



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

April 23, 2023



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER



They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
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Partnered Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)
Friday: Closed

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

Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie

Bishop Lawrence Persico has written an introductory letter to the clergy, women and men religious and lay faithful in order to inform them about the ongoing pastoral planning efforts in the Diocese of Erie. The letter will be followed by a series of letters designed to help people understand the situation more fully. Among the statistics included is the fact that Mass attendance in the diocese has declined by 78 percent since 1990. "We must think of ourselves as a diocese, mindful of the needs of all of our sisters and brothers, as we lay out a sustainable plan for the future," the bishop writes. "What needs to happen in order to care for all of the people in our diocese?" The full letter was published in our April 16, 2023 bulletin. It can be found online by going to our parish websites or it can also be found at the Diocese website by going to www.eriercd.org/planning.html.

Readings for the week of April 23, 2023

Sun.: Acts 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a) ♦
1 Peter 1:17-21 ♦ Luke 24:13-35
Mon.: Acts 6:8-15 ♦ Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 ♦ John 6:22-29
Tues.: 1 Peter 5:5b-14 ♦ Psalm 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 ♦ Mark 16:15-20
Wed.: Acts 8:1b-8 ♦ Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a ♦ John 6:35-40
Thur.: Acts 8:26-40 ♦ Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 ♦ John 6:44-51
Fri.: Acts 9:1-20 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ John 6:52-59
Sat.: Acts 9:31-42 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ John 6:60-69
Next Sun.: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦
1 Peter 2:20b-25 ♦ John 10:1-10

*Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;
make our hearts burn while you speak to us.*

Luke 24:32



Monday, April 24

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

Tuesday, April 25

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

Wednesday, April 26

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

Thursday, April 27

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

Friday, April 28

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Saturday, April 29

4:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, April 30

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

10:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Rita Gillespie, Carol
Cintron, Cheryl Turknott & Cindi Warner
(St. Teresa, Union City)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us, either. Today's gospel tells us to pause and open our eyes to "see Christ" in each other.

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 six 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:
3:00pm—3:30pm 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: April 16, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (53)\$2,186.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 134)
Loose\$127.00
Online Giving (10)\$345.00
Total Offertory Income\$2,658.00
Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,998.00)

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'.

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/17):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,885.00

Total Paid to date = \$25,365.00

of Families who made a pledge = 93

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. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

News from Knights of Columbus Council #425—Corry

Congratulations to the Corry Knights who were recently awarded the STAR COUNCIL AWARD (for 2021-2022 Fraternal Year), which is the highest award a council can receive for their works. Pictured below are members of the Corry Knights of Columbus Council #425 receiving the STAR Council Award from Worthy State Warden Dave Spacht during their meeting held on April 11, 2023. Thank you to all the Knights for your continued service to the Church, our parishes, and the local community.



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.



Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Parish in the gym following the 8:00am Mass TODAY Sunday, April 23rd. Donations accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.

Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the local Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their meeting on Thursday, April 27 at 6:00pm in the Saint Elizabeth Parish Center. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

Did You Look Up and Notice Our Ceiling Fans & Lights

Thanks to our parishioner, Jon Maker, and our maintenance person, Brian Titch, who recently did some much needed cleaning of the ceiling fans and light fixtures in St. Thomas Church. It has been several years since they were cleaned due



to accessibility—a hydraulic lift had to be brought in. A BIG THANKS to them for their hard work and 'spring' cleaning.

St. Thomas & St. Elizabeth Cemetery News & Needs

Our parish will soon be looking for someone to manage our cemeteries. It will be a part-time position and requires management and computer skills, and the ability to physically visit the cemeteries on occasion. More information will follow in future bulletins.

Our Cemetery Committees are comprised of 3 members for each cemetery. Serving for St. Thomas Cemetery are: Len Clark, Denny Anderson, and Joe Amy. Serving on the St. Elizabeth Cemetery Committee are: Rick Ayers, Jon Maker, and John Zaczekiewicz. Thank you to all of them for giving of their time and talents in helping keep our cemeteries running smoothly.

Needs for consideration at St. Elizabeth Cemetery:

a solar light to illuminate the crucifix, the fence needs repairs and paint, the garage needs painted and other repairs (the Knights of Columbus will be helping but additional donations are needed to help cover the total cost). We would like to install lighting in the garage and possibly outside lighting near the garage. Also, the land that was purchased a few years ago needs to be leveled and seeded.

Needs for consideration at St. Thomas Cemetery:

replace cracked windows in the chapel & installing screens, fence needs repairs/painted (to be done by volunteers), fallen/damaged headstones need repaired throughout the cemetery.

We also need volunteers to do gardening/landscaping at both cemeteries, with spring clean-up (date to be announced) and cleaning the chapel at St. Thomas Cemetery.

Please consider giving to our cemeteries with your time, talent and treasures. Thank you and may God bless you!

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 15 & 16, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (65) \$1,930.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 92)
Loose \$305.00
Continuing the Vision \$70.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,305.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 16, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$155.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)
Total Offertory Income \$155.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,460.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,317.00)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

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



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/17)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$31,525.00

Total Paid to date = \$22,170.00

of Families who made a pledge = 65

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.

