



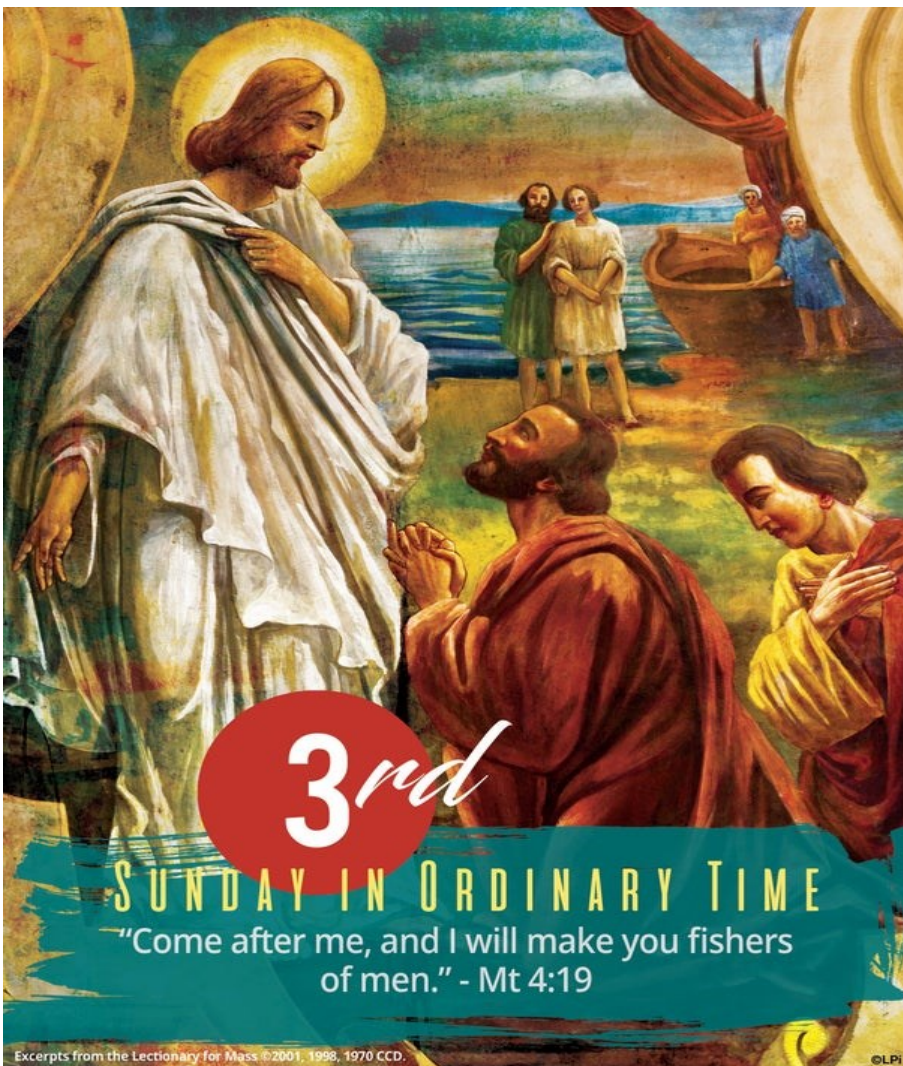
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

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

January 22, 2023



3rd
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19

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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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Deacon—Retired

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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
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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

PRAY

Please keep our parishes of Sts. Thomas & Teresa in your prayers during this time. May we be guided by the Holy Spirit to grow together in unity and love for one another.

Pray for our Bishop and those at the Diocesan Offices who are working to help us. May the Holy Spirit guide them in discerning who to send to shepherd us and the best course of action moving forward for our parishes and its peoples.

Pray for Fr. Greg Passauer, who was recently appointed as our Temporary Parochial Administrator. Pray for Fr. Tom Suppa, who generously agreed to provide coverage for our weekend Masses. Pray for our deacons and parish staff. May they all be given the grace to continue to serve the peoples of our parishes to the best of their abilities.

Pray for each other.... for peace in our homes and in our hearts. And please continue to pray for Fr. Matt.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



Monday, January 23

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

Tuesday, January 24

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

Wednesday, January 25

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

Thursday, January 26

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

Friday, January 27

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

Saturday, January 28

4:00p.m. †Deacon Bill Sproveri by Dean Sproveri
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, January 29

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Larry Kozik by the Roger Plec Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)



Daily Masses & Communion Services

At this time, due to current circumstances, we will NOT BE celebrating daily Masses at both Saints Thomas and Teresa Parishes. The diocese has granted us permission to hold one Communion Service per week at each parish. Here is the schedule for the Communion Services:

8:00a.m. Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church (Corry)

8:00a.m. Fridays at St. Teresa Church (Union City)

All are welcome to join us for prayer and Communion. We will let you know when daily Masses are to resume.

