



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
203 W. Washington Street  
Corry, PA 16407



Saint Teresa of Avila Church  
9 Third Avenue  
Union City, PA 16438

# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

## June 26, 2022



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God.” - Lk 9:62

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### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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This weekend we enter into the ho-hum of ordinary time...some 22 weeks or so of green. Well, at least it's not pink I guess. And that reality is compounded by the fact that this week is already the end of June!!! How did that happen!!!

Also this week, is my 7 month anniversary with you! It doesn't seem like a day over 47 years, does it? Anywho, as we continue this adventure together as Partnered Parishes, this marks a big week for our Parishes, as this week we are finally able to combine our Parish Offices into one united Partnered Parish Office located at St. Thomas Church in Corry—the former convent/office/rectory....and now office again—which is located directly behind the Church.

For the past 7 months we have been working on how best to serve the needs of our people, and trying to do that in the most charitable and just way possible. And I know, believe me, this process is not easy or simple—but the reality we all find ourselves in is one where we are blessed to be able to work together as Partnered Parishes—and so we will embrace that blessing as best we are able with the help of God.

This process has involved Parish Councils, Finance Councils, Clergy, Consultors, and our current and new Parish Staff—and after much prayer, discussions, and headaches, we are ready to make the transition to a new Partnered Parish Office. So, what does that mean for you?

1) Pray for your Parish Staff!! God bless them all for their generosity and willingness to work for the good of the Parishes that they serve.

2) Our new Partnered Parish Office Staff are the following: Business Manager—Missy Silka; Secretary—Sue Johnston; Bookkeeper—Mary Jane Adamaszek.

It's important for us to note that all current office staff were offered a position in the new Partnered Parish Office—some chose to accept a new position, and some chose to move on. We are truly grateful to all the staff of our Parishes—former, current, and new!

3) As we continue to whittle our way down from 19 people on staff—we will gradually work on evaluating all aspects of the life of our Parishes to see how we can better partner to serve our common mission.

4) Beginning Tuesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, the new Partnered Parish Office will be located in the former convent of **St. Thomas Church, 203 West Washington Street, Corry, PA 16407**. The phone number is: **814-663-3041**. We are currently working on new email addresses as well—but the current email addresses will also work for the time being. Similarly, any calls placed to the former office in Union City will be forwarded to the new Partnered Parish Office. But still, it's probably good to update your rolodex with the new phone number. Just keep an eye on the bulletin for updated office hours and contact information.

5) Please repeat #1. A lot!

In all of these things and our life as Partnered Parishes, (2 Parishes, 3 Churches, 3 cemeteries, 10 buildings, 19 staff) growing pains will happen. So let's all just get through it as best as possible with the Grace of God. The kinks will all be worked out—and we will be stronger together.

That's all I got. I think that's more than enough. Enjoy the week. Good Luck! God help us all! - Fr. Matt



**Monday, June 27**

8:00a.m. †Joseph S. Kusiak by the family  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, June 28**

5:15p.m. †Adeline Rowland by Shirley Skiff  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, June 29**

8:00a.m. †Pauline Skalos by nieces and nephews  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, June 30**

8:00am Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

**Friday, July 1**

8:00a.m. †Thelma Morgan by Bill & Judy Flynn  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Saturday, July 2**

4:30p.m. †Marian Barton by Henry & Donna Pondel  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Sunday, July 3**

- 8:00a.m. In Honor of Ernie VanTassel (birthday) by Mom  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 9:30a.m. †Jeanne Vallimont by Pat Vallimont  
(St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. For the People of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

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**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

**ST. THOMAS FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** June 18/19, 2022

Due to the holiday (Juneteenth) bank schedule earlier in the week and the transitioning of the combined parish office, the financial stewardship report was not available prior to this bulletin publication. The Financial Stewardship Report will be available in next weekend's bulletin (July 3). Thank you.

*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'.**



**The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of June 26<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Christine Dyne Silver by family.**



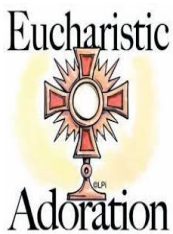
**PRAYER LINE... call:** Gerrie (665-6944), Shirley (814-392-5411), Pam (664-7459), or Diane (663-3753).  
*Since prayer is an important ministry of trust, know that all requests are kept confidential.*



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of those who were buried this past week from Saint Thomas Parish:

John N. Lutz  
Marianette Krupa  
Melvin Vanderhoof

May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



**24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK**

Our parish will hold its monthly 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration this week, beginning on Thursday, June 30 until Friday, July 1. **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 8:00am on Thursday and ends at 8:00am Friday morning.** All are welcome to join us anytime during Adoration. We are always looking for more 'scheduled adorers', so if you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the parish.

