

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

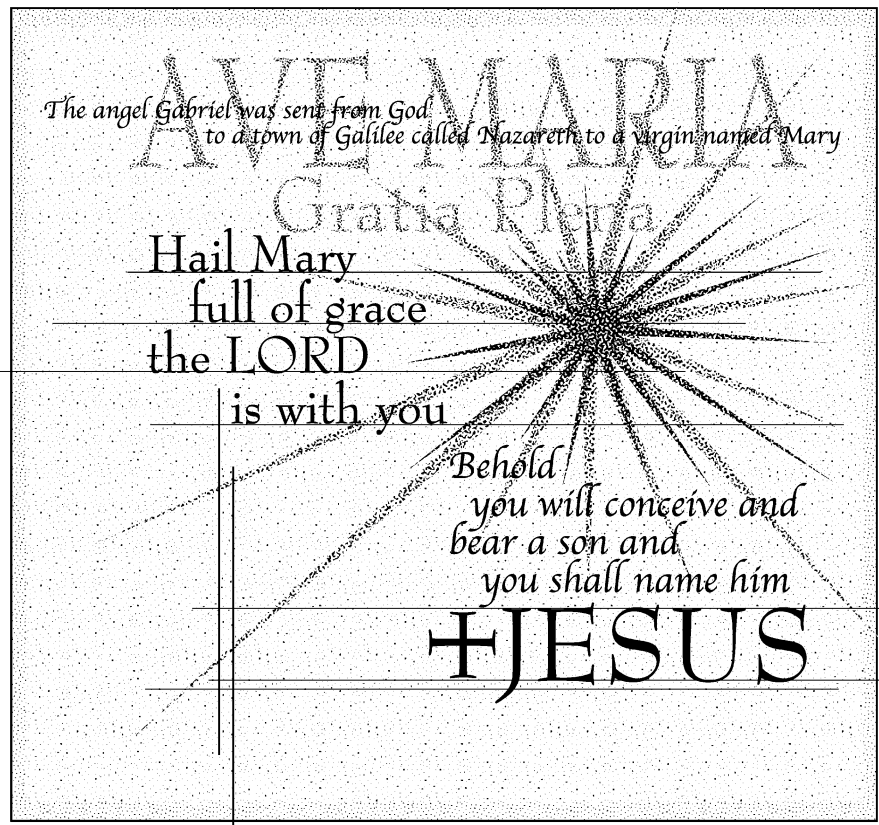
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



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Fourth Sunday
of Advent

December 20, 2020

O Lord, my Rock, my Savior!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 19 Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Margaret Campbell by family and friends

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

Sunday, December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

10:45am (St. Teresa) Thomas Zakovitch by Ilene Zakovitch

Monday, December 21 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 22 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Margaret Campbell family and friends

Wednesday, December 23 Late Advent Weekday

8:00am Jeanne Vallimont by Patrick Vallimont

Thursday, December 24 Late Advent Weekday

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Living & Deceased Members of our Parish and those listed on the Christmas Flower Memorials

6:30pm (St. Teresa) Mary Klus by her children

Friday, December 25 The Nativity Of The Lord

12:00 Mid (St. Thomas) Living and Deceased Members of our Parish and those listed on the Christmas Flower Memorials

10:00am George and Irene Tinko by Ed and Irene Weaver

Saturday, December 26 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Intentions of our parish families

4:30pm (St. Thomas) John J. Lutz by John & Grace

Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:45am (St. Thomas) The Morris & O'Brien Families by the Estate of Anna O'Brien

10:45am (St. Teresa) Steven Paul Mongera by family

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,942 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,877 in envelopes and \$65 in loose & \$150 for Our Lady of Fatima in envelopes. Offertory Goal \$3,000

STAY-WELL - STAY HAPPY -STAY SAFE

The Union City Food Bank is in need of volunteers to help distribute food on Monday's 9-12noon and/or 4-6pm. Also, every other Friday morning 9-10:30am to unload deliveries from The Second Harvest Food Bank. For more information, call Pat Vallimont (460-8732) or Lynora Rumm (McLane Church 814-734-1907 ext 31)

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

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon.	Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18a ♦ Luke 3:14-18c
Tue.	1 Samuel 1:24-28 ♦ Luke 1:46-56
Wed	Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 ♦ Luke 1:57-66
Thu.	2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14c Luke 1:67-79
Fri.	Isaiah 52:7-10, Hebrews 1:1-6 ♦ John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5,9-14
Sat.	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 ♦ Matthew 10:17-22
Sun.	Sirach 3:2-6,12-14: Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 ♦ Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22,39-40

2020 Catholic Services Appeal

Goal - \$31,004

Amount Pledged to Date - \$28,654

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,709

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

Religious Education

12/20 REP Class

12/27 no REP Class, Christmas break

01/03 REP Class

01/10 REP Class-First Penance Enrollment at 10:45 Mass

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

Please Pray for Our Priests: Rev. Msgr. Gerald T. Ritchie, The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, Rev. John E. Santor, Rev. George E. Strohmeyer, Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Stack, Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Smith

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 26 & 27

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Ernie Ferro

Terry Derner

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Pat Miller

Tom Kunzen

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.

