

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



Humbly
welcome the
WORD of the
LORD
that has been
planted in you and
that is able to
save you

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Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 29, 2021

Let us live in
the presence of the Lord!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 28 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Sophie Combs by Ed & Irene Weaver

4:30pm (St Thomas) Rod, Marilyn, Mike & Marty by Lana, Punky & Jenna Messina

Sunday, August 29 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Jean Dingee by Pat and Earl Brown

10:45am (St. Teresa) The Young Family by Katherine Young

Monday, August 30 Weekday

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am St. Thomas)Dorothy Wotus by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik

Tuesday, August 31 Weekday

8:00am Cleo & Dick Flynn by Bill & Judy Flynn

Wednesday, September 1 Weekday

8:00am For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

5:15pm (St. Thomas) Ruth Morton (Birthday) by Jim Zackiewicz

Thursday, September 2 Weekday

8:00am Sophie Combs by Noreen Hurlburt

Friday, September 3 St. Gregory the Great

8:00am Communion Service

8:00am (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Corry Council #425

Saturday, September 4 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:30pm (St. Teresa) Virginia Poninsky by The Poninsky Family & Paul & Nettie

4:30pm (St. Thomas) Gene Vinca by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

Sunday, September 5 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:45am (St. Thomas) Clara Sorenson by Sue & Tim Vinca

9:30am (Our Lady of Fatima) Harry and Monnie Smith and Tom Adams by the Dillon and Lenhardt Families

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

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,661 for St. Teresa which includes \$1,508 in envelopes and \$153 in loose & \$518 for Our Lady of Fatima which includes \$320 in envelopes and \$198 in loose. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Mass Readings for the Week

Mon. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18♦Luke 4:16-30

Tue. 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11 ♦Luke 4:31-37

Wed Colossians 1:1-8♦Luke 4:38-44

Thur Colossians 1:9-14♦ Luke 5:1-11

Fri. Colossians 1:15-20♦ Luke 5:33-39

Sat. Colossians 1:21-23♦Luke 6:1-5

Sun. Isaiah 35:4-7a♦ James 2:1-5♦Mark 7:31-37

Religious Education

ATTENTION PARENTS!! The Pre-K/Kindergarten class is back for the upcoming Religious Education school year! Registration is open for Pre-K/Kindergarten and any new students, please contact Lisa at the Parish Office for registration forms.

08/29 Parent Mtg K-11 9am

09/05 No Class

09/12 Class

09/19 Class

09/26 Youth Mass 11/Enroll 3rd (Children's Liturgy)

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 - \$29,147

Amount Paid to Date - \$27,282

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

Marriage Moment Sept. 8 is Grandparents Day. You may not be a parent or grandparent yourself, but you each have grandparents. Even if they are no longer alive, share one positive memory of them with your beloved. Do you have a quality or talent you learned from them?

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 4 & 5

4:30

10:45

LECTORS

Becky Boleratz

Pat Vallimont

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Paul Maynard

Tom Kunzen
Choir: Kim Yaple

ALTAR SERVERS

Daniel Smith

Jacob Beer

Chapel bulletin of August 29, 2021

Sunday August 29 9:30AM
Jean Dingee by Pat and Earl Brown

Sunday September 5 9:30AM
Harry and Monnie Smith and Tom Adams by the
Dillon and Lenhardt Families

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oftentimes people perceive laws as restrictions: "There's a law against that! Don't break the law! The law will be after you!" In the Book of Deuteronomy from which today's first reading is taken, the Law was understood to provide guidelines for how to live well in relationships with God, others, and the physical world. The scribes and the Pharisees in the gospel were proud observers of the Law, however, they considered the letter of the law but not the intent. Jesus rebuked them for their practices and traditions in the observance of the Law by quoting Isaiah: "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me..." What Jesus wanted the Pharisees and all of us at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel and Saint Teresa Church to consider, is how to live a life with external demands and commands balanced by internal loving and compassionate motivations. Our actions must reflect the faith we proclaim; words are not enough. Religion is more than attending Mass on Sunday, receiving the Eucharist, and supporting the Church. We must be Church to others, offering assistance to the needy and helpless. The tradition of our faith is most clearly demonstrated in our treatment of people.

