



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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9 Third Avenue  
Union City, PA 16438

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

May 15, 2022

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



"I give you a new commandment:  
love one another." - Jn 13:34a

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## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
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Is that the sun? And warmth? And.....maybe even a smile on our faces! Thank you, Jesus! I hope you have found some way to enjoy the weather last week! God willing we will see more of that!!!!

I am blessed to announce that Melissa Silka has accepted a new position with us as the Business Manager for our combined Parish Office. Missy currently serves as our Director of Faith Formation, and she will continue to do so. Her credentials (BS in Management and Marketing, MBA from Penn State University, and over 18 years working for Erie Insurance) will be an extraordinary asset to our Parishes, and will greatly assist us in carrying out the mission entrusted to our care. She and her husband Nick, and her sons Lucas and Liam, are parishioners of St. Teresa. Missy will begin this position immediately, but is also still in the process of transitioning from her previous employment. The exact responsibilities of her role with us will continue to be fleshed out as part of our Office transition and in accord with the needs of our Parishes. In the meantime, as we continue to follow the Holy Spirit in seeking new paths of possibility for our Parishes, please keep Missy in your prayers.

I mentioned last week or so that I was looking into the possibility of air conditioning for our Churches. The initial estimates are as follows (and since none of our building are forced air heat, it's a more complicated situation) For St. Thomas Church, the estimate is about \$25,000. For St. Teresa, about \$15,000, and for Our Lady of Fatima about \$12,000. So, I put this out there to you....to respond if you feel so inspired and would like to support such a project at your Church. It's 2022—and it's just a fact of life that such a situation is a normal part of how we live. Imagine going to the hospital or the bank or a restaurant without air conditioning—how much more should we want to ensure a welcoming and comfortable atmosphere for our worship spaces. Maybe it's just me, but it's what I would consider normal and expected. So, I put it to you! Think about it, pray about it....and sweat in the meantime.

And speaking of taking care of what is entrusted to us around here, only one has responded to helping us beautify our outside spaces at our Parishes. Think about helping with that one too!

I will be away this coming week, so a special thanks to our Deacons who will be doing Communion Services in lieu of daily Mass. God bless their ministry of Charity in our Parishes!

However you may be spending this week, I pray it is a good one — free of any skunks or other woodland creatures intruding on your life.

God help us all! - Fr. Matt



#### Monday, May 16

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

#### Tuesday, May 17

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

#### Wednesday, May 18

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

#### Thursday, May 19

NO Mass or Service Today at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

#### Friday, May 20

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

#### Saturday, May 21— Mass at St. Thomas, Corry

4:30p.m. Intentions of Our Parish Family

#### Sunday, May 22

8:45a.m. †Sally Griebel by Family (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. †Patricia Arlet by Family (St. Teresa)

#### 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

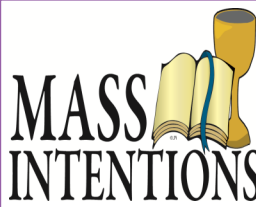
Please contact the Parish office to schedule a Baptism.

#### 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.



**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 Chapel, 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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## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 7/8, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (76) .....	\$3,498.00
Loose .....	\$87.00
Online Giving .....	\$260.00
Father's Day Memorial .....	\$10.00
<b>Total Offertory Income .....</b>	<b>\$3,855.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory) .....</b>	<b>*\$4,038.00</b>
<b>Difference .....</b>	<b>\$(-183.00)</b>

Actual Average Weekly Offertory .....	*\$3,733.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	*\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses .....	*\$5,957.00

*\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

*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.***

**Good Shepherd Collection (additional) .....\$105.00**



*Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at*

***www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.***

### A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus tells us: "Love one another." Love holds a family together. It is not what a family *does* which makes it outstanding, rather it is what it *has* — love for one another.



**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (665-6944),

Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).

*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.*

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 5/9):

**Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,489.00

Total Paid to date = \$30,824.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 115

# of Families who did not pledge = 230

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.**

**VIBRANT, DYNAMIC  
CHURCH NEEDS**

**YOU!**



**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of May 15<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of loved ones lost to cancer.**



**The EASTER (Paschal) CANDLE at St. Thomas Church this year has been gifted by an anonymous donor, in memory of a special intention.**

### St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be meeting this Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00pm in the multipurpose room at Saint Thomas. Hope to see you there! Ladies of the parish wishing to join the Altar Rosary Society are always welcome.

