



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

## March 26, 2023



## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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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**  
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**Saint Teresa of Avila Parish**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://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

# LENTEN Schedule

The Season of Lent began on **Ash Wednesday on February 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Fr. Tom Suppa will offer one weekday Mass at each parish during Lent. The **weekday Masses** will be as follows:

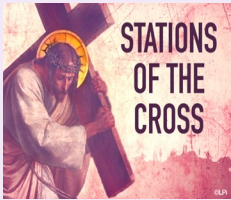
**5:15p.m. Tuesdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry**  
(Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, and 28, and April 4)

**8:00a.m. Thursdays at St. Teresa Church, Union City**  
(March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30)

Our deacons will continue to hold **Communion Services** during Lent on the following days/times:

**8:00a.m. Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church, Corry**

**8:00a.m. Fridays at St. Teresa Church, Union City**



**Stations of the Cross** will be offered at both parishes as follows:

**7:00p.m. Thursdays at St. Teresa, Union City**

**7:00p.m. Fridays at St. Thomas, Corry**

The **Sacrament of Confession** is available from 3:00pm—3:30pm on Saturdays at the church where Mass is celebrated. During the month of March it will be at St. Thomas Church (Corry) and for the month of April it will be at St. Teresa Church (Union City).



## Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sun.: Ezekiel 37:12-14 ♦ Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7) ♦  
Romans 8:8-11 ♦ John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Mon.: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3a,  
3b-4, 5, 6 ♦ John 8:1-11  
Tues.: Numbers 21:4-9 ♦ Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 ♦ John 8:21-30  
Wed.: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 ♦ Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 ♦  
John 8:31-42  
Thur.: Genesis 17:3-9 ♦ Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ John 8:51-59  
Fri.: Jeremiah 20:10-13 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 ♦ John 10:31-42  
Sat.: Ezekiel 37:21-28 ♦ Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 ♦  
John 11:45-56  
Next Sun./Palm Sunday: Matthew 21:1-11 ♦ Isaiah 50:4-7 ♦  
Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a) ♦ Philippians 2:6-11 ♦  
Matthew 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54



## Monday, March 27

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

## Tuesday, March 28

5:15p.m. ✠John Lutz by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

## Wednesday, March 29

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

## Thursday, March 30

8:00a.m. ✠Louis O'Connor by Cheryl & Steve Mongera  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

## Friday, March 31

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

## Saturday, April 1

4:00p.m. ✠Wilbert Arlet by the Family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

## Sunday, April 2

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠Annie Ranyak by Darlene Haibach  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

### A Family Perspective

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

### 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: March 18 & 19, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes: (73)** .....\$2,816.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 114)  
**Loose** .....\$152.00  
**Online Giving (10)** .....\$345.00  
**Total Offertory Income** .....\$3,313.00

**Average Weekly Expenses** .....\$7,656.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(4,343.00)

*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](http://www.StThomasTheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.*

### FUELING the MISSION together

#### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/17):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$33,850.00

Total Paid to date = \$19,930.00

# 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. THOMAS CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of March 26<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our deceased loved ones.



#### Holy Thursday Soup & Salad Supper

There will be a Soup & Salad Supper for parishioners and guests, sponsored by Saint Thomas Altar Rosary Society, on Holy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Saint Elizabeth Parish Center starting at 5:00pm. If you would like to donate a crockpot of soup please call Pat at 814-964-3262 or Zela at 814-462-4718. **We encourage everyone to come early to allow enough time to eat before joining us for Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00pm at St. Teresa Church in Union City. Gather with us as we begin the Triduum.**

#### Corry Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection

Their food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry is ending soon. Please donate non-perishable food items this week at Saint Thomas Church. Food may be placed in the marked bins.



**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.*

#### Easter Treats to Share with Loved Ones

The Catholic Daughters are selling chocolate-covered Easter eggs (maple cream and peanut butter) at the Fish Dinner and after the Saturday and Sunday Masses this week. Cost is \$7 each. Sales supports the projects of the Catholic Daughters.

## St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, February 22

Fridays, March 3, 17 & 31

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center

33 W. Pleasant St., Corry



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage

Adults \$14.00

Dine-in, Takeout & Delivery

Child (6-12) \$7.00

For Delivery Call 664-9187

*Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!*

#### Results from our Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> Fish Dinner

Thanks for so much for continued support of our Fish Dinners. Here are the totals from last Friday: Dine-in dinners were 96, Take-out was 96, and Delivery was 10, for a total of 202 dinners. A detailed profit and expense report for all the dinners will be in a future bulletin. Winner of this week's 50/50 was Joanne Johnson. *Thanks again to EVERYONE who helped!*

#### Donations Needed for our Lenten Fish Dinners

Thank you to all who helped, donated, worked, and supported our fish dinners so far. We appreciate everyone's efforts. We have ONE MORE Fish Dinner on Friday, March 31 and help is always needed. **Donations of pies/desserts (homemade or store bought) are needed and greatly appreciated.** Dessert donations can be dropped off at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Thursday, March 30 from noon—3:00pm and Friday, March 31 by 4:00pm for the dinner. *Please come to the dinner and let us cook for you! Hope to see you there.*

