



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

October 29, 2023



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

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☐ St. Thomas the Apostle ☐ St. Teresa of Avila

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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

Notes from the Pastor

ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY: Masses for the Feast of All Saints will be Wednesday, November 1st at St. Thomas in Corry at 8:00am and at St. Teresa in Union City at 7:00pm.

ALL SOULS MASS: It is traditional on All Souls Day, November 2nd, to remember those who have passed away in the last year. We will celebrate Mass at St. Thomas in Corry at 7:00pm on Thursday, November 2nd, to pray for all those who have passed away since last All Souls Day from both parishes. Families are being contacted to be present at this celebration and to carry up a candle at some point as the names of the deceased are read. Everyone is invited to attend this Mass and to pray for those who are mourning the loss of a loved one.

COLD AND FLU SEASON: Just a friendly reminder as we enter into the cold and flu season, if you are not feeling well, please know that you are excused from Mass at that time. Please be considerate of others and stay home when you are not feeling well.

CREMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: I know there are many questions people have about cremation and the Catholic Church's teaching. In 1963 cremation was permitted with the stipulation that the cremated remains be buried in a cemetery, a mausoleum, or a columbarium. I refer you to a much larger treatment of this issue in the insert found in the bulletin today.

In respect for the human person who has died, the Catholic Church asks that the cremated remains of a loved one be treated with the same dignity as that of a body which has not been cremated. These are not just ashes; these are the remains of a human person, the earthly dwelling of one filled with God's Spirit. Thus, the proper disposition of the body, whether cremated or not, is of great importance.

After the cremation of your loved one's body, give that body the dignity of burial in the ground or in a mausoleum. Do not spread the ashes over the ground, take them home with you or divide them up among family members.

Remember that these ashes are the remains of a person created in the image and likeness of God, one who was and is loved by God and one who was and is loved by you. Treat the cremated remains of the body with the same dignity and respect that you would show to an un-cremated body.

NON-CATHOLICS AND COMMUNION: Just another reminder about those who are not Catholic who attend our celebration of the Eucharist. All people are welcome to celebrate the Eucharist with us, but only those who are properly disposed Catholics are able to receive communion. Non-Catholics are invited to receive a blessing by crossing their arms over their chest as they approach the priest or Eucharistic minister.

YOUTH EVENT: Last Sunday was the first Youth Event for our Religious Education Students. One event has been planned for each semester. This event was held at St. Teresa and the Spring event will be held at St. Thomas. Students from both parishes are welcome to attend. I want to thank Missy Silka, our Religious Education Director, as well as Tina Sill and Shelley Tomcho for putting this day together. There was a great turn out of teachers, adults, and students. It was a great community builder with a lot of creativity, fun, and enjoyment for all. — Fr. Tom

**Sunday, October 29**

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

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 30

8:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Virginia Kozik (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, October 31

8:00a.m. †Jack McCoy by Len & Ann Clark (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, November 1—All Saints Day (Holy Day)

8:00a.m. †Anne Crawford by Daniel Crawford (St. Thomas, Corry)

7:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Thursday, November 2—All Souls' Day

7:00p.m. †For All Our Beloved Deceased (St. Thomas, Corry)

Friday, November 3

8:00a.m. †Jay Downor by Valerie Downor (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, November 4

4:30p.m. †Dan Ahl by Mini Sypniewski (St. Thomas, Corry)

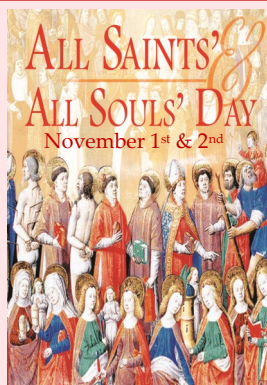
Sunday, November 5

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

10:00a.m. †Paul Mongera by his children (St. Teresa, Union City)

Eucharistic**Adoration****Eucharistic Adoration CANCELLED for November**

Eucharistic Adoration for the beginning of November is **CANCELLED** due to the All Soul's Day Mass celebrated on Thursday, November 2nd at Saint Thomas Church at 7:00pm. Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be for December (on Thursday, November 30 through Friday, December 1).

