



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

August 13, 2023



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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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
www.st-teresa-unioncity.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

Notes from the Pastor

REQUIREMENTS TO BE A SPONSOR OR A GODPARENT: Probably one of the most misunderstood realities in the church is what it means to be a member of a church and how one attains a form to be a sponsor for confirmation or a godparent for baptism. If you are asked to be a sponsor or a godparent, you will need a letter, or a form, from the parish where you belong (where you are a member) that states you fulfill the requirements to be a sponsor or a godparent. Let me explore those two realities: the requirements for being a sponsor or a godparent and what it means to be a registered member.

The requirements to be a sponsor or a godparent include all of these:

1. You are a registered member of a parish;
2. You have received Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, in the Roman Catholic Church;
3. You practice your faith by attending mass each weekend;
4. If you are married, your marriage is recognized by the Church (either you were married in the Roman Catholic church or you were given permission to have your marriage outside of the church).

What does it mean to be a registered member of a parish church? All adult Catholics are required to be registered as members of a parish church. If you are no longer being claimed as a dependent by your parents, then you are considered an adult and need to register for membership in a parish. Those who are still being claimed as dependents are considered members under their parents' membership.

Sometimes people think that because they received their sacraments at St. Thomas or St. Teresa that they are members of that parish. Sacraments are received as a right or privilege that you have because you are a member of a parish. Sacraments do not make you a member. Membership is determined by registration: filling out a physical form, receiving envelopes and contributing to the parish by time, talent, and/or treasure. If you live in Arizona, you need to register in the parish where you go to church in Arizona. The church where you attend Mass on Sunday is the parish where you should be registered at. Again, because you received your sacraments at St. Thomas or St. Teresa does not automatically make you a member of St. Thomas or St. Teresa. If you live in Arizona it would be difficult for you to attend Mass here each week and thus claim to be a member of St. Thomas or St. Teresa. It is also important for young adults who are no longer living with their parents, and no longer being claimed as dependents by their parents, to register on their own. Sacraments can be received at any Catholic church, but you register in the church where you attend Mass on Sunday. Your sponsor certificate comes from the church where you attend Mass on Sunday, not from the church where you received your sacraments. The very heart of being a sponsor or godparent is that you are practicing your faith by attending Mass each week.

- Fr. Tom

**Sunday, August 13**

- 8:00a.m. ✠Rod, Marilyn & Mike Knowlton and Marty Roehrig by Punk, Lana, and Jenna Messina (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. ✠Mr. & Mrs. William Rowan by Mark & Maureen Vandaveer (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Monday, August 14

- 8:00a.m. ✠Cheryl O'Neil by an altar server (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 7:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 15—Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00a.m. ✠Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 16

- 8:00a.m. ✠Dan Ahl by Shirley Skiff (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 17

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

Friday, August 18

- 8:00a.m. ✠Fr. Matthew Ruyechan by a friend (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 19

- 4:30p.m. ✠Bill Kibler by Joe & Anne Marie Fry (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, August 20

- 8:00a.m. ✠Deacon Bill Sproveri by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. ✠Larry Kozik by the Joseph S. Kusiak Family (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Readings for the week of August 13, 2023

- Sun.: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a ♦ Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8) ♦ Romans 9:1-5 ♦ Matthew 14:22-33
- Mon.: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦ Matthew 17:22-27
- Tues.: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 ♦ Psalm 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57 ♦ Luke 11:27-28
Holy Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab ♦ Psalm 45:10, 11, 12, 16 ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 ♦ Luke 1:39-56
- Wed.: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 ♦ Psalm 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 ♦ Matthew 18:15-20
- Thurs.: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17 ♦ Psalm 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Matthew 18:21—19:1
- Fri.: Joshua 24:1-13 ♦ Psalm 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24 ♦ Matthew 19:3-12
- Sat.: Joshua 24:14-29 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 ♦ Matthew 19:13-15
- Next Sun.: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 ♦ Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4) ♦ Romans 11:13-15, 29-32 ♦ Matthew 15:21-28

Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friend, says the Lord.

