



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
Union City, PA 16438

# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

*May 8, 2022*



**4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*"I know them, and they follow me."  
- Jn 10:27*

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## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

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A blessed and happy Mothers Day!!!! I hope and pray that all of our mothers will have a wonderful celebration of the gift they are to us—in this life or in the next!

As we continue to work towards a combined Parish Office, you may now schedule Mass Intentions by contacting the St. Thomas Church Office at 814-663-3041. This is for all Mass Intentions to be scheduled at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, and Our Lady of Fatima Church.

And speaking of Our Lady of Fatima, this Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, we are blessed to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. We will celebrate Mass on Friday at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Canadohta Lake, so please join us! If you've never been to OLF, come and check it out!

As we celebrate First Holy Communion with our Third Graders at St. Thomas this weekend, make sure you check out the great pictures in the bulletin from our celebration at St. Teresa last weekend, and our Confirmation celebration last week as well. Let us give thanks to God for the gift of all these young people in our Parishes, and let's make sure we congratulate them in person! And a special shout out to Lucy, Deacon Randy's granddaughter, who rushed the altar during First Communion last weekend. She wasn't anxious for the Sacrament, she just needed to see Grandpa.

One of the things I would love us to work on is having our Churches open for private prayer everyday on a regular and consistent basis. In order for this to happen, we need to try to coordinate folks who would be willing to help lock and or unlock our Churches....maybe from 7AM to 7PM. It just seems like a good idea to me to offer people, parishioners and anyone passing through, the chance to come and pray in our worship spaces as needed. If you are able to help, just call the office.

Air Conditioning. What? Who said that? Clearly it wasn't me. Ok. It was me. None of our Churches have AC...have we ever looked into this? I'm in the process of getting estimates for our 3 Churches—and then maybe we can have a conversation about this. But I'll tell you, Father doesn't do well in the heat! So if you think Mass is short now, you ain't seen nothin yet!

However you may be spending the week, I pray it's a good one....and by that, I mean I'm just hoping it doesn't snow again—I'm still holding my breath of that one. God help us all! - Fr. Matt



#### Monday, May 9—Mass at St. Teresa, Union City

8:00a.m. ✠Virginia Poninsky by Pete & Carol Poninsky

#### Tuesday, May 10

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas

#### Wednesday, May 11—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

8:00a.m. ✠Skye Elizabeth by Grandma

#### Thursday, May 12

NO Mass Today at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

#### Friday, May 13—Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake

8:00a.m. ✠Poor Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, May 14—Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

4:30p.m. ✠Gene Vinca by David Vinca

#### Sunday, May 15

8:45a.m. ✠Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz and Judith Johnston by Gary, Sue and Joseph (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. Intentions of our Parish Family (St. Teresa)

#### 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

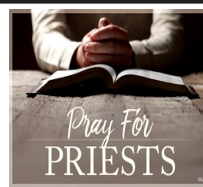
Please contact the Parish office to schedule a Baptism.

#### 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.



#### Pray for Our Priests:

Rev. Robert Horgas, Rev. Andrew H. Karg, Rev. Gregory P. Passauer, Rev. James G. Gutting, Rev. William M. Kuba, and Rev. Jason Mitchell

#### WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 2022

	St. Thomas the Apostle Corry (Seats 350)	St. Teresa of Avila Union City (Seats 225)
Total Attendance: for April 2022	991	897
Average Attendance per Mass:	165	100
Average Empty Seats per Mass:	185	125



## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 1, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (65) .....	\$3,084.00
Loose .....	\$178.00
Easter Envelopes.....	\$165.00
Online Giving .....	\$430.00
Mother's Day Memorial .....	\$105.00
Father's Day Memorial .....	\$35.00
<b>Total Offertory Income .....</b>	<b>\$3,848.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory) .....</b>	<b>*\$4,038.00</b>
<b>Difference .....</b>	<b>\$(-190.00)</b>

Actual Average Weekly Offertory.....	*\$3,810.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	*\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses .....	*\$8,163.00

**\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

*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.**

**Good Shepherd Collection (5/1/22) .....\$425.00**



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at*

**www.StThomasTheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.**



**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (665-6944),

Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).

