



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

June 25, 2023



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

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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
www.stthomastheapostle.church

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

New Priest Announced

It was announced at all Masses last weekend that a new pastor has been assigned for Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. Father Thomas J. Whitman will be joining our partnered parishes on July 11. He is currently the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Sharon, where he has been for the last 12 years. Please continue to pray for our new pastor, the parish in which he will be departing, and for our parishes.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico
 Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 will be held in our area on **Sunday, August 6 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00pm**. Couples may complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, call the parish office or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21.

We Are the Church

People make up the church, not buildings. Our **Parishioners**, staff, and clergy affect the future direction of our parishes. We need your help to REVIVE our churches! Parishioners are invited to join us for brainstorming meetings to share ideas to help our parishes. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18 at St. Teresa Parish Center at 6:30pm and a second meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8 at 6:30pm. Imagine the possibilities TOGETHER! *Hope to see you there.*

Moving Back to the Partnered Parish Office

The repairs to the partnered parish office are finished (only a few touchups to do and unpacking, of course)! Flooring and drywall have been replaced. The office staff packed items and moved them back to the partnered parish office in the former convent building over the last two weeks. We are no longer in the basement of the former school building. Thank you for your patience as we transitioned buildings, again. We are grateful for everyone's prayers as we get things settled at the partnered parish office building in back of St. Thomas Church. *Come visit us—we would love to see you!*

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sun.: Jeremiah 20:10-13 ♦ Psalm 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c) ♦
 Romans 5:12-15 ♦ Matthew 10:26-33
 Mon.: Genesis 12:1-9 ♦ Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22 ♦ Matthew 7:1-5
 Tues.: Genesis 13:2, 5-18 ♦ Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 ♦ Matthew 7:6, 12-14
 Wed.: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 ♦
 Matthew 7:15-20
 Thur.: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Galatians 1:11-20 ♦
 John 21:15-19 // Day: Acts 12:1-11 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦
 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19
 Fri.: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ♦ Matthew 8:1-4
 Sat.: Genesis 18:1-15 ♦ Luke 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55 ♦
 Matthew 8:5-17
 Next Sun.: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a ♦ Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a) ♦
 Romans 6:3-4, 8-11 ♦ Matthew 10:37-42

**Sunday, June 25**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased and Living Members of the Vinca and Buccolini Families by Steve & Julie Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. ✠ Lucy & John Zethner and Nick Brinsky by Elaine Rusilko and family (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Monday, June 26

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

Tuesday, June 27

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

Wednesday, June 28

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

Thursday, June 29

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

Friday, June 30

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Saturday, July 1

- 4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, July 2

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Dick Lowry by Punk & Lana Messina (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. ✠ Cheryl O'Neil by St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. ✠ Van, Gerry, and David Vandever by Mark & Maureen Vandever and family (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

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: 3:30pm—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: June 17 & 18, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (75)\$2,527.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 99)

Loose\$287.00

Online Giving (9)\$295.00

Total Offertory Income\$3,109.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-4,547.00)

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'.



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 June 29th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Christine Dyne Silver by Pat Keys.



Work Sessions for Our Church Garden Beds

Thanks to everyone who has been helping spruce up the flower beds around our parish properties. We will be working again, weather permitting, on Thursday, June 29 at 7:30am at Saint Elizabeth Parish Center and on Thursday, July 6 at 6:00pm at Saint Thomas Church. Please bring your own garden tools. We hope you will join us. If you have any questions, please call Lois Woodcock (814-462-4948) who is generously spearheading the garden project. We appreciate her dedication to beautifying our parish gardens.