### Seeking More Voices for our Parish Choir

This is an open invitation for anyone from our parishes in Corry and Union City interested in singing with the St. Thomas Choir to please join us Monday evenings at 6:00pm at St Thomas Church. Especially needed are sopranos and tenors. All are welcome to come fellowship, sing, and pray with us!!!



### Baccalaureate Mass for St. Thomas Seniors

We will be honoring graduates of Corry Area High School Class of 2022 at the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, June 5 (Pentecost Sunday).

If you are a parish member and a graduating senior, please let us know so you can be recognized at Mass. Contact the parish office. Thank you!

### THANK YOU from the Corry Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights #425 would like to thank everyone that helped to make the 2022 Corry Barber Institute Campus fundraiser so successful. Chairman Paul Wascak was the organizer and reported that \$900.00 will be donated to the Corry Gertrude Barber Campus. Thank you!



### Kentucky Mission Trip for High School Students

This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the diocesan Kentucky Mission trip. All high school students from throughout the Diocese of Erie are invited to register now for the trip, scheduled for June 11-17. If interested, email Father Mike DeMartinis at [mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com](mailto:mike.demartinis@prep-villa.com).

### "Question of the Week" - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Question for Children:** How do you make obvious that you love your family and friends?

**Question for Youth:** The world is full of examples of people who don't love others. What are the results of hate that you see in the world? How would the world be different if we followed Jesus' commandment?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus' commandment to love another is a challenge. What will you do this week to deepen the love you have for those around you in life?

## St. Teresa Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 8, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (40) .....	\$1,070.00
Loose .....	\$122.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$1,192.00
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	*\$1,415.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$223.00

<b>Actual Average Weekly Offertory</b> .....	*\$2,163.00
<b>Budgeted Weekly Expenses</b> .....	*\$2,274.00
<b>Actual Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	*\$3,695.00

*\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

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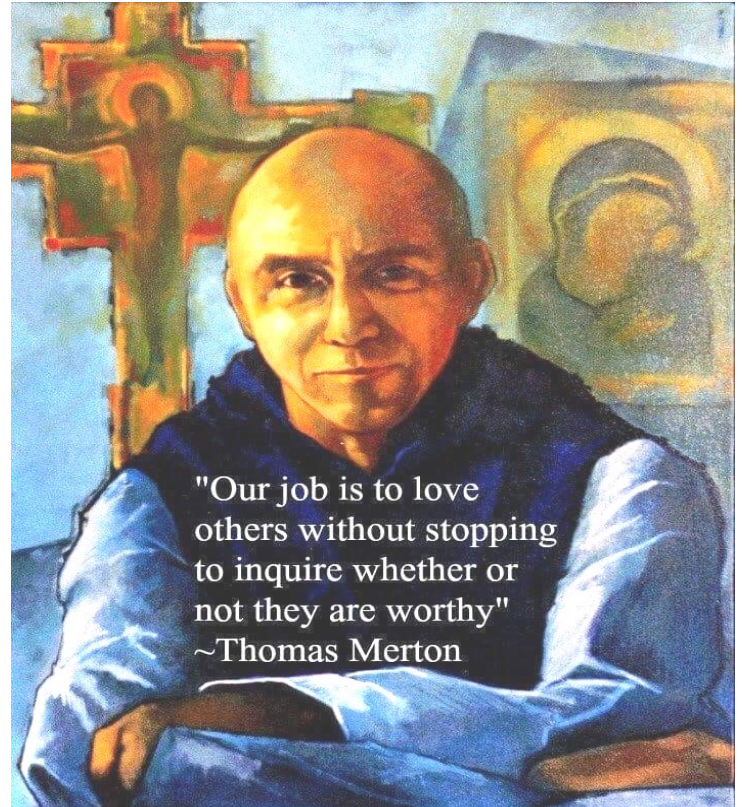
### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 8, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (7).....	\$390.00
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### Lawn Festival Meeting

There will be a Lawn Festival meeting TODAY, Sunday, May 15, after the 10:45am Mass at St. Teresa in the parish center. Please attend if you would like to help with this great event!

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of William 'Bill' Dinsmore who was buried last week from St. Teresa Parish. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



### Reverse Raffle

Our Reverse Raffle was a huge success with a profit of \$6,348.05. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this success! A very special 'Thank You' to Ed & Irene Weaver, Larry & Rowena Watts, and Patty Miller who are stepping down after many years of chairing and working this fundraiser. We also wish to thank Kim & Larry Yapple who agreed to chair this event going forward.

