



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

April 30, 2023



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
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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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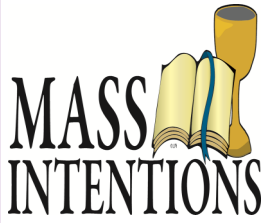
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Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

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

**Mass Intentions for Our Parishes**

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas, St. Teresa, or Our Lady of Fatima Churches. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. We ask for your patience, as we do have a back log of Masses which were not said earlier this year due to circumstances. Thank you for your understanding. The suggested stipend to have a Mass Intention said is \$10.

New Summer Mass Schedule for 2023

Our Lady of Fatima will be opening in a few weeks for the season. After discussion with clergy, Parish & Finance Councils, and staff, the Mass Schedule for this Summer has been determined. Visiting priests will join us this Summer to help provide coverage for weekend Masses. We hope you will join us for Mass at one of our churches this summer. Looking forward to seeing you!

Begins May 27th, 2023:

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend:

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**

New Confession Times

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

OR by appointment

Please contact the parish office (814-663-3041)

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.**

John 10:14

Readings for the week of April 30, 2023

Sun.: Acts 2:14a, 36-41 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦
1 Peter 2:20b-25 ♦ John 10:1-10
Mon.: Acts 11:1-18 ♦ Psalm 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 ♦ John 10:11-18
Tues.: Acts 11:19-26 ♦ Psalm 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ John 10:22-30
Wed.: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ John 14:6-14
Thur.: Acts 13:13-25 ♦ Psalm 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 ♦
John 13:16-20
Fri.: Acts 13:26-33 ♦ Psalm 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab ♦ John 14:1-6
Sat.: Acts 13:44-52 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ John 14:7-14
Next Sun.: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22) ♦ 1 Peter 2:4-9
♦ John 14:1-12

**Monday, May 1**

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

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

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

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

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

Saturday, May 6

4:00p.m. †Henry Pondel by Corry Knights of Columbus,
Council #425 (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 7

8:00a.m. †Bill Barney by Denny & Chris Anderson
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus tells us, HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to loved ones where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

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 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: April 23, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (60)\$2,455.00

(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 127)

Loose\$201.00

Online Giving (9)\$295.00

Total Offertory Income\$2,951.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-4,705.00)

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'.

FUELING the MISSION
together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/24):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$40,685.00

Total Paid to date = \$27,515.00

of Families who made a pledge = 95

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.

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!*

St. Thomas Lenten Fish Dinners—Final Accounting

We'd like to send a huge THANK YOU to all those that helped make our Lenten Fish Dinners successful this past season, especially those who organized and oversaw the dinners. Whether you cooked, served, sold tickets, worked in the background to prepare or clean-up the dinner, we appreciate all you did. We are grateful to those who purchased dinners and donated desserts. We appreciate everyone's support and hard work. The total profit for St. Thomas was approximately \$4,100 for the 4 dinners during the season. Also, we wish to thank those who donated and/or purchased raffle basket chances for the Religious Education theme baskets. They brought in \$670 for the St. Thomas Religious Education program. *Our parish is blessed because of everyone's efforts.*

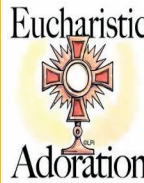


PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (814-664-7459), or Diane (814-663-3753).

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 April 30th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of William (Bill) Kibler.



24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration will begin on Thursday, May 4 and continues until Friday, May 5 at Saint Thomas Church. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am on Thursday and ends at 8:00am Friday morning.** All are welcome.

We are always looking for more 'adorers', so if you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of William (Bill) Kibler who recently passed away. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

A Word of Thanks for the Holy Thursday Soup & Salad Supper

We wish to extend a 'Thank You' to all who volunteered at Soup & Salad Supper held on Holy Thursday, April 6 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We are grateful to those who donated soup, those who attended (approximately 60 people) and the clean up crew. What a great parish event—look for more to come.

News from the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The 55th biannual CD of A Convention brought women from all parts of Pennsylvania together on April 21-24. Pat Phillips and Judy Christensen attended this wonderful event. Judy has been a District Deputy for many months and now has been nominated to the nominating committee for state officers. Judy also won a gift basket to bring home from the convention. This was a great experience for both Pat and Judy. The convention was filled with discussions and prayer.

**THE LORD
IS MY
SHEPHERD;**

I shall not want.

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St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 22 & 23, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (67) \$1,751.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 90)
Loose \$514.00
Continuing the Vision \$25.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,290.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 23, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$250.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)
Total Offertory Income \$250.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,540.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,237.00)

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 04/24)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$34,425.00

Total Paid to date = \$26,720.00

of Families who made a pledge = 69

Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

Please make a pledge today. Thank you.