Our practices and behavior must reflect Jesus Christ's law of love.

WEEKLY OFFERING The collection of Sunday, August 22, was \$518.00 and included \$320.00 in 15 adult envelopes, and \$198.00 in loose money. The Chapel is grateful for your contributions that support the work of God in this faith community.

MEMORIAL Virginia Poninsky, a deceased lake resident and St. Teresa parish member, will be remembered this coming Saturday, September 4, at the 4:30PM Mass at St. Teresa Church. Virginia died in May and her funeral and committal took place in Leetsdale, PA. After the St. Teresa Church liturgy on Saturday, there will be a gathering at the large group room in the Center after the liturgy. All family, parish friends, and neighbors of Virginia are welcome to attend.

SEASONAL CLOSING Please be aware that next Sunday, September 5, will be the last Mass of the season at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel. Labor Day weekend is the end of the summer season at the lake. Many thanks to all who have attended Chapel liturgies. It is wonderful to be joined by seasonal members and visitors throughout the summer, and celebrate the Eucharist together with full time parishioners. We also appreciate the financial support that the Chapel has received. Although we close through fall and winter, the heat and electricity is on to maintain the integrity of the buildings and have them accessible for special liturgies if needed. Therefore, Chapel expenses continue even when the church is closed. Through your donations you help to maintain the facilities so that they will be available next year when everyone will return for the summer season of 2022. God bless you all!

*All good giving and every perfect
gift is from above*

A Family Perspective Deafness abounds not only when we cannot hear, but when we refuse to listen. Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness. Have trouble speaking your thoughts? Try choosing loving words, even if the message might be a difficult one to say. All things said in love are easier to hear and accept.

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.

Parenting Pointers Clutter can be toys, papers, or many misc. items left on the floor or table. But clutter can also be noise. Think TV, videos, crying, complaining. Try treating your family to a moment, a minute, an hour of quiet. Agree to do it all at the same time. See what happens.

The **2021-22 RCIA Program**, which instructs and initiates non-Catholic Christians and non-Christians into the fullness of the Catholic Church, begins this year with an orientation meeting on September 2 from 6:30-8:30pm in the conference room of St. Thomas Rectory. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in this instructional time, please contact Fr. Skip through the parish office, 814-663-3041, ASAP, and he will be glad to provide the details. Hope to see a few of you join us this year! God bless . . .

The Scripture Discussion Group will meet each Wednesday from 1:00 to 2:00 starting September 8th in the St. Teresa Center. The Sunday Mass Scripture readings are discussed to indicate the many ways they apply to our lives. All are welcome to join in the lively discussion.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament scheduled for Friday, September 3rd has been cancelled for this month. It will be held again on Friday, October 1st.

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition (Mark 7:8)

Given their strict attention to hand washing, these Pharisees and scribes would probably feel right at home in our pandemic-conscious world! Of course, they were concerned about religious purity, not personal hygiene, but we can all relate to how meticulous they were.

Still, Jesus rightly called their purity practices what they were; "human tradition" (Mark 7:8). Nowhere in Scripture does God command His people to be so rigorous in cleansing themselves or their household items. Instead, what began as a precaution among priests gradually morphed into a litmus test for every Israelite. If you didn't wash your hands just so, you were impure. It meant your faith was defective – or worse, you were defective.

Litmus tests can make things clear and simple, but the Pharisees were using them in the wrong way. To determine what was pure and impure, they needed to focus on what was lurking in their own hearts, not what was contaminating them from the outside. As Jesus warned them, it is "the things that come out from within" – our own sinful inclinations – that defile us (Mark 7:15).

Our rules for hand washing today are aimed toward preventing disease, but we can easily fall into the same habit as these Pharisees did. We can focus more on what's on the "outside" – the culture or the actions of other people – rather than facing the sinful desires in our hearts. After all, it's painful to see just how capable we are of falling into sin. It's easier just to apply a litmus test to the sins of the people around us.

Jesus came to save us from sin, and we can count on Him to give us the grace to deal with whatever is "within" us. Today, ask the Lord to search your heart. Ask Him to help you see ways in which you are susceptible to sin – an ask Him to keep cleansing you.

"Jesus, purify my heart today"

PRAY FOR PEACE