**Financial / Retirement Seminar Open to our Parishes**



The Corry Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Parish Financial / Retirement Seminar on Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at Saint Elizabeth Center, 33 W. Pleasant St., Corry. This event is open to the whole Catholic Community, women and men, from both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. The seminar will last approximately 30 minutes. No RSVP's needed. All are welcome to attend. *Hope to see you there.*

**Catholic Daughters Meeting this Week**



Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Conception #35, will meet on Tuesday morning, June 28 at 10:00am in the Saint Elizabeth Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Time to Return the LifeCare Baby Bottles**

Baby bottles for the LifeCare fundraiser were to be returned by Father's Day, June 19. If you still have a bottle at home, please be sure to bring it in as soon as possible. Bottles can be placed in the collection baskets. Thank you for supporting LifeCare ministries!



**"Question of the Week" - 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Question for Children:** To follow Jesus means to do what is right. Name a time this past week when you followed Jesus by doing the right thing you were asked to do, the first time, without an excuse.

**Question for Youth:** The people in the story had lots of reasons why they couldn't follow Jesus. What makes it hard to be a disciple of Jesus? Why do you make the choice to follow Jesus even though it is hard?

**Question for Adults:** Sometimes we are like the people in the Gospel and have many excuses for why we cannot follow Jesus. Name a time this past week that you followed Jesus even though you had many excuses.

**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.

**2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 6/06):**

**Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$44,848.00

Total Paid to date = \$35,834.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 123

# of Families who did not pledge = 222

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.**

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## St. Teresa Parish News

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Our Lady of Fatima Church!**

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: June 19, 2022

Please see above statement concerning delay in reporting the offertory for this week.

### St. Teresa Parish's Lawn Festival

Thursday, July 21, 2022  
5:00pm to 9:30pm



We are in need of the following items to make our festival a success: Homemade crafts, Items for the Chinese Auction, 2 liter bottles of pop, baked goods (dropped off the week of the event), YOUR TIME. You can help by working one of the many booths for a couple of hours! Donated items can be dropped off in the back of St. Teresa's Church Monday-Friday between 7:00am—7:00pm. Raffle tickets are in envelopes in the back of the church along with signs for this great event! Please take some tickets to sell and signs to hang up at local businesses. Raffle ticket money can be turned in with the weekly offertory in an envelopes marked "Lawn Festival" or can be turned in the night of the festival before 8:00pm.

### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule at St. Teresa Church for July 3 Mass at 9:30am

LECTOR—Tricia Young

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER—Jeannie Stepnowski

CHOIR— Pat Vallimont

ALTAR SERVER—Allie Anderson

### 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

### Indoor Garage Sale

Items for the Indoor Garage Sale can be dropped off at the Parish Center this week. They can be placed in the pre-school room at the following times:

Monday (June 27) from 10:00am—5:00pm

Tuesday (June 28) from 5:00pm—7:00pm

If other times are needed, contact Eileen at 814-438-2447. Remember, we do not take shoes, clothes, exercise equipment, TV's, or computers. Thank you for your continuing support. Posters to distribute are available in the back of the churches. **SET UP for the Sale** will be July 11—15 from 9:30am until 4:00pm and 6:30pm until 8:00pm. Please consider coming in to help if you are able. *Many hands make light work.*



### Baby Bottles for Knights of Columbus

Baby Bottles from the Knights of Columbus fundraiser are to be returned to the church as soon as possible. Please place them in the back of the St. Teresa Church for a Knight to pick up. Thank you.

### Money Counters Needed

Seeking volunteer counters to help process the offertory collection. All counting for each church will be done in the new combined parish offices located at 203 W. Washington Street in Corry. If you wish to volunteer for this ministry, please contact the parish office. This position requires attention to detail and strict confidentiality.