## St. Teresa Parish News

### ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 19, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (44) ..... \$1,537.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 113)  
**Loose** ..... \$45.00  
**Continuing the Vision** ..... \$100.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$1,682.00

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: March 19, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (3) ..... \$98.36  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 27)  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$98.36

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$1,780.36  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,777.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-2,996.64)

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

**FUELING the  
MISSION**  
together

### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/17):

**St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$28,575.00

Total Paid to date = \$18,170.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 58

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.**

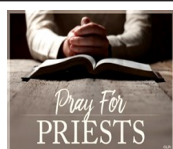
### St. Teresa Rosary Altar Meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Members of the Rosary Altar Society are reminded of their meeting on Monday, April 3 at 4:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

### Rosary Altar Society to Hold Bake Sale Next Weekend

The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be holding a Bake Sale next weekend, April 1 & 2, after both Masses. Please look for our table near the entrance of the church. We are sure you will find something delicious for yourself or to share with your family. Thank you for your continued support which also helps our church.

**SUPPORT OUR BAKE SALE**



Rev. Msgr. Henry Kriegel, Rev. Lawrence Richards, **Pray for Consecrated Life**, Rev. Jerry Priscaro, Rev. Richard Allen, and Rev. Phillip Pinczewski



**St. Teresa**  
**--LENTEN FISH FRY--**  
**Dine in or Take Out**  
**Feb. 24,**  
**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**  
**4:30 to 7:00 P.M.**  
**St. Teresa Parish Center**  
**Third Avenue • Union City, PA**  
**Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)**  
 Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or  
 Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce,  
 Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage  
**Price: Adults \$14.00**  
 Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00  
 Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.  
 \*Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks  
**For Take-outs Call**  
**814 - 438 - 2000**

### Totals from St. Teresa Fish Dinner Held on March 17<sup>th</sup>

We had a total of 261 dinners served at our latest Fish Dinner: 144 dine-in and 117 take-out. Thanks to everyone for supporting our efforts!

### Continued Thanks to our Bakers!

We ask that you continue to share your yummy desserts with our Lenten Fish Dinner guests! You can drop off desserts through the kitchen door on Thursday's from 6:00pm—8:00pm and on Friday's starting at Noon. Thank you.

### Volunteers needed for our Lenten Fish dinners!

Thursday's from 6:00pm—8:00pm will be work nights to prepare for our fish dinners. Please stop in if you're able to help. We will also need help cleaning up on Friday nights from 7:00pm—8:00pm. *Remember, many hands make light work!* If you have any questions, please call Becky Boleratz, Fish Dinner Chairperson, at 814-572-8126.



**A Letter from our Bishop**

March 9, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Each Good Friday, as we recall the passion and death of our Lord in the liturgy, we pray in the Solemn Intercessions: "Let us pray, dearly beloved, for the holy Church of God that our God and Lord be pleased to give her peace, to guard her and to unite her throughout the whole world...." Perhaps nowhere in the world does this petition find a greater echo in the holy days of the Easter Triduum than in the Holy Land. In the very places where Jesus was born, taught, healed, suffered and died, the Church is enduring constant hardship, and struggles to survive.

On Good Friday, April 7, Catholics throughout the world are asked to give generously to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in support of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in standing in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Your support means that the Church there can conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, build housing for Christians, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers.

As our diocesan family prepares to celebrate the Paschal Mystery, I encourage you to participate in the events of Holy Week. Know that you are in my prayer. Please know also of my gratitude for your generous response on behalf of the Christians of the Holy Land. May the Lord bless you abundantly this Holy Week, this Easter, and beyond.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

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

**Please use the envelope in your offertory packet or place your donation in plain enveloped marked 'Good Friday Collection'.**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE**

September 10, 2022 thru May 21, 2023

**Saturday 4:00PM****St. Thomas Church (Corry)**

September, November, January, March, May

**St. Teresa Church (Union City)**

October, December, February, April

**Sunday****8:00AM at St. Thomas Church (Corry)****10:00AM at St. Teresa Church (Union City)****Confessions****Saturday from 3:00pm—3:30pm**

at the church where Saturday Mass is celebrated  
OR by appointment—please call the parish office

**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 the remainder of March & April**

Sunday, March 26—No Class / Youth Mass today

Sunday, April 2—Class / Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 9—No Class / Happy Easter!

Sunday, April 16—Class

Sunday, April 23—Class

Sunday, April 30—No Class / Celebrating First Communion

**Religious Education Raffle Baskets**

It's not too late to still take a chance on our Raffle Baskets. We will be selling tickets at the remaining Fish Dinners. Drawings will be after the final Fish Dinners at both parishes. Thanks for supporting our Religious Education programs.

**The Sacrament of First Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation was celebrated from both of our parishes on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at St. Teresa Church. We continue to pray that these students may walk closely with Jesus and always experience his healing mercy. We are most grateful to Fr. Tom for walking them through the sacrament and for their catechists, George Wetzel (St. Teresa) and Donna Blessing (St. Thomas) teaching them and helping to prepare them. Picture above with Fr. Tom are: **Isaac Shick, Elise Kafferlin, and Teagen Parker.**

**"Question of the Week" - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Question for Children:** How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

**Question for Youth:** Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

**Question for Adults:** The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!