

# 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



The LORD has delivered his people.

They departed in tears  
but I will console them  
and guide them.

I will lead them  
to brooks of water,  
on a level road,  
so that they  
will not stumble.



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## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### October 24, 2021

The Lord has done great things  
for us; we are filled with joy!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 23 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30 (St Teresa) Virginia Hamilton by John & Rita Mineo

4:30 (St. Thomas) Bill Phillips Sr. by The Family

### Sunday, October 24 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:45am (St. Teresa) Jerry Adams by Diana Adams & Family

### Monday, October 25 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

### Tuesday, October 26 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Cyril & Ann Gluvna by Family

### Wednesday, October 27 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

5:15pm (St. Thomas) In Honor of Chuck & Peg Elchynski (Wedding Anniversary) by their Children

### Thursday, October 28 Sts. Simon & Jude

8:00am Communion Service

### Friday, October 29 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

### Saturday, October 30 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Ann Layden by Cathryn Landis & Mary Harned

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Corry Council #425

### Sunday, October 31 Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Catherine Habursky by Nigbor Family

10:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family

**Sacrificial Giving:** The offertory last weekend was \$1,434 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,238 in envelopes and \$196 in loose & \$175 for Our Lady of Fatima. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Anyone wishing to do so may send cards to:

Cathryn Landis  
Brevillier Village  
5456 E. Lake Road  
Erie, PA 16511

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon Romans 8 12-17 ♦ Luke 13:10-17  
Tue. Romans 8:18-25♦ Luke 13:18-21  
Wed Romans 8:26-30♦ Luke 13:22-30  
Thurs. Ephesians 2:19-22♦ Luke 6:12-16  
Fri. Romans 9:1-5♦ Luke 14:1-6  
Sat. Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29♦ Luke 14:1, 7-11  
Sun. Deuteronomy 6:2-6♦ Hebrews 7:23-28 ♦ Mark 12:28b-34

### Religious Education

10/24 7<sup>th</sup>  
10/31 YOUTH MASS, 10/No Class  
(Children's Liturgy)  
11/07 8<sup>th</sup>  
11/14 9<sup>th</sup>

**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 - \$29,447

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,852

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

**Attention St. Teresa Cemetery Lot Owners** – The water will be turned off at the cemetery the last of this month. Clean up will also be done. Old plants will be removed. If you wish to take yours home, please remove them before the clean-up.

***Attention Lectors – 2022 Lector Workbooks are in. All lectors for the 4:30 and 10:45 weekend Masses may pick up their books in the back of the church. Your names are on the front of the book.***

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE  
& CHRISTIAN UNITY**

**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.

**Pray for Our Priests** Rev. John L. Miller, Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, Rev. Kyle Seyler, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. David Carter, Rev. Jason R. Feigh, The Most Rev. Donald Trautman

**A Family Perspective** When Jesus asked the blind man “What do you want from me?” he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Pure and simple, that is prayer.

### SCHEDULES FOR OCTOBER 30 & 31

**4:30**

**10:45**

#### LECTORS

Don Smith

Bill Sullivan

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Paul Maynard

Roger Pelc

Choir: Jeannie Stepnowski

#### ALTAR SERVERS

Mary Jo Smith

Sophia Messinger

**Marriage Moment** Halloween is coming up when folks wear costumes and pretend to be scary, beautiful, funny, or... Fantasize together. In your dream world, who/what would you like to be? Laugh together.

### The Special Intentions of Pope Francis

**Lord Jesus, during this month of October, we pray for all missionary disciples. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel.**

**Bishop Persico releases pastoral letter:** “It is time for us to come together again as disciples of Christ and to “re-member” our Sunday story,” Bishop Lawrence Persico says in his new pastoral letter written in time of pandemic. “By this I do not mean only a recalling of the teachings and legacy of Jesus Christ that deepen our faith; I also mean that we need to come together again as the Body of Christ...and to become in Christ the faith-filled disciples that we are called to be.” The letter, along with questions for reflection and discussion, can be found in its entirety on the *Re-membering Our Sunday Story* webpage at [www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html](http://www.Eriercd.org/sundaystory.html).

