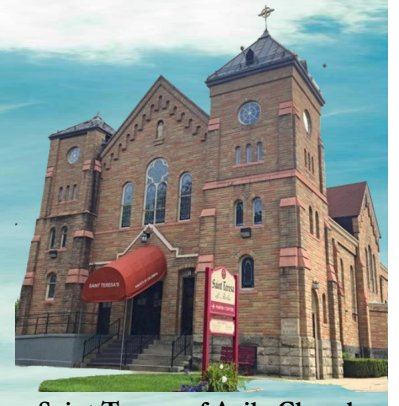




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA

September 4, 2022

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

September 10th, 2022 thru May 21st, 2023

Saturdays—4:00PM Mass
St. Thomas Church, Corry
 (September, November, January, March, May)

St. Teresa Church, Union City
 (October, December, February, April)

Sundays
8:00AM Mass - St. Thomas Church
10:00AM Mass - St. Teresa Church

Confessions
Saturday from 3:00PM—3:30PM

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Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
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Partnered Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm noon
Friday: Closed

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.



I am often confused or befuddled by many a thing, but this week the cause of my bewilderment is how is it possible that it's already Labor Day weekend!!! The Summer is gone! That's just not right!

With this weekend, we mark the final Mass for the year at Our Lady of Fatima Church in Canadohta Lake. I want to express the gratitude of St. Teresa Parish to everyone who has helped to keep the Chapel going and to everyone who has worked so hard to make our Sunday celebrations holy and meaningful to everyone who walked through the doors. Most especially we are grateful to John and Rita Mineo, the caretakers of the Chapel, and to Mary Brown, Pete Boyd, and Amy Learn our Music Ministers—as well as to all those who helped as Lectors, Servers, Ushers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. It takes a village, so God bless everyone who pitched in to make it all happen!

I also want to take a moment to thank all of those at both our Parishes who work to provide our Funeral Lunches. These are phenomenal ministries that do so much to help those who are experiencing the death of a loved one. If you'd like to help with this ministry at either Parish (or BOTH!), please just give a call to the Parish Office.

And on the subject of thanks, I want to thank Deacon Randy and the Hallfast boys at St. Thomas for helping corral a rogue bat in the back of the Church before Mass a few weeks ago. I told them I'd do it myself, but I'd just end up screeching and running out of Church—and that didn't seem very dignified. God bless you guys!!!

You may have noticed in the bulletin for the last few weeks, we are looking for a Maintenance person to provide services at both of our Parishes—25 hours per week. If you know of any good candidates, please have them call the Parish Office.

I talked about Humility last weekend, and I have stuck one of my favorite prayers, the Litany of Humility, in the bulletin this weekend. Check it out. It's humbling...which I think is the point!

So, last weekend I was blessed to be able to take my mother to see the duck in Erie! There should be a picture in the bulletin somewhere! But what happens this weekend blows that one out of the water!!!! As Monday is Labor Day, it's time for my annual Pilgrimage to St. Michael's in Fryburg for the best chicken noodle soup in the whole of creation! Feel my enthusiasm, cause this is an experience I look forward to every year! Between the soup and homemade pie, and everything in between, it makes my innards all tingly! It's definitely worth a trip to Clarion County if you've never been. You may even win a homemade quilt! However you may be celebrating this weekend, may it be a good and safe one as we all give thanks to God for the gift of human labor, and work together to build up His Kingdom here in our midst. Enjoy the week! God help us all! - Fr. Matt



Monday, September 5

8:00a.m. †Mark Petrusek by Bill & Judy Flynn
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 6

5:15p.m. †Catherine Lackovic (anniv. of death) by her children (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, September 7

8:00a.m. †Frank Karkoski by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, September 8

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

Friday, September 9

8:00a.m. †Fred Zokavitch by Ilene Zakovitch
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, September 10

4:00p.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 11

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Thomas, Corry)
10:00a.m. †Gordon Hanlin by the Hanlin Family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING



Rev. Thomas More Sikora, O.S.B., Rev. John Detisch, Rev. Joseph Dougherty, Rev. William Laska, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. Richard Toohey.

