



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

## July 9, 2023



### 14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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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.

**Rev. Gregory Passauer**  
Temporary Parochial Administrator

**Rev. Thomas Whitman**  
Pastor (effective July 11, 2023)

**Rev. Mr. Randy Kondrlik**  
Deacon  
rkondrlik@eriercd.org

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Deacon—Retired

**Melissa Silka**  
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**Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish**  
[www.stthomastheapostle.church](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)

**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

# 2023 SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

**Begins May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Memorial Day through Labor Day weekends**

## 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**

## **Confessions**

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

- OR - by appointment, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041)

## Welcome to Fr. Thomas Whitman

We wish to welcome Fr. Tom, our new pastor, who will be joining us this week. He will be residing at the rectory at Saint Teresa in Union City. He can be reached at the partnered parish offices beginning on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. He will also begin daily Masses this week—please see the new schedule for daily Masses below.

## NEW Daily Mass Schedule

We are returning to celebrating daily Mass now that Fr. Tom Whitman is with us. The weekday Mass schedule is as follows: Monday & Fridays at St. Teresa Church (Union City) and Tuesdays & Wednesdays at St. Thomas Church (Corry). All daily Masses will begin at 8:00am. No Mass will be offered on Thursdays at this time. Daily Mass begins this week on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. *All are invited to join us.*

## PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

### Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

Sun.: Zechariah 9:9-10 ♦ Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1) ♦  
Romans 8:9, 11-13 ♦ Matthew 11:25-30  
Mon.: Genesis 28:10-22a ♦ Psalm 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab ♦ Matthew 9:18-26  
Tues.: Genesis 32:23-33 ♦ Psalm 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15 ♦ Matthew 9:32-38  
Wed.: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a ♦ Psalm 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 ♦  
Matthew 10:1-7  
Thur.: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5 ♦ Psalm 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 ♦  
Matthew 10:7-15  
Fri.: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30 ♦ Psalm 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 ♦  
Matthew 10:16-23  
Sat.: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a ♦ Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 ♦  
Matthew 10:24-33  
Next Sun.: Isaiah 55:10-11 ♦ Psalm 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8) ♦  
Romans 8:18-23 ♦ Matthew 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



## **Sunday, July 9**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Richard & Eileen Farver by Dick & Jean Farver  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. ✠ Alfred Gavulic by his daughter, Carol Steinmetz,  
and family (Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

## **Monday, July 10**

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

## **Tuesday, July 11**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Sophie Girovsky by Joseph & Nellie Klick  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

## **Wednesday, July 12**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Judy Bitters by Valerie, James, Erick, and Keegan  
Lessiter (St. Thomas, Corry)

## **Thursday, July 13**

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

## **Friday, July 14**

- 8:00a.m. ✠ Sherry Davis by Joe & Jane LaDuke  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

## **Saturday, July 15**

- 4:30p.m. ✠ Bill Kibler by Joe & Ann Marie Fry  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

## **Sunday, July 16**

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes  
(St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. ✠ Jerry Adams by Diana Adams  
(St. Teresa, Union City)
- 11:00a.m. ✠ Sonny Rusilko by Elaine Rusilko and family  
(Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

## **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: July 1 & 2, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (79) .....\$3,179.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 95)  
**Loose** .....\$550.50  
**Online Giving** (17) .....\$865.00  
**Religious Education** (9) .....\$85.00  
**Total Offertory Income** .....\$4,679.50

**Average Weekly Expenses** .....\$7,656.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** .....\$(-2,976.50)

*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'.*



**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 July 9<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tommy Brigham by Nancy and children.**



*Emily Dingfelder and Michael Tenney*

### "Question of the Week" - 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** When you are generous, honest, and loving, how do you know it is Jesus who helps you do that?

**Question for Youth:** Jesus invites us to bring him our burdens and promises us that he will give us rest. How do you rely on Jesus during times of trouble? When has Jesus helped you?

**Question for Adults:** As you go about your daily life, dying in love for others, how do you experience Christ giving you consolation and peace?



### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/02):

**St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00**

**Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,370.00**

**Total Paid to date = \$36,000.00**

**# of Families who made a pledge = 105**

*Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.*

**If you have not yet pledged to the 2023 CSA, please do so today.**

**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!*



### Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brothers of Corry Council #425 of the Knights of Columbus will meet on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Mead Park. Please bring a dish to share during social time following our meeting. In case of rain, a call/email will be sent to notify of any location change.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Gloria Jones who recently passed away from Saint Thomas Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

### Farewell Mass for the Rev. Msgr. Edward Lohse

All the faithful from the diocese are invited to a farewell Mass for Bishop-Elect Lohse on Wednesday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm in St. Peter Cathedral, Erie.



### Thank You for Helping with Our Church Garden Beds

Thank you to all the volunteers who have been working hard to spruce up the garden/flower beds around St. Thomas Church and St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We are grateful to Lois Woodcock for organizing the work sessions and to all the volunteers who worked to beautify our parish properties. We appreciate your enthusiasm and you did a wonderful job!



## St. Teresa Parish News

### ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 2, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (39) ..... \$1,540.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 118)  
**Loose** ..... \$100.00  
**Continuing the Vision** (6) ..... \$180.00  
**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$1,820.00

### OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 2, 2023

**Amount in Envelopes:** (9) ..... \$245.00  
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)  
**Loose** ..... \$488.00  
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**Total Offertory Income** ..... \$0.00

**St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income** ..... \$0.00  
**Average Weekly Expenses** ..... \$4,777.00  
**Weekly Average Shortfall** ..... \$(-0.00)

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



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 9<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bob Adams (for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary) by Melody and family.



