



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 14, 2022

HAIL MARY FULL OF GRACE



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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



We want to make sure to wish Fr. Tom Suppa a most blessed and happy anniversary of his Priesthood Ordination this past week—August 11th 1978. And how blessed we are to have him celebrate Mass with us this Saturday, August 13th, on the anniversary of the first Mass he ever said. Please keep Fr. Tom in your prayers!

And speaking of anniversaries, we were blessed to celebrate some significant Wedding anniversaries this year as well! Last weekend those couples gathered with Bishop Persico to renew their Wedding Vows and to ask God's continued blessing in their married life. Celebrating 50 years of Wedded Bliss were John and Rita Mineo, Earl and Pat Brown, and Kris and Clancy Walsh. God bless them and their families!!

In the ongoing effort of working as Partnered Parishes, we are looking for parishioners who would be interested in serving our Partnered Parishes on Parish Council, Finance Council, and our Cemetery Committee. We are so very grateful to those who have served out Parishes in these groups in the past, many of whom have done so faithfully for DECADES! God bless them for their faithful service!! Some of them have elected to now step aside, and so we are in need of others to serve. A little explanation of what we are looking for:

1) Parish Council—'is to be established in each parish, over which the pastor presides and in which the Christian faithful, together with those who share in pastoral care by virtue of their office in the parish, assist in fostering pastoral activity.' Our new Partnered Parish Council will be made up of 6 members from St. Teresa Parish and 6 members from St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are actively involved in Parish life and wish to assist me as your Pastor in the pastoral care of our Parishes, let me know!

2) Finance Council— 'The parish finance council is advisory to the pastor who is the administrator of the temporal affairs of the parish. The parish finance council advises the pastor about all financial and temporal matters according to diocesan regulations and the statutes of the parish.' Our new Finance Councils will be made up of 3 people from St. Teresa Parish and 3 people from St. Thomas Parish. These 6 people will constitute the new Finance Councils for St. Teresa Parish and St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are an active member of our Parishes and wish to assist in advising me on financial and temporal matters of our Parishes, let me know!

3) Cemetery Committee - Similar to the Parish and Finance Councils, our Cemetery Committee will serve to advise the Pastor on all matters relating to the care of our 3 Parish cemeteries. Our new Partnered Parish Cemetery Committee will be made up of 3 people from St. Teresa Parish and 3 people from St. Thomas Parish. So, if you are an active member of our Parishes and wish to assist in advising me on our Partnered Parish Cemeteries, let me know!

Even writing about all those councils and committees is exhausting! I hope your week is more calm and relaxing! Have a great week! God help us all! - Fr. Matt



Monday, August 15

8:00a.m. ✠Sherry Davis by Gene & Jeanne Conn
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 16

5:15p.m. ✠LeeAnn Schultz by Amy, Abbey, and Kyron
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 17

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

Thursday, August 18

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

Friday, August 19

8:00a.m. ✠Bernard Matis by Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 20

4:00p.m. ✠Marinette Krupa by Patricia Zewatsky
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, August 21

8:00a.m. ✠Sophie Girovsky by Rick, Debbie and Richelle Ayers (St. Thomas, Corry)
9:30a.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)
11:00a.m ✠Alfred Gavulik by Carol & Gregg Steinmetz and family (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

Please patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: tweir@4LPi.com.

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:
3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry
Sunday mornings prior to the Masses at St. Teresa, Union City and Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake; and anytime by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 6/7, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (73)	\$4,218.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 114)	
Loose	\$118.00
Online Giving (11)	\$450.00
Religious Education (7)	\$68.00
Total Offertory Income	\$4,854.00
Weekly Budget (Offertory)	\$4,038.00
Difference	\$816.00

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	\$3,767.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,982.00

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'.

"Question of the Week" - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What is one way you can be closer to Jesus today?

Question for Youth: We are assured that God will be with us as we go through life, so what strategy do you use to keep God in mind as you deal with the ups and downs of life as a young adult?

Question for Adults: Share about a time when life's struggles were so difficult for you that you nearly "threw in the towel." What signs did you see then that God remained with you?



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/08):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$45,544.00

Total Paid to date = \$40,889.00

of Families who made a pledge = 127

of Families who did not pledge = 218

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.

