



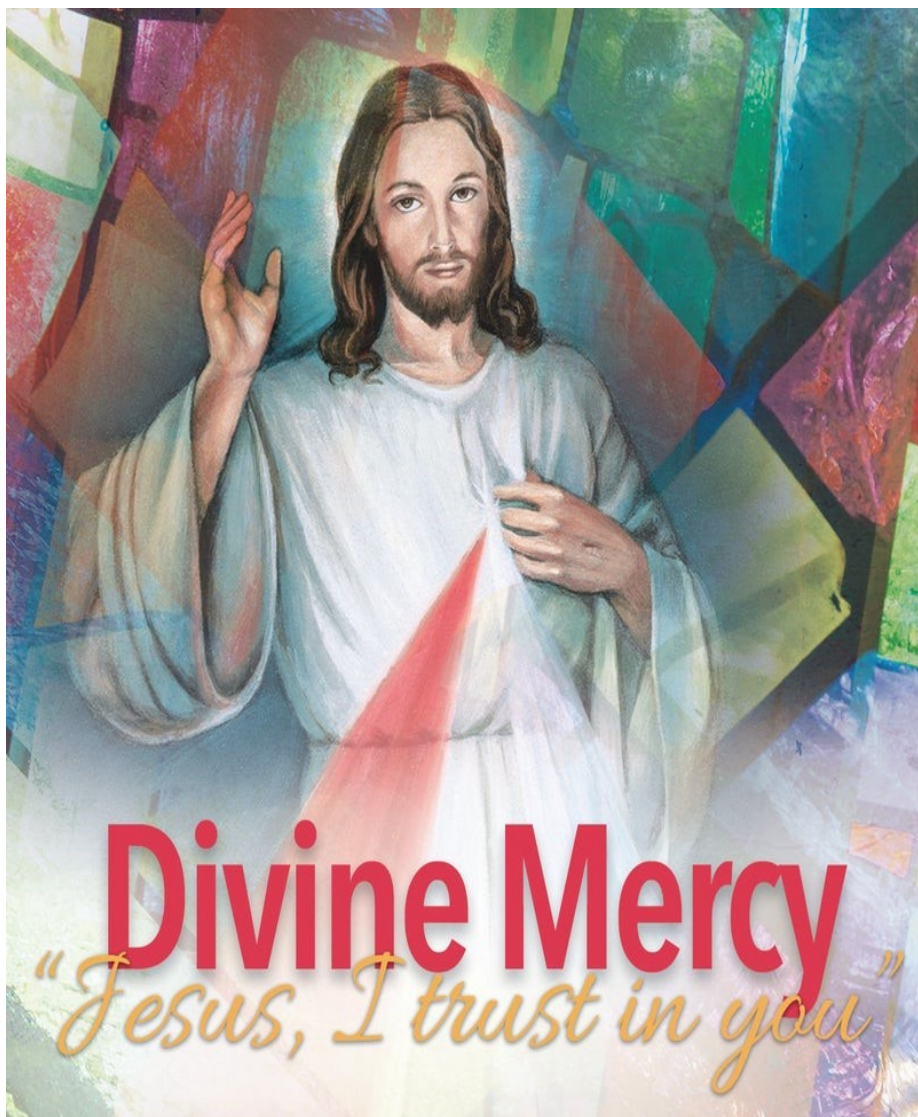
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church  
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# THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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

*April 24, 2022*



**Divine Mercy**

*"Jesus, I trust in you"*

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

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STREET \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

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I hope and pray that your Easter celebrations are off to a wonderful start!!! Remember, we keep the party going for a full 8 weeks, so don't through your bunny ears out quite yet!