John 15:13

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 5 & 6, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (76)\$3,249.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 98)
Loose\$275.00
Online Giving (14)\$745.00
Faith Formation / Rel. Ed. (7)\$72.00
Total Offertory Income\$4,341.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-3,315.00)

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'.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/07):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$42,350.00

Total Paid to date = \$38,335.00

of Families who made a pledge = 108

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!*

Thanks for Supporting the Baby Bottle Boomerang Campaign

St. Thomas raised \$818.82 toward the total of \$14,153.74 in funds to support LifeCare Ministries in our area during this year's baby bottle campaign. Thanks for your generosity.

Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (Sept. 4th—9th). This is annual fundraiser that benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-664-8077) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



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 August 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tom Dyne by his family.



Recent Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God and the Church, Leslie Nicole Anderson, daughter of Mitchell & Molly (Chadwick) Anderson who was baptized on August 6, 2023 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. *May God pour out His blessings on Leslie, her parents, and godparents.*

Thanks for Your Support During Erie Gives Day!

We wish to thank everyone who supported our parishes of Sts. Thomas & Teresa, and our Catholic cemeteries, during Erie Gives Day last Tuesday, August 8, 2023. We are grateful for your generosity in helping our parishes and cemeteries. We will have totals available in a future bulletin. Thanks again.



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.



"Question of the Week" - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What does God's voice sound like when you pray and listen to Jesus?

Question for Youth: In today's Gospel, Peter began to walk on the water when he was focused on Jesus. He began to sink when he got distracted by the storm. What is your life like when you are focused on Jesus and your relationship with God? How is it different when you get caught up in other things?

Question for Adults: Tell about your experiences of hearing God speak in "tiny voices" rather than in the winds and earthquakes of life.

HELP

WANTED

Custodian Position Available at St. Thomas

We are seeking a person who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 10 hours per week. Duties include cleaning the church, parish office, and other buildings of the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 6, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (49) \$2,170.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 108)
Loose \$99.00
Continuing the Vision (9) \$170.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,439.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: August 6, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (10) \$170.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 20)
Loose \$95.00
Total Offertory Income \$265.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,704.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,073.00)

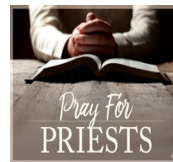
*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or Our Lady of Fatima.*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of August 13th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our deceased loved ones.

A Family Perspective

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."



The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Joseph Kalinowski, *Feast of the Assumption of Mary*, Rev. Christopher Barnes, Rev. James Gutting, Prayer for Vocations, and Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza

Sisters of St. Joseph Associate Information Session

An information session will be held on Aug. 17 at 6:30pm at the Sisters of St. Joseph Community Living Center, 5031 West Ridge Road, Erie, for anyone interested in becoming an associate of the Sisters of St. Joseph. For more information, call 814-836-4199 or email s.amcappello@ssjerie.org.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/30)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,400.00

Total Paid to date = \$34,080.00

of Families who made a pledge = 79

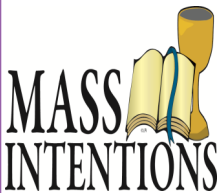
Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

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!



Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend is \$10. **There is a need for intentions to fill daily Masses. Please call the parish office to request a date. Thank you.**

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

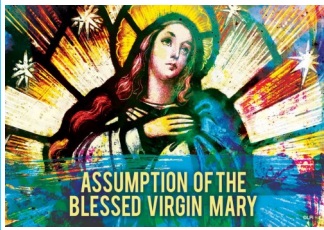


THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

Fundraising Campaign Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus Council 4070, with the support of our parishioners, raised \$280 in its "Mother of All Baby Bottle Campaign" which was held this past spring. Monies raised support life issues and prolife organizations in our area. Last year, local knights worked with other Catholic Churches and Knights Councils in Erie & Crawford Counties to raise funds to purchase a Mobile Ultrasound Unit. *Thanks for your support.*





