



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

January 28, 2024



4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" - Mk 1:23-25

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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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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

Notes from the Pastor

FISH DINNERS: Lent starts early this year, February 14! And with Lent, comes our fish dinners at both parishes. These are an enormous undertaking and can always use more volunteers. If you can help with cooking or serving, please contact Sue Vinca or Judy Green at St. Thomas or Becky Boleratz at St. Teresa.

We are making a special plea this year for help with cleaning up after the dinners are over. This will entail moving tables and chairs, sweeping and mopping floors. Those who cook and serve the dinners have usually put in a full day by the time the dinner is over. We are hoping to build a crew of workers who will come in after dinner and be in charge of cleaning up. If you, or your group, are willing to help us with this task, please contact the parish office or Fr. Tom.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TAKING COMMUNION TO THE SICK: We have been trying to compile a list of the people our Eucharistic Ministers are taking communion to at home. If you are taking communion to someone from the parish who is homebound or in a nursing home could you please let the parish office know, or place a note in the collection basket with your name, the names of those you are taking communion to, the nursing home or senior living apartment, and how often you are taking communion to them. This will help us to coordinate efforts to take communion to those who are sick or shut in. Thank You.

EUCCHARISTIC RENEWAL: Last week I began a series of articles on the Eucharist by talking about how what we come here to do is to pray and how we need to be prepared in mind and heart to really pray when we come to celebrate the Eucharist. This week allow me to add to that, with a few thoughts on what we do when we enter the church.

Since we are coming into the house of God to pray how do we recognize God as our host or acknowledge the presence of God as we enter God's house? One way people acknowledge God's presence is by genuflecting to the presence of God in the tabernacle. As I have noted elsewhere, if you are unable to genuflect, a simple bow is an appropriate alternative. This gesture only needs to be made as we enter the church and possibly again as we leave. Genuflecting (or bowing) comes from an ancient tradition of getting down on one knee in the presence of someone greater than ourselves. People often did this in the presence of a king or queen. In Church we are recognizing that we are in the presence of God. It is a simple gesture that reminds us of where we are and how sacred this place is because God is present to us here in a particular way.

Some people will also bless themselves with holy water as they enter and leave the church. It is another reminder of God's presence that is always with us because of our baptism. The holy water recalls our baptism which initiated us into the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. We recall that our salvation comes from God, the God who is present in this sacred place.

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**Sunday, January 28**

8:00a.m. ✠ Gerrie Cragg by Gerrie Karkoski and family
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠ Ann Ranyak by Mary Jane and Wayne
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, January 29

8:00a.m. ✠ Paul Mongera by Steve & Cherly Mongera
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, January 30

8:00a.m. ✠ Dan Ahl by Bryan & Kim Anderson
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, January 31

8:00a.m. ✠ Dick McKeta by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, February 1

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa.

Friday, February 2

8:00a.m. ✠ Walter Hornik by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, February 3

4:30p.m. ✠ Priscilla Kozik by the Roger Pelc family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, February 4

8:00a.m. ✠ Joe & Joette Amy by Denny & Chris Anderson
(St. Thomas, Corry)

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

*If today you hear His voice,
harden not your hearts. (Psalm 95)*

**GIVE
THANKS
& PRAISE**
in Prayer



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is **ONLY \$10 per Mass**. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any 'extra' funds you wish to give towards Masses.

These two simple gestures help us to become more aware of the presence of God that is here with us. Again, we need to be really present - really aware - of God's presence. If we want to engage the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we need to be really present and aware of what is happening and what we are doing.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 20 & 21, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (52)	\$2,631.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 122)	
Loose	\$283.00
Online Giving (9)	\$320.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,234.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$5,335.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,101.00)

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'.

Respect Life Envelopes (18).....\$229.00

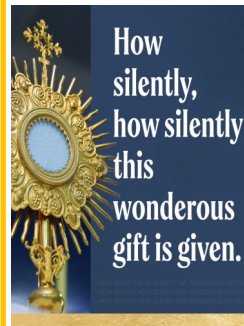
This benefits LifeCare Family and Pro-Life Resource Center in Corry and their pro-life efforts to support families and babies.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), 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 January 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Mary Vinca.



Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on **Thursday, February 1st (8:00am)** through **Friday, February 2nd (8:00am)** at **Saint Thomas Church**. All are welcome any time during Adoration. We are always looking for more 'adorers'. If you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the office

St. Thomas' Lenten Fish Dinners

Lent is coming soon and that means our annual Fish Dinners, too. We will hold the dinners on Ash Wednesday, February 14th and every other Friday, February 23rd, and March 8th and 22nd.

Volunteers are needed to help with prep, set-up, serving, clean-up and other areas. If you are able to help, please contact Sue Vinca (814-964-0290), Judy Green (814-964-1646) or the parish office (814-663-3041). What a great way to give of our time, talent and treasures while we enjoy our community during the Lenten season! Please continue to watch future bulletins for more information regarding are upcoming Fish Dinners.



Thank you from the Family of Mary Vinca

The family of Mary Vinca would like to thank our parish family for the love and prayers during her illness and her passing. We would especially like to thank the Altar Rosary Society and all those that donated food or helped at the funeral luncheon. We would also like to thank those who sang in the choir for the beautiful music at the funeral service, your kindness made her celebration of life more meaningful and brought us comfort in our time of sorrow.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property. Matthew 24:46-47

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 ten (10) 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:
3:30pm—4:00pm 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.

"Question of the Week" - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Name some bad things that you want to pray that Jesus will take away from our world.

Question for Youth: Jesus was able to free the man from the unclean spirit within him. What do you hope Jesus will free you from? What is happening in the world that need's Jesus' help?

Question for Adults: What are the evils in today's world that you pray God will free us from?



Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: January 21, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (43) \$1,581.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 114)
Loose \$93.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,784.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Jan. 21, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (2) \$70.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 28)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$1,854.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,731.00)

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Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

Fish Dinner Planning Meeting

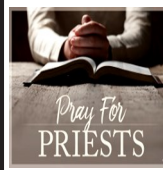
It's time once again for our annual Lenten Fish Dinners. Not only are these dinners an important fundraiser for our parish, it is also a time when we open our doors to the community and welcome them to our table. We need your help. There are many jobs that need filled from washing dishes, serving drinks, seating people, and delivering food to tables, as well as kitchen and cleanup duties. **Please join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at 6:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center.** We are seeking everyone who wants to help in any capacity at our dinners this year. Please consider giving the gift of service by signing up as a family for one of many open positions available. Any questions, please reach out to Becky Boleratz at 814-572-8126. Thank you.



Please support the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society by purchasing some delicious items from their Bake Sale following both Masses next weekend—February 3 & 4. Thank you!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of January 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our parish.



Rev. Raymond Gramata, Rev. Scott Detisch, Rev. Frank Dicristina, Rev. Joseph Dougherty, Rev. James Campbell, Captain Joseph Campbell, Rev. Richard Toohey, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*



Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

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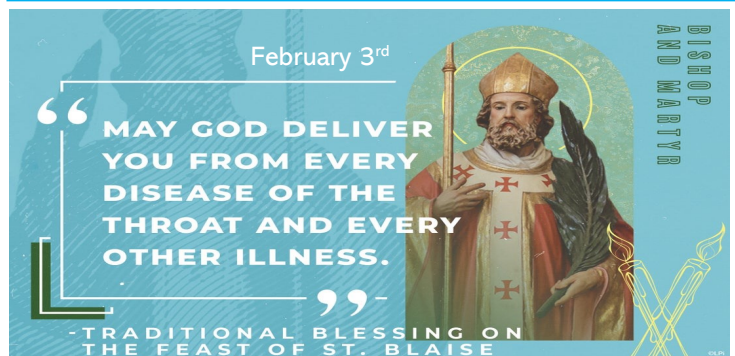
Readings for the week of January 28, 2024

Sun.: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8) ♦
 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 ♦ Mark 1:21-28
 Mon.: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 ♦ Psalm 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Mark 5:1-20
 Tues.: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 ♦ Psalm 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦
 Mark 5:21-43
 Wed.: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17 ♦ Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 ♦ Mark 6:1-6
 Thur.: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 ♦ 1 Chronicles 9:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd ♦
 Mark 6:7-13
 Fri.: Malachi 3:1-4 ♦ Hebrews 2:14-18 ♦ Psalm 24:7, 8, 9, 10 ♦ Luke 2:22-40
 or Luke 2:22-32
 Sat.: 1 Kings 3:4-13 ♦ Psalm 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 ♦ Mark 6:30-34
 Next Sun.: Job 7:1-4, 6-7 ♦ Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a) ♦
 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 ♦ Mark 1:29-39

