

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

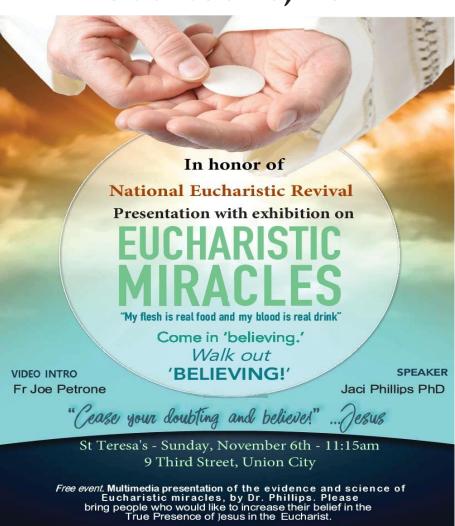
# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND

ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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

## November 6, 2022



### 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.

"This is the first time in my life that I actually believe it's really Jesus" - Participant

Rev. Matthew J. Strickenberger Pastor pastor@stparish.org

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#### Melissa Silka

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**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish** www.stthomastheapostle.church

#### Saint Teresa of Avila Parish www.st-teresa-unioncitv.org

**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

#### "Question of the Week" - 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

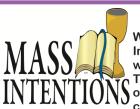
Question for Children: God always stays with you, no matter what. What signs can you see to help you believe that?

Question for Youth: Death is a hard reality in our human life, but if we believe in the resurrection, we know it isn't the end of the journey. How does your belief in heaven affect the way you live?

Question for Adults: Having faith in difficult times is hard! What makes you believe in the promise that God will be your strength, as Paul says?







#### 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 Church, 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.



#### Monday, November 7

(St. Teresa, Union City)

#### Tuesday, November 8

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry Wednesday, November 9

8:00a.m. ⊕Deacon Bill Sproveri by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (St. Thomas, Corry)

#### Thursday, November 10

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

#### Friday, November 11

(St. Teresa, Union City)

#### Saturday, November 12

4:00p.m. ⊕Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters by Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)

#### Sunday, November 13

Groner (St. Thomas, Corry)

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



Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Very Rev. Richard Tomasone, Rev. Raymond Gramata, Rev. Msgr. Bernard Urbaniak, Rev. William Laska, Rev. Msgr. PRIESTS Andrew Karg, and Rev. Howard King

This is National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 6-12). Please continue to pray for more vocations in our diocese.

#### **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.

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 either St. Thomas Church, Corry or St. Teresa Church, Union City (where Mass being held); and by request made to the parish office.

## St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:	October 30, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (58)	\$2,452.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number o	f Unused Envelopes: 129)
Loose	\$128.00
Online Giving (10)	\$300.00
Faith Formation Envelopes ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$2,880.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00

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

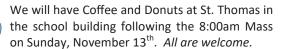
www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.



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,



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of November 6<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ann Dyne by family.



#### **Homebound Ministry Visits**

If you or a loved one is unable to attend Mass and would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister, please call Pat at 814-964-3262 or call the parish office. Thank you.

## 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/31):

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

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$46,904.00 Total Paid to date = \$44,469.00 # of Families who made a pledge = 133

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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.





#### Thank You to the Corry Knights of Columbus

St. Thomas Parish wishes to thank the Corry Knights of Columbus for their generous gift of \$2,100 to the parish from their fundraising efforts selling gate tickets at this year's Spartansburg Fair. The parish is truly grateful for their gift. Picture above is Fr. Matt receiving the Knights' check from Treasurer, John Zaczkiewicz, after a recent Mass. Again, we are grateful to the Knights for all their charitable efforts to our parish and community!



#### Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

The Corry Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. 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 until November 16. Thank you for your continued support!

#### Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be selling pastries again this year. The dates of the sale will be before and after both

Masses the weekends of November 12/13 and November 19/20. **Cost is \$15 for Kolachi and \$12 for Baklava.** As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



#### Help Needed for Our Fall Cemetery Clean-Up

The fall cemetery clean-up will be held at both St. Thomas Cemetery and St. Elizabeth Cemetery on Saturday, November 12 beginning at 9:00am. We will be removing limbs & sticks, old flowerpots and urns, flags from the veteran's markers and any other items left on graves. Please come and join us while we work to keep our cemeteries safe and beautiful. Bring your gloves!! Many hands make for light work! Thank you!

