



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

November 20, 2022



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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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.

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish

www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish

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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

A Warm Welcome to Fr. Tom Suppa as our Celebrant

We wish to warmly welcome and thank Fr. Tom for covering our weekend Masses at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa while Fr. Matt is away. We are happy to have you celebrating with us!



Did you know?

The Feast of Christ the King was instituted in 1925 to address growing attitudes of secularism and atheism and to proclaim Christ's kingship forever. The day also marks the final Sunday on the Church's Liturgical Calendar.

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PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

ADVENT

Next Weekend: ADVENT Begins!

The new Church year begins Saturday evening (November 26) with the 4:00pm Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent. What a joyful time of the year! Make sure that in the midst of the hectic days ahead you consider acts of prayer and charity. Would you consider attending one Daily Mass during Advent? Or, how about making a "visit" to the Blessed Sacrament on your way to or from work/school? Prepare for the Nativity in a quiet, no-cost, and joyful way. Prayer and Charity ----- the BEST way to prepare for Christmas!

Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items

Items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to Sue Johnston in the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to secretary@stparish.org. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. **Please know that with the holidays we will have earlier bulletin submission deadlines, so the sooner you have your items to the office—the better.**

**Monday, November 21**

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Tuesday, November 22

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

Wednesday, November 23

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Thursday, November 24

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

Friday, November 25

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Saturday, November 26

4:00p.m. †Joseph & Helen Mokwa and Katherine (Betty) Crawford by Joe & Joette Amy
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, November 27

8:00a.m. †Deacon Bill Sproveri by Bill & Judy Flynn
(St. Thomas, Corry)
10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

*Let us go rejoicing
to the house of the Lord.* Psalm 122

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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: November 12/13 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (70)\$2,243.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 117)
Loose\$189.00
Online Giving (9)\$275.00
Religious Education Envelopes (0)\$0.00
Total Offertory Income\$2,707.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,949.00)

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'.



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.

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of Heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

Thanks for Coming to Coffee & Donuts

We wish to thank those who organized the Coffee & Donuts last Sunday, November 13 at St. Thomas Parish. We are grateful for the fellowship and breakfast shared with parishioners. Thanks to those who came over and your donations. We will let you know when another one is scheduled.

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/7):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$47,554.00

Total Paid to date = \$45,224.00

of Families who made a pledge = 136

of Families who did not pledge = 209

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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of November 20th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Matthew Silvis requested by family.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Ed Giacomina from our parish who recently passed away. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Regis Dombrowski who was buried this past week from Saint Thomas Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be selling pastries this weekend, before and after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses on November 19/20. **Cost is \$15 for Kolachi and \$12 for Baklava.** As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



Looking for Ushers

We are looking for men / women / young adults who would like to help in this ministry. We would like to have individuals to take up the collection during Mass, especially for the Christmas season. Please consider becoming a part of this ministry. If interested, call the parish office. Thank you.

HELP

WANTED

Bookkeeper Position Available

As part of the newly combining Parish Office for Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes, we are looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This position will be approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business

Manager, Missy Silka at the St. Thomas Office 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org

"Question of the Week" - Solemnity of Christ the King

Question for Children: Jesus is always kind to those who love him. How do you show your love for Jesus?

Question for Youth: This week we celebrate Christ the King. In the best sense of the word, a King is some one who cares for the people under his care, and also has authority over them. When have you felt Jesus' care for you? How do you allow Jesus to have authority over you?

Question for Adults: As you think about Jesus on the cross, having compassion on the "good thief," what lesson do you draw from it for your own life?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Nov. 13, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (49) \$1,540.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 108)
Loose \$59.00
Continuing the Vision (3) \$126.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,725.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Nov. 13, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$130.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)
Total Offertory Income \$130.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$1,855.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,922.00)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 20th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our deceased loved ones Anna Harnak.

You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Money Counters Needed from St. Teresa Parish

Seeking individuals from St. Teresa Parish who wish to help with our offertory collection and deposit process. You would be responsible to assist in counting collection envelopes and preparing & taking the deposit to the bank. We need volunteers who are detail oriented with confidential information. If interested, please call the parish office. If we do not have anyone volunteer from St. Teresa, please understand that Saint Teresa's funds will be counted by St. Thomas parishioners.