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule at St. Teresa Church for May 22 Mass at 10:45am

**LECTOR—Elizabeth Moon**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER—Tom Kunzen**

Choir: Kelly Young

**ALTAR SERVER—Allie Anderson**

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon	Acts 14:5-18 ♦ John 14:21-26
Tue.	Acts 14:19-28 ♦ John 14:27-31a
Wed	Acts 15:1-6 ♦ John 15:1-8
Thurs.	Acts 15:7-21 ♦ John 15:9-11
Fri.	Acts 15:22-31 ♦ John 15:12-17
Sat.	Acts 16:1-10 ♦ John 15:18-21
Sun.	Acts 15:1-2 ♦ Revelation 21:10-14 ♦ John 14:23-29

### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 PM

#### •Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

#### •Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term

#### •Scripture Discussion Group

1:00pm Wednesdays (Sept.—May)

#### •Parish Center Rental

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 5/9):

**Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$31,265.00

Total Paid to date = \$22,825.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 79

# of Families who did not pledge = 215

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  
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## NEW MASS SCHEDULE Effective May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022:

**Memorial Day weekend  
through Labor Day weekend:**

**Saturday: 4:00PM at St. Thomas Church**

**Sunday: 8:00AM at St. Thomas Church**

**9:30AM at St. Teresa Church**

**11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima  
Church**

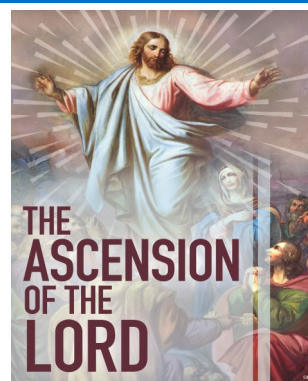
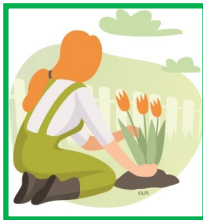
### School Year/Non-Summer Schedule:

**Saturday: 4:00PM – alternating monthly  
between Sts. Thomas and Teresa Churches**

**Sunday: 8:00AM – St. Thomas Church  
10:00AM – St. Teresa Church**

### Spring Cleanup

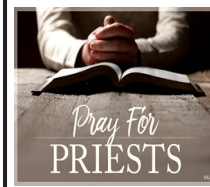
We are in need of some help doing some Spring Cleanup around our Churches. If you would be willing and able to help with some yardwork, gardening, painting, or the like, please contact the Parish Office! Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!



### Mass Times for the Holy Day NEXT WEEK

There will be 2 Masses offered for the Holy Day of Obligation:

- Wed., May 25—7:00pm  
Vigil Mass at St. Teresa Church, Union City
- Thurs., May 26—8:00am  
Mass at St. Thomas Church, Corry



Rev. John M Fischer, Rev T Shane Matthew, Rev. Msgr. Joseph K. Bobal, Rev Richard Tomasone, Rev Peter Pierjok, Rev. Msgr. John J Herbein, Rev Jeffery J Noble, and continue to Pray for Vocations.

### Diocesan Anniversary Celebration

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2:00pm at St. Mary in St. Marys and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the parish office or the Family Life Office at (814) 824-1210.

*Happy Anniversary*

*I will praise your name forever, my King and my God.*

## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News



Congratulations to those third graders who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday, May 7 during the 4:30pm Mass at Saint Thomas Church.

Pictured here with Deacon Bill Saborsky and Fr. Matt are Joshua VanCise, Samuel Johnson, George Weis, and Dominic Proy. *May they draw closer to Jesus in the Eucharist at every Mass.*

### News About the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Erie Diocese

*Parents: Have you heard what's happening with confirmation in the diocese?* The faith formation experience for 6<sup>th</sup>- through 12<sup>th</sup>-graders is changing in the Diocese of Erie. Parents are invited to participate in a Zoom session on Monday, May 23 to find out how the diocese and parishes are committed to journeying with young people in ways that bring them closer to Jesus and their Catholic faith. Learn the when, where, why and how of this change, and pose questions to the Faith Formation team of the diocese. Choose to attend any one of the sessions — scheduled on May 23 at 2:00pm, 6:00pm and 7:45pm — and log on at <https://bit.ly/3MPYts6>.



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