VIBRANT, DYNAMIC
CHURCH NEEDS

YOU!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of August 14th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tom Dyne requested by family.



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.

Banns of Marriage I

Emily Anne Zaczekiewicz (Catholic) and Justin Douglas Marquess (Catholic)



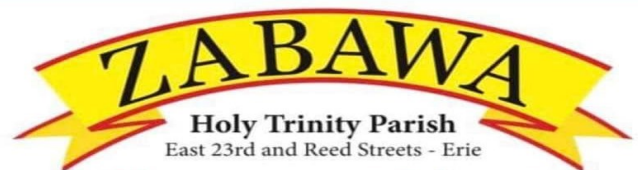
Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

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. 5th—10th). This is an 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).



A Family Perspective

Today Jesus warns us his Word will create conflict between parents and children. In a permissive society which advocates individualism and consumerism, parents must continue to teach and live the gospel values of respect, service to others, forgiveness, generosity and compassion. A Christian family is a countercultural family.



A Celebration of our Polish Heritage

29TH ANNUAL - FREE ADMISSION

August 26, 27 & 28, 2022

Fri. 5-10 pm + Sat. 12-10 pm + Sun. 11 am-4 pm

Friday: Michael Costa & the Beat

Saturday: The Kosmix + The Mar-Vels

Dennis Polisky & the Maestro's Men

Sunday: Concertina All Stars + MC: DJ Ken Olowin

Polka Mass: Saturday 5 pm with Bishop Persico

Music by The Kosmix

Polish Heritage Mass: Sunday 10:30 am

Featuring traditional Polish hymns

Authentic Polish foods, bakery items and beverages daily

The church and festival grounds are handicapped accessible.

Info: 814-456-0671 or www.holytrinityrc.org

Additional parking and free shuttle service from lot at East 34th and Ash Streets

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 7, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (61) \$2,455.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 96)

Loose \$275.00

Continuing the Vision (8) \$270.00

Total Offertory Income \$3,000.00

Weekly Budget (Offertory) \$1,415.00

Difference \$1,585.00

Actual Average Weekly Offertory \$2,193.00

Budgeted Weekly Expenses \$2,274.00

Actual Average Weekly Expenses \$4,074.00

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

*Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
Our Lady of Fatima Church.*

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: August 7, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (13) \$280.00

(Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 17)

Loose \$221.00

Total Offertory Income \$501.00



THANK YOU for Supporting Our Parishes

Erie Gives Day 2022 was held this past week on Tuesday, August 9th. We are so grateful to all who donated to our parishes and our Catholic cemeteries. Here is what was raised through Erie Gives, before receiving the percentage match gifts from the Erie/Corry/Union City Community Foundations:

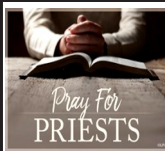
St. Teresa of Avila Parish—\$2,766

St. Teresa Cemetery—\$267

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish—\$1,193

St. Thomas Cemetery—\$1,892

St. Elizabeth Cemetery—\$679



Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. Walter Packard, Very Rev. Nicholas Rouch, EV, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Justin Pino. Please continue to Pray for Vocations in our diocese and the Church.

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

•Scripture Discussion Group

1:00pm Wednesdays (Sept.—May)

•Parish Center Rental

Contact Matt Moon: 814-490-1494

St. Teresa Yard Sale Another Success!

We wish to thank everyone involved with this year's Yard Sale. It proved to be another successful fundraiser for our parish.



Here are the figures from the Yard Sale:

Total Income... \$1,888.95

Less Expenses 38.00

TOTAL PROFIT = \$1,850.95

Thank You for Donating to the Missionary Co-Op Appeal

We wish to thank parishioners from both our parishes who donated to the Missionary Appeal over the last few weeks. We were honored to have Fr. John Kyere with us the weekend of July 30/31 presiding and preaching. We will be reporting figures for this special collection in next weekend's bulletin.