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

We are NOT ABLE to take and/or schedule Mass Intentions for loved ones at this time at Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We ask that you please hold off on bringing/sending Mass Intentions to the office until we are able to accommodate your requests. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We will let you know when this situation changes. We will reschedule intentions not said due to canceled Masses.

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.

Why do we celebrate the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul?
On January 25, the faithful celebrate the Conversion of Saint Paul, one of the great events of the early Church. Saul, a student of the great Pharisee rabbi Gamaliel, had persecuted Christians, but was suddenly converted on the road to Damascus when our Lord appeared to him in His resurrected glory (Acts 9:1-9). From this point, he took the name Paul, and would become the "Apostle to the Gentiles."

"Thus St. Paul was not transformed by a thought but by an event, by the irresistible presence of the Risen One whom subsequently he would never be able to doubt, so powerful had been the evidence of the event, of this encounter. It radically changed Paul's life in a fundamental way; in this sense one can and must speak of a conversion." (Pope Benedict XVI)

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 14 & 15, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (67)	\$3,132.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 120)	
Loose	\$313.00
Online Giving (10)	\$345.00
Respect Life Envelope (18)	\$265.00
Total Offertory Income	\$4,055.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-3,601.00)

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.



**DONATE
ONLINE**

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.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of January 22nd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all of our loved ones.



8th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference in March

Please join us for the 8th Annual 1:38 Women's Conference and learn how to "Walk with Purpose!" The conference will be held at St. Jude Parish in Erie, from 8:30am -12:30pm on Saturday, March 25, 2023 with doors opening for registration at 8:00am. The cost is \$20. This years conference will feature national speaker, Laura Phelps, who is a writer and social media creator at Walking with Purpose. Visit our website at www.138women.com for more information and to register.

Catholic Daughters Meeting This Week

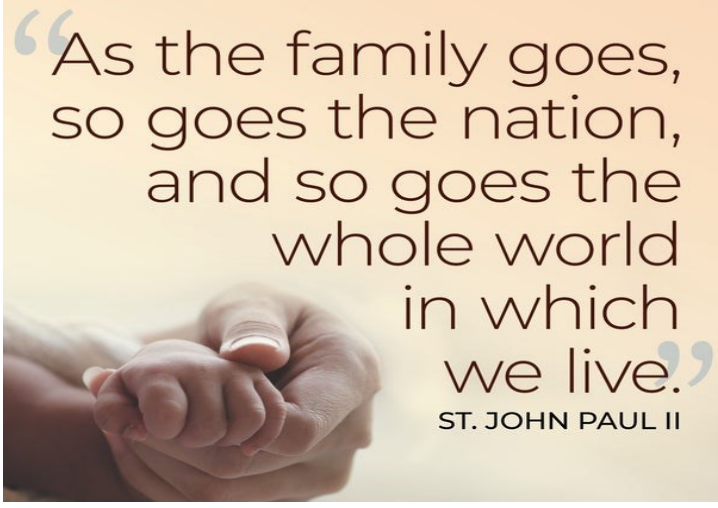
Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold a meeting on Thursday, January 26 at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. All Catholic Daughter members are encouraged to attend. Thank you and God bless.

Fish Dinner Meeting This Week at St. Thomas

The St. Thomas Fish Dinner Committee will hold at meeting on **Tuesday, January 24 at 3:00pm in the parish office building.** Anyone who has helped with past dinners, and those who may be new and wish to help, are invited to attend. We will begin to plan for the upcoming Lenten Fish Dinner season. Please join us.

