anyone who is unable to get to Mass and would desire weekly Holy Communion to be brought to them.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are offered at the following times/locations: 3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 19 & 20, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (77)	\$3,074.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 97)	
Loose	\$351.00
Online Giving (9)	\$295.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,720.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-3,936.00)

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'.

Holy Day / Assumption of Mary: (28)\$547.00

This collection was taken up on August 15, 2023 for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you for your donation.

FUELING the MISSION together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/21):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$42,870.00

Total Paid to date = \$39,500.00

of Families who made a pledge = 108

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

If you have not yet pledged to the 2023 CSA, please do so today.

Be sure to make your check payable to

'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

Thank you to those who already made their pledge to this year's CSA. WE REACHED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL! All money raised now goes directly to the parish to help with our designated project of much needed repairs to the church roof at St. Thomas. Remember, no gift is too large or too small!

HELP

WANTED

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.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), 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 August 27th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of the CAHS Class of 1976 by Nancy Hahn.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (Sept. 4th—9th). This is annual fundraiser that benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-664-8077) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



Appreciating Volunteers Helping Our Cemeteries

We would like to send a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #425 for the wonderful work they did painting the garage at St. Elizabeth Cemetery. It looks very nice and enhances our cemetery.



We would also like to thank the Peterson, Craig and Amy families for their hard work at the St. Thomas Cemetery during a recent cleaning up. Their dedication and annual work bees help to keep our cemetery looking beautiful.

Cemetery News: Happy Retirement & Welcome

Please join us following the 8:00am Mass TODAY, Sunday, August 27, as we wish Sue Vinca well in her retirement as cemetery coordinator at St. Thomas Parish. Also, we wish to welcome Rhonda Pierce who will be taking over as cemetery coordinator for St. Thomas & St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. Refreshments will be served immediately following Mass in the multipurpose room. Sue has been a valuable member of our parish staff for many years, serving in various roles throughout her career with our parish. Please join us to show her our appreciation for her dedication in serving the people of God!

Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.



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: Aug. 20, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (46) \$1,628.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 111)
Loose \$80.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$5.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,713.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Aug. 20, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (10) \$255.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 20)
Loose \$211.00
Total Offertory Income \$466.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,179.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,598.00)

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

Holy Day / Assumption of Mary: (20)..... \$645.00

This collection was taken up on August 14, 2023, which was the Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Thank you for your donation.



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A Family Perspective

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. But those who know us best are usually our own family. Who do they say you are?

YOUR LOVE
 IS *eternal.*
 DO NOT
 FORSAKE
 THE WORK OF
 YOUR HANDS.
Psalm 138



FUELING the MISSION together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/21)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,410.00

Total Paid to date = \$35,225.00

of Families who made a pledge = 80

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

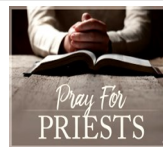
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Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie: To learn more and keep up to date about the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie, please visit their website at www.eriecd.org/planning.html.



Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, VF, Rev. Philip Oriole, Rev. David Renne, *Prayers for Consecrated Life*, Rev. John Miller, *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*

First Friday Calls

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office. **First Friday Calls will be done on Sept. 1.**

Hospital Visits

Please call the parish office to let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Hamot and St. Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency.

New Online Giving for St. Teresa Parish

We thank all who generously contribute to our parish with their time, talent, and treasure! We want to introduce our new Online Giving Platform through Vanco. This platform provides a secure and user-friendly way to give to our parish online, and we are confident that it will make giving more convenient for many members of our church.

You can give now at this link:

<https://www.st-teresa-unioncity.org>

You may also scan this QR code to access St. Teresa's online giving.



St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

•Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

•Knights of Columbus

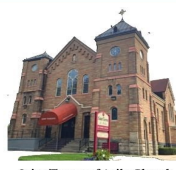
Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

•Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term



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2023—2024 WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

September 9th, 2023
thru May 19th, 2024

Saturday 4:30PM
St. Thomas Church

September, November, January, March, May

St. Teresa Church
October, December, February, April

Sunday
8:00AM - St. Thomas Church
10:00AM - St. Teresa Church

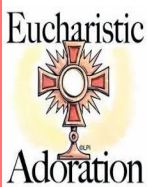
Confessions
Saturday from 3:30PM—4:00PM

“Question of the Week” - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What are three things you know about Jesus?

Question for Youth: Today's Gospel is about identity – the revealing of Jesus' true self. How difficult is it to you to reveal your true self? What holds you back from being who God created you to be?

Question for Adults: If Jesus turned and asked you the same question, who would you say he is? How would you describe Jesus to someone who did not know him?



Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration is Thursday, August 31st (8:00am) through Friday, Sept. 1st (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church. It will be held on Friday, September 1st (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church. All are welcome. We are always looking for more 'adorers'. If you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the office.

New Schedule Available for Those in Ministry

The September/October schedule for those who serve our parishes in ministry is now available online in Ministry Scheduler Pro. Recently commissioned Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers should contact the parish office in order to utilize the online ministry scheduling program. We will provide you with login instructions. This will allow you to be able to access the schedule via your computer or your smartphone. We will also need to know your preferences, such as service time/church/time off, to make scheduling more efficient. Remember, you are free to serve at either/both of our churches. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to service in our parishes. There will be training for those in ministry in mid-September. More information to come.



Our Lady of Fatima
36198 Lake Road
Union City, PA 16438

Our Lady of Fatima News

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are called Christians because we choose to follow Jesus Christ. As we gather for Mass today, it might be good to reflect on who Christ is for us, just as He asked the question in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The answer that we give will tell us much about who we need to be in this world. Are we as rock-sure in our recognition of Jesus as Peter was? Faith in Him makes all the difference in our lives. Let us pray today for the grace to live up to the name of Christ with which we identify ourselves.

Seasonal Closing

Please be aware that next Sunday, September 3, will be the last Mass of the season at Our Lady of Fatima. Labor Day weekend is the end of the summer season at the lake. Sunday liturgies will be celebrated at St. Teresa Church and St. Thomas Church where everyone from Our Lady of Fatima will be welcome to attend.

Lake Canadohta Historical Society

On Saturday, September 2, the Historical Society will host a presentation at 11:00am at the Canadohta Roller Rink. This event will feature the members of The Raiders, a local band of the 60's through the 80's, known very well by many in the area. Check out the Lake Canadohta Historical Society's Facebook page for more information.

School Time

Good luck to all students as the new school year approaches. We especially hope that children starting school for the first time will find it the beginning of an exciting and challenging part of their lives. We also wish the best to all teachers returning to the classroom. May they be a source of information and inspiration to each and every one of their students.

Prayer for Students

Dear Jesus,
Thank you for the gift of learning!
I want to grow closer to you
in everything I do at school.
In math and science, help me to see
your beautiful plan in the world.
Help me to discover new stories
and values as I read and write.
In arts and music, help me to be creative.
In sports, help me to treat my teammates
and my opponents fairly.
Help me to learn new skills
in technology.
Jesus, you are the perfect teacher.
Help me to listen with open ears,
an open heart, and an open mind
to all my teachers at school.
Help me to treat my classmates
with care, kindness, and respect.
Thank you, Jesus, for school!
Amen.

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**Praying for
every student
in our community
as they return
to school**