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thanks to all who helped with donations of food, turkeys, or cash, to the Thanksgiving Food Baskets. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day this year. We appreciate your generosity—Thank 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

•Parish Center Rental

Contact the Parish Office

Rosary Altar Society to Hold Bake Sale Next Weekend

The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be holding a Bake Sale next weekend, December 3 & 4, after both Masses. Please look for our table near the entrance of the church. We are sure you will find something delicious for yourself or to share with your family. Thank you for your continued support which also helps our church.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Anna Harnak who was buried this past week from Saint Teresa Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Local Red Kettle Campaign Seeking Bell Ringers

The Salvation Army needs bell ringers for this year's annual Red Kettle campaign! Volunteers are needed to fill shifts Monday-Saturday starting at 11:00am and ending at 6:00pm, beginning on Black Friday until Christmas Eve. Ringers will be inside the (heated!) lobby of Tops in Union City. This is a wonderful way for families to give back during the holidays. To sign up, please contact Elizabeth Malec at 814-490-7394 via text message or phone call.



Rev. Thomas Fialkowski, Pray for Vocations, Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, Rev. James Gutting, Thanking God for His Many Blessings, Rev. Msgr. Henry Krebs, and Rev. Matthew Ruyechan.

Mass Readings for the Week of November 20, 2022

Sun.: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 ♦ Colossians 1:12-20 ♦ Luke 23:35-43
 Mon.: Revelation 14:1-3, 4b-5 ♦ Luke 21:1-4
 Tues.: Revelation 14:14-19 ♦ Luke 21:5-11
 Wed.: Revelation 15:1-4 ♦ Luke 21:12-19
 Thur.: Revelation 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a ♦ Luke 21:20-28
 Fri.: Revelation 20:1-4, 11—21:2 ♦ Luke 21:29-33
 Sat.: Revelation 22:1-7 ♦ Luke 21:34-36
 Next Sun.: Isaiah 2:1-5 ♦ Romans 13:11-14 ♦ Matthew 24:37-44

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/7):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,505.00

Total Paid to date = \$33,495.00

of Families who made a pledge = 93

of Families who did not pledge = 201

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. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes Meeting

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 November

Sunday, Nov. 20—Class
Sunday, Nov. 27—No Class / Youth Mass

We wish all our students and families an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday and break. Religious Education Classes will next meet on Sunday, December 4. *Happy Thanksgiving!*



Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

HAPPY Thanksgiving



Parish Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

We wish to let you know that the Partnered Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 23 and Thursday, Nov. 24 for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our office will re-open to the public on Monday, November 28 at 12:30pm. May you have an enjoyable and blessed Thanksgiving.



WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

September 10, 2022 thru May 21, 2023

Saturday 4:00PM

St. Thomas Church (Corry)

September, November, January, March, May

St. Teresa Church (Union City)

October, December, February, April

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church (Corry)

10:00AM at St. Teresa Church (Union City)

Confessions

Saturday from 3:00pm—3:30pm

at the church where Saturday Mass is celebrated
OR by appointment—please call the parish office

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, or Our Lady of Fatima Church, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 to schedule your intentions. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.



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NOVEMBER 29, 2022

Support Our Ministry!

Participate in #iGiveCatholic by donating on #GivingTuesday, November 29.

It's as easy as...

1

VISIT

iGiveCatholic.org

2

SEARCH

for our Ministry

3

DONATE

\$20 or more



Give early! Advanced giving runs November 14-28.

Join us for #iGiveCatholic on #GivingTuesday on November 29!

What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our parish communities? **Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 14—Monday, November 28.** You can support St. Thomas & St. Teresa Parishes with an offline gift by check or cash (please place your gift in the #iGiveCatholic envelope or another envelope marked with '#iGiveCatholic') and place in the collection baskets or mail to the parish office.

To donate online go to erie.igivecatholic.org.

Our parishes have many needs at the moment and we would greatly appreciate your financial support. Thank you!