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon.	Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 ♦ Matthew 8:18-22
Tue.	Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 ♦ Matthew 8:23-27
Wed.	Acts 12:11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19
Thur.	Amos 7:10-17 ♦ Matthew 9:1-8
Fri.	Amos 8:4-6, 9-12 ♦ Matthew 9:9-13
Sat.	Amos 9:11-15 ♦ Matthew 9:14-17
Sun.	Isiah 66:10-14 ♦ Galatians 6:14-18 ♦ Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9



### St. Teresa of Avila Annual Golf Outing

St. Teresa is hosting a golf outing on July 9, 2022 at Union City Golf Club. Cash prizes will be awarded. Registration forms are available in the back of St. Teresa / Our Lady of Fatima / St. Thomas Churches or by calling Dick Hasbrouck at 814-450-9333.

Thank you to the following sponsors for the golf outing: **Father Tom Suppa, Tom Clickett Memorials, Kim's Kreamery, Sam's Auto Center, Corry Credit Union, North Hills Golf Course, Yaple Vacuum Cleaner Center, A. Caplan Co., H&W Hardware, American Legion, Augie's Pizza, Derner & Associate's, Union City Pharmacy, Corry Mfg. Co., Brown's Fitness, Country Fair, Karen Miller, and Duane Jackson of Erie Insurance.** Please support them and tell them you saw their name in our bulletin.

Attention Parish Bakers: We will need desserts for after the golf outing. Please bring them to St. Teresa Parish Center on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> before 1:00pm. Thank you for helping to make this a successful event for our parish.

**Our NEW MASS SCHEDULE  
is Now in Effect**

**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**

**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).....\$3,310.00

St. Teresa Church Goal .....\$15,000.00  
Amount Raised (to date).....\$15,100.00

Our Lady of Fatima Goal .....\$12,000.00  
Amount Raised (to date).....\$100.00

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**Our Lady of Fatima News**



**Our Lady of Fatima Church  
36198 Lake Road  
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**Mass at Our Lady of Fatima**

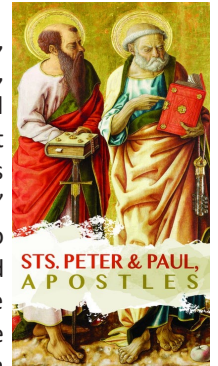
Our Lady of Fatima in Canadohta Lake is offering the sacrifice of the Mass at 11:00m every Sunday throughout the summer. Please inform your friends and neighbors, especially those returning to their cottages, of the availability of liturgy and the change of the time of Mass. It is wonderful to come together and praise God. *Hope to see you there!*

**Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program**

Active Aging Inc., the Area Agency on Aging for Crawford County is distributing four \$6.00 vouchers for the purchase of Pennsylvania grown fruits and vegetables at the Canadohta Senior Center, located in the Bloomfield Township Building, on Fridays from 9:30am until 12:30pm. To be eligible, each senior must be 60 years of age or older by December 31, 2022, a Crawford County resident, and meet certain income guidelines. For additional information please call 814-336-1792 Ext. 106.

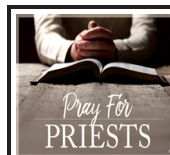
**Saints Peter and Paul**

The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles, will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 29. Saints Peter and Paul were martyred around the year 64 AD. Tradition says that Peter fled Rome to avoid arrest and saw Jesus on the road. "Where are you going, Lord," Peter asked. Jesus replied, "I am going to Rome to be crucified again." Peter turned back and was crucified upside down because he felt unworthy to meet his death the same way as Christ. Paul was seized in Jerusalem and was sent to Rome, where he was placed under house arrest. He was slain by beheading, because as a Roman citizen he could not be subjected to the indignity of crucifixion. In giving their lives, both Peter and Paul followed Christ, who perfectly modeled sacrificial love. We honor their courage and devotion.



**Diocesan Anniversary Celebration**

The 2022 Diocesan Anniversary Celebration Liturgies for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60, or more years of marriage will be held at two locations in the diocese: Sunday, July 31, 2022 at 2:00pm at St. Mary in St. Marys and Sunday, August 7, 2022 at 2:00pm at Holy Cross in Fairview. To register, please go online to <https://www.eriecnd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html> or contact the parish office or the Family Life Office at 814-824-1210.



Rev. John Detisch, Very Rev. Ross R. Miceli, V.F. Rev. Ian McElrath, Very Rev. Matthew J. Kujawinski, V.F. Rev William C. Miller