This weekend we are blessed to celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. This wonderful devotion, propagated in an intense way by Saint John Paul the Great, is a beautiful reminder of our need to be open to the Mercy of Jesus—and let's be honest, who among us does not need to rely fully on that Mercy!!! Here is a little bit about St. Faustina and how this devotion developed:

"Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so her's were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope called her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

*"Saint Faustina, you told us that your mission would continue after your death and that you would not forget us. Our Lord also granted you a great privilege, telling you to "distribute graces as you will, to who you will, and when you will." Relying on this, we ask your intercession for the graces we need, especially for the intentions just mentioned. Help us, above all, to trust in Jesus as you did and thus to glorify His mercy every moment of our lives. Amen."*

Deacon Randy will be leading our Parishes in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet, this Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM at St. Thomas Church. Please join us in prayer for all the multitude of ways we need the Mercy of Jesus in our lives.

And while we are praying, let us keep our Confirmation Students: Stephen Brady, Ryah Lambert, Wesley Love, Kendra Maker, Caitlin Nordin, and Olivia Whitaker in our prayers this week as they celebrate the Sacrament with Bishop Persico at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean. Come, Holy Spirit!!!

I will be away this week—sort of— I may have inadvertently scheduled a week away that overlapped with Confirmation, but I will be there! But I promise, I won't be in the office, so our staff can party as they had planned. Please pray for them, they need it! Enjoy the week! God help us all! -Fr. Matt



#### Monday, April 25

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

#### Tuesday, April 26

5:15p.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

#### Wednesday, April 27

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

#### Thursday, April 28

NO MASS TODAY at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa

7:00p.m. Confirmation Mass for Sts. Thomas & Teresa at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean

#### Friday, April 29

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

#### Saturday, April 30 - Mass at St. Teresa, Union City

4:30p.m. Intentions of our Parish Family

#### Sunday, May 1

8:45a.m. †Jane Farver by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas)

10:45a.m. †Harold O'Connor by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa)

#### Spring Cleanup

We are in need of some help doing some Spring Cleanup around our Churches. If you would be willing and able to help with some yardwork, gardening, painting, or the like, please contact the Parish Office! Thanks in advance for your willingness to help!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of April 24<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Marian Barton.



The EASTER (Paschal) CANDLE at St. Thomas Church this year has been gifted by an anonymous donor, in memory of a special intention.



## St. Thomas Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 10, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (72)	\$3,564.00
Loose	\$159.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed	\$5.00
Online Giving	\$365.00
Flower Fund	\$35.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b>	<b>\$4,128.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b>	<b>*\$4,038.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$90.00</b>

Actual Average Weekly Offertory	*\$3,846.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses	*\$6,019.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses	*\$7,166.00

**\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022**

*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'.**

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 17, 2022 (EASTER)

Amount in Envelopes: (81)	\$3,576.00
Loose	\$350.00
Online Giving	\$290.00
Holy Thursday / Rice Bowl	\$170.00
Good Friday / Holy Land	\$233.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b>	<b>\$4,619.00</b>
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b>	<b>*\$4,038.00</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$581.00</b>

### **2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 4/17):**

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

**Total Amount Pledged to date = \$40,569.00**

**Total Paid to date = \$28,844.00**

**# of Families who made a pledge = 111**

**# of Families who did not pledge = 234**

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.**



### **Divine Mercy Holy Hour TODAY**

Friends in Christ:

**On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> (TODAY) there will be a Holy Hour at St. Thomas Church beginning at 3:00pm, the Hour of Mercy.** During this

holy hour, we will pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, will pray the Rosary for Peace in the Ukraine and will conclude with Benediction. I look forward to worshipping with you on this sacred Holy Day. Peace— *Deacon Randy*

### **Palanca Party**

Calling All Cursillistas—we will be having a Palanca Party on Tuesday, April 26 at 5:45pm meeting in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas. We will be preparing palanca for the upcoming Women's Cursillo #258 which will be held April 28—May 1 at Our Lady of Mercy in Harborcreek. Please join us!