## St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:	• •	
Amount in Envelopes: (60)	\$1,550.00	
(Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 97)		
Loose	\$315.00	
Continuing the Vision Envelope (2)	\$140.00	
Total Offertory Income	\$2,005.00	
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OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP:	• •	
Amount in Envelopes: (7)	\$135.00	
(Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)		
Continuing the Vision Envelope ()	\$0.00	
Total Offertory Income	\$135.00	
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St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income	\$2,140.00	
Average Weekly Expenses	\$4,777.00	
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-2,637.00)	

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or

Our Lady of Fatima Church.

#### Thank You from St. Teresa Cemetery

St. Teresa Cemetery wishes to thank Ed Weaver, Jr. for all his help in moving a monument at the cemetery recently. We are grateful for giving of your time and talents to help restore and beautify our parish cemetery. Thanks again!

#### St. Teresa Rosary Altar Meeting THIS WEEK

St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will meet on Monday, Nov. 7 at 4:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. We hope all members will attend. Thank you.

#### **Thanksgiving Food Baskets**

We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving for those in need. If 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 may people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave your donations at the back of Saint Teresa church. Thank you in advance for your donations.

#### 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

Parish Center Rental

Contact the Parish Office: 814-663-3041



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 6<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Larry Kozik.

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.

#### A Note of Thanks from Father Tom Suppa

My sincere gratitude to all the wonderful people who helped make my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration such wonderful and lasting memory. Those who planned the Liturgy and those who came and participated made our worship more than special! For those who planned the party, I could not have been more pleased for the all the work that had gone into make it such a delightful event. People have been constantly telling me how much they enjoyed our special gathering. While you came to honor me on my birthday, the celebration belonged to you as well, and I honor all of you. In our honoring of one another, let's make sure that we honor the God in His providential love and care brought us all together as His sons and daughters! Also, a special thanks to Father Matt Strickenberger who cooperated and supported those who planned and implemented the day. Thank you and God bless you all! - Fr. Tom



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Larry Kozik who was buried this past week from Saint Teresa Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

#### Mass Readings for the Week of November 6, 2022

Sun.: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14 ◆2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5 ◆ Luke 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

Mon.: Titus 1:1-9 ♦ Luke 17:1-6

Tues.: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14 ♦ Luke 17:7-10

Wed.: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 ◆1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 ◆

John 2:13-22

Thur.: Philemon 7-20 ♦ Luke 17:20-25

Fri.: 2 John 4-9 ♦ Luke 17:26-37 Sat.: 3 John 5-8 ♦ Luke 18:1-8

Next Sun.: Malachi 3:19-20a ♦ 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 ♦ Luke 21:5-19

## 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/31): Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,505.00

Total Paid to date = \$33,470.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 93

# of Families who did not pledge = 201

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. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

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# NOVEMBER 8 ELECTION 2022

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP PERSICO AND A GUIDE AS YOU PREPARE TO VOTE

To learn more online, go to https://www.eriercd.org/election2022.html

It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a Spirit of Truth. Justice. Solidarity. And Freedom.

CCC 2239 / Election Day

#### 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

# **IMPORTANT**

Partnered Parish Office Temporarily Moved to School Building We wish to let everyone know that our Partnered Parish Office is now (or once again) located in the former St. Thomas School Building on the basement level. Unfortunately, our newly renovated Partnered Parish Office is experiencing water and mold damage which must repaired before we can have the public (and employees) back in that space. If you need to visit the Parish Office in person, please ring the bell at the door located on the front of the school building on the east corner where the awning is located. You may also call or email us if you need to reach us. We will be under repairs for a few weeks, so please keep us in your prayers. Thank you.

#### Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items

Items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to Sue Johnston in the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to secretary@stparish.org. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Please know that with the holidays we will have earlier bulletin submission deadlines, so the sooner you have your items to the office—the better.

## Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

#### **Religious Education Classes in Session**

Our Religious Education Classes are now meeting. Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry will attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former



school building. Union City students will attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center. If you have not yet registered your children for Religious Education, it's not too late, call the parish office.

#### Class Schedule for November

Sunday, Nov. 6— Class

Sunday, Nov. 13—Class w/Sacrament Enrollment at Mass Sunday, Nov. 20—Class

Sunday, Nov. 27—No Class / Youth Mass





#### **Bookkeeper Position Available**

As part of the newly combining Parish Office for Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes, we are looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This position will be approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested,

please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka at the St. Thomas Office 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org

## WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER 2022

	St. Thomas (Seats 350)	St. Teresa (Seats 225)
Total Attendance October 2022:	634	931
Average Attendance per Mass:	127	93
Average Empty Seats per Mass:	223	132