



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

October 22, 2023



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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STREET _____
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☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

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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
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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

Notes from the Pastor

PRAYER: I have been writing about different forms of prayer. Many people ask about praying with the Scriptures, so I thought it might be a good idea to actually describe the process of Biblical Meditation.

This method is appropriate for any biblical text, especially teachings from the Epistles, the Gospels, and other more theological texts.

Begin: consider how God looks upon you and loves you; become aware of being in God's presence; stand for a moment, bow if you wish, then be seated comfortably for your time of prayer.

Preparatory Prayer: offer to God all your will and actions, especially in this time of prayer; ask God for a specific grace that you need and desire right now (peace, consolation, hope, etc.).

Meditate on the Biblical Text that you have selected:

Read the biblical text through slowly, recalling what it is about; then let it come alive for you!

Reflect on the truths that God wants to teach you in this text. Ponder the meaning of each word, phrase, and sentence in the text.

Focus on two or three points (words, phrases, images, ideas) that stand out to you.

Embrace what God is saying to you; let your heart be moved with love and desire.

Notice what is going on inside you as you pray: joy, sorrow, peace, confusion, love, anger, etc.

If you get distracted or your mind wanders, gently return to the biblical text and your focal points.

Colloquy: enter into a short personal conversation with Jesus (or God the Father, or the Holy Spirit); speak heart-to-heart, as if conversing with a close friend.

Closing Prayer: conclude by praying the Our Father, Hail Mary, or another familiar/favorite prayer; you might stand, kneel, bow, raise your hands, or adopt another posture to mark the end of your prayer.

Afterward, briefly review what you experienced during this time of prayer (maybe journal about what happened), and look forward to your next prayerful encounter with God (when? where? which biblical text will you use?).

- Fr. Tom

Today is World Mission Sunday

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's mission. Thank you for your generosity in TODAY's Second Collection. If you didn't donate today, please put your donation in next weekend's collection, marking it "World Mission" on your envelope or check memo.



Sunday, October 22

8:00a.m. †Dan Ahl by Nancy Madden
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Diana Strefeler by the Hanlin Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 23

8:00a.m. †Jay Downor by Stan Klus
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, October 24

8:00a.m. †Kathy Groner by George & Carol Groner
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, October 25

8:00a.m. †Frank Karkoski by Peg Anderson
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, October 26

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas & St. Teresa

Friday, October 27

8:00a.m. †Jeff Down by St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, October 28

4:30p.m. †Paul Mongera, Jr. by Lillie Mongera
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, October 29

8:00a.m. †George & Helen Groner by George & Carol Groner (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

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 ten (10) 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: 3:30pm—4:00pm 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: October 15, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (70)\$2,629.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose\$254.00
Online Giving (9)\$320.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. (1)\$5.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,208.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,448.00)

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 10/16):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$43,190.00

Total Paid to date = \$41,225.00

of Families who made a pledge = 109

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

If you have not yet pledged to the 2023 CSA, please do so today.

All monies raised now stay at St. Thomas Parish!

Be sure to make your check payable to

'ST. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

Winterizing Our Parish Cemeteries

Parishioners are reminded to remove all potted urns/plants from graves for the winter as of November 2 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. Holiday wreaths/decorations may be placed on graves at this time. Thank you.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), 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 October 22nd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our parish.

"Question of the Week" - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: In your young life, who has helped you know Jesus as a friend?

Question for Youth: We are supposed to give to God the things that are God's. What in your life is dedicated to God? How to you keep those things sacred?

Question for Adults: If you were to write a thank you note to someone or to a group who has helped you grow in faith, to whom would you write and what would you say?



Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

Be Careful Opening Emails

The parish office has received fraudulent/spoofed emails appearing to come from Fr. Tom. Please use caution when opening/replying to emails. As the diocese has previously stated: In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request. If there is ever a question, call the parish office.

Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Corry Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the Thanksgiving holiday. We are asking parishioners to please donate non-perishable food items. You may place your donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thank you for your support!



Cemetery Prices to Increase on November 1st

Beginning Nov. 1, 2023, there will be an increase of fees associated with St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. The cost to purchase cemetery plots will increase as follows:

Full Burial: current price is \$550/new price will be \$650

Cremation Burial: current price \$400/new price will be \$500

Those who wish to purchase plots in one of these cemeteries prior to the cost increase should call the office soon. Any questions or concerns regarding our cemeteries, please contact Rhonda Pierce, Coordinator of Cemeteries, at our parish office.



HELP

WANTED

Custodian Position Available at St. Thomas

We are seeking a person who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 10 hours per week. Duties include cleaning the church, parish office, and other buildings of the parish. If interested, please contact the

parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 14 & 15, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (62) \$2,228.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 95)
Loose \$346.00
Continuing the Vision (2) \$120.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,724.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 15, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$165.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,889.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,888.00)

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



Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity to our parish!