Marriage Moment Dec. 21 is the Winter Solstice. In the northern hemisphere, this is the longest night of the year. Dark nights can be cozy when warmed by love and candlelight, but they can also refer to times our love was challenged or a time of personal depression. If this week finds you blessed with pleasant experiences of darkness, pray for those who aren't. If you are currently struggling in your marriage, check out [Retrouvaille](#) or [The Third Option](#).

A Family Perspective Two important lessons in today's gospel speak to anyone who has ever felt afraid or uncertain; stressed or confused. No matter what is happening in your family, remember, "The Lord is with you." The angel reminds us, "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God".

If you have a family member or know of someone who is in a nursing home and would like them to receive cards, please call the parish office with their names and addresses. We will publish their names in our bulletin so that parishioners can send them cards. We will publish the names and addresses as we receive them.

Frank Hakel, Edinboro Manor, 419 Waterford St. Edinboro PA 16412

Please take the opportunity to send cards to these people. They are lonely and would appreciate hearing from people.

Masses for our deceased loved ones: The Church teaches us to pray for the dead that they may live eternally in the presence of God. There is no greater prayer than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. If you wish to have a memorial Mass said, please place your request in the collection basket, and include your name and contact information and the name(s) of the deceased. If you wish, you may request a specific date and time for the Mass; however, please be aware that the date and time you request may already be filled, in which case the Mass will be scheduled as close as possible to your request. Alternatively, you may contact Natalie Wilmoth directly at 814-397-4933 to arrange a specific schedule. The normal donation of \$10 should also be placed in the envelope with your request

The parish will be decorating our sanctuary for Christmas after the 10:45am Mass on December 20. Please come and help us. We want our church to be fully reflective of the season. See you then, and thanks in advance. Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!!

MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES – In the back of the church, you will find a sign-up sheet for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you are able and willing to serve in any capacity, please put your name on the list. Christmas Eve Mass is 6:30pm and Christmas Day is 10:00am

.As everyone is aware of, due to Covid-19, we are not able to have any books left in the church so we have not been able to use the Word and Song books since this pandemic began. We have some available, if anyone would like to have their own personal copy. PLEASE NOTE – they cannot be left in the church. They must be taken home with you when you leave and then brought back the next time that you come to Mass. Our cost for these books is \$5 each so we are asking if anyone wants one, that they take it and put \$5 in an envelope and drop in the collection basket or take it to the parish office. These books can be found in the back of the church.

Thanks for giving! "We are conscious of the great generosity of the many benefactors who support the Retirement Fund for Religious each year," says a Catholic sister. "Support from the fund has been a tremendous blessing to our retired sisters." Thank you for donating to last week's collection.

MAY EVERYONE HAVE A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

Pause, Ponder, Pray

Think of a time when you received news too far beyond your understanding or belief. Good news or bad, it doesn't matter. Was disbelief part of your response? No way! Couldn't be! Seriously? If so, you are in good company. This was Mary's response. Today's gospel says that she was "greatly troubled, and she pondered. She offers us a great example of how we can welcome our own bewilderment. Pause, ponder, question.

Imagine what might have been swirling around in her heart and in her head, Fear? Shame? Judgement? I wonder how long it took to go from perplexed to yes. If (as we say we believe) the word of God is living and active in our midst, what can Mary's response to God's invitation offer us in our moments of pondering and questioning? Responding in faith to life's challenges and invitation calls us to be countercultural. In times of potential division and challenge, I pray for the wisdom to be like Mary – to take time to ponder, pause and pray my way to an answer

Sympathy is extended to the families of: **Donald Thomas, Annie B. Sokolowski, Lavada Ann Peterson, R. Timothy Hartel, Anne Marie Luba, Donna Downor, Marilyn J. Dudas, Rose C. Ryan, Ronald J. Rejzer, Sophie Combs, Frances O'Connell, & Catherine Kirik** who passed away within the last year. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Anyone who has items that they would like to have in the bulletin, we would like to have it into the parish office by Wednesday morning, if possible

The "Dee J" experience, meaning "Do Everything Exalting Jesus", is a very exciting and innovative upcoming media broadcast which will exclusively offer Christian opportunities for scripture, prayer, reflection and music. It will first be available around the first of the New Year. It's appropriate to say in this regard, "Stay Tuned"



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.

