

# 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.

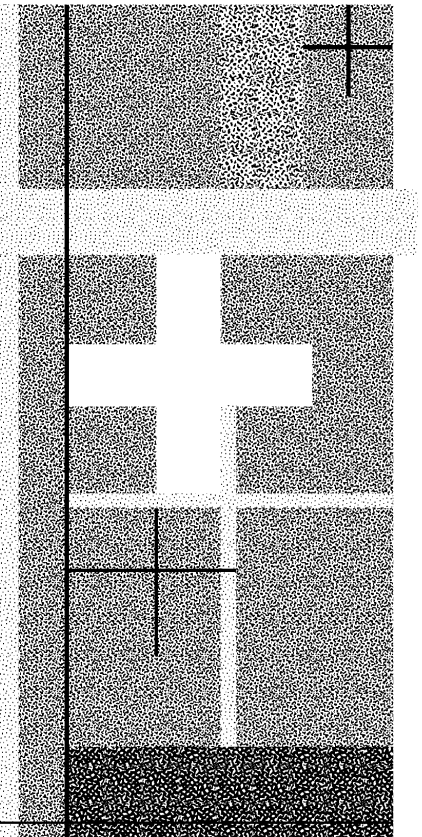
### ● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

### ● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

Whoever wishes  
to come after me  
must deny himself  
take up his  
**CROSS**  
and follow me  
but whoever loses  
his life for my sake  
will find it  
for the  
**SON of MAN**  
will come in his  
**FATHER'S** glory  
and he will repay  
everyone  
according to  
his conduct



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Twenty-second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2020

O Lord, you are good  
and forgiving!

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday August 29 Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Donald Thomas by Kathy Yeargain

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Dorothy Baressi by Mini Sypniewski

**Sunday August 30 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) For the Intentions of the Congregation

10:45am (St. Teresa) William Kirik, Sr. by Bob and Becky Kirik

**Monday, August 31 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am Communion Service

**Tuesday, September 1 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am. Special Intention by Katherine Young

**Wednesday, September 2 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am. Mass of Thanksgiving by the Masangcay family

**Thursday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great**

8:00am. Andrew Petko by the Petko family

**Friday, September 4 Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00am. Communion Service

**Saturday, September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:30pm (St. Teresa)) Intentions of our Parish family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) In Honor of Jerry & Alice Rushin (anniversary) by Steve & Julie Rushin

**Sunday, September 6 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:45am (St. Thomas) Gary Munsee by Joe & Lisa Kasper

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Harry & Monie Smith by Nancy & Russell Lenhardt

10:45am. (St. Teresa) Gordon Hanlin by the Hanlin family

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$1,072 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,022 in envelopes and \$50 in loose & \$355 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$225 in regular collection, \$130 loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000.

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on line at [st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://st-teresa-unioncity.org)

**Deacon Randy** is available every Thursday from 6-8pm at the church for discussion of Faith issues and for prayer. Please feel free to drop in for a time of fellowship and prayer.

Mass Readings for the Week	
Mon.	1 Corinthians 2:1-5 ♦ Luke 4:16-30
Tue	1 Corinthians 2:10b-16 Luke 4:31-37
Wed.	1 Corinthians 3:1-9♦ Luke 4:38-44
Thu.	1 Corinthians 43:18-23 ♦ Luke 5:1-11
Fri.	1 Corinthians 4:1-5 ♦ Luke 5:33-39
Sat.	1 Corinthians 4:6b-15♦ Luke 6:1-5
Sun.	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20

**2020 Catholic Services Appeal**  
 Goal - \$31,004  
Amount Pledged to Date - \$28,234  
Amount Paid to Date - \$24,249

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

The monthly Bible Study, “Christology in Film” will resume on September 15, from 7-9pm, in the former St. Thomas School multi-purpose room, and will continue 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.

If you know of anyone who is interested in being baptized or fully initiated into the Catholic Church, the RCIA program begins on September 2, in the former St. Thomas multi-purpose room, from 6:30-8:30pm, and will be held every other Wednesday until Easter of 2021. Please let Fr. Skip know.



**SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 5 & 6**

**LECTORS**

Nancy Ferro

Becky Boleratz

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

Mary Ann Shinko

Kim Yaple

The **Scripture Discussion Group** will resume its Wednesday meetings on Wednesday, September 9th in St. Teresa's Center from 1:00 to 2:00. Masks and social distancing will be required. All are welcome to join in the lively discussion.

Religious Education News: The parish Religious Education program begins on Sunday, September 13 at the new time of 9-10:30am, including Confirmation. Please mark calendars and make every effort to be in attendance. All COVID-19 protocols will be observed. After Mass that day, the parents of 1-10 grade students are asked to meet with Cheryl, Deacon Randy and Fr. Skip while the students are in class.