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/16)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$33,231.00

Total Paid to date = \$32,491.80

of Families who made a pledge = 77

Be sure to make your check payable to

'ST. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

All monies raised now stay at St. Teresa Parish!

First Friday Calls

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office. **First Friday Calls will be done on Nov. 3.**

Hospital Visits

Please call the parish office to let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency.

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



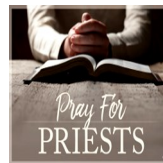
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A Family Perspective

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.

St. Teresa Cemetery News

This is to inform members of our parish that the water will be turned off in St. Teresa's Cemetery at the end of October. Water is turned off annually due to the changing of seasons and the weather getting colder. Thank you.



Rev. Raymond Hahn, Rev. Msgr. David Rubino, Rev. Mark O'Hern, Rev. F. Thomas Suppa, Rev. Brian Vossler, Rev. John Jacquel, Rev. Cory Pius, and, *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*



"Be amazed at the heights to which you are called!"

- Pope St. John Paul II



Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving for those in need. If you know of anyone in need of a basket, please call the parish office with the name and phone number of the person in need. We are seeking non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave your donations at the back of Saint Teresa Church by Sunday, November 19. Thank you in advance for your donations.



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.

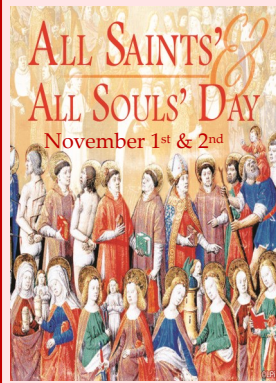
Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

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

*Be vigilant at all times and pray
that you may have the strength to stand
before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)*



Mass Times for the Holy Day and Feast of All Souls'

Wed., Nov. 1—8:00am at St. Thomas

Wed., Nov. 1—7:00pm at St. Teresa

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thurs., Nov. 2—7:00pm at St. Thomas

All Saints Day is when the Catholic Church
honors all saints known and unknown. All
Souls' Day reminds us to pray for the Holy
Souls, faithful departed, in Purgatory who
have not yet attained Heaven.

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

Sun.: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6 ♦ Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b) ♦
1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b ♦ Matthew 22:15-21
Mon.: Romans 4:20-25 ♦ Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ♦ Luke 12:13-21
Tues.: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21 ♦ Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 ♦
Luke 12:35-38
Wed.: Romans 6:12-18 ♦ Psalm 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 ♦ Luke 12:39-48
Thur.: Romans 6:19-23 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ♦ Luke 12:49-53
Fri.: Romans 7:18-25a ♦ Psalm 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 ♦ Luke 12:54-59
Sat.: Ephesians 2:19-22 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Luke 6:12-16
Next Sun.: Exodus 22:20-26 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) ♦
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 ♦ Matthew 22:34-4



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Please contact the partnered parish
office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass
intentions for loved ones. We will do our
best to accommodate your date
requests. The suggested stipend is \$10.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Combined Fall Social Event TODAY

Religious Education students and their
families from both of our parishes are invited
to a Fall Social Event—TODAY—Sunday,
October 22nd from 12:30pm until 3:00pm at St. Teresa Parish
Center. We will have lunch/snacks, crafts, fun & games, and
good company. *Join us!*



Religious Education Classes at our Parishes

Classes meet at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa this week for
Religious Education students. **Students in Corry meet for class
on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am** in the former
school building. **Union City students attend class on Sunday
mornings from 11:00am until 12:30pm** at St. Teresa Parish
Center, including the Purpose program for Confirmation
students. **Purpose/Confirmation class for students at Saint
Thomas is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until
8:00pm.** Please refer to the Religious Education Calendar for
scheduled class dates. Thank you for the opportunity to teach
the Catholic faith to your children.

Cathedral Prep Open House

Cathedral Prep's Open House for middle school boys and girls, is
Sunday, October 29th from 12:00pm—3:00pm. Guided tours will
include interactive classroom demonstrations, a look at Prep's
Esports Lab, Visual Arts Studios, Music Studios, Dance Studio,
Engineering Workshop, Fitness Center and more! Students can
learn about the Academic Paths, including MedPath, as well as a
the Gannon Scholarship Program. Learn how to graduate from
Prep with a semester or more of college completed and about
the millions of dollars in financial aid that are
available! Students in attendance will be entered in a drawing
for tuition discounts. Cathedral Prep is located at 250 W 10th St
Erie, PA. Please call 814-453-7737 ext. 3 with any questions.



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More
information
to come.



Advanced
Giving Days
Nov. 13—27

#GivingTuesday November 28, 2023