

St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa Church
(Union City)

Weekend Masses
Saturday: 4:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:45 A.M.
Confessions: Saturday, 4:00 P.M.

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Our Lady of Fatima Chapel
(Canadohta Lake)

Weekend Masses
(Memorial Day – Labor Day)
Sunday: 9:30 A.M.
Confessions: before Mass

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, we extend a warm welcome and hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith will be nourished. Newcomers are asked to introduce themselves to the pastor and call the office to register.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

See inside of bulletin for current weekday schedule.

BAPTISM

By appointment. Parents must attend pre-baptismal instruction.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please let the pastor know when a family member or a friend is ill, either at home, in the hospital or at a nursing home.

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS

● ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Meets the first Monday of each month at 6:00 P.M.

● KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Meet every third Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

● RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUILD

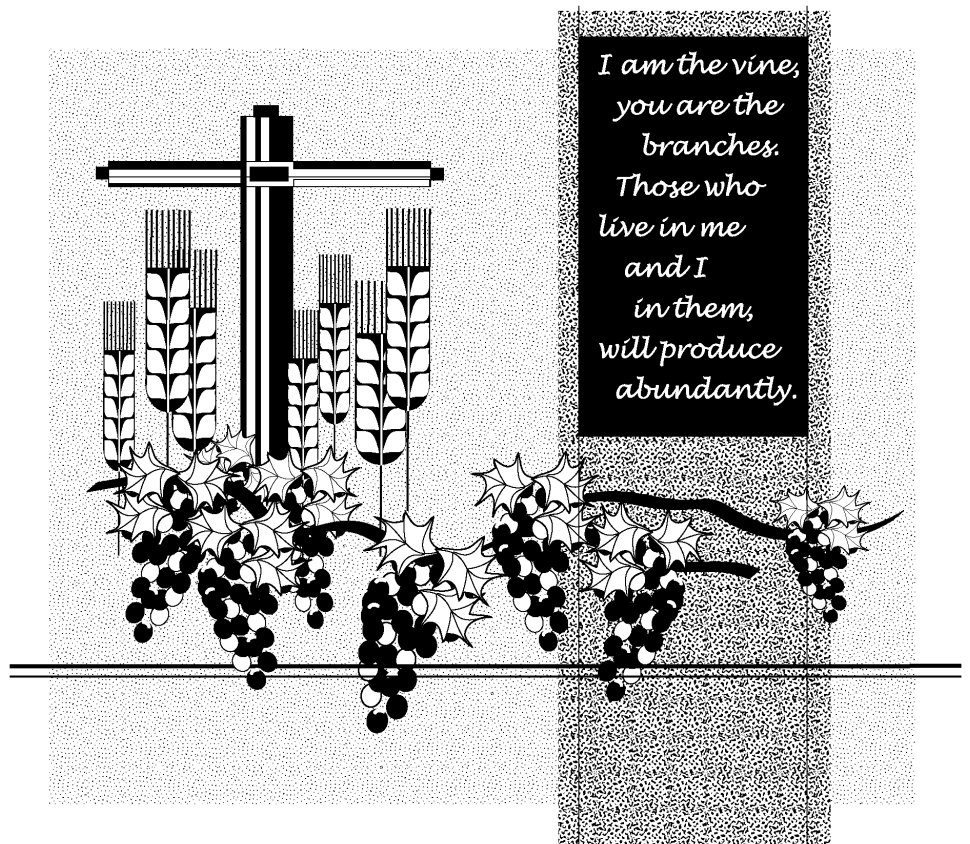
Meets during the school term.

● SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

1:00 p.m. Wednesdays (Sept. – May)

● PARISH CENTER RENTAL

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**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

May 2, 2021

Christ has redeemed us with His blood!