Readings for the week of January 22, 2023

- Sun.: Isaiah 8:23—9:3 ♦ Psalm 27:1,4, 13-14 (1a) ♦
1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17 ♦ Matthew 4:12-23 or 4:12-17
- Mon.: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 ♦
Mark 3:22-30
- Tues.: Hebrews 10:1-10 ♦ Psalm 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11 ♦
Mark 3:31-35
- Wed.: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ Mark 16:15-18
- Thur.: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5 ♦ Psalm 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12,
13-14 ♦ Mark 4:21-25
- Fri.: Hebrews 10:32-39 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 ♦
Mark 4:26-34
- Sat.: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 ♦ Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ♦
Mark 4:35-41
- Next Sun.: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13 ♦ Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10
(Matthew 5:3) ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ♦ Matthew 5:1-12



"Question of the Week" - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Question for Children:** How do you hear Jesus calling you to do what he wants you to do?
- Question for Youth:** As you grow into young adulthood, Jesus calls you to follow him in particular ways, both big and small. What are some of the small ways in which Jesus calls you to follow him?
- Question for Adults:** How does Jesus call you to assist in his ministry: the building up of the Reign of God? How do you know what God wants of you in this regard?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 15, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (52) \$2,448.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 105)
Loose \$69.00
Continuing the Vision \$5.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,522.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 15, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (3) \$140.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 27)
Total Offertory Income \$140.00


St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,662.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,115.00)


*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
 Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

Rosary Altar Society to Hold Bake Sale at St. Teresa
 The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be holding a Bake Sale the weekend of February 4 & 5, 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.



A Family Perspective
 When Jesus called his disciples, they came “immediately.” Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It is a process like walking, not done “immediately”, but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 22nd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all those lost to abortion.**
You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office.

 Rev. Msgr. Daniel Magraw, Pray for Vocations, Rev. Mark J. Mastrian, Rev. David Whiteford, Rev. Justin Pino, Rev. Christopher Wheeler, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico.

Sunday Readings and Backgrounds
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I : Isaiah 8:23-9:3
 The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

- In the first reading, Isaiah preaches to people who are discouraged by war and oppression.
- Among the first regions taken in the war were three sections of the northern Kingdom.
- The prophet promises that God will again restore the land.

Reading II : 1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17
 Let there be no factions among you.

- In today’s second reading Paul gives his reaction to the divisions among the Corinthians.
- The factions in the Corinthian church were dividing Christ’s Body.
- Paul insists that through Baptism all become members of one body, the Body of Christ.

Gospel : Matthew 4:12-23
 Come with me.

- Because a majority of Matthew’s audience seems to have been Jewish Christians, the passage from Isaiah is used in today’s Gospel to explain the fact that Jesus’ ministry began in Galilee, not Jerusalem.
- The substance of Jesus’ preaching is summarized, “Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

IMPORTANT REMINDER—Sending Mail to St. Teresa Parish
 When sending anything to the parish office for St. Teresa, including offertory envelopes, please **be sure to send items to the partnered parish office located at 203 W. Washington St., Corry, PA 16407.** We no longer have offices in Union City and sending mail there causes delays in receiving it. 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

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

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 January & February

- Sunday, January 22—Class
- Sunday, January 29—Class / Youth Mass today
- Sunday, February 5—No Class
- Sunday, February 12—Class
- Sunday, February 19—Class
- Sunday, February 26—Class / Youth Mass today



January 23rd

**DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE
LEGAL
PROTECTION
OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

Increase your love within us, Lord God, and bring people everywhere to respect your gift of human life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH

2401 W. 38th St. - Erie, PA

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22
MONDAY, JANUARY 23 &
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24
7:00PM



Anthony Digmann

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Our Lady of Peace in conjunction with the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Erie present a EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL.

You won't want to miss this mission on Eucharistic Revival: Anthony uses Eucharistic miracles, Saints, devotions, theology, history, and apologetics to help you re-encounter our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist.

"The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life, yet it amazes me how many Catholics truly don't understand and/or believe this teaching or simply take it for granted. Anthony has a passion and desire to form disciples, and he fabulously uses Saints' stories, the Catechism, and Scripture to explain how Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. His energy and excitement are contagious and you leave each evening wanting more. I highly recommend Anthony, you will not be disappointed!"

-Rev. Anthony Kruse, Pastor, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Waterloo, Iowa



Two Great Speakers = One Great Conference!

Our Tenth Annual 22:32 Men's Conference promises to be the best yet! We have Father Larry Richards as our featured speaker and Father Chase Hilgenbrinck as our guest speaker. You won't want to miss it! **The conference begins at 8:30a.m, March 4th, 2023 at St. Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie and concludes with Mass at noon.** It will also be broadcast to outlying parishes via YouTube. Registration opens later this month! Go online to 2232men.com for more information and registration.

2023 Parish Calendars Available in the Church

2023 Parish Calendars are located near the entrances of the church at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa. Please help yourself to the calendars.



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