There will be no Prek-k class. All classes will meet in the center from 9:00-10:30 including Confirmation which will meet in the large conference room of the center for social distancing. Masks will be worn in and out of the building, and all other times, unless good reason to the contrary. Social distancing is essential, especially in those situations where masking is not possible.

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist will meet with Deacon Randy 6 weeks before the sacrament on Thursday nights.

**WALL OF MONEY**

**GOAL \$3,000**

**AMOUNT COLLECTED \$2,095**

**HAVE YOU PICKED UP AN ENVELOPE YET?**

The 2020 Catholic Education Collection will take place on September 19-20. This important collection supports lifelong faith formation for all generations throughout our diocese. Please give generously and know that half of what you give will remain here at St. Teresa Parish to support our own religious education and faith formation programs

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Mass Intentions

Sunday August 30 9:30AM  
For the intentions of the congregation  
Sunday September 6 9:30AM  
Harry and Monie Smith by Nancy and Russell Lenhardt

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jesus' call to Peter and to us at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel and Saint Teresa Church is a call to the cross. Peter was not able to understand Christ's resolve to suffer and die on the cross. Jesus admonished Peter but acknowledged that human and divine thoughts are very different. What is our response to taking up our cross and following the Lord? Who in their right mind

wouldn't wrestle with many of the demands of discipleship to Christ? It is counter cultural to a large portion of our society who dismisses Christianity as irrelevant and naïve. It is also very frightening to know that many moral, cultural, and possibly even physical hardships will be required of us. Jeremiah, Paul, and Matthew all recognized the need to follow God. Jeremiah claims: "I say to myself; I will not mention Him, I will speak His name no more. But then it becomes like a fire burning in my heart..." Paul warns the Romans and all of us: "Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind..." In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells the disciples: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Our faith has called us and grace strengthens us to commit ourselves into the hands of God. Our surrender and acceptance of the will of God will ultimately bring us glory in Paradise.

**Weekly Offering** Your donations that support the Chapel and the contributions to other concerns are very much appreciated.

**Special Liturgy** Next Sunday, September 6, we will have an outdoor liturgy; if the weather permits. This will be the last Mass of the summer season at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel.

The plan is to have everyone bring their own lawn chair on Sunday morning at 9:30AM and to gather around the shrine of Our Lady of Fatima for the celebration of Mass. Fr. Tom Suppa will officiate at the Mass. Many faith community members, both summer and full-time parishioners, have expressed the desire to have a liturgy outdoors, due to the Covid pandemic. Having an outdoor Mass will help to satisfy their wishes and alleviate the concerns of many who have not attended liturgies within a church since the beginning of Corona Virus. Please let all friends and neighbors of the parish know of this event. **REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIR!** In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be celebrated inside the Chapel building.

**Landscaping** We are grateful to the Chapel gardeners who maintain the landscaping around the church and Our Lady of Fatima's shrine. Pam Hunter and Sue Ober have volunteered many hours planting and grooming the flowers and shrubs on the Chapel grounds. We thank them for their willingness to assume responsibility for the Chapel landscaping and are thankful that they continue to share their talent for gardening with us!

*He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 22:21)*

Master of the palace: it was a sought-after title, and Shebna knew it. That title gave him far-reaching authority over the king's household and possessions. But he abused that power by taking advantage of perks like the royal chariots and even making a beautiful carved tomb for himself (Isaiah 22: 16, 18). That's why God unseated Shebna and established Eliakim in his place. He wanted someone who would exercise that authority with fatherly concern and compassion, not self-promotion, domination, or greed. In other words, the master of the palace should imitate the way God uses His authority: to serve His people.

These words point to something important about God's desires for His kingdom. He wants a kingdom where leaders don't lord their authority over the people in their care. He wants them to show compassion and concern for their people (Matthew 20:25-26).

Jesus gave that type of authority to Peter. Yes, Peter received the "keys to the kingdom" and the power to bind and to loose (Matthew 16:19). But first and foremost, he was to be the rock, the solid foundation upon which the Church would be built. He would not be raised up above all his brothers and sisters; he would be beneath them to support them.

That's the type of leadership God wants parents or anyone in authority to exercise. Godly leaders don't put themselves first. They are not greedy for honor or power. His kingdom is a place where, instead of setting themselves up against one another, His people serve one another with love, respect, and honor.

Shebna's story is a lesson to us, especially those times when we are tempted to take advantage of our position. Peter is a role model too when we are tempted to think leadership equates to tyranny. Let's take their examples and learn how to be good leaders in our families, our workplaces, and our Church.

*"Lord, help me to place serving above being served today."*