### **Cemetery Help Needed**

Our Parish is looking for someone that would be interested in doing occasional maintenance at St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemetery. Responsibilities would include emptying garbage containers, digging graves for cremains, digging and pouring foundations for grave stones and other minor maintenance items. This is a paid position and the hours will vary. Please contact the Parish office if interested.



**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 Marian Barton (deceased) who was buried last week from our parish.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Linda Sherred (deceased) who recently passed away from our parish.

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

### **"Question of the Week" - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**Question for Children:** Jesus appeared to the disciples even though they were afraid and locked in the closed room. How can you show Jesus to another person this week by how you act?

**Question for Youth:** Thomas didn't believe because he hadn't seen Jesus with his own eyes. How hard is it for you to believe in God without being able to see God? How do you see God in the words and actions of others?

**Question for Adults:** Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." Give one example of how you will show your belief in Jesus this week - how you are being sent forth.

## St. Teresa Parish News

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 10, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (54) .....	\$1,643.00
Loose .....	\$184.75
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$1,827.75
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	*\$1,415.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$412.25

Actual Average Weekly Offertory .....	*\$2,183.00
Budgeted Weekly Expenses .....	*\$2,274.00
Actual Average Weekly Expenses .....	*\$3,695.00

*\*Based on Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022*

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 10, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (4) .....	\$300.00
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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 16/17, 2022 (EASTER)

Amount in Envelopes: (84) .....	\$3,059.00
Loose .....	\$269.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$3,328.00
<b>Weekly Budget (Offertory)</b> .....	*\$1,415.00
<b>Difference</b> .....	\$1,913.00

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 17, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (4) .....	\$110.00
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#### Additional Easter Flower Memorials

Andy & Julia Ryba, Marty Ryba, Cle & Dick Flynn, Paul & Shirley Flynn & Amy Outram by Bill & Judy Flynn.

#### Reverse Raffle at St. Teresa

The Reverse Raffle will be held Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. We are in need of desserts for this event. They can be dropped off at the parish center Thursday afternoon, April 28<sup>th</sup> or anytime Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> before 4:00pm. Thank you.

### St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

#### •Rosary—Altar Society

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 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

### Knights of Columbus CHANCE OF A LIFETIME TICKETS

The Union City Knights of Columbus is again, this year, selling the COAL SWEEPSTAKES tickets. Donation is \$5. This gives you 16 chances to win cash prizes from \$15,000 to \$1,000. To purchase your ticket, you may contact Bill Flynn at 814-438-3493 or any Knight. They are also available at the parish office.

### St. Teresa Indoor Garage Sale

Our Annual Indoor Garage Sale will be held the weekend of July 15, 16 & 17. We will need even more help on Monday, July 18 to remove the items from the Center in preparation for the parish festival. Help is also needed the whole week before the sale—much help is needed!! We will start collecting items after April 24. Please put items in the pre-k room off the Center. However, we cannot take clothing, shoes, TV's, computers or exercise equipment. Please remember us when you are spring cleaning and discarding items that can be resold (a treasure to someone else!). Thank you in advance for your help!

### 2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 4/17):

**Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$29,415.00

Total Paid to date = \$21,240.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 70