Mass Readings for the Week of August 14, 2022

Sun.: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10 ♦ Hebrews 12:1-4 ♦ Luke 12:49-53

Mon.: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab ♦ 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 ♦ Luke 1:39-56

Tues.: Ezekiel 28:1-10 ♦ Matthew 19:23-30

Wed.: Ezekiel 34:1-11 ♦ Matthew 20:1-16

Thur.: Ezekiel 36:23-28 ♦ Matthew 22:1-14

Fri.: Ezekiel 37:1-14 ♦ Matthew 22:34-40

Sat.: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab ♦ Matthew 23:1-12

Next Sun.: Isaiah 66:18-21 ♦ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13 ♦ Luke 13:22-30

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/08):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,055.00

Total Paid to date = \$31,055.00

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.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Looking for Volunteers to Help Teach our Children

With Summer quickly coming to a close, and students returning to school soon, we are busy preparing for a new year in our Religious Education programs at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. If you have a desire to share and teach the Catholic faith to young people, please contact Missy Silka at 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation



SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

May 28 through September 4, 2022:

Saturday

4:00PM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

9:30AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City

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

Confession Schedule:

Saturday

3:00pm—3:30pm at St. Thomas Church

Sunday morning before Mass at

St. Teresa Church and Our Lady of Fatima

FALL MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the Weekend of September 10/11, 2022:

Saturday

**4:00PM alternating monthly between St. Thomas
Church, Corry and St. Teresa Church, Union City**

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

10:00AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City



Air Conditioner Funds

Please contribute to the Air Conditioner Fund to help us 'keep cool' this summer. If you wish to make a donation, please mark the outside of your envelope with "Air Conditioner Fund" and the name of the church to receive your donation. Thanks.

St. Thomas Church Goal\$25,000.00

Amount Raised (to date).....\$3,870.00

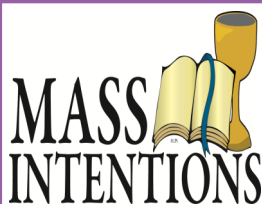
St. Teresa Church Goal\$15,000.00

Amount Raised (to date).....\$15,100.00

Goal Reached

Our Lady of Fatima Goal\$12,000.00

Amount Raised (to date).....\$100.00

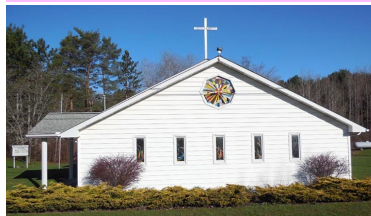


Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

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.

Our Lady of Fatima News



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



Liturgy at Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima at Canadohta Lake is open for the celebration of Mass at 11:00am every Sunday throughout the summer. Please inform your friends and neighbors, and visitors to the area, of Sunday Mass at the Lake through August and Labor Day weekend (September 4). It is wonderful to come together and praise God.

Distribution of the Eucharist

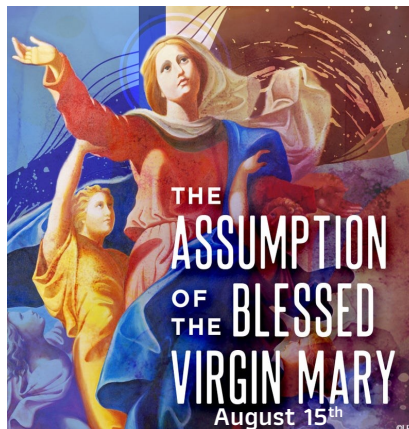
If you, or someone in your family attending Mass has mobility difficulty coming to the altar to receive the Body of Christ, please inform John or Rita Mineo. Holy Communion will gladly be distributed to that person in their pew.

Marian Feast—The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Monday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This Solemnity professes our belief that Mary has gone before us, body and soul, into heaven. Where she has gone, we hope to follow. Usually, this Solemnity is a holy day of obligation, but since it falls on a Monday this liturgical year, the duty to attend Mass is abrogated. In honor of this Solemnity the Prayer or Cantic of Mary is offered:

The Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for He has looked with favor on His lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is His Name.
He has mercy on those who fear Him in every generation.
He has shown the strength of His arm,
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of His servant Israel
for He remembered His promise of mercy,
the promise He made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever. (Luke 1:46-55)



**TAKEN UP
INTO HEAVEN,
MARY SHOWS
US THE WAY
TO GOD,
THE WAY TO
HEAVEN, THE
WAY TO LIFE.**

ST. POPE JOHN PAUL II