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
Sunday mornings prior to the Masses at St. Teresa, Union City and Our Lady of Fatima, Canadohta Lake; and anytime by request made to the parish office.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 27/28, 2022

Amount in Envelopes: (68)	\$3,100.00
<small>(Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 119)</small>	
Loose	\$192.00
Online Giving (9)	\$290.00
Holy Day / Assumption of Mary (13)	\$165.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,747.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-3,909.00)

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'.

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of September 4th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Deacon William Sproveri.

Support the Catholic Daughters at the Sparty Fair

Come support our local Catholic Daughters at the Sparty Fair. We will be in the first home show building on the right as you enter the main gate of the fairgrounds. We will be there all week—so look for us across from the ice cream booth. *Hope to see you there!*

Come to me, all who labor...
and I will give you rest.

MATTHEW 11:28

Emily Anne Zaczekiewicz and Justin Douglas Marquess

Maintenance Position Available

We are seeking to hire a maintenance person for the Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes. The successful candidate should be familiar/have experience in minor repair work in electrical, plumbing, and painting, among other things. The position is 25 hours per week, Monday through Friday. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Missy Silka, Business Manager, at 814-663-3041 or business@stparish.org.

Again, THANK YOU for Supporting Our Parishes

Here are our final totals received through Erie Gives Day 2022, We are so grateful to all who donated to our parishes and our Catholic cemeteries.

- St. Teresa of Avila Parish—\$3,050.35
- St. Teresa Cemetery—\$284.35
- St. Thomas the Apostle Parish—\$2,331.85
- St. Thomas Cemetery—\$2,016.16
- St. Elizabeth Cemetery—\$723.78

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/29):

Our Parish Goal is \$78,564.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$46,164.00
 Total Paid to date = \$42,234.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 131
 # of Families who did not pledge = 214

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.

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

When wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for your loved ones, whether the Mass is to be said at St. Thomas Church, St. Teresa Church, or Our Lady of Fatima Church, please contact the St. Thomas Parish Office at 814-663-3041 to schedule your intentions. We will now be scheduling all intentions in one book. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. Thank you.

VIBRANT, DYNAMIC CHURCH NEEDS

YOU!

“Question of the Week” - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus says that in order to be one of his followers, we must be close to him. When do you feel closest to Jesus?

Question for Youth: Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

Question for Adults: Today's Gospel is demanding. How do you as a modern man or woman "denounce your possessions?" What does this mean for you?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 28, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (47) \$1,546.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 110)
Loose \$62.00
Holy Day / Assumption of Mary (18) \$510.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,118.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: August 28, 2022
Amount in Envelopes: (12) \$315.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 18)
Loose \$185.35
Holy Day / Assumption of Mary (1) \$20.00
Total Offertory Income \$520.35

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income.....\$2,638.35
Average Weekly Expenses.....\$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall.....\$(-2,138.65)

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

LITANY OF HUMILITY

Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val, 1865-1930

O Jesus meek and humble of heart, *Hear me.*
 From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me Jesus.*
 From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, Jesus.*
 From the fear of being suspected, *Deliver me, Jesus.*

That others may be loved more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be esteemed more than I,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That in the opinion of the world, others may increase, and I may decrease,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside,
Jesus grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I become as holy as I should,
Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Looking for 3 Men and 1 Woman

We are looking for 3 men and 1 woman from St. Teresa Parish who would be willing to serve on the new Partnered Parish Council for Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. We are trying to keep representation equal from each Parish, and currently are short 3 men and 1 woman from St. Teresa. If you would be willing to serve, please let me know asap, or contact the Parish Office. Thanks! - Fr. Matt

Reminders from the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society

Meeting Date Changed in September

We will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 4:30pm in the St. Teresa Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend.

