



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

December 25, 2022



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The time came for her to have her child and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. - Lk 2:6b-7

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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

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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



A Happy Christmas to you and yours!! I pray that this holy weekend finds you merry and bright, or at least full of plum pudding or mincemeat pie or something.

If you are visiting us for Christmas, I hope that you find in our Parish communities a sense of welcome and hospitality, and the presence of Jesus here in our midst. If you are a member of our Parishes and maybe haven't been here for a while, or if you are interested in becoming a member, I truly hope that you prayerfully consider joining us each and every weekend. I believe that our Parish communities of Sts. Thomas and Teresa have the potential to be of benefit to your life, and I truly know that your presence with us would be of benefit to ours! We hope to see you back again soon!

As we celebrate the joy of this weekend, we also know very well that life can be difficult some times, hard at others, and still incomprehensibly wretched at others. Yet, I came across a profound reflection on this sacred time—something that is a good reminder to all of us, that: 'A child was born in Bethlehem, bringing peace on earth and good will toward men. Because of him and through his example the human spirit can rise above tragedy—whenever, however, we suffer our own night of sorrow. Love does shine in the darkness. Hope can heal the wounded soul. And the Christmas work of giving, of loving, serving and of rescuing is ours if we choose to make it so. And as we do, we join with saints and angels to rejoice and sing 'it is well, it is well with my soul.'

And in that is my hope for you and all those you love, this holy time and always: May you be well—May you be at peace—May you know loving kindness. Let us help each other.—*Fr. Matt*



Monday, December 26

8:00a.m. No Mass (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, December 27

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

Wednesday, December 28

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

Thursday, December 29

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

Friday, December 30

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

Saturday, December 31

4:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, January 1, 2023

8:00a.m. †Msgr. John Hagerty by George & Carol Groner (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †George, Irene, and Don Tinko by Ed & Irene Weaver (St. Teresa, Union City)

Parish Office Closed this Week for the Holidays

Our Partnered Parish Office will be closed for Christmas from Monday, Dec. 26 through Sunday, Jan. 1 so that our staff may spend some time with their families during the holiday season.

Our Office will reopen to the public on Monday, January 2 at 12:30pm. Should an emergency arise, please leave a voicemail or email, which may be checked periodically during our closure.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and Happy New Year!

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: December 18, 2022

The Financial Stewardship Report for the weekend of December 17/18 will be published in an upcoming bulletin. Today's bulletin had to be submitted to our publisher prior to the weekend Masses due to the holiday season. Thank you to all who regularly use your church offertory envelopes and/or give to the parish collection. We appreciate it and are grateful for your support.

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'.



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 December 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Susan Dyne Nichols requested by family.

"Question of the Week" - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Question for Children: What do you want to tell others about the birth of Jesus?

Question for Youth: How can you share the good news of great joy with others?

Question for Adults: Jesus, God's very own Son, is God's greatest and most generous gift to us. Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promise and proof of God's incredible love for us. How do you return to God your greatest gifts?

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 12/11):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$47,929.00

Total Paid to date = \$46,384.00

of Families who made a pledge = 136

of Families who did not pledge = 209

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.



St. Teresa Parish News

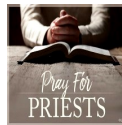
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Please write checks to either St. Teresa Church or Our Lady of Fatima Church. Thank you.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of December 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Steven Paul Mongera requested by Cheryl & Steve Mongera.



Rev. James McCormick, Rev. Benjamin Daghir, Rev. Raymond Gramata, Rev. Raymond Hahn, Rev. John Beal, Rev. Christopher Singer

Completing your 2022 CSA Pledge

We are grateful to everyone who made a pledge to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal at both of our parishes. As the year draws to a close, we ask that you please consider paying off any remaining balances owed on your 2022 CSA pledge. The 2023 Catholic Services Appeal will begin in mid-February. Thank you for your continued generosity!

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/6):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,550.00

Total Paid to date = \$33,495.00

of Families who made a pledge = 93

of Families who did not pledge = 201

We appreciate your generosity to the CSA. Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give. **Please make a pledge today. Thank you.**

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Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes

Classes are Sundays following Mass. **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**
Students in Corry will attend class from 8:45am until 10:00am in the former school building. Union City students will attend class from 10:45am until 12:00pm (noon) at St. Teresa Parish Center.

Class Schedule for the Holidays and January

Sunday, December 25 — No Class / Merry Christmas

Sunday, January 1 — No Class / Happy New Year

Sunday, January 8 — Class

Sunday, January 15 — Class

Sunday, January 22 — Class

Sunday, January 29 — Class / Youth Mass today



St. Teresa of Avila 2022 Christmas Flower Donations

Thanks to all who donated to the Christmas Flower Fund,
it helped decorate our church with beautiful poinsettias for Christmas!