FUELING the MISSION
together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/04):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,355.00

Total Paid to date = \$34,275.00

of Families who made a pledge = 104

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

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

Be sure to make your check payable to

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

Thank you to those who already made their pledge to this year's CSA. Please remember, that every dollar raised above our diocesan goal stays right here in the parish to help with our designated project of much needed repairs to the church roof at St. Thomas. *Remember, no gift is too large or too small!*

A Family Perspective

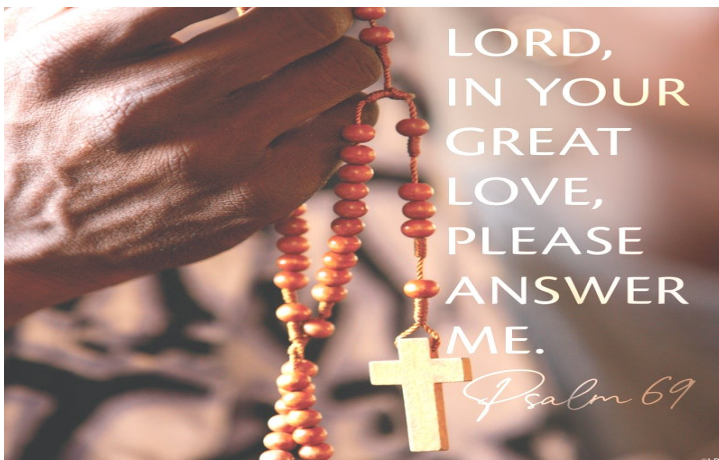
Jesus says, "Do not be afraid" three times in today's gospel and reminds us "all concealed secrets will be revealed." Do not be afraid to acknowledge problems in your family. If they remain "hidden in darkness" they will "destroy body and soul." Healing, understanding and hope are found only "in the light" of openness. "Do not be afraid."

Did You Remember Your Baby Bottle?

Baby bottles for the LifeCare fundraiser were due to be returned to the church by June 18. If you forgot your bottle/donation, please bring it to the church or parish office as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting LifeCare.



**The eyes of all look to you, Lord
and you give them their food
in due season.** Psalm 145



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Teach your child to protect him/herself at home: We consider our homes to be safe places for our children but being home alone can pose risks for children. Here are a few tips to teach kids that will help keep them safe when you are not at home: Teach your child to never answer the door if home alone. Teach them to never tell anyone, on the phone, on social media, or while gaming, that their parents are not home. Make a rule to not allow friends into the home without the permission of a parent or babysitter. Have your child check in with Mom or Dad at set times during the day. Parents should reinforce the rules each time they leave their child home alone. For additional parent resources visit: www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 18, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (57) \$1,547.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)
Loose \$83.00
Continuing the Vision (0) \$55.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,685.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: June 18, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (10) \$410.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 20)
Loose \$160.00
Total Offertory Income \$570.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,255.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,522.00)

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



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/30)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,390.00

Total Paid to date = \$31,960.00

of Families who made a pledge = 78

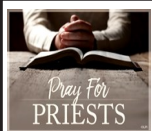
Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

Please make a pledge today. Thank you.

Be sure to make your check payable to

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

Thank you to those who already made their pledge to this year's CSA. WE REACHED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL! **All money raised now goes directly to the parish to help with our designated project of much needed repairs to the roofs at both St. Teresa Church and St. Teresa Parish Center. Remember, no gift is too large or too small!**



Please pray for All Priests in our diocese, both active and retired; also Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie.

Quo Vadis Days

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men in grades 9-12 who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation. Quo Vadis Days will be held July 30 – Aug. 2 at St. Mark Seminary, 429 E. Grandview Blvd., Erie. The registration form can be found at www.erievocations.org/events/quo-vadis-days. Contact Father Scott Jabo, vocations director, with any questions at 814.824.1198 or SWJabo@eriercd.org.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our loved ones.

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

St. Teresa Parish's Lawn Festival

Thursday, July 20, 2023



We are in need of the following items to make our festival a success: Plants, Items for the Chinese Auction, 2 liter bottles of pop (lots of them), baked goods, and YOUR TIME. If you can help working one of the many booths for a couple of hours, please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Please find raffle tickets and signs in the back of the church. Sold tickets can be returned in an envelope marked 'Lawn Festival' and placed in the collection basket or returned the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. There will be a meeting after the 10:00am Mass on Sunday, June 25 in the St. Teresa Parish Center for anyone who would like to attend. Thank you.