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The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of April 30th burns in honor of our Lord and in honor of Ed and Irene Weaver on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

We wish to congratulate Ed & Irene Weaver who are celebrating their wedding anniversary this weekend. *May their marriage continued to be blessed.*

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

*"This is how all will know that you are my disciples,
 if you have love for one another." John 13:35*



FIRST COMMUNION

A Prayer for First Communion

Dear Lord, As I come to know you in the breaking of the Bread, be with me, strengthen me and help me always to walk in your love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen

We wish to congratulate **Aydan Sill** and **Harleigh Schaefer** as they received their First Holy Communion today (April 30th) during the 10:00AM Mass at St. Teresa Church. *Wishing you blessings on your First Holy Communion. May you grow in faith and love as you share in the Body of the One Lord.*

St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

•Rosary—Altar Society

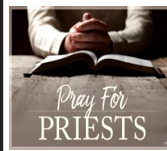
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

•Knights of Columbus

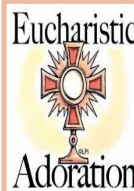
Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

•Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term



Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Rev. Mark Nowak,
 Rev. Andrew Boyd, **Rev. F. Thomas Suppa**,
 Rev. William Sutherland, Rev. Jeffrey Lucas, and
 Rev. William Barron



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa THIS WEEK

Our parish will hold Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, May 5. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8:00am Communion Service and continues until 12:00pm (noon).** All are welcome to join us during Adoration. If you wish to commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.

Progress Continues on the Renovated Partnered Parish Office

We continue to make progress on the renovations/repairs to the partnered parish office following the mold and water damage issues. The new flooring is partially installed and things are moving forward. *We ask that you please continue to keep this project in prayer.* In the meantime, if you need to come to the parish office, feel free to visit us in the basement of the former school building. Enter the door on the front east corner.

Pastoral Planning Prayer

Loving God, author of creation,
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways
and structures to spread your Gospel.
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
as we pray with Pope Francis
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL
Bishop of Erie

To learn more and keep up to date about the Pastoral Planning
in the Diocese of Erie, please visit their website at
www.eriercd.org/planning.html.

Partnered Parishes Cemetery Committee

Our Partnered Parishes' Cemetery Committee is comprised of 3 representatives for each of our partnered parishes' cemeteries (St. Teresa, St. Thomas, and St. Elizabeth). This group of individuals will work collaboratively for the best interest of all three of the cemeteries we maintain in Union City and Corry. Members of the Partnered Parishes' Cemetery Committee are: Joe Amy, Denny Anderson, Rick Ayers, Len Clark, Jerry Hanlin, Chris Kelly, Jon Maker, Doug O'Connor, and John Zaczekiewicz for St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Thank you to our committee members for giving their time and talents to help in the guidance of our Catholic cemeteries. We appreciate it! Thanks also to our cemetery staffs and volunteers who work to keep our cemeteries running smoothly. Your dedication to our parishes is most appreciated.

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Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes

Classes are Sundays following Mass. Students in Corry attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.



Class Schedule for Remainder of this School Year

Sunday, April 30—No Class / First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 7—Class

Sunday, May 14—Final Class

First Holy Communion celebrated at St. Teresa Church this Sunday, April 30th during the 10:00am Mass. Two students from St. Teresa Parish will receive Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time during Mass. Receiving First Communion are **Aydan Sill** and **Harleigh Schaefer**. We pray for them and their families.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

knowledge

fortitude

understanding

piety

wisdom

counsel

wonder

& awe

Confirmation will be celebrated on Monday, May 8th during a 7:00pm Mass with Bishop Persico at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean. Students from St. Francis Xavier Parish, St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, St. Teresa of Avila Parish, and Our Lady of the Lake Parish will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit as they are confirmed. We wish to congratulate those from our parishes on being confirmed: **Nolan Carey, Erin Geer, Julia Gesing, Jack Hallberg, Quinlan Magee, Shea Magee, Dannica McChesney, Aubrey Robertson, Alyssa Tingley, Noah West, Brooke Whitmeyer, and Brookelyne Wienczkowski.**

Camp Notre Dame—Seeking Help

Attention College Students and 2023 High School Graduates: Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If interested in a counselor position, then please visit the Camp Notre Dame website at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link.

"Question of the Week" - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: How is Jesus your example when others don't like you?

Question for Youth: Sheep know their shepherd and follow his voice. How hard is it for you to recognize the voice of God in your own life? Who has helped you hear God's voice?

Question for Adults: In what specific ways is Christ an example which you follow when dealing with others, especially with the ones against whom you hold a grudge or those who dislike you?

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