<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>Donated by</i>
<i>Ferro and Brown Families</i>	<i>Ernie & Nancy Ferro</i>
<i>Zielinski and Rejzer Families</i>	<i>Joe & Marlene Zielinski</i>
<i>Martin & Anna Kozik and Family</i>	<i>Virginia Kozik</i>
<i>Latshaw Family</i>	<i>Katherine Young</i>
<i>Andy & Julia Ryba, Dick & Cle Flynn, Marty Ryban Shirley Flynn, Paul Flynn, Amy Outram, Danny Chundlek, and Thelma Morgan</i>	<i>Bill & Judy Flynn</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the Kozuchowsky, Piazza and Mineo Families</i>	<i>Sam & Carol Piazza</i>
<i>Sandy King, Russell & Julia King, Andrew & Elizabeth Beezub, Laurie Kay Beezub</i>	<i>Larry King, Kim Proper and family</i>
<i>Jennie Mineo, Janet Mineo Frontino, Earl Love, Betty Tyson, and Charles Tyson</i>	<i>John & Rita Mineo</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the Watts and Burgess Families</i>	<i>Todd & Michelle Burgess</i>
<i>Little Angels</i>	<i>Pete & Jeannette Boyd</i>
<i>Robert Adams, Joseph V. Kirik, Matthew Kirik, Russell & Sarah Adams</i>	<i>Melody Adams</i>
<i>Jerry Kerr</i>	<i>Dolores Kerr</i>
<i>Don Thomas, Kirik Family, Thomas Family, Steve Ranyak, Sue Bishop, and Ann Ranyak</i>	<i>Mary Thomas</i>
<i>Joseph Polach, Sr.</i>	<i>Brad & Sally Berkey</i>
<i>George, Irene, and Don Tinko, E. John, Richard & Don Weaver, Glenn & Geraldine Crosby, Stella & Joseph Orzechowski, Robert & Pauline Pekar</i>	<i>Ed & Irene Weaver</i>
<i>Sherry Davis, Roman & Phyllis Bem</i>	<i>Larry & Kim Yapple</i>
<i>Marjorie & Kenneth Hanlin, Gordon Hanlin, Ken Hanlin, Nora & Frank Hanlin, and Ruth & Arthur Yochim</i>	<i>Noreen Herlburt</i>
<i>Weidow & Radock Families</i>	<i>Marty & Linda Radock</i>
<i>George & Julia Sekerak, Jim & Joann Baltes</i>	<i>Jim & Mary Jo Sekerak</i>
<i>Ray Rhodes, Bob Rhodes, Walter & Connie Bem</i>	<i>Walter & Kathy Bem</i>
<i>Arlene & Gerald Clark, Carol Biemel</i>	<i>Dana & Christine Williams</i>
<i>Jean's Mom, Jean's Dad, My Mom, My Dad, the U.S.A.</i>	<i>Ken & Jean Calfo</i>
<i>Beezub Family, Gilger Family</i>	<i>Robert & Patricia Beezub</i>
<i>Steven Paul Mongera, Steve & Dorothy Mongera, Harold & Lois O'Connor</i>	<i>Steven & Cheryl Mongera</i>
<i>Agnes Sterbenac, Namisnak and Muscia Families</i>	<i>Karen Muscia</i>
<i>Roberto, Deceased Members of the Masangcay Family, Saturnino & Eusebia Allangué</i>	<i>Angelina Masangcay</i>
<i>Ray & Bob Rhodes, Andrew Harnak Family</i>	<i>Dorothy Rhodes</i>
<i>Joseph S. Kusiak</i>	<i>Patricia Kusicak</i>
<i>Joe & Rose Sabol, Cubby & Maxine Shreve, Fr. James Peterson, and Fr. Charles Skinner</i>	<i>Joe & Diana Sabol</i>
<i>Members of the Sabol and Nichols Families</i>	<i>David & Mary Sabol</i>
<i>Stanley & Mary Klus, Jan & Joe Hedford, James Wood, and Timothy Perry</i>	<i>Patty, Stan and Helen Perry</i>
<i>Louis, Ann, and James Klus, Hopson Loved Ones, and Jonice Ledford</i>	<i>Edward & Paula Klus</i>
<i>The Shade and Segal Families</i>	<i>Mary Ann Shade</i>
<i>John J. Daggett, Fred, Genevieve and Rick Pusch</i>	<i>Christine Daggett</i>

Donations also received from: Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck, Mark & Theresa Racop, Mark Klingman, James & Carol Campbell, Sarah Robertson, David & Naomi Rhodes, John & Amber Tingley, Douglas & Pamela O'Connor, David & Diana Rose, and Yvonne Stauffer.