Mass Times for the Holy Day

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Tuesday, Aug. 15. Mass Times are:

- Monday, Aug. 14 at 7:00pm at St. Teresa Church

- Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 8:00am at St. Thomas Church

Please join us as we honor Mary, who took upon herself the lifelong burden of selfless obedience to the will of God, and was rewarded for her fidelity to the demands of discipleship by being taken up, both body and soul, into heaven.

Congratulations on Wedding Anniversary Celebrations

We wish to congratulate couples from our parishes who recently participated in the Diocesan Anniversary Celebration for their marriages of 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years. Mass with the bishop was held on

Sunday, August 6 at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie. Pictured here are Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik, Gil & Barbara Wascak, Irene & Ed Weaver, and Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck.



Our Lady of Fatima
36198 Lake Road
Union City, PA 16438

Our Lady of Fatima News

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God is always with us, in good times and bad. Most Christians seek God in times of crisis. We realize that when circumstances are beyond our control, only God can help. When everything in our day moves along smoothly and we cope with each situation effectively, we should also stop and thank God. In our readings today the calm spirit of God is emphasized. God came to Elijah in the whisper of wind. In the Gospel, Jesus calmed both the tumultuous seawater and Peter. All of us can benefit from the experience of Elijah and Peter who learned to follow the Lord's instructions and trust that God would appear and help, both in times of great turmoil as well as in times of tranquility.

Anniversary

This past Friday, August 11th, was the 45th anniversary of Fr. Tom Suppa's ordination into the priesthood. We extend our congratulations to him and pray that God will continue to bless us with his presence, and we thank Fr. Tom Suppa for his dedication and assistance in our parishes.

Flowers

Recently some beautiful floral arrangements have been provided as memorial remembrances in our church. A new local business, F.C.O. French Creek Outdoors on Route 8 south of Union City was responsible for some of the displays. We welcome them to the community.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

Active Aging Inc., the Area Agency on Aging for Crawford County, is distributing five \$10.00 vouchers to each eligible senior for the purchase of Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables, at the Canadohta Senior Center located in the Bloomfield Township building. Distribution dates this month will be on Friday, August 18, and Friday, August 25 from Noon to 1:00PM. To be eligible a senior must be 60 years of age or older by December 31, 2023, a Crawford County resident, and meet certain income guidelines. For additional information please call Active Aging Inc. at 1-800-321-7705.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Requirements for working with children: Working alongside the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth reinforces the ongoing implementation of policies and procedures that protect children. All clergy, employees, and volunteers in the Diocese of Erie who work with children must undergo criminal record checks. The diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth screening guidelines and abuse prevention training programs emphasize the importance of knowing the employees and volunteers who have access to children in our schools and parishes. Parents should remain vigilant in insisting that those with access to their children have gone through an application process and obtained the required clearances and trainings before being granted access to their children. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to see what documentation and training is required for those who work with children and youth in our parishes/schools/agencies.



A Letter from our Bishop

July 31, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

For more than 50 years, the Collection for the Church in Latin America has been a way for Catholics in the United States to unite more closely with our brothers and sisters in faith throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. This collection supports diocesan pastoral, catechetical and family life ministries, seminary studies, and formation programs for religious sisters and brothers.

The collection also helps the poorest dioceses obtain basic necessities that they otherwise would be unable to afford. Without these necessities, they would be unable to minister effectively to the faithful. With your support for this collection, you also make it possible for young men and women to answer the call to priestly and religious vocations.

Please consider generously supporting the Collection for the Church in Latin America the weekend of August 19-20, 2023. Your contribution, and especially your prayers, will help make our Catholic faith a living reality for people throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your family,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence T. Persico

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