Chuck & Ginny’s Spaghetti Dinner  
 Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> 11:30am-5:30pm  
 2801 W. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (St. Jude’s School Gymnasium)  
 \$10 per person/\$5 per child  
 Take-outs are available at the door.

### HALLOWEEN SPOOK TACULAR

October 30<sup>th</sup> 1-3pm Library Parking Lot  
 (Indoors if inclement weather)  
 Food, Music, Crafts, Games  
 Don’t forget your costume!  
 Union City Public Library &  
 Union City Family Support Center

Union City Pride, Inc. will be holding their annual Festival of Trees event on December 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> from 10-4 at the Union City Elementary School. There will be a craft/vendor show in the gym. This is a free event. Local organizations are invited to bring in a tree and decorate it for the event. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place prizes will be awarded. Contact [Terristax@hotmail.com](mailto:Terristax@hotmail.com) or 814-438-3867 for more information

Happy Birthday to Fr. Suppa on October 25<sup>th</sup> and a belated Happy Birthday to Msgr. Swoger on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

***...with the blind and the lame in their midst.  
(Jeremiah 31:8)***

Did you know that in ancient Israel conditions like blindness and paralysis were often seen as a curse from God? People with disabilities or illnesses were thus thought to be unfit to worship the Lord. This is why, when they saw a blind man begging, Jesus' disciples asked, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2).

That's what makes Jeremiah's prophecy so moving. Describing the exiles' return to Jerusalem, he includes "the blind and the lame" among the ranks of the redeemed (Jeremiah 31:8). The day will come, He promises when no one will be excluded, not even those once considered unworthy.

Fast-forward to the story of Bartimaeus, the blind beggar sitting by the road in today's Gospel. Hearing that Jesus was passing by, he cried out for help, but the crowd shushed him. Surely a holy man like Jesus had better things to do than care for such a "sinner"! But Bartimaeus trusted that as "the Son of David," Jesus would not reject him. And so "he kept calling out" until his voice overcame the disapproving crowd (Mark 10:48).

And he was right! In fact, Jesus even commended his faith and healed him (Mark 10:52). He made in clear that God hadn't rejected Bartimaeus. He was just as worthy of God's love and healing grace as everyone else.

This is the beauty of the Gospel. Jesus has broken down every dividing wall that separates us from His heavenly Father. He welcomes everyone, no matter their situation. *That includes you.* Today you may feel the way Bartimeaeus felt every day, hoping for just a scrap of mercy and tenderness. But that's not how Jesus sees you. In a world that often focuses on excluding the "unworthy," He stands before you right now with open arms, eager to say, "Your faith has saved you" (Mark 10:51).

***"Jesus, teach me to see the world through your eyes of love."***

***Ambassadors of hope***

There is a battle raging in each and every human heart. The battle is between hope and despair and we can tip the balance by embracing the call to become ambassadors of hope.

Many years ago, I was on my way home from work and a friend came to mind. It occurred to me that I hadn't heard from him for a few days, and I knew he had been having a rough time. (This was before the internet and email.) I have no idea what led me to do so, but I drove to his place on the other side of town to visit him.

When he opened the door, he looked horrible. The place was dark and there was trash everywhere. We opened the curtains to let some light in, and a few windows to get some fresh air circulating. I suggested he shave and take a shower, while I ordered a pizza and tidied up a bit. He resisted for a moment, but I said, "Come on, you'll feel so much better, and when you're done the pizza will be here." We sat on his front porch eating pizza and telling stories, and when we were done, I drove home.

The next day I opened my mailbox to find this handwritten note from him: "*I was going to kill myself last night, but then you stopped by just to say hello, and I thought to myself somebody does care. So, thank you.*"

Something like that stops you in your tracks. It reminds you how powerful our actions are and how tragic inaction can be. I knew he had been having a tough time but I never imagined he would do something so drastic.

Today that man is a doctor. He has a wife and three children, a mortgage and a dog. On that night all those years ago, he was just going through a rough patch. We have never spoken of that evening all those years ago, but he knows, and I know. What do we know? We know that we can call each other at any hour of the day or night, and that we will be there for each other, whatever the need may be.

The point is our actions can tip the balance between hope and despair. That is a power that should be used often and respected always.

