



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

April 16, 2023



2nd

SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Blessed are those who have not seen
and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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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
www.stthomastheapostle.church

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



TODAY is Divine Mercy Sunday—April 16th

All are invited to share in the Father's Divine Mercy by joining us this afternoon at 3:00pm in St. Thomas Church for the Divine Mercy Chaplet with Deacon Randy.

The Origins of the Feast of Divine Mercy

In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun began receiving private revelations. Jesus appeared to her during her times of prayer, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers — the Divine Mercy Chaplet — and the request to have a feast day established to remind the Church of the mercy of God. St. Faustina died in 1938, on the cusp of war and in the midst of one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story and her diaries began circulating in Poland and beyond. It quickly became apparent that this was a holy young woman, and the cause for her canonization opened. In the year 2000, she was canonized by the first-ever Polish pope, St. John Paul II. On her canonization day, he established the second Sunday of Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come.” ©LPi

Progress Continues on the Partnered Parish Office

We continue to make progress on the repairs to the partnered parish office following the mold and water damage issues. All the mold issues have been remediated, cleaned, and any affected drywall removed. Flooring will be replaced and repairs made to the drywall in the next few weeks. With any luck, we hope to move back in by late April or early May. Please keep this project in your prayers.

Readings for the week of April 16, 2023

Sun.: Acts 2:42-47 ♦ Psalm 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1) ♦ 1 Peter 1:3-9
 ♦ John 20:19-31
 Mon.: Acts 4:23-31 ♦ Psalm 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 ♦ John 3:1-8
 Tues.: Acts 4:32-37 ♦ Psalm 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 ♦ John 3:7b-15
 Wed.: Acts 5:17-26 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ John 3:16-21
 Thur.: Acts 5:27-33 ♦ Psalm 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 ♦ John 3:31-36
 Fri.: Acts 5:34-42 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ John 6:1-15
 Sat.: Acts 6:1-7 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 ♦ John 6:16-21
 Next Sun.: Acts 2:14, 22-33 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a) ♦
 1 Peter 1:17-21 ♦ Luke 24:13-35



Monday, April 17

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

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas Church

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa Church

Saturday, April 22

4:00p.m. †Paul Griebel by Dan & Casey Pfeiffer
 (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, April 23

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
 (St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Jerry Adams by Diana Adams and family
 (St. Teresa, Union City)

The Liturgies of the Triduum and Easter

The parishes of Sts. Thomas and Teresa wish to convey our gratitude to those who made these liturgies so special. A special ‘Thank You’ to Fr. Tom Suppa and Deacon Randy & Deacon Bill for celebrating with us. We appreciate all of you, your dedication to ministry and the sacrifice you give to serve the peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. We are grateful to Father Ian McElrath who was here for the Good Friday service. Thanks also to all in ministry who helped with these liturgies, and to you (our parishioners) who came to worship. It was so nice to see our churches filled with people again.

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: April 9, 2023/EASTER

Amount in Envelopes: (87)\$4,115.00

(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)

Loose\$379.00

Online Giving (9)\$295.00

Total Offertory Income\$4,789.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,867.00)

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'.

Rice Bowl Envelopes: (16 envelopes)\$191.00

Good Friday/Holy Land.....\$446.00

(\$121.00 in Loose Collection and 23 envelopes)



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 April 16th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Richard (Dick) Lowry.



Coffee and Donuts will be held at Saint Thomas Parish in the gym at the school building following the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, April 23rd. Donations accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts. All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and food.

St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting on April 19th

Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society are reminded of their meeting on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:00pm in the multipurpose room of school building. We encourage all members to attend. *Hope to see you there!*



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Richard (Dick) Lowry who recently passed away. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Thank You for Helping Those in Need

The Corry Knights of Columbus just finished up their most recent food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile cause. *We appreciate your generosity.*



FUELING the MISSION together

2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/10):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,885.00

Total Paid to date = \$24,585.00

of Families who made a pledge = 93

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. Thomas Lenten Fish Dinner Update

Thank you to everyone that helped with our annual Lenten Fish Dinners. We appreciate all of you! It was a lot of work—our parish couldn't have done it without our wonderful volunteers and the generous contributions from those that donated desserts. *You are all a blessing to our parish.* Thank you, too, to the Knights of Columbus and Walmart for the monetary donations to help with expenses. The final numbers will be posted in next weekend's bulletin. God Bless!!



**Blessed are they
who have not
seen me, but still**

BELIEVE



St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 8 & 9, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (73) \$2,612.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 84)
Loose \$383.00
Continuing the Vision \$180.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,175.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 1 & 2, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (9) \$445.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 21)
Total Offertory Income \$445.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,620.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,157.00)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.

**Please write checks to St. Teresa Church or
 Our Lady of Fatima Church.**

Rice Bowl Envelopes: (21 envelopes) \$530.00

Good Friday/Holy Land (21 envelopes) \$540.00



Baptism Planned for Next Sunday

We wish to congratulate Shawn & Paige Megat on the recent birth of their son, Benjamin Francis Megat, who will be baptized at St. Teresa of Avila Church at the 10:00am Mass next Sunday, April 23, 2023.



Looking for Cemetery Committee Members

We are seeking 2 additional members from St. Teresa Parish to serve on the Cemetery Committee. If interested in volunteering to serve, please contact Chris Slocum at 814-462-6375.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/06)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$31,525.00

Total Paid to date = \$21,520.00

of Families who made a pledge = 65

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.