Wishing everyone a Merry & Blessed Christmas season.



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<i>Dan Cragg</i>	<i>Debra Cragg</i>
<i>Gary and Steve Munsee</i>	<i>The Munsee Family</i>
<i>Deacon Bill Sproveri</i>	<i>Family</i>
<i>Rose Strang and the Lowry Family</i>	<i>Dick & Reva Lowry</i>
<i>Fred and Mary Walsh and Skye Elizabeth</i>	<i>Shelia and Jonah</i>
<i>Ed & Sophie Girovsky</i>	<i>Diane Hall and Jean Cressley</i>
<i>The Rushin and Hennings Families</i>	<i>Alice and Jerry Rushin</i>
<i>Jack, Tommy, and Rick Brigham</i>	<i>Nancy Brigham, Tammy, Debbie, and John</i>
<i>The Synniewski Family, Matthew, Kazimiera, Andrew, and Halina</i>	<i>Irena and grandsons, Aaron and Adam Lamber</i>
<i>Frances, George, and Michael Butchko</i>	<i>Patricia Stolz</i>
<i>Lila Sander and Richard Ayers, Sr.</i>	<i>Rick, Debbie, and Richelle</i>
<i>Paul & Barbara Anderson and Louis & Charlotte Sproveri</i>	<i>Denny & Chris Andeson</i>
<i>Jason Buell</i>	<i>Mom & Dad</i>
<i>Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz and Joseph & Patricia Walsh</i>	<i>John & Colleen Zaczekiewicz</i>
<i>The Weis and Hermanto Families</i>	<i>Steve & Millie Weis</i>
<i>Sophie DeWitt and Martin DeWitt</i>	<i>Sandy Skuse</i>
<i>Jack & Barbara Brunez</i>	<i>Nick & Mary Jo Brunez</i>
<i>Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wheeler, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Keenan, Mr. & Mrs. George Valletti, and Jeanne Vallimont</i>	<i>The Wetherbee Family</i>
<i>Lila Sander</i>	<i>Peter Sander</i>
<i>Joe, Lottie, Ron, and Bob Hajec</i>	<i>Linda & Mike Roden</i>
<i>Ed Paver, Sr. and Arthur Nollinger</i>	<i>Lois Paver</i>
<i>William VanCise (husband / father)</i>	<i>Mary VanCise and children: Theresa, Jacqueline, Janet, Michelle, and Mark</i>
<i>Robert Bailey and the Motuz and Bailey Families</i>	<i>Veronica Bailey</i>
<i>The Horan and Ginn Families</i>	<i>Margaret Ginn</i>
<i>David A. Maryott</i>	<i>Alice Maryott</i>
<i>The Wascak and Stoddard Families</i>	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Paul Wascak</i>
<i>The Dougherty and Hare Families</i>	<i>Pat Dougherty</i>
<i>The Cyril Ghivna Family and the John Mitchell Family</i>	<i>Dave & Marie Mitchell</i>
<i>The Karkoski, Anderson, Dempsey, and McCarthy Families</i>	<i>Peg Anderson and Gerrie Karkoski</i>
<i>Madalyn & Joseph Jawdy, Sr.</i>	<i>Joe & Janet Jawdy</i>
<i>Howard VanTassel, Richard Volk, and the Puchly Family</i>	<i>Agatha Volk</i>
<i>Fred & Mary Walsh and John & Ruth Lawson</i>	<i>Kris & Clancy Walsh</i>
<i>Harvey & Thelma Bensink, Clare Mease, and Fred & Ruth Ahl</i>	<i>Dan & Janet Ahl</i>
<i>Judith Johnston and Z. Marion & Irene Zaczekiewicz</i>	<i>Gary, Sue and Joseph Johnston</i>
<i>Albert & Frances Ross, Adeline Rowland, Donald Buell, and Blair Skiff</i>	<i>Shirley Skiff</i>
<i>Bill, Dustin, and Samantha</i>	<i>Kathy Brigham</i>
<i>Deceased Members of the John & Mary Mitchell and Merle & Dora Triscuit Families</i>	<i>Don & Janet Mitchell</i>
<i>Doug Puckly and Carl Benden</i>	<i>Karen Puckly, Stephanie & Cory Biltz, and Elsie Benden</i>
<i>Our Parents</i>	<i>Bruce & Deb Jaquith</i>
<i>William & Mary Lou and Frank & Catherine</i>	<i>Frank & Lori Lackovic</i>
<i>Joe & Gloria DeMarte, Gayle DeMarte Kenney, and Chris Lutton</i>	<i>Jill Lutton</i>
<i>Anna & Guerino Raglani, John & Anna Buckshaw</i>	<i>Carl & Mary Buckshaw</i>

Donations also received from: Mary Vinca and Judy Christensen.

