



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 6, 2023



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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

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.

Notes from the Pastor

PASTORAL PLANNING IN OUR DIOCESE: The process of Pastoral Planning is an ongoing process in our diocese. This was started back in 2017 with a number of significant mergers and partnerships of parishes. After that initial round of consolidation, the diocese began to look at various areas in the diocese where even more planning and consolidating needed to be done. The Bradford and Clearfield areas are reaching the final stage in their planning that includes some immediate consolidation as well as plans for more restructuring three to five years down the road.

The Erie area is the next focal point for the diocese. Some introductory plans were laid out months ago, and the bishop has since released two letters concerning this restructuring of parishes. A preliminary plan for the Erie area is set to be released later this month. Our parish finance and parish councils will be invited to those meetings. After that meeting parishes will have thirty days to respond to the preliminary plan – either accepting it or proposing alternate solutions.

This is a very serious process and will affect all of us in some way. The most helpful way that you can participate in this process is to offer insightful and positive suggestions to the preliminary plan. In the Bradford and Clearfield areas the insightful suggestions of some people have changed the plan for the better.

In preparation for this process, I ask everyone to read the letters the bishop has produced on Pastoral Planning. The first was entitled, "Building the Future" is an eight-page document that outlines what has been done and some of the reasons behind the need for this restructuring of our diocese. The second letter was read a few weeks ago at all the Masses. Both letters and much more can be found at the Pastoral Planning Microsite on the Diocesan webpage, www.eriercd.org

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY: Masses for the Holy Day will be Monday, August 14, at 7:00pm at St. Teresa in Union City and Tuesday, August 15, at 8:00am at St. Thomas in Corry.

- Fr. Tom

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend is \$10. **There is a need for intentions to fill daily Masses. Please call the parish office to request a date. Thank you.**

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

Sun.: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 ♦ Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 ♦ 2 Peter 1:16-19 ♦ Matthew 17:1-9
 Mon.: Numbers 11:4b-15 ♦ Psalm 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ Matthew 14:13-21
 Tues.: Numbers 12:1-13 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13 ♦ Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
 Wed.: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 ♦ Psalm 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23 ♦ Matthew 15:21-28
 Thur.: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10 ♦ Psalm 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 ♦ John 12:24-26
 Fri.: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 ♦ Psalm 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21 ♦ Matthew 16:24-28
 Sat.: Deuteronomy 6:4-13 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51 ♦ Matthew 17:14-20
 Next Sun.: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a ♦ Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8) ♦ Romans 9:1-5 ♦ Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday, August 6**

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased Jeffords and Palmer Family Members by Dick & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)
 10:00a.m. †Annie Ranyak by Valerie Downor (St. Teresa, Union City)
 11:00a.m. †Virginia Poninsky by Pete & Carol Poninsky (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Monday, August 7

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

Tuesday, August 8

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

Wednesday, August 9

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

Thursday, August 10

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

Friday, August 11

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

Saturday, August 12

- 4:30p.m. †Grace Gentile by Punk & Lana Messina (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, August 13

- 8:00a.m. †Rod, Marilyn and Mike Knowlton and Marty Roehrig by Punk, Lana, and Jenna (St. Thomas, Corry)
 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)
 11:00a.m. †Mr. & Mrs. William Rowan by Mark & Maureen Vandaveer (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: July 29 & 30, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (71)\$2,929.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 103)
Loose\$257.50
Online Giving (10)\$345.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()\$0.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,531.50

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,124.50)

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'.

National Needs: (24)\$653.00

This is a special diocesan second collection which was taken up on July 15/16, 2023 which supports the Catholic Home Mission, the Black & Indian Home Missions. Thank you for your generous support.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/30):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$42,300.00

Total Paid to date = \$38,000.00

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. Please remember, that every dollar raised above our diocesan goal stays right here in 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 6th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Daniel Ahl.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Daniel Ahl who recently passed away from Saint Thomas Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

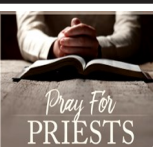
Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

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).



“THIS IS MY SON, my beloved, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED.”