Flower Gardens at St. Teresa Parish

We wish to thank Amy Smith who is overseeing the beautification of the flower beds around our parish. Her care and loving nature with plants is evident—just take a look the next time you are at Mass.



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.

Did You Remember Your Baby Bottles for the Knights?

St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus collected baby bottles filled with change to support pro-life efforts. Bottles were due back June 18. Please return your baby bottle to any Union City Knight at Mass or the parish office. Thank you for your support.

Mac & Cheese for Sale

There are two trays of Mac & Cheese available for \$10 each which have been in the freezer from our parish's Fish Dinners. Please call the parish office or Becky Boleratz at 814-572-8126 if interested in purchasing one or both.

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

**A Letter from our Bishop**

June 12, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. As every year, the **Peter's Pence Collection** will be taken throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. **This year the collection will be taken in our parishes on the weekend of July 1 and 2.**

Your support of this collection helps make it possible for Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to carry out his charitable works around the world, including emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster, and disease.

Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical and social facilities in developing nations.

Thank you for standing in solidarity with the Holy See's charitable works through your generosity. Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in the faith who are facing adversity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie



Our Lady of Fatima
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Our Lady of Fatima News**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

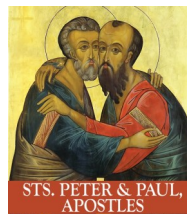
So many in our world live in fear. The news broadcasts mass shootings, hostility towards churches, synagogues and mosques, gang bloodshed, and innocent lives lost. Jesus speaks to us directly today and tells us to fear no one. Our scriptures remind us of God's care for each of us. The message may be simple, but it is not easy to live the lesson. We must pray with the hope that even if we are victims of violence or persecution, we will never be separated from the love of God. Jesus has conquered sin and death and therefore, with faith we acknowledge that we are the beneficiaries of Jesus' sacrifice, and give thanks.

Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are in loving memory of John and Lucy Zethner and their great grandson Nick Brinsky, donated by Elaine Rusilko and family.

Presentation of the Gifts

We invite people within Our Lady of Fatima assembly to participate in taking up the gifts. The presentation of the gifts of bread and wine and our monetary offering are a significant liturgical action. These gifts represent the work of our human hands; our accomplishments which are possible with God's help. If the Mass is offered for your intention, or if there is not a specific individual memorialized at the Mass, let the ushers know that you are willing to present the gifts. Please help to represent the faith community of Our Lady of Fatima by taking part in this ministry.

**Solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles**

This Thursday, June 29, we commemorate Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, who were martyred around the year 64 AD. Though they differed in their methodology, they never lost sight of the goal to preach Christ who was crucified, rose from the dead and lives with us still. They have been remembered on this day since the third century. Peter was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to die in the same way as Christ. Paul was slain by beheading, because as a Roman citizen he was not allowed to be subjected to the indignity of crucifixion.

In the Eucharist,
the Son of God
desires to
become one
with us.



Say "I do" for a lifetime.

www.ErieRCD.org/EucharisticRevival.html


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"Question of the Week" - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Name a time when you were afraid and Jesus helped you.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that he will remember us to his Father if we proclaim him to others. How easy is it for you to talk about your faith with your friends? How about your family or people you don't know very well?

Question for Adults: What is your responsibility to Jesus? How and when will you carry out that responsibility?

2023 SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

Begins May 27th, 2023**Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends****Saturday****4:30PM at St. Thomas Church, Corry****Sunday****8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry****10:00AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City**

**11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church,
Canadohta Lake**

Confessions**Saturdays from 3:30pm—4:00pm at St. Thomas Church**

- OR - by appointment, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041)