



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

May 14, 2023



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And whoever loves me will be loved by my
Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."
- Jn 14:20-21

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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
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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

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 have already made their First Communion. Training will be held on Sunday morning, 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.

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)

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Psalms 66

Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

Sun.: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 ♦ Psalm 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1) ♦
1 Peter 3:15-18 ♦ John 14:15-21
Mon.: Acts 16:11-15 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦
John 15:26—16:4a
Tues.: Acts 16:22-34 ♦ Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 ♦ John 16:5-11
Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 ♦ Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 ♦
John 16:12-15
Thur.: Acts 18:1-8 ♦ Psalm 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ John 16:16-20
Ascension (Holy Day): Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) ♦
Ephesians 1:17-23 ♦ Matthew 28:16-20
Fri.: Acts 18:9-18 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ John 16:20-23
Sat.: Acts 18:23-28 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 ♦ John 16:23b-28
Next Sun.: Acts 1:12-14 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13) ♦ 1 Peter 4:13-16 ♦
John 17:1-11a

**Monday, May 15**

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

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 18—Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day)

8:00a.m. †Mary Harnak Tomcho by Elizabeth Tomcho
(St. Teresa, Union City)

7:00p.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and
Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

4:00p.m. †Paul & Sally Griebel (anniversary) by their
children (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 21

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

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

PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

A Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure. Family life is a series of departures and transitions. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Today Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

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 6 & 7, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (83)\$3,963.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 187 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose\$168.00
Online Giving (12)\$505.00
Total Offertory Income\$4,636.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$7,656.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-3,020.00)

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'.

Good Shepherd: (37).....\$860.00
 This is a special diocesan collection which was taken up on April 30th in support of our retired diocesan priests. Thank you for your donation.



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.

Coffee and Donuts will be held at Saint Thomas Parish in the multipurpose room at the school building following the 8:00am Mass next Sunday, May 21st. 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

Members of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society are reminded of their meeting on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas. We hope you will join us.

Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, with Prayer and Petition, with Thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. (Philippians 4:6)



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/08):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$39,417.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$40,885.00

Total Paid to date = \$28,630.00

of Families who made a pledge = 99

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!*



Don't Miss the Relics Visiting the Diocese of Erie

"Jesus, come right in! Make yourself at home!"

These are the words of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who passed away at the age of 15 in 2006. His work has been appreciated around the world through the website and posters he created about Eucharistic miracles. The only touring relic of Blessed Carlo, as well as a relic of St. Manuel González García — known as the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle — will be available for public veneration at several locations around the Diocese of Erie beginning May 23. Please visit www.eriercd.org/relics.html to find the schedule as well as information about both men and insight into venerating relics. Come and join in this unique experience as part of the national Eucharistic Revival.

LifeCare Baby Bottle Fundraiser

This weekend begins the annual LifeCare fundraiser, Baby Bottle Boomerang. Lifecare ministries is a pro-life Christian ministry, offering biblically based support and guidance to anyone in need of help with pregnancy, post-abortive and other family needs. ALL services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. LifeCare provides clients with accurate information and important facts so they can make an informed choice about their pregnancy or life situation. This fundraiser is LifeCare's largest fundraiser and it needs your support. Please consider taking a baby bottle home, fill it with your spare change and return it at Mass on Fathers' Day, or put your donations in the large baby bottles that are at each entrance of the church. Thank you and God bless you!



Heavenly Father,
 from the beginning you have chosen to entrust the human person to mothers in a special way. We thank and praise you for the gift of mothers; for their tenderness, care, and compassion, for their intuition and encouragement, for commitment and sacrifice. Bless all mothers this day. Keep, strengthen, and refresh them in your loving care. May they be blessed by our open-hearted love and gratitude. Amen.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 7, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (57) \$1,896.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)
Loose \$115.00
Continuing the Vision \$210.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,221.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 7, 2023

Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$115.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)
Total Offertory Income \$115.00

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,336.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,777.00
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,441.00)

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

Good Shepherd: (26) \$450.00

This is a special diocesan collection which was taken up on April 30th in support of our retired diocesan priests. Thank you for your donation.