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life, says the Lord. John 18:12bc



Rev. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, Rev. Ian McElrath, Rev. Richard Allen, Rev. Glenn Whitman, Very Rev. Christopher Hamlett, VF, Rev. Mark Nowak, and Rev. Matthew Kujawinski

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 30, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (75) \$2,399.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 82)
Loose \$217.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$25.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,641.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 30, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (11) \$275.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 19)
Loose \$91.00
Total Offertory Income \$366.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,007.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,770.00)

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

National Needs: (30) \$677.00

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A Family Perspective

The apostles were probably being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds" so they could go and buy food. Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with 5 loaves and 2 fish. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

Pastoral Planning Prayer

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

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



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/30)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,390.00

Total Paid to date = \$33,220.00

of Families who made a pledge = 78

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

Please make a pledge today. Thank you.

Be sure to make your check payable to

'ST. TERESA 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 roofs at both St. Teresa Church and St. Teresa Parish Center. Remember, no gift is too large or too small!

Jesus, I Trust in YOU.

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





THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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"Question of the Week" - Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Question for Children: How do you show that you listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: How does your faith in Jesus as the Son of God affect your life?

Question for Adults: When have you had a "transfiguration" experience? What was it like?



Support our Parishes & Cemeteries through ERIE GIVES (www.eriegives.org)

This year's Erie Gives 2023 is **Tuesday, August 8**, between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm. All you have to do is go online at www.ErieGives.org and search for **St. Thomas the Apostle Church and/or St. Teresa of Avila Church (and/or our cemeteries: St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery and St. Teresa Cemetery)** as a charity to receive your donation. Donations may be made online by Visa, Master Card or Discover; the minimum gift amount is \$25 per nonprofit. **You will also find a link to Erie Gives on our parishes' websites.** If you prefer to give using a check, you must include an "Erie Gives Check Contribution Form" which is available in the in the church, the parish office and on our websites. Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th St. Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 7. Checks can also be dropped in the collection basket or sent to the parish office, just be sure to mark your envelope 'Erie Gives' and have them to us **no later than August 4.** **ALL CHECKS for Erie Gives must be made payable to The Erie Community Foundation.** Please ask family and friends to consider participating. The donations made to our parishes and its cemeteries through Erie Gives will help with the many expenses incurred with running and maintaining our properties. Thank you in advance for considering a donation to the parishes on this unique giving day. Questions—please feel free to contact the parish office.

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

Our Lady of Fatima News

The Transfiguration

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Moses and Elijah appeared beside Christ on a mountaintop as witnessed by the apostles Peter, John, and James. The Transfiguration is a mysterious event that revealed Jesus' divine nature and the glory that would be His after the Resurrection and exaltation into heaven. We also may experience "mountain top" moments in our faith journey, but, once they are over, just like the apostles we must come down from the mountain and get back to work! Jesus's Transfiguration compels us to transform the world by letting our faith shine the Light of Christ on others.

Floral Remembrance

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are a loving memorial to Virginia Poninsky by the Poninsky family. May Virginia rest eternally in the presence of the Risen Lord.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

Active Aging Inc., the Area Agency on Aging for Crawford County, is distributing five \$10.00 vouchers to each eligible senior for the purchase of Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables, at the Canadohta Senior Center located in the Bloomfield Township building. Distribution dates this month will be on Friday, August 18, and Friday, August 25 from Noon to 1:00PM. To be eligible a senior must be 60 years of age or older by December 31, 2023, a Crawford County resident, and meet certain income guidelines.

Picnic for Seniors

On Friday, August 11, the seniors will meet at the Canadohta Lake Park pavilions for a picnic. For additional information on these events please call Active Aging Inc. at 1-800-321-7705.

We Are the Church

People make up the church, not buildings. Our **Parishioners**, staff, and clergy affect the future direction of our parishes. We need your help to REVIVE our churches! Parishioners are invited to join us for a follow-up meeting to share ideas to help our parishes. The second meeting will be at 6:30pm on Tuesday, August 8 in the St. Thomas multipurpose room. Imagine the possibilities TOGETHER! *Hope to see you there.*

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.

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.