*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.*

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 5/1):

**Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,039.00

Total Paid to date = \$29,674.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 113

# of Families who did not pledge = 232

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. 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.**

**VIBRANT, DYNAMIC CHURCH NEEDS**

**YOU!**



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church for the week of May 8<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all deceased mothers.



The **EASTER (Paschal) CANDLE** at St. Thomas Church this year has been gifted by an anonymous donor, in memory of a special intention.

### Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brother Knights are reminded that our regular monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at Saint Elizabeth Parish Center. We will begin with The Rosary at 7:00pm and the regular business meeting will follow.



### Knights Collecting for The Barber Center

The Knights of Columbus, Council #425 will be collecting donations to benefit the Barber Center after this weekend's Masses. This annual collection supports those with disabilities who receive services through the Barber Center. Please help support this worthwhile cause with your donations. Thank you!

### Parish Cemeteries Spring Clean-Up

We will be having spring clean-up at both of our cemeteries (Sts. Thomas & Elizabeth) on Saturday, May 14 beginning at 10:00am. Clean-up will include removing from the graves old pots or flowers or any items that may be dangerous for the lawn equipment. We will also be picking up limbs and sticks that have fallen. We will also clean the chapel & garages and do some landscaping, if possible. Please come, bring any work gloves, tools, etc., and help get our cemeteries ready for the spring and summer months. Thank you to all who join us!

### Seeking More Voices for our Parish Choir

This is an open invitation for anyone from our parishes in Corry and Union City interested in singing with the St. Thomas Choir to please join us Monday evenings at 6:00pm at St Thomas Church. Especially needed are sopranos and tenors. All are welcome to come fellowship, sing, and pray with us!!!

### Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us to be shepherds for our children who depend on us to be their guides and role models. Where are we leading them? When they "hear our voice" what message do they hear?

### **"Question of the Week" - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**Question for Children:** Jesus promises to guard us like a shepherd does the sheep. How do you experience his loving care in your life?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." How does Jesus speak to you? What new path is he asking of you?

**Question for Adults:** What is your experience of being a follower of Christ, of being cared for and guarded with him as shepherd?

## St. Teresa Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 30/May 1, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (53) .....	\$1,915.00
Loose .....	\$168.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	<b>\$2,083.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	<b>*\$1,415.00</b>
<b>Difference</b> .....	<b>\$668.00</b>

<b>Actual Average Weekly Offertory</b> .....	<b>*\$2,185.00</b>
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expenses</b> .....	<b>*\$2,274.00</b>
<b>Actual Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	<b>*\$3,695.00</b>

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### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 1, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (3) .....	\$68.00
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### Lawn Festival Meeting

There will be a Lawn Festival meeting on Sunday, May 15, after the 10:45am Mass at St. Teresa in the parish center. Please attend if you would like to help with this great event!



### **Liturgical Ministers' Schedule at St. Teresa Church for the 10:45AM Mass on Sunday, May 15**

LECTOR—Tricia Young

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER—Paul Beer

CHOIR— Ilene Zakovitch

ALTAR SERVER—Joseph Kondrlik

### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM

#### •Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

#### •Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term

#### •Scripture Discussion Group

1:00pm Wednesdays (Sept.—May)

#### •Parish Center Rental

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

### Knights of Columbus CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TICKETS

The Union City Knights of Columbus is again, this year, selling the COAL SWEEPSTAKES tickets. Donation is \$5. This gives you 16 chances to win cash prizes from \$15,000 to \$1,000. To purchase your ticket, you may contact Bill Flynn at 438-3493 or any Knight. They are also available at the parish office.