**Mass Times for the Holy Day and Feast of All Souls'**

Wed., Nov. 1—8:00am at St. Thomas

Wed., Nov. 1—7:00pm at St. Teresa

All Saints Day (Nov. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation

Thurs., Nov. 2—7:00pm at St. Thomas

All Soul's Day—Remember Loved Ones

All Saints Day is when the Catholic Church honors all saints known and unknown. All Souls' Day reminds us to pray for the Holy Souls, faithful departed, who have not yet attained Heaven. We especially pray for those who passed away during this past year.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 22, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (61)\$2,730.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 113)
Loose\$143.00
Online Giving (9)\$320.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,193.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-4,463.00)

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'.

27 Words that Matter

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind” and “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

Deceased from St. Thomas the Apostle Parish since Last All Souls' Day

Edward Giacomini - November 8, 2022
 Regis Dombrowski - November 9, 2022
 Catherine Froman - November 11, 2022
 Virginia (Jean) Comitz - December 3, 2022
 Richard McKeta - December 19, 2022
 William Barney - December 31, 2022
 Joette Amy - January 26, 2023
 Henry Pondel - March 1, 2023
 Nicholas Waltier - March 13, 2023
 Grace Gentile - March 26, 2023
 Richard (Dick) Lowry - April 7, 2023
 Clyde Ross - May 26, 2023
 Gloria Jones - June 27, 2023
 Dan Ahl, Sr. - July 26, 2023
 Jack McCoy - September 1, 2023
 Eleanor Douglas - September 8, 2023
 Mary (Gerri) Cragg - September 4, 2023

We continue to pray for these and all our loved ones.



PRAYER LINE... call: Gerrie (814-665-6944), 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 October 29th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Frank Carnegie.



We wish to congratulate the newly married Nathan & Ryann (Brundage) Munsee who celebrated their wedding at St. Thomas the Apostle Church on October 20, 2023. May Christ be ever-present in their marriage and family life together.

Don't Delay—Cemetery Prices to Increase on November 1st

Beginning Nov. 1, 2023, there will be an increase of fees associated with St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. The cost to purchase cemetery plots will increase as follows:

Full Burial: current price is \$550/new price will be \$650

Cremation Burial: current price \$400/new price will be \$500

Those who wish to purchase plots in one of these cemeteries prior to the cost increase should call the office soon.

Any questions or concerns regarding our cemeteries, please contact Rhonda Pierce, Coordinator of Cemeteries, at our parish office.



Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will be selling pastries the weekends of Nov. 11/12 and Nov. 18/19, before and after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses. **Cost is \$16 for Kolachi (Walnut, Apricot, and Raspberry) and \$13 for Baklava.** As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



A Family Perspective

In today's gospel the Pharisee was talking about commandments, and Jesus was talking about love. One demands allegiance, the other requires personal commitment. In our families we daily lay down our lives for each other not because we have to, but because love compels us to make sacrifices.

Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Psalm 24



Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited to join us on Saturday mornings at St. Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 21 & 22, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (59) \$2,121.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 98)
Loose \$213.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$50.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,494.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Oct. 21 & 22, 2023
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$160.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,654.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,123.00)

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



Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity.org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity to our parish!



Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Michael Polinek, and all deceased priests who served in the Diocese of Erie, as well as to continue to *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*



ST BONIFACE
Pork & Kraut Dinner
 ADULT \$15 CHILD UNDER 12 \$7
 FAMILY OF 2 ADULTS + 2 CHILDREN \$40

FALL FESTIVAL
 9367 Wattsburg Rd Erie PA
SUN NOV 5 11AM - 4PM

Free admission, Convenient Parking, Live Music, Handmade Quilt Raffle, Bake Sale, Basket Raffle, Country Cupboard, \$1000 Cash Raffle, + more Raffles

A PORTION OF PROCEEDS BENEFITS ST PATRICK'S HAVEN FOR HOMELESS



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of **October 29th** burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **Jay Downor by Valerie Downor.**



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Virginia Kozik** who passed away from Saint Teresa Parish. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Use Caution When Opening/Replying to Email

A scam is being perpetrated across the country by malicious individuals preying on churches and members of the clergy. The scam plays on your sympathies or your natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. You should always verify such requests by calling the parish directly. Don't use phone numbers in the fraudulent email. Always look for the parish's official phone number found on our website or in your Sunday bulletin. In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy, and entities such as parishes and schools will never solicit your personal or business information by any method unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for money or personal information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.