Card Party Fundraiser

The Rosary Altar Society will host a Card Party on October 12. More details about this event will be forthcoming in future bulletins. Please save the date on your calendars.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of September 4th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Joan Bell.

Seeking Donations of Candy for Homecoming

Once again, St. Teresa Parish will have a float in the Union City Homecoming Parade scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 24. Please consider donating a bag or 2 of candy for our float to share with parade goers. Donations can be left in the back of the church over the next few weeks. Thanks to all who help!

Mass Readings for the Week of September 4, 2022

Sun.: Wisdom 9:13-18b ♦ Philemon 9-10, 12-17 ♦ Luke 14:25-33
 Mon.: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8 ♦ Luke 6:6-11
 Tues.: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 ♦ Luke 6:12-19
 Wed.: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31 ♦ Luke 6:20-26
 Thurs.: Micah 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 ♦ Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 or Matthew 1:18-23
 Fri.: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27 ♦ Luke 6:39-42
 Sat.: 1 Corinthians 10:14-22 ♦ Luke 6:43-49
 Next Sun.: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14 ♦ 1 Timothy 1:12-17 ♦ Luke 15:1-32 or 15:1-10

2022 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 8/29):

Our Parish Goal is \$52,346.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$36,155.00
 Total Paid to date = \$31,655.00
 # 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.**
Be sure to make your check payable to 'ST. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.



WINTER MASS SCHEDULE

Beginning the Weekend of September 10/11, 2022:

Saturday

4:00PM alternating monthly between St. Thomas Church (Corry) and St. Teresa Church (Union City)

Sunday

8:00AM at St. Thomas Church, Corry

10:00AM at St. Teresa Church, Union City

Confession Schedule:

Saturday

3:00pm—3:30pm

**at the church where Saturday Mass celebrated
OR by appointment—please call the parish office**

4th Grade Teaching Position at St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School in Warren, PA is looking to hire a 4th grade teacher. Applicants should have a teaching degree and the necessary certification. You do not need to be Catholic to apply. You will need to submit a job application with references, required clearances, college transcripts, pastor recommendation (Catholic) or character reference (non-Catholic), and educational certificates. Interested candidates should contact principal, Carrie Pearson at 814-723-2030.



Fr. Matt's mom—Pat, with the World's Largest Rubber Duck!

Our Lady of Fatima News



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

Seasonal Closing of Our Lady of Fatima

Today's liturgy ends the 2022 summer season at Our Lady of Fatima. The church will close until the Sunday of Memorial Weekend, May 28, 2023, except for extraordinary events. Thank you to all who have helped in various ministries within the Chapel. This continues to be a viable faith community because everyone works and prays together, giving of their time and talents to glorify the Lord and support each other in their faith journeys. Full-time and summer members alike have financially sustained Our Lady of Fatima, and it is important for the viability of the Chapel that their assistance be maintained. We anticipate the our congregation joining together with our Saint Teresa parish community, or at Saint Thomas Church, at weekend liturgies in the ensuing months.

Labor Day Remarks

As we celebrate the Labor Day holiday, we salute American workers. It's great for working people to have a 3-day weekend and commemorate the last days of summer. We welcome all who are visiting the lake area for the Labor Day weekend and hope their stay is enjoyable. Know that we will miss all of our seasonal friends and Chapel members as they close their cottages; but look forward to their return in the spring of 2023! May God keep everyone safe and healthy in the coming months.

WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE FOR AUGUST 2022			
	St. Thomas (Seats 350)	St. Teresa (Seats 225)	Our Lady of Fatima (Seats 180)
Total Attendance August 2022:	766	397	297
Average Attendance per Mass:	96	99	74
Average Empty Seats per Mass:	254	126	106

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Looking for Volunteers to Help Teach our Children

With Summer quickly coming to a close, and students returning to school soon, we are busy preparing for a new year in our Religious Education programs at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa Parishes. If you have a desire to share and teach the Catholic faith to young people, please contact Missy Silka at 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

Religious Education:
Helps to build a strong foundation

