



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 8, 2023



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.” - Mt 2:2

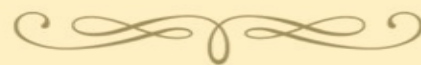
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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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
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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 our deacons and parish staff. May they 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 9

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

Tuesday, January 10

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

Wednesday, January 11

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

Thursday, January 12

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

Friday, January 13

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

Saturday, January 14

4:00p.m. †Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, January 15

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

10:00a.m. †Bernard & Helen Gluvna by Tricia, Sophia, and Jessica (St. Teresa, Union City)

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.

Un-Decorating Our Churches after Christmas TODAY

Our parishes will be taking down the Christmas decorations at both churches as the Christmas season comes to a close. Please consider staying after the 8:00a.m. and 10:00a.m. Masses TODAY, Sunday, January 8th to help. *Many hands will make for light work.* Thank you!



Benedictus PP XVI

April 16, 1927 - December 31, 2022

ELECTED POPE:
April 19, 2005

RESIGNED:
February 28, 2013

Only when we meet the living God in Christ do we know what life is. We are not some casual and meaningless product of evolution. Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Homily in St. Peter's Square
April 24, 2005

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: December 24/25, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (68)	\$4,155.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 119)	
Loose	\$353.00
Online Giving (9)	\$290.00
Total Offertory Income	\$4,798.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-2,858.00)

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'.

Sister Parish Envelopes: (18)	\$386.00
(Special collection for our Sister Parish & Charity Fund)	

Retirement for Religious: (26)	\$560.00
(Diocesan Collection take up on December 11, 2022)	

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 1, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (43)	\$1,821.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 144)	
Loose	\$110.68
Online Giving (11)	\$480.00
Christmas Envelopes (15)	\$658.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes (32)	\$783.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,852.68
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-3,803.32)



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.



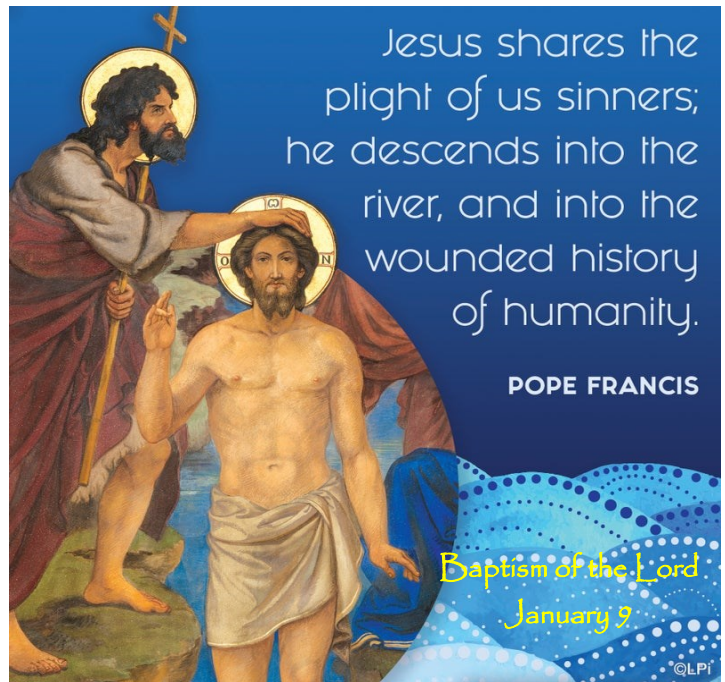
The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of January 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of William Barney.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of William Barney who recently passed away from Saint Thomas Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting This Week

Members of the Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425 will meet on Tuesday evening, January 10 at 6:30pm in the Saint Elizabeth Parish Center. All Brother Knights are encourage to attend. Please turn in your dues and Snowman Raffle Tickets, if you have not already done so. Thanks.



Readings for the week of January 8, 2023

- Sun.: Isaiah 60:1-6 ♦ Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11) ♦ Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 2:1-12
- Mon.: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38 ♦ Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b) ♦ Matthew 3:13-17
- Tues.: Hebrews 2:5-12 ♦ Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Mark 1:21-28 or Hebrews 1:1-6 and 2:5-12 ♦ Mark 1:14-20 and 1:21-28
- Wed.: Hebrews 2:14-18 ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Mark 1:29-39
- Thur.: Hebrews 3:7-14 ♦ Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 ♦ Mark 1:40-45
- Fri.: Hebrews 4:1-5, 11 ♦ Psalm 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 ♦ Mark 2:1-12
- Sat.: Hebrews 4:12-16 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15 ♦ Mark 2:13-17
- Next Sun.: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 ♦ Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 ♦ John 1:29-34

"Question of the Week" - The Epiphany of the Lord

Question for Children: In your life, who helps you to see Jesus in other people such as a classmate or a friend?

Question for Youth: Life can sometimes be rough: losing your home, moving, feeling fear or danger. How do you experience God being and staying with you in such times?

Question for Adults: How this past week did you demonstrate God's love at home and at work?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 24/25, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (44) \$2,562.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 113)
Loose \$196.43
Continuing the Vision \$1,000.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,758.43

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Dec. 25, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$170.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)
Total Offertory Income \$170.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,928.43
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-848.57)


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 Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

Religious Retirement Collection: (33) \$742.00
 (Diocesan Collection taken up on December 11, 2022)

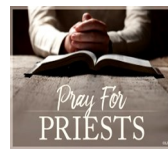
ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 1, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (42) \$1,625.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 115)
Loose \$205.00
Continuing the Vision \$180.00
Solemnity of Mary Envelopes (18) \$815.00
Christmas (10) \$261.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,086.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 1, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$180.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)
Total Offertory Income \$180.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,266.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,511.00)

 The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 8th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Paul Mongera.