**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**Blessed are the meek,
 for they shall possess the land.**

Matthew 5:3-4



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



"That they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me
and I in you."
John 17:21

One Faith One Family

Please prayerful consider how to support the 2024 CSA

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,
in your every act of creation we see your love for us.
Strengthen us for our role in the work of proclaiming the Gospel.
Open our hearts to listen to the needs of our brothers and sisters.
Give us joyful spirits that invite others to be drawn into
relationship with you.
Lead us in our support of the mission of your Church,
and remind us always that what we do for the least
of our sisters and brothers, we do for you.
May we serve you in all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thank You for Supporting the Help Spread the Faith Collection

At this weekend's Masses across our diocese we will take up a second collection to *Help Spread the Faith*. This annual collection helps with our mission to spread the Good News of the Gospels and Jesus Christ through various means, media, and technologies (such as the *Faith Magazine* and *EriE-News* online). Your support is appreciated. Please give generously. If you were not prepared for today's collection, please put your donation in next weekend's collection. Thank you!

Divine Mercy Encounter (DME) Retreat February 9-11, 2024

"DME (Divine Mercy Encounter) is a three-day retreat program. Each day has a different focus: Friday is the Day of Invitation, focusing on how God is inviting us into relationship. Saturday is the Day of Encounter, where we encounter God through the sacraments, Adoration, and others. Sunday is the Day of Commission, where we as a community are empowered to evangelize and share our faith. The weekend includes talks, exposure to different types of prayer, Mass, community, and much more. The weekend runs from 10:00am on Friday to 5:00pm on Sunday, and retreat participants stay onsite for the weekend." See www.divinemercyencounter.com for more information. The other DME retreats in 2024 will be in April, July and November in Erie and August 11-13 in St. Marys, PA.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Families of students in our Religious Education Classes at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes are reminded of the following schedule for the remainder of January & February 2024:



Sunday, January 28—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, February 4—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, February 11—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, February 18—No Classes this week.

Sunday, February 25—Classes for All Religious Education students.

CLASS TIME: Classes meet in Corry on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am and in Union City from 11:00am until 12:30pm; the PURPOSE/Confirmation Class in Corry meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

IMPORTANT: Safe Environment Training TODAY

Our Religious Education programs are mandated by the Bishops of the United States to provide Safe Environment Training to all students annually. **The training will take place TODAY - Sunday, January 28th (and Wednesday, January 31st) during the 2023-2024 catechetical year.** If you DO NOT want your child/children to participate, please contact Missy Silka, Director of Religious Education, in writing and your child will be withheld from the training program when it is presented. You may contact Missy Silka at business@stparish.org. Thank you.

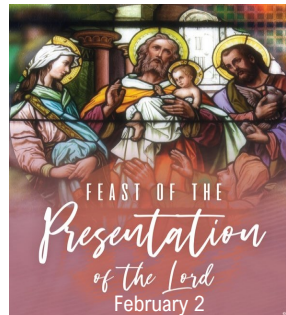
Basket Raffles to Benefit Religious Education Programs

We again will be having raffle baskets at our parishes' Fish Dinners during Lent. Families of Religious Education students are reminded to please bring in items to go in our raffle baskets. The themes are:

ST. THOMAS— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Easter

ST. TERESA— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Arts & Crafts

We ask that each student donate at least one item for one of the raffle baskets. Please feel free to donate more if you are able. You may also send in money towards the purchase of items for the baskets. All donations are due by Sunday, February 11. Thank you.



First Friday Calls

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office. **First Friday Calls will be done on Feb. 2.**

Hospital Visits

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The holidays are here! In all the preparations did you think lovingly of your spouse? It is a busy time of year. Consider this: a weekend away after the holidays to just be the two of you—husband & wife—and refocus on being that couple. Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a faith-based enrichment for any married couple. The next weekend will be February 9—11, 2024 in Grove City, PA. For more information, go to www.WWME.org.

