

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church
(Union City)

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:45 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
(Canadohta Lake)
Weekend Masses
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.
Confessions: before Mass

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

● ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

● KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

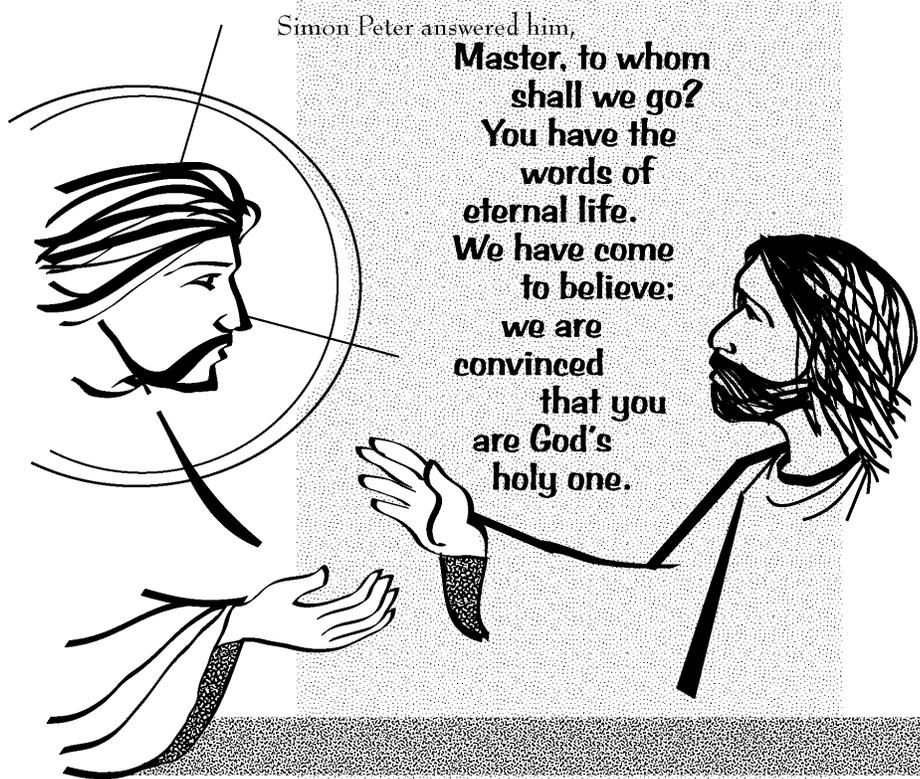
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494



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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 22, 2021

All things are of your will, my God!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 21

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Bernard Gluvna by The Michael Gluvna Family

Sunday, August 22 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Anna Amoroso by John Lutz

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Virginia Poninsky by William and Catherine Poninsky

10:45am (St. Teresa) Marjorie & Kenneth Hanlin Sr. by The Family

Monday, August 23 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Bill Jankowski by The Nighbor Family

Tuesday, August 24 St. Bartholomew

8:00am Communion Service

Wednesday, August 25 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of The Knights of Columbus by Corry Council #425

Thursday, August 26 Weekday

8:00am For The Poor Souls by Katherine Young

Friday, August 27 St. Monica

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Bernie Gluvna by Mickey & Mary Johnson

Saturday, August 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Sophie Combs by Ed & Irene Weaver

4:30pm (St Thomas) Rod, Marilyn, Mike & Marty by Lana, Punky & Jenna Messina

Sunday, August 29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Intentions of Our Parish Family

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Jean Dingee by Pat and Earl Brown

10:45am (St. Teresa) The Young Family by Katherine Young

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$2,120 for St. Teresa which includes \$2,039 in envelopes and \$81 in loose & \$436 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$220 in envelopes and \$216 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-0♦Matthew 23:13-22

Tue. Revelation 21:9b-14♦John 1:45-51

Wed 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13♦Matthew 23:27-32

Thur 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13♦ Matthew 22:1-1424:42-51

Fri. 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8♦ Matthew 25:1-13

Sat. 1 John 4:7-16♦Matthew 23:8-12

Sun. Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8♦ James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27♦Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Religious Education

ATTENTION PARENTS!! The Pre-K/Kindergarten class is back for the upcoming Religious Education school year! Registration is open for Pre-K/Kindergarten and any new students, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office for registration forms.

08/29 Parent Mtg K-11 9am

09/05 No Class

09/12 Class

09/19 Class

09/26 Youth Mass 11/Enroll 3rd (Children's Liturgy)

PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Lisa Lockwood, Religious Education Administrator or Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.

Goal - \$28,606

Amount Pledged to Date - \$29,097

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,232

Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

Marriage Moment Whether or not you've been able to take a vacation this past summer, you can still dream. If money were not an issue and you had the time, where would each of you love to go? You don't have to agree right now. This is just fantasy time.

SCHEDULES FOR AUGUST 28 & 29

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Ernie Ferro

Cheryl Mongera

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Pat Miller

Roger Pelc
Choir: Jeannie Stepnowski

ALTAR SERVERS

Luke Racop

Morgan Beer

Chapel bulletin of August 22, 2021

Sunday August 22 9:30AM
Virginia Poninsky by William and Catherine
Poninsky

Sunday August 29 9:30AM
Jean Dingee by Pat and Earl Brown

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

In life we face many important choices, and the readings today illustrate some of them. Married couples sacramentally committed to each other practice a foundational choice to love. In their self-sacrificing devotion to each other, we can glimpse the depths of Christ's love for the Church. We cannot deny it; many people step away from practicing their faith—at least temporarily. Similar to some of the disciples in today's Gospel, they find the ways of Jesus and the Church hard to accept. What are we to do as Christians adhering to the Word of God? Scripture makes it clear that Jesus and the Lord of Israel never forced adherence—rather He invited, urged and appealed. At the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse, Jesus asked His follower to make their choice for or against Christ. That is still how God works. As God commits Himself to His people, Jesus committed Himself to us.

