



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

May 21, 2023



7th
SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you." - Jn 17:1

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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

New Summer Mass Schedule for 2023

Our Lady of Fatima will be opening in a few weeks for the season. After discussion with clergy, Parish & Finance Councils, and staff, the Mass Schedule for this Summer has been determined. Visiting priests will join us this Summer to help provide coverage for weekend Masses. We hope you will join us for Mass at one of our churches this summer. Looking forward to seeing you!

Begins May 27th, 2023:

Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend:

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**

New Confession Times

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

OR by appointment

Please contact the parish office (814-663-3041)



Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

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

Thursday, May 25

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

Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

4:00p.m. †Richard Smith (birthday) by Joe & Janet Jawdy
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 28

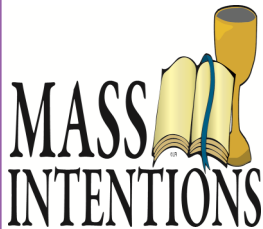
8:00a.m. †Dick Lowry by Mini Sypniewski
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Bernard & Helen Gluvna by Ed Bitters, Rod & Penny
(St. Teresa, Union City)

11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope. Psalm 16



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, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas, St. Teresa, or Our Lady of Fatima Churches. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. We ask for your patience, as we do have a back log of Masses which were not said earlier this year due to circumstances. Thank you for your understanding. The suggested stipend to have a Mass Intention said is \$10.



Rev. John Fischer, Rev. Mark Mastrian, Rev. Joseph Dougherty, Rev. Thomas Trocchio, Pray for Consecrated Life, Rev. John Santor, and Rev. Stanley Swacha; also Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie

Readings for the week of May 21, 2023

Sun.: Acts 1:12-14 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13) ♦ 1 Peter 4:13-16 ♦
John 17:1-11a

Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 ♦ Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab ♦ John 16:29-33

Tues.: Acts 20:17-27 ♦ Psalm 68:10-11, 20-21 ♦ John 17:1-11a

Wed.: Acts 20:28-38 ♦ Psalm 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab ♦ John 17:11b-19

Thur.: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 ♦ Psalm 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 ♦
John 17:20-26

Fri.: Acts 25:13b-21 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab ♦ John 21:15-19

Sat.: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 ♦ Psalm 11:4, 5 and 7 ♦ John 21:20-25

Next Sun./ Pentecost: Mass during Day: Acts 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30,
31, 34 ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 ♦ John 20:19-23

Come, HOLY SPIRIT, Come!

A Family Perspective

As Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

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: May 13 & 14, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (70)\$2,598.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 117)
Loose\$309.26
Online Giving (9)\$295.00
Mother's Day Memorials (37)\$611.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,813.26

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-3,842.74)

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'.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/15):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,255.00

Total Paid to date = \$30,645.00

of Families who made a pledge = 101

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.

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!*

What is Pentecost?

On the Feast of Pentecost, Christians commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, gathered around the Mother of the Lord (Acts Chapter 2). The feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season. Pentecost is next weekend, on May 28, 2023.

Volunteers Need to Help with Church Garden Beds

We are asking parishioners to please consider sprucing up the flower beds around St. Thomas Church. We will be working on the garden beds on Wed., May 31 beginning at 4pm, weather permitting. If you are able, please bring your own garden tools—rakes, gloves, shovels, etc.



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 May 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Paul & Sally Griebel by John & Jeanette Griebel.

Offertory Collection at Weekend Masses

We are utilizing ushers again at Mass. They will be taking up the collection during the preparation of the gifts at weekend Masses. We ask that you place your offertory envelopes and donations in the baskets that ushers will bring around. We will no longer have baskets near the entrances. *Thank you for your continued financial support of our parish. We appreciate it!*

Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the local Catholic Daughters of the Americas will meet on Thursday, May 25 at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. God bless.

MAY
Month of the
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY



I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Psalm 27

HELP

WANTED

Cemetery Manager Position Available

Our parish is looking for an individual to manage our 2 cemeteries (Sts. Thomas & Elizabeth) in Corry. This is a part-time position that requires management skills, computer skills, and the ability to physically visit the cemeteries occasionally. This position will be approximately 12-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka at the parish office 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 14, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (56) \$1,765.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 101)
Loose \$138.00
Continuing the Vision (3) \$115.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,018.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 7, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (4) \$90.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 26)
Total Offertory Income \$90.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,108.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,669.00)

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



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/15)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$35,740.00

Total Paid to date = \$29,575.00

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!

Indoor Yard Sale at St. Teresa

People have asked about the indoor yard sale. After faithfully leading this event, co-chairs Ilene and Cheryl have decided to step down, and so the yard sale will not take place this summer. We wish to thank both Ilene and Cheryl for their hard work over the years on this project. Also, thanks to all the many volunteers who helped with this event in the past. Both Ilene and Cheryl have graciously offered to assist anyone that would like to take over this fundraiser for the future.

Special Luncheon Meeting Planned for Rosary Altar Society

Members of the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be hosting a Special Luncheon Meeting on Tuesday, May 30th at 2:30pm at the Anchor Restaurant in Canadohta Lake. Please make your reservation for the luncheon by calling Rowina Watts at 814-438-7013. Thank you. *Hope you will join us!*



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Sandy King by her family.