### St. Teresa Indoor Garage Sale—July 15-16-17

Our Annual Indoor Garage Sale will be held the weekend of July 15, 16 & 17 at St. Teresa Parish Center. Help will be needed, especial after the sale on July 18 to remove items from the parish center. We have started to collect items and they may be placed in the pre-K Room at the center. Just a reminder we are NOT accepting clothing, shoes, computers, televisions or exercise equipment. Please remember when you are spring cleaning and discarding sellable items, they may be treasures to someone else. Thank you in advance for your help!

### Mother's Day Carnations

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available after Mass today. Surprise your mom or special person with a beautiful bouquet of carnations. Your donation of \$2 per carnation, or \$10 for 6, or \$20 for 12 will help support local People of Life pro-life education and awareness from conception until natural death. Cash donations are always welcome.

### Andromeda House Hiring

Andromeda House in Spartansburg, PA is hiring second shift staff to work with girls ages 12—18 who are in need of residential care. Please call Robin Keller at 814-480-5957 or go to [www.perseushouse.org](http://www.perseushouse.org).

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 5/1):

**Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$30,015.00

Total Paid to date = \$21,505.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 73

# of Families who did not pledge = 221

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give. **Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**

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### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon	Acts 11:1-18 ♦ John 10:1-10
Tue.	Acts 11:19-26 ♦ John 10:12-30
Wed	Acts 12:24 – 13:5a ♦ John 12:44-50
Thurs.	Acts 13:13-25 ♦ Luke 13:16-20
Fri.	Acts 13:26-33 ♦ John 14:1-6
Sat.	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 ♦ John 15:9-17
Sun.	Acts 14:21-27 ♦ Revelation 21:1-5a ♦ John 13:31-33a, 34-35

## NEW MASS SCHEDULE Effective May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

**Memorial Day weekend  
through Labor Day weekend:**

**Saturday: 4:00PM at St. Thomas Church**

**Sunday: 8:00AM at St. Thomas Church**

**9:30AM at St. Teresa Church**

**11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima  
Church**

### School Year/Non-Summer Schedule:

**Saturday: 4:00PM – alternating monthly  
between Sts. Thomas and Teresa Churches**

**Sunday: 8:00AM – St. Thomas Church  
10:00AM – St. Teresa Church**



### Baby Bottle Campaigns at Our Parishes

This year, both Sts. Thomas and Theresa will participate in Baby Bottle Campaigns to benefit the Pro-Life Movement! St Thomas, in conjunction with other Corry Ministries, will participate in the annual Baby Bottle Campaign benefitting Life Care Ministries. Saint Teresa, in conjunction with 40 other Catholic Churches in Erie & Crawford counties will participate in a Baby Bottle Campaign to raise funds for a Mobile Ultrasound Unit for the Women's Care Center of Erie. The Mobile Ultrasound Unit, a medical office on wheels, will be able to visit rural areas in Erie, Crawford and Warren Counties, as well as the 5 Universities in Northwest Pennsylvania. Please take a bottle home, fill it with change, bills or checks and bring it back on Father's Day. Let's make a Change - for Life!



## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News



### Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed Members!

Picture with Bishop Persico, Fr. Matt, and Deacon Bill are: Olivia Whitaker, Ryah Lambert, Wesley Love, Stephen Brady, and Kendra Maker. Confirmation was held on Thursday, April 28 at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean. *May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill them and draw them into deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church.*

### Spring Cleanup

We are in need of some help doing some Spring Cleanup around our Churches. If you would be willing and able to help with some yardwork, gardening, painting, or the like, please contact the Parish Office! Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!



### Meeting Jesus for the First Time in the Eucharist

We wish to congratulate those third graders from St. Teresa Parish who celebrated the Sacrament of First Holy Communion last Sunday, May 1. They are pictured here with Deacon Randy and Fr. Matt: Alex Reynolds, Ivan Shick, Liam Silka and Levi Robertson. *May they grow closer to Jesus at each Mass.*

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