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 4:30pm (St. Teresa) Fran O’Connell by Ilene Zakovitch
 4:30pm (St. Thomas) Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus by Council #425
Sunday, May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter
 8:45am (St. Teresa) Intentions of Our Parish Family
 10:45am (St. Thomas) First Holy Communion Mass
Monday, May 3 Sts. Philip & James. Apostles
 8:00am Communion Service
Tuesday, May 4 Easter Weekday
 Marty Ryba by Bill & Judy Flynn
Wednesday, May 5 Easter Weekday
 John & Anna Tomcho by Bill & Judy Flynn
Thursday, May 6 Easter Weekday
 8:00am Paul Flynn by Paul & Lillie Mongera
Friday, May 7 Easter Weekday
 8:00am Communion Service
Saturday, May 8 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 4:30pm (St. Teresa) Sophie Combs by Pat Kusiak & Family
 4:30pm (St. Thomas) Intentions of our Parish Family and those listed on the Mother’s Day Memorials
Sunday, May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:45am (St. Thomas) All Living & Deceased Mothers, especially those on the Mother’s Day Memorials
 10:45am (St. Teresa) Patricia Arlet by St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society

Sacrificial Giving: The offertory last weekend was \$1,052 for St. Teresa which includes \$946 in envelopes and \$106 in loose & \$185 for Our Lady of Fatima in envelopes. Offertory Goal \$3,000

Please Pray for Our Priests Rev. Msgr. John J. Herbein, Rev. Daniel J. Prez, Rev. William M. Kuba, Rev. James C. Campbell, Rev. Jeffrey J. Lucas , Rev. Jeffery J. Noble, Rev. Jason Mitchell

A Family Perspective Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

Mass Readings for the Week
 Mon. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8♦John 14:6-14
 Tue. Acts 14:19-28:♦John 14:27-31a
 Wed Acts 15:1-6a♦John 15:1-8
 Thur Acts 15:7-21♦John 15:9-11
 Fri. 15:21-31♦John 15:12-17
 Sat. Acts 16:1-10♦John 15:18-21
 Sun. Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48♦1 John 4:7-10♦John 15:9-17

Religious Education

05/02 No REP Class, First Holy Communion, 10:45 at St. Thomas
 05/09 las REP class (May Crowning w/First Holy Communion as both parishes)
 05/16 Youth Mass Grade 3 w/spring Social (picnic for both parishes)

PLEASE – any calls regarding the Religious Education Program should be made directly to the parish office. The extension is 103 to leave a message for Missy Silka, Religious Education Facilitator.

Anyone that is homebound and wishes to receive the Eucharist may contact Ken Calfo 746-8219, Yvonne Stauffer 438-7017, Ilene Zakovitch 438-3664 or the parish office 438-3408

SCHEDULES FOR MAY 8 & 9

4:30	LECTORS	8:45
Ernie Ferro		Terry Derner
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS		
Paul Maynard		Pat Vallimont
	Choir	Ilene Zakovitch
ALTAR SERVERS		
Matthew Yaple		Jessica Messinger

The Parish Bulletin is available weekly on line at st-teresa-unioncity.org

The Rosary Altar Society will meet Monday evening, May 3rd at 6pm in the Parish Center

Masses for our deceased loved ones: The Church teaches us to pray for the dead that they may live eternally in the presence of God. There is no greater prayer than the holy sacrifice of the Mass. If you wish to have a memorial Mass said, please place your request in the collection basket, and include your name and contact information and the name(s) of the deceased. If you wish, you may request a specific date and time for the Mass; however, please be aware that the date and time you request may already be filled, in which case the Mass will be scheduled as close as possible to your request. Alternatively, you may contact Natalie Wilmoth directly at 814-397-4933 to arrange a specific schedule. The normal donation of \$10 should also be placed in the envelope with your request.

As part of the ongoing celebration to mark Union City's 150th anniversary, there will be an outdoor community church service & ice cream social event at the First United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 23rd from 3-5pm. There will be praise bands, children's activities & community walk around the neighborhoods to walk & pray together. This event is being hosted by several local churches. It is important that our parish be involved as well. Volunteers are needed to help serve ice cream or assist with the children's activities. If you're able, please let Mary Harned in the parish office know so we can get an idea of how many we have.

Goal - \$28,606
Amount Pledged to Date - \$23,727
Amount Paid to Date - \$18,377
Reminder – Please make all CSA checks payable to St. Teresa Church

SUB SALE – To Benefit the Corry Area Missionary Fund which offers financial support to local missionaries as they mission for the Gospel of Christ.

Choice of...Italian Sub w/salami, ham, capricola & cheese or Ham & cheese Sub. All subs include sides of tomatoes, onions, lettuce, Italian dressing or mayo.