You may sponsor the candle at St. Teresa in memory/honor of a loved one for \$10, please call the parish office.. Thank you.



Recent Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God and the Church, Darren Lawrence Yapple, son of Matthew Yapple and Leah Ward who was baptized on May 21, 2023 at Saint Teresa Church. *May God pour out His blessings on him, his parents, and godparents.*

NEW Co-Ed Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are seeking donations for our Co-Ed Cash Bingo Fundraiser. Items needed are gift certificates & gift cards, car wash supplies, grilling items, tools, things related to golfing, hunting or fishing. Items should be NEW/Never Used. We will create Raffle Baskets for the event. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Donations will be accepted before and after Mass on Sundays – look for the bin near the back of the church. They can be placed in the locked mailbox next to the church or brought to the partnered parish office. If this is not convenient, please call the parish office (814-663-3041) or Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (814-438-3953) to make arrangements. Reservation payments may be sent to the parish office, placed in the collection basket at Mass, or dropped in the locked mailbox by the church.

St. Teresa Church



Saturday June 3, 2023

Doors open 4:30 - Bingo starts at 6:00

Union City Fire Hall

50 2nd Avenue • Union City, PA

ADMISSION \$30.00

BYOB,
Non Alcoholic
Beverages will be
Available
Food Truck
will also be available

Large Basket
Raffle
Chinese Auction
Lottery Tree
50-50
and more...

No one under 21 admitted -
For reservations Contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck
814 438-3953

Meeting for the Bingo Fundraiser TODAY after Mass

All are invited to join us for another meeting to discuss the Co-Ed Bingo Fundraiser. We will meet TODAY (May 21st) in the parish center at St. Teresa. *Hope you will join us!*

New Altar Server Training

Deacon Randy Kondrlik will be holding Altar Server Training for students who wish to become altar servers for both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. Eligible students must be members of our parishes and have already made their First Communion. Training will be held TODAY - Sunday, May 21, after both the 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas Church and the 10:00am Mass at St. Teresa Church. If you have any questions, please feel free to speak with Deacon Randy or call the parish office. Thank you.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**Thank You for a Wonderful Year!**

Thanks again to our families who entrusted their children to our program in helping students develop a relationship with Jesus and teaching them our Catholic faith. A special thanks to our dedicated catechists and volunteers who helped our program run smoothly this year. We appreciate you! Wishing everyone a wonderful summer! *See you in the fall.*

**Moving Back to the Renovated Partnered Parish Office**

The repairs to the partnered parish office are nearly finished (after many months)! Flooring and drywall have been replaced. Please be patient as we transition buildings, again. The office staff is packing items and starting to move them back to the partnered parish office in the former convent building beginning this week. We would appreciate it if business involving the church office could be conducted in the mornings over the next few weeks to allow staff time after lunch to move items and get things settled. We are hopeful to have everything moved by mid June. *Please keep this project in your prayers.*

'Bringing Up the Gifts' During Weekend Masses Returns

On Memorial Day weekend (May 27 & 28), we will reinstitute the custom of 'bringing up the gifts' during Mass. If you sponsored the Mass for a loved one, please know that you are now welcome to bring up the gifts from the back of the church to the altar during the preparation. Ushers will be there to assist you. Thank you.

Our Lady of Fatima Opens for the Season NEXT WEEKEND

Our Lady of Fatima in Canadohta Lake will open next Sunday, May 28th with the celebration of Mass at 11:00am. All are invited to join us during the season for the celebration of Mass on Sundays from Memorial Day until Labor Day. *Hope to see you there sometime!*



36198 Lake Rd., Union City, PA

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in **2023** will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- **Sunday, August 6 at Our Lady of Peace, Erie at 2:00pm**
- **Sunday, August 20 at Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Punxsutawney at 2:00pm**

Couples may complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriescd.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 for Erie celebrations and until August 4 for Punxsutawney celebrations.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

Pastoral Planning Prayer

Loving God, author of creation,
your spirit pervades and enriches our world.
Through your Son, who shares our humanity,
you have called us to participate in your divine creativity
and to build the kingdom of God here on earth.

Form us, we pray, as one community
under the leadership of our bishop
to serve all the people of this region in your name.

Inspire us to discover new ways
and structures to spread your Gospel.
Open our eyes to see Christ in others,
especially the poor, the sick and the marginalized.
Empower us to be the hands and feet of Christ
in our parishes and communities.
Help us to welcome all into His embrace.

Guide us in our discernment,
as we pray with Pope Francis
for the vision to see new paths of possibility;
for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort;
and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Imprimatur, July 25, 2014
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico JCL
Bishop of Erie

To learn more and keep up to date about the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie, please visit their website at www.eriescd.org/planning.html.

"Question of the Week" - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: Jesus helps us be strong in our faith. When do you need to be really strong in faith?

Question for Youth: Prayer is essential to being a disciple, because it is the way we build our relationship with God—through talking and listening. What is one way you can take more time this week to listen to God in prayer?

Question for Adults: In these heartfelt instructions from a leader of the church, what are the ways in modern life that we sometimes suffer for our faith? Or are there no such ways?

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