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



Rev. David Perry, Rev. John Walsh, Rev. John Chaplin, Rev. Michael Kesicki, Rev. Michael Polinek, Rev. David Carter, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Wardanski

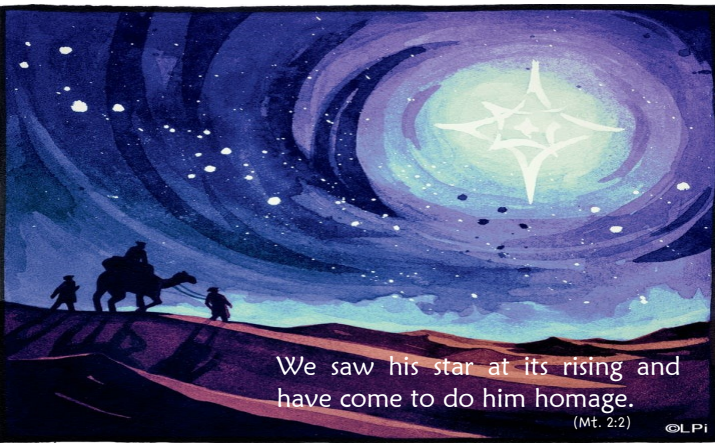
St. Teresa Rosary Altar TODAY


St. Teresa Rosary Altar member will meet TODAY—Epiphany Sunday, January 8, 2023 at 1:00pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. This will be a meeting and party for our members.

Knights of Columbus—Rescheduled 'Christmas Dinner'

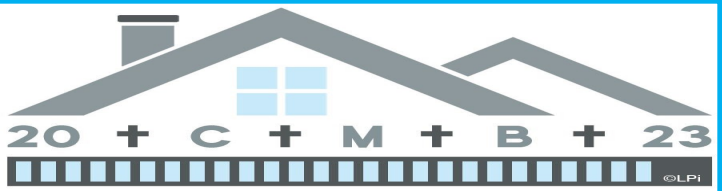
The St. Teresa Knights of Columbus have rescheduled the 'Christmas Dinner' which was cancelled on December 23rd due to inclement weather. **All are welcome to come and enjoy sharing a meal together on Saturday, January 14th from 5:00pm—7:00pm at the St. Teresa Parish Center.**

The dinner menu features Ham, Pierogi, Green Beans, Potatoes, and a Roll. Please feel free to bake and bring a dessert to share for all to enjoy. Donations will be accepted for the dinner.



 Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Paul Mongera who was buried from Saint Teresa Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

A Family Perspective
 Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



Traditionally on the feast of Epiphany, Catholics bless their homes by writing the letters C, M and B and the numbers of the year, for example 2022, at the top of their doors. The letters stand for the names of the three Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. They also represent the Latin blessing *Christus mansionem benedicat*, which means "May Christ bless this house."

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

- Sunday, January 8—Class
- Sunday, January 15—Class
- Sunday, January 22—Class
- Sunday, January 29—Class / Youth Mass today
- Sunday, February 5—No Class

“Unconditional love will have the final word.” –MLK

ERIE MARCH FOR LIFE

JANUARY 28, 2023 ★ 11 A.M.

- ◆ **Begins at Perry Square in Downtown Erie.**
- ◆ **Will conclude by 12:30 p.m. following a brief program.**
- ◆ **Please arrive by 10:45 a.m.**
- ◆ **Be a Voice for the Voiceless!**



The *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision of January 22, 1973 legalized abortion for virtually any reason during all nine months of pregnancy. More than 63 million lives have been lost to abortion since then. Although Roe has finally been overturned, the abortion culture it generated continues to claim many lives. Societal change still depends on people of good will raising their voices and asserting their basic values with conviction, compassion, and courage.

PEOPLE FOR LIFE

Located at 1625 W. 26th St., Erie
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(814) 882-1333
office@peopleforlife.org
www.facebook.com/PeopleforLife
www.PeopleforLife.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

We currently are unable 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 them in until we are able to accommodate your requests. Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: tweir@4LPi.com.

A Letter from our Bishop



January 2, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From the earliest days of my tenure as bishop of the Diocese of Erie, I have been committed to strong communications. While I am the shepherd of this diocese, all of us are on this journey of faith together.

That’s why I continue to take full advantage of every tool at our disposal to keep you informed about what is happening with the Catholic Church worldwide, across the United States and here in northwest Pennsylvania. This is no small effort, given the changing media landscape. We strive to reach you whether you prefer to read Faith magazine, receive the weekly Diocese of Erie-news in your email or find us through social media. This requires interacting on a variety of platforms in order to reach different audiences.

Thanks to your generous support of the annual Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection, all of these options and more remain available to you, free of charge.

We have a small but dedicated team of communications professionals not only working to share important information, but also to write and promote stories that inspire. People tell us they pass these stories along or discuss them with family and friends — a great way to begin conversations that open doors and hearts.

Please help me continue this essential outreach by participating in the **2023 Help Spread the Faith Communications Collection** scheduled for the weekend of January 21- 22.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Lawrence T. Persico
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

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 feel free to take a calendar or two for your families.