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



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 Dorothy Mongera – November 30, 2022
 Antoniette (Ann) Ranyak – December 2, 2022
 Cheryl O'Neil – December 7, 2022
 Paul Mongera – December 27, 2022
 Dorothea (Dot) Andrews – January 27, 2023
 Sharon DeWitt – February 2, 2023
 Edward Clyde Silvis – Mary 27, 2023
 Jeffrey Down – September 10, 2023
 Priscilla Kozik—September 12, 2023
 Josephine Knight—September 25, 2023
 Sandra Hartel—October 4, 2023
 Patrick Vallmont—October 7, 2023
 Virginia Kozik—October 20, 2023

We continue to pray for these and all our loved ones.

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

Walking Together On Our Christian Journey

Overnight Retreat at Olmsted Conference Center, Ludlow, PA on November 16-17(overnight from noon to noon). Room rates: double-\$65 or private-\$75; scholarships available. Please send \$20.00 registration payment to Catholic Rural Ministry, 7 Pulaski St., Oil City PA 16301, by Nov. 8, 2023. Any questions, email: srtinag@gmail.com.

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More
information
to come.



Advanced
Giving Days
Nov. 13—27

#GivingTuesday November 28, 2023

Readings for the week of October 29, 2023

Sun.: Exodus 22:20-26 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) ♦
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 ♦ Matthew 22:34-40
Mon.: Romans 8:12-17 ♦ Psalm 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21 ♦ Luke 13:10-17
Tues.: Romans 8:18-25 ♦ Psalm 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Luke 13:18-21
Wed.: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 ♦ Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ 1 John 3:1-3 ♦
Matthew 5:1-12a
Thur.: Wisdom 4:7-14 ♦ Psalm 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 ♦ Romans 5:17-21
♦ Matthew 11:25-30
Fri.: Romans 9:1-5 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦ Luke 14:1-6
Sat.: Romans 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29 ♦ Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18 ♦
Luke 14:1, 7-11
Next Sun.: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10 ♦ Psalm 131:1, 2, 3 ♦
1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13 ♦ Matthew 23:1-12

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

MASS INTENTIONS
Please contact the partnered parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate your date requests. The suggested stipend is \$10.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Religious Education Classes at our Parishes

Classes meet at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa this week for Religious Education students. **Students in Corry meet for class on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am** in the former school building. **Union City students attend class on Sunday mornings from 11:00am until 12:30pm** at St. Teresa Parish Center, including the Purpose program for Confirmation students. **Purpose/Confirmation class for students at Saint Thomas is held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.** Please refer to the Religious Education Calendar for scheduled class dates.



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Fun at the Fall Youth Event

We thank all those who attended the combined Fall Youth Event for students and families in our parishes' Religious Education program held last Sunday at Saint Teresa. Everyone had a good time, enjoying food, friendship and games. **We are grateful to Fuhrman's Cider Mill for donating the delicious cider we enjoyed at the event.** Also, a special 'Thank You' to Tina and Shelley in their creativity and organization in planning this special event! We are looking forward to the Spring Youth Event which will be at St. Thomas Parish.

Any questions concerning Religious Education, please contact Missy Silka, Director of Faith Formation, at the parish office.

"Question of the Week" - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: We show our love for Jesus by loving our friends and family. Share one way that you show your love.

Question for Youth: Jesus tells us that we are to love others as we love ourselves. Do you love yourself? Can you see the good that God has put within you? Do you find it easier to love others or yourself?

Question for Adults: Repeat the two commandments which Jesus teaches today in your own words? For each of them, share how it has become part of your life.

Book of Remembrance

Our Books of the Remembrance will be available in the sanctuary throughout the month of November at both Saints Thomas and Teresa. You may write the names of beloved family and friends who have gone home to with our Lord, especially those who have died since last November 1. We will continue to pray for these loved ones throughout November, especially as we celebrate the Feast of All Souls this month. Please also utilize your offertory envelopes for All Souls Day by writing the names of deceased loved ones on them. Thank you.



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