St. Teresa Church Organizations / Groups

•Rosary—Altar Society

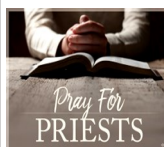
Meets the first Monday of each month at 4:30 PM

•Knights of Columbus

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 PM

•Religious Education Guild

Meets during the school term



Rev. Scott Detisch, Rev. Raymond Hahn,
 Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. William Laska,
 Very Rev. Michael Ferrick VF, Very Rev. Jeffery
 Noble VF, and Rev. Joseph Petrone.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of Edward C. Silvis whose funeral was recently held at Saint Teresa Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Give thanks to God, for He is Good,
 His Love is Everlasting.** Psalm 118

Boiler Update at St. Teresa Church

The new boiler for St. Teresa Church was delivered during Holy Week and they began the process of removing the old boiler and installing the new one. We are grateful to everyone who donated toward the new boiler. It is paid in full. We appreciate your generosity. Please remember there are always ongoing expenses and needs at our parish, such as the parish center roof, etc. Please continue to give generously to our parish.



PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

A Family Perspective

"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace modeled by their parents. Any grudges we carry can only make us more miserable with time.

**A Letter from our Bishop**

April 10, 2023

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May the peace and joy of the risen Christ be with us during the Easter season.

I am writing to let you know I am preparing a pastoral letter to the clergy, women and men religious and lay faithful of the diocese. My hope is to give you a fuller understanding of our ongoing efforts in pastoral planning. I have a significant amount of information to share with you. While the entire letter will be published on our planning website at www.eriecd.org/planning.html, I am hopeful that by sharing portions of it as a series, people will be able to absorb the details more easily.

We are, always have been and always will be a missionary church. We are called not only to care for the souls of the church, but also to invite others into the community Christ established on earth. My goal in beginning another more formal round of pastoral planning for parishes, is to create communities that are vibrant and dynamic, and in a position to extend a sense of welcome and belonging to all. Our planning website includes a good explanation of what I mean when I talk about vibrancy in a parish.

As the data we commissioned in 2015 predicted, our realities have changed significantly in the past eight years. The number of practicing Catholics in our diocese has declined steeply, as has the number of active priests available to serve in parishes. In fact, while the population in the 13 counties of our diocese has dropped by about seven percent since 1990, the number of Catholics who attend Mass on Sunday has dropped by 78 percent. I understand the pandemic hastened some of this decline. But that does not change our situation.

I have begun making visits to each region of the diocese and will continue to do so in the coming months. The needs in each area are different, and I plan to tailor information in my letters. But one message for all is that we must think of ourselves as a diocese, mindful of the needs of all of our sisters and brothers, as we lay out a sustainable plan for the future.

Our geography includes everything from mid-sized and small urban cities connected by four-lane highways to very small hamlets accessible only by winding, two lane roads. In some areas, it is possible to walk between churches. In others, there may be 30 miles between churches. Decisions about the future need to be made with the big picture in mind. What needs to happen in order to care for all of the people in our diocese?

I invite you to visit our planning website as one way to remain informed. A bulletin announcement with the link has been made available, but we've created a prominent banner on the diocesan homepage as well. Just search for Diocese of Erie online.

I look forward to sharing more with you in the coming weeks, but until that time, I ask you to please join me in keeping the needs of the Diocese of Erie, its people and its clergy, in your prayers.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*

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

Go online to www.eriecd.org/planning.html
for more information and to view the microsite
created by the diocese regarding
Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**Religious Education Classes**

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

**Class Schedule for April**

Sunday, April 16—Class

Sunday, April 23—Class

Sunday, April 30—No Class

**Religious Education Raffle Baskets**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Religious Education programs by purchasing tickets for our Raffle Basket fundraisers at each parish during the Lenten Fish Dinners. **Winners of the baskets were:** **(St. Thomas)** *Luck of the Irish Lottery*—Mary Ann Burge, *Gamer's Fun Night*—Henry Weis, *What's For Dinner*—George Weis, *All About Breakfast (1)* - Theresa VanCise, *All About Breakfast (2)* - Theresa VanCise, *Around Corry gift cards*—Theresa VanCise, and *Crazy for Scratch Off's Lottery*—Nikki Sandstrom. **(St. Teresa)** *Easter Basket with blanket (1)* - Jackie Madden, *Lottery #1*—Gus M., *Lottery #2*—Kristy A., *Lottery #3*—Gus M., *Gift Cards (Subway/DQ)* - Pam O'Connor, *Gift Cards (KC's/Panera)* - Natalie Moss, *Gift Cards (Pizza Hut)* - Barb, *Easter Basket (2)* - Theresa VanCise, and *Gift Card (Buzz)* - Elaine Hasbrouck. **Congratulations to the winners and THANK YOU to everyone for your support!**

Camp Notre Dame—Seeking Help

Attention College Students and 2023 High School Graduates: Are you looking for the best summer job of your life? Do you love working with children? Are you willing to share your faith? Camp Notre Dame, a youth camp associated with the Diocese of Erie may be the place for you. If interested in a counselor position, then please visit the Camp Notre Dame website at www.campnotredame.com and click on the employment link.

"Question of the Week" - Second Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: Even though you can't see him with your eyes, how do you "see" Jesus in others?

Question for Youth: Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit and gave us the power to forgive sins. How do you offer forgiveness to your friends and family? How do you seek forgiveness for yourself?

Question for Adults: When and how do you experience the "new birth" which we are given in Christ? When someone has forgiven you? When you have forgiven others? When you celebration reconciliation? At other times?

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