**LORD,
SHOW
US THE
PATH OF
LIFE.**

PSALM 16



St. Mark was one of the four writers of the Gospels, who provide us with a clear account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. We know St. Mark, therefore, mostly through his authorship of the second Gospel – the Gospel according to St. Mark. From elsewhere in Scripture, he is also known to have accompanied Paul and Barnabas on their journeys. And from Tradition, he is known to have been the secretary of St. Peter and the founder of the Church in Alexandria, Egypt.

Recent Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God and the Church, **Benjamin Francis Megat**, son of Shawn & Paige Megat, who was baptized at St. Teresa of Avila Church TODAY—Sunday, April 23, 2023. *May God pour out His blessings on him, his parents, and godparents.*



Meeting for a Cash Bingo Fundraiser

There will be a meeting regarding the Coed Cash Bingo Fundraiser to help support Saint Teresa Church. We will meet TODAY, Sunday, April 23rd after the 10:00am Mass in St. Teresa Church. All are welcome to attend.

Dessert Donations Needed for St. Teresa's Reverse Raffle

The St. Teresa Reverse Raffle is coming up on Friday, April 28th at the parish center. We are asking our wonderful bakers from the parish to donate desserts for this annual church fundraiser. Dessert donations can be dropped off on Thursday, April 27 from 6:00pm—8:00pm or on Friday, April 28 from 11:00am—4:00pm at the parish center. Please only use the kitchen door to drop off desserts. *Thank you for your support.*

St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

•Rosary—Altar Society

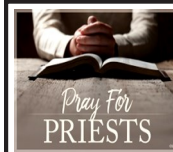
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

•Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

•Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term



Rev. Robert Manning, Rev. Mark Nowak,
Rev. Christopher Wheeler, Rev. James Power,
Rev. Joseph Staszewski, Rev. T. Shane Mathew,
Rev. Edward Walk

Progress Continues on the Renovated Partnered Parish Office

We continue to make progress on the renovations/repairs to the partnered parish office following the mold and water damage issues. The mold has been removed and items cleaned. Drywall has been removed and will be replaced and new flooring is to be installed soon. With any luck we hope to move back in sometime in May. *Keep this project in prayer.*

"Question of the Week" - Third Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: What is your favorite time to share a meal with your family?

Question for Youth: The disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of bread. How have you experienced Jesus at Mass, in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread? How have you experienced Jesus at meals and with friends and family?

Question for Adults: Share about great meals you've been part of, ones which are still memorable to you.

**A Letter from our Bishop**

March 13, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On July 29th of this year, we mark the 170th Anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Erie in 1853. One of the blessings over these years has been those faithful and generous priests who have and continue today to serve in our Diocese. These priests have ministered in our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, prisons and in Diocesan administration. Our Diocese has been truly blessed by their dedicated ministry. I wish to acknowledge and thank our retired priests who have served our Diocese faithfully and those who still help in many ways after retirement.

The Diocese has a pension fund, but like many such funds, it is not funded enough to meet all the needs of our present and future retired priests. And so we turn to all of you who are members of our Diocese to help with the care of those who are retired now and who will retire in the future.

On the weekend of April 29-30, which is the Fourth Sunday of Easter, known as Good Shepherd Sunday, we will have our annual collection for retired priests. We ask the faithful of the Diocese to prayerfully consider a financial gift to the Good Shepherd Collection, to assist us in caring for our current and future retired priests. This collection offers you a way to show your gratitude for their many years of dedication and faithful service to the people of God in the Diocese of Erie.

I know how generous you are in responding to all the needs of our Church. Thank you in advance for your gratitude for our retired priests and their many years of dedication and service to our Diocese. Please join me in prayer for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of our retired priests and give their lives to be Good Shepherds leading the flock of Christ.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Please use the designated envelope in your offertory packet, or mark another envelope with 'Good Shepherd Collection' and parish when making your donation. Thank you.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**Religious Education Classes**

Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.

**Class Schedule for Remainder of this School Year**

Sunday, April 23—Class

Sunday, April 30—No Class

Sunday, May 7—Class

Sunday, May 14—Last Class for this school year

Prayers for Students Preparing for Sacraments

We ask that our parishes keep all of our Religious Education students in prayer as they strengthen their Catholic faith. We particularly ask for prayers for those who are preparing for the reception of sacraments this spring:



FIRST COMMUNION *Aydan Sill and Harleigh Schaefer*



CONFIRMATION
Nolan Carey, Erin Geer, Julia Gesing, Jack Hallberg, Quinlan Magee, Shea Magee, Dannica McChesney, Aubrey Robertson, Alyssa Tingley, Noah West, Brooke Whitmeyer, and Brookelyne Wienczkowski

Camp Notre Dame—Seeking Help

Attention College Students and 2023 High School Graduates: Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If interested in a counselor position, then please visit the Camp Notre Dame website at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link.

"We must keep our eyes on the Risen Lord, and our hearts will burn within us no matter what happens - for our God is risen. He is truly risen!"
- Mother Angelica

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. **Mandated Reporters** in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

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