2023 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/08)

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,055.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$35,730.00

Total Paid to date = \$29,425.00

of Families who made a pledge = 75

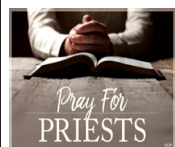
Prayerfully consider what God is leading you to give.

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!



Pray for Vocations, Rev. Daniel Hoffman,
Rev. Philip Pinczewski, Rev. Msgr. Robert Smith,
The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and
Rev. Christopher Singer

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 Canadota Lake. Please make your reservation for the luncheon by calling Rowena Watts at 814-438-7013. Thank you. Hope you will join us!

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 Next Weekend

All are invited to join us for another meeting to discuss the Co-Ed Bingo Fundraiser. We will meet next Sunday, May 21 in the parish center at St. Teresa. Hope you will join us!

Fundraising Campaign Sponsored by Knights of Columbus

St. Teresa's Knights of Columbus Council 4070 will hand out Baby Bottles and envelopes on Mother's Day for the "Mother of All Baby Bottle Campaigns". Please use the baby bottles or envelopes to donate and return them to any Union City Knight at Mass by Father's Day. If paying by check, be sure make your check payable to "Knights of Columbus" and please write "Baby Bottle Campaign" on the memo line. Last year, local knights from both St. Teresa and St. Thomas worked with other Catholic Churches and Knights Councils in Erie & Crawford Counties to raise funds to purchase a Mobile Ultrasound Unit. The Unit was blessed by Bishop Persico on April 22nd and will be used in Erie, Crawford and Warren Counties. Thanks for your support.



**A Letter from our Bishop**

May 1, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As members of the worldwide Catholic family, we can be proud of the Church's outreach to our fellow brothers and sisters of the human family. Believers and non-believers alike know first-hand of the generosity of Catholics the world over. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches us to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be. The Church has been doing this work for centuries, and today I ask your assistance that it may continue.

The annual Collection for International Needs, to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie on the weekend of May 20-21, offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in distant lands. It is actually a combination of three national collections.

- It provides aid to Catholics in the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to help build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults.
- It also helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation through Catholic Relief Services, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor. Catholic Relief Services has been particularly active in areas of the world recently afflicted by earthquake and tsunami disasters.
- It provides needed assistance to the Church in Africa, a rapidly growing and vibrant Church which is rich in vitality but poor in resources.

I ask your generous response to the Collection for International Needs on May 20-21. Just as important is your prayer for those in need, whether here in the Diocese of Erie, or across the globe. Please know that your gift is appreciated. You and your family remain in my prayer.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie**Holy Day this Week—Ascension —May 18th**

We will offer 2 Mass times for the holy day of obligation this Thursday, May 18:

- 8:00am Mass at St. Teresa (Union City)
- 7:00pm Mass at St. Thomas (Corry)

Forty days after Jesus' Glorious Resurrection, Our Lord returns to Heaven. Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

"Question of the Week" - Sixth Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: Jesus promises to be our friend forever. How do friends treat each other?

Question for Youth: Jesus promised us that the Holy Spirit (the Advocate) would remain with us always. When have you experienced the Spirit?

Question for Adults: Which one of the promises in today's Gospel gives you the most hope?

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News**Religious Education —Final Class**

Today, Sunday—May 14th is the final class for this school year. 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. Thank you 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.

**Congratulations to Our Newly Confirmed!**

Confirmation Mass was held on Monday evening, May 8th at Saint Francis Xavier Church in McKean. Picture below are students from Sts. Thomas & Teresa who were confirmed. *May the gifts of the Holy Spirit fill them and draw them into deeper relationship with Jesus and the Church.*



THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!