# of Families who did not pledge = 224

**Be sure to make your check payable to  
'ST. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.**



### Liturgical Ministers' Schedule at St. Teresa Church for April 30 & May 1

**4:30PM**

**10:45AM**

#### LECTOR

Marty Brown

Bill Sullivan

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Rowena Watts

Jeanne Stepnowski

Choir: Pat Vallimont

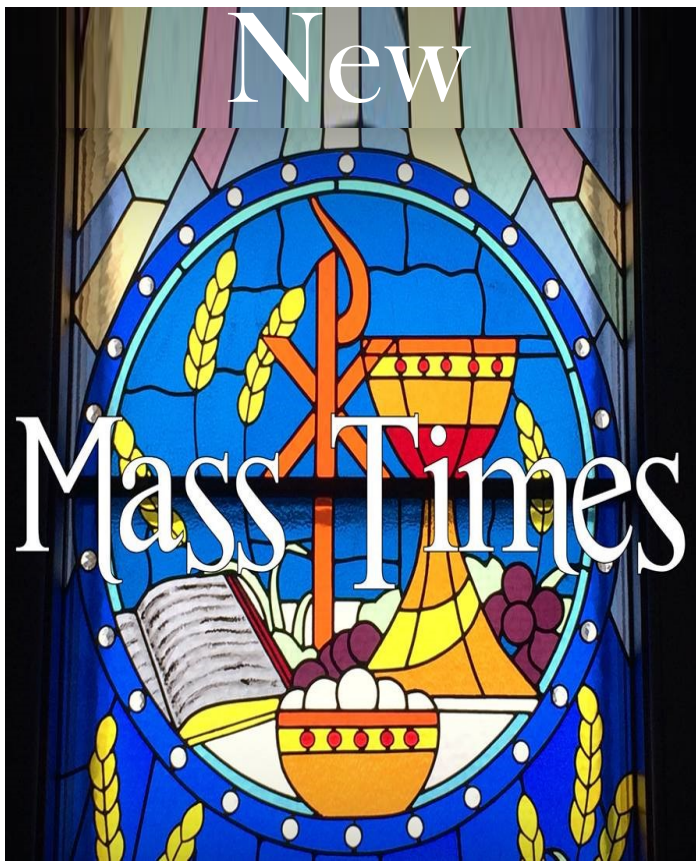
#### ALTAR SERVER

Luke Racop

Jacob Beer

### Mass Readings for the Week

Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-234 ♦ Matthew 28:8-15
Tue.	Acts 2:36-41 ♦ John 20:11-18
Wed	Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Luke 24:13-35
Thurs.	Acts 3:11-26 ♦ Luke 24:35-48
Fri.	Acts 4:1-12 ♦ John 21:1-14
Sat.	Acts 4:13-21 ♦ Mark 16:9-15
Sun.	Acts 5:12-16 ♦ Revelation 1:9-11a-13, 17-19 ♦ John 20:19-31



Over the past five months, I have been working with our Deacons, Staff, and Members of Parish and Finance Councils of Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes, in order to try to reconfigure the Mass schedule at our Parishes in a way that would best suite the needs of our Parishes.

There were many factors that went into our considerations on this matter – principal among them was having your Pastor be able to be with his people in the celebration of all of our Parish Masses, and also having the Pastor and the Religious Education Director being able to be present for all of our Parish Religious Education events and classes as well. This has proved to be no easy task, but after many meetings and lots of prayer, input, reflection, and participation of many, many people, including the Diocese – we have come up with what will be **our Mass schedule for at least the next 12 months**. I say that, only because I want to make sure we are truly best serving the needs of our Parishes – and if that means that tweaks need to be made in the future, then we will make them – together.

Therefore, the following will be our new Mass schedule:

### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE Effective May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022:**

#### **Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend:**

**Saturday: 4:00PM at St. Thomas Church**

**Sunday: 8:00AM at St. Thomas Church**

**9:30AM at St. Teresa Church**

**11:00AM at Our Lady of Fatima Church**

#### **School Year/Non-Summer Schedule:**

**Saturday: 4:00PM – alternating monthly between Sts. Thomas and Teresa Churches**

**Sunday: 8:00AM – St. Thomas Church**

**10:00AM – St. Teresa Church**

I believe this to be the equitable and just result of our months of prayer and deliberation — and is demonstrative of our need to work together as Partnered Parishes. It is my every hope and prayer that we will continue to work together, guided by the Holy Spirit, to build up God's Kingdom here in our midst at Sts. Thomas and Teresa.

I beg your continued prayers for this effort, and for me — and I assure you of my prayers for all of you as well. God help us all! - *Fr. Matt*