WEEKLY OFFERING The collection of Sunday, August 15, was \$436.00 and included \$220.00 in 11 adult envelopes, and \$216.00 in loose money. The Chapel is grateful for your contributions that support the work of God here in this faith community.

COUNTY FAIR TIME Canadohta Lake and Our Lady of Fatima Chapel are situated in beautiful Crawford County. The 75th annual Crawford County Fair at Meadville began this weekend and runs through Saturday, August 28. The Crawford County Fair is the largest agricultural fair in the state of Pennsylvania. Visit the animal barns, see many vendors, and eat great food! Due to Covid restrictions and recommendations, some grandstand events and amusement rides may not be available. **Fair admission will be free to all attendees in 2021.**

LANDSCAPING With our summer season, we have experienced a decent balance of sun and rain to help the flowers bloom. Good growing weather is a prerequisite for attractive gardens; but it is good gardeners like Chapel members Pam Hunter and Sue Ober who have volunteered to plant the flowers and shrubs on the Chapel grounds. We thank them for their willingness to assume responsibility for the Chapel landscaping and are thankful that they continue to share their talent for gardening with us!

NOTEABLE SAINTS IN GOD'S KINGDOM Monday, August 24 is the feast of St. Bartholomew, one of the original 12 apostle. Tradition states that he preached throughout Persia, Mesopotamia, and Phrygia and was martyred for his faith. Friday, August 27 we remember St. Monica who turned to prayer to convert her son, Augustine. The memorial of St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church is on Saturday, August 28. Through his mother's prayers, he was baptized at age twenty – eight, and the rest is history.

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe ...that you are the Holy One of God."

A Family Perspective Even though many found the teachings of Jesus "difficult", He did not back down. In our families, it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

Please Pray for our Priests Rev. John J. Detisch, Rev. Philip M. Oriole, Rev. Marc J. Solomon, Rev. Robert A. Manning, Rev. Thomas E. Brown, Rev. Joseph C. Gregorek, Rev. William J. O'Brien

Masses for our deceased loved ones: The Church teaches us to pray for the dead that they may live eternally in the presence of God. There is no greater prayer than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. If you wish to have a memorial Mass said, please place your request in the collection basket, and include your name and contact information and the name(s) of the deceased. If you wish, you may request a specific date and time for the Mass; however, please be aware that the date and time you request may already be filled, in which case the Mass will be scheduled as close as possible to your request. Alternatively, you may contact Natalie Wilmoth directly at 814-397-4933 to arrange a specific schedule. The normal donation of \$10 should also be placed in the envelope with your request.

Parenting Pointers If your kids are of school age, it will soon be time to return. Most schools will be different post pandemic – even if it means going back to almost normal. Of course you’ll talk about this, but also listen – to what they’ve learned during 2020-21 and what they fear.

The **2021-22 RCIA Program**, which instructs and initiates non-Catholic Christians and non-Christians into the fullness of the Catholic Church, begins this year with an orientation meeting on September 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the conference room of St. Thomas Rectory. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this instructional time, please contact Fr. Skip through the parish office, 814-663-3041, ASAP, and he will be glad to provide the details. Hope to see a few of you join us this year! God bless . . .

The Faith Formation Office of the Diocese of Erie has spent months coordinating an initiative to ensure that people feel welcome as they return to public worship. Over the next six months, the *Remembering Our Sunday Story* effort will provide an array of resources, from prayer cards and bulletin announcements to social media posts and a pastoral letter from Bishop Lawrence Persico. Watch for the logo indicating the information is part of the effort to make sure the return to parish life after the pandemic is transformative. Stories about the effort can be found at www.nwpaCatholic.com .

***We also will serve the Lord
(Joshua 24:18)***

As he is nearing the end of his life, Joshua wants to make sure his people will remain faithful to God. And so he asks them, *Will you serve the Lord your God, or the foreign gods of your neighbors?*

We already know the outcome; we know how often the Israelites failed to keep their covenant with God. Yet it was not actually these particular people who turned away from God but a “later generation” who “did not know the Lord or the work He had done for Israel” (Judges 2:10).

So how do the people gathered before Joshua that day keep their covenant? Notice that when they make their vows, they recall what God has already done for them. He has led them out of slavery, protected them on their journey to the Promised Land, and driven out the people who dwelt there (Joshua 24:16-18). Perhaps it’s because they are so aware of God’s goodness, faithfulness, and mighty deeds that they are able to make – and keep – their promises to Him.

We all struggle at times to keep our commitments to the Lord. How often have we made a resolution in morning prayer only to break it by noon! But when we face the inevitable temptation to serve other “gods,” perhaps we can follow the lead of these Israelites by recalling what God has done for us.

The next you’re battling a temptation, you could recall the Father’s goodness in sending His Son to become one of us. Or His mercy in forgiving your sins. Or the gift of Jesus’ Body and Blood in the Eucharist. Or the “mighty deeds” He’s accomplished in your own life.

Reflecting on such truths will give you greater confidence that God’s abundant grace can help you overcome every sin. Then, filled with love and gratitude, you’ll be able to say wholeheartedly with Joshua, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (24:15).

“Father, let me never forget what you’ve done for me”