### A Family Perspective

Today's gospel is about being missionaries. As Jesus accepted his mission, parents accept the mission of raising a family. Parents are not alone in this exhausting and difficult vocation. Today Jesus calls us to himself when he invites us to "Come to me and I will give your rest."

### St. Teresa Parish's Lawn Festival

Thursday, July 20, 2023



We are in need of the following items to make our festival a success: Plants, Items for the Chinese Auction, 2 liter bottles of pop (lots of them), baked goods, and YOUR TIME. If you can help working one of the many booths for a couple of hours, please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Please find raffle tickets and signs in the back of the church. Sold tickets can be returned in an envelope marked 'Lawn Festival' and placed in the collection baskets, sent to the parish office, put in the locked mailbox outside St. Teresa Church, or returned the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. Thank you. *We hope to have a great festival this year.*



### 2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/02)

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

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,390.00

Total Paid to date = \$32,310.00

# of Families who made a pledge = 78

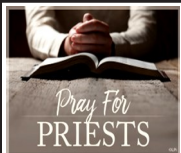
Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

**Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**

**Be sure to make your check payable to**

**'ST. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.**

Thank you to those who already made their pledge to this year's CSA. **WE REACHED OUR DIOCESAN GOAL!** All money raised now goes directly to the parish to help with our designated project of much needed repairs to the roofs at both St. Teresa Church and St. Teresa Parish Center. *Remember, no gift is too large or too small!*



Rev. Corey Pius, Rev. Thomas Brooks, Rev. Richard Toohey, Rev. Alexander Amico, Very Rev. Richard Tomasone, V.F., Very Rev. Charles Hamlett, V.F., Pray for Vocations and All Priests (active & retired) in the Diocese of Erie



### 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. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend to have a Mass Intention said is \$10.



### Newly Installed Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

If you were recently commissioned to be a Lector or Minister of Holy Communion in our parishes, please contact the parish office. In order to utilize the online ministry scheduling program used by our parishes, we will need to provide you with login instructions. This will allow you to be able to access the ministry schedule via your computer or your smartphone. We will also need to know your preferences, such as service time/church/time off, to make scheduling more efficient. Thank you for your cooperation and dedication to service in our parishes.



**A Letter from our Bishop**

June 19, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We are all called to be missionaries in some way. At his Wednesday audience on June 7<sup>th</sup>, the Holy Father said: "Missionaries, in fact... are not only those who travel long distances, learn new languages, do good works, and are good at proclamation; no, a missionary is also anyone who lives as an instrument of God's love where they are. Missionaries are those who do everything so that, through their witness, their prayer, their intercession, Jesus might pass by." Today I am asking you to enter into this spirit of missionary outreach by considering a generous gift to the National Needs Collection.

**This year the National Needs Collection will take place the weekend of July 15- 16.** This is a good opportunity for Catholics to show their solidarity with the poor in our own nation. This collection is a combination of two collections:

- The Catholic Home Missions Appeal – supports, among other things, education for seminarians, which is a significant expense for poorer dioceses in the United States. This collection also supports training for lay ministry, Hispanic ministry, catechesis and other pastoral programs in needy dioceses throughout the United States.
- The Black and Indian Mission Collection – supports the work of the Church among the African American, Alaskan Native and American Native peoples in the United States.

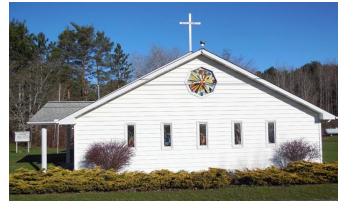
I ask your generous response to the Collection for National Needs on July 15-16. Your donation will help support vocations, religious education, basic pastoral care and catechesis for children and adults in the Church here in the United States. Your help does make a difference.

Be assured of my gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*+ Lawrence T. Persico*

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



**Our Lady of Fatima Church**  
36198 Lake Road  
Union City, PA 16438

**Our Lady of Fatima News****Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

People within our society often strive to be self-confident and work to attain authority and power. Many are loath to admit dependence on any one or any object. The words of Jesus compel us to look beyond common beliefs. Would we like to be known as "meek and humble of heart"? Jesus was, and stated so with modesty and truthfulness. The origin of the word "meek", from the Greek, means "not easily provoked." To be meek is to strike a balance between extreme anger and the absence of anger. The meek possess control. Consider the life of Christ. Was there ever a time when He was not in control of Himself? Jesus was always open to God's action and will in His life, and chose to do His Father's bidding. Pray that we have the meekness to learn from God and, in strength and knowledge, surrender to His will.

**In Gratitude**

Thanks to all who made the recent commemoration of Msgr. John Swoger's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination a memorable event. Several members of the congregation helped with set up, serving, and clean up at the coffee and donuts social. Father John enjoyed the celebration and well-wishes with those in attendance. Thanks to all for your presence and assistance!

**Sanctuary Flowers**

The flowers at the altar this Sunday are in loving memory of Alfred Gavulic and were donated by his wife Helen Gavulic. May Al, who was a summer member of our faith community, rest joyfully in Paradise.

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth*

**We Are the Church**

People make up the church, not buildings. Our **Parishioners**, staff, and clergy affect the future direction of our parishes. We need your help to REVIVE our churches! Parishioners are invited to join us for brainstorming meetings to share ideas to help our parishes. The first meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, July 18** at St. Teresa Parish Center at 6:30pm and a second meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 8** at 6:30pm. Imagine the possibilities TOGETHER! *Hope to see you there.*

**Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico**

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2023 will be held in our area on **Sunday, August 6** at **Our Lady of Peace, Erie** at **2:00pm**. Couples may complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriercd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, call the parish office or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21.



Diocese of Erie

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