\$8 for 8" sub – payable at time of order.

Orders taken until May 10 –Pick up at SALT or St. Thomas Church the weekend of May 15-16

Beginning this weekend, we will once again have a "Wall of Money" located in the back of church. Please help raise funds for the church by removing envelopes & clearing the wall! Once you've filled your envelope, you may return it to the church office or simply place it in the offertory basket. Once the wall is cleared we will have raised \$3500 for our parish!!

Marriage Moment "Screens" (TV, computers, cell phones...) can give us a lot of helpful information. BUT, they can also crowd out relationship time. May 3-9 is Screen Free Week (<https://commercialfreechildhood.org/sfw-21-save-the-date/>) Although this is often directed to children, it starts with you and your beloved. Can you spend a day without using a screen this week? What will you substitute?

There will be a meeting to discuss the 2021 **Lawn Festival** on Tuesday May 4th at 6pm in the center. Please attend if you are able.

Mother's Day Retreat for Women Experiencing Infertility and Loss
As a Catholic ministry for women and couples experiencing infertility and loss, Springs in the Desert knows how difficult Mother's Day can be. It often surfaces negative emotions, creating a sense of dread to the point that some couples even stay away from Mass on that Sunday because it is simply too hard. They feel as if they don't belong.

ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE

Donations Support Local Pro-Life Educational Activities

Mother's Day carnations provided by People for Life will be available after all liturgies next weekend, May 8 – 9. Surprise your Mom or other special person on Mother's Day with a beautiful bouquet of carnations. Your donation of two dollars per carnation, \$10 for 6 carnations or \$20 for 12 carnations will help support local People for Life Pro-Life educational activities from conception to natural death. Cash donations are always welcome. Decorated memorial vases for those who would like to honor a deceased loved one or the Blessed Mother will be available in limited quantities for you to place on Mary's altar in the front of the church.

A new Sprayer for the kitchen sink in the Parish Center has been installed. This was done through donations made to the Rosary Altar Society in memory of Sophie Combs who for many years was very active in our Funeral Luncheons.

WELCOME to Mr. & Mrs. Donald (Amy) Smith and their children Daniel & Mary Jo who are new parishioners here at St. Teresa. Please make them welcome.

He tried to join the disciples. (Acts 9:26)

There's a lot of adventure in today's first reading, isn't there? Paul, fresh from escaping death threats in Damascus, arrives in Jerusalem, where he faces suspicion from Christians and an attempted murder from some Greek-speaking Jews.

Why so much drama? Quite possibly God was using all this upheaval to "prune" Paul, to further purify him from remnants of his old life (John 15:1-3).

We are so used to talking about the saints as if their holiness were a given, but that's rarely the case. For many of them, the road to holiness was as long and winding as it is for many of us. After all, we know that Paul had a strong, assertive personality. Humility doesn't always come easily!

By his own admission, Paul was "an arrogant man" before his conversion (1 Timothy 1:13). You can imagine how some of that arrogance might still have been present as he tried to convert people. Maybe the man who had once spent his life "breathing murderous threats" against Christians still needed to learn Jesus' teachings about being poor in spirit (Acts 9:1). So it's possible that God was using the chaos Paul encountered in Jerusalem to help him examine his heart and see where he still needed to change.

Anyone who has lived more than a few decades will tell you how valuable it is to be pruned by the Lord. They probably didn't enjoy it at the time but looking back, they could appreciate the fruit of such pruning. coming face-to-face with our selfishness or arrogance or resentments can move us to turn to Jesus and ask him to purify us and set us free.

So let Jesus prune you from time to time. He promises that if you do, you will bear "more fruit" (John 15:2). You'll become more like him, just as Paul did.

"Jesus, you are a wise and gentle gardener. Keep pruning me so that I can become more like you."

The "Dee J" experience, meaning "Do Everything Exalting Jesus", is a very exciting and innovative upcoming media broadcast which will exclusively offer Christian opportunities for scripture, prayer, reflection and music. It will first be available around the first of the New Year. It's appropriate to say in this regard, "Stay Tuned"



TURTLE'S TOY BOX is an agency that accepts donations of new/gently loved toys to give to children who are victims of misfortune. Any donations that you might have can be dropped off at the parish office.

