



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 12, 2024



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
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St. Thomas the Apostle St. Teresa of Avila

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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
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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

Notes from the Pastor

MOTHER'S DAY: I want to offer my best wishes and prayers to all our mothers on this special day. We all owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to our mothers for all they have done and all they continue to do for us. We are most grateful for the unconditional love you pour out upon us each day. That love is a profound reminder of the very love of God. May this day be a special time of thanksgiving to our mothers and may God's blessing continue to be upon them.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: On Monday, May 27, at 10:00am, we will celebrate Mass in the chapel at St. Thomas Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

PARKING LOT AT ST. TERESA: You may have noticed that the parking lot has undergone some much-needed paving and repair. We were not able to do the whole thing, but we were able to finally pave the dirt part of the lot and repair some of the major holes. Thanks to all those who donated to this project and enabled it to happen.

GARDENING AT BOTH PARISHES: Thanks to "Freddie" Cochran, Helen Perry, and Flo Down for weeding the flower gardens at the church, rectory, and parish center. Their unsolicited kindness has brought back the beauty of the gardens.

Thanks to Lois Woodcock and her family, Deacon Randy and his son-in-law, and the Knights of Columbus for all the work they have been doing at St. Thomas to enhance the gardens at the parish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR NEXT YEAR: We are preparing to combine the Religious Education Program for this coming year. The number of students we have does not merit having two separate programs. You may have noticed that last week, St. Thomas had one student make her first communion and St. Teresa had two students make theirs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger.

We met with parents this past week to explain the plan. The plan is to have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year.

This will also constitute a change in Mass times. We will continue to alternate the Saturday Mass at 4:30pm each month. On Sunday morning Mass will be at St. Thomas at 8:00am and at St. Teresa at 11:00am. Religious Education will be held in between those two Sunday Morning Masses. On those Sundays where Religious Education is at St. Teresa class will begin at 9:30am and go until 10:45am. This will enable people who go to 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas to get to class at St. Teresa and enable those who go to class to be finished in time for Mass at St. Teresa. And when class is at St. Thomas, class will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

Currently, I am not able to be at Religious Education classes at

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**Sunday, May 12**

8:00a.m. ☩ All Deceased Mothers
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ☩ All Deceased Mothers
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, May 13

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Tuesday, May 14

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Wednesday, May 15

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Thursday, May 16

No Mass or Service today at either St. Thomas or St. Teresa.

Friday, May 17

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Teresa, Union City

Saturday, May 18

4:30p.m. ☩ Frank Karkoski by Mini Sypniewski
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 19

8:00a.m. ☩ Francis Hanlin by Janet Ahl
(St. Thomas, Corry)

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



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 their 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. Thomas, as I have to get back to St. Teresa for Mass at 10:00am. There will be an opportunity for us to offer adult education classes while the children are in class.

It will be a change in the way things are done, but it will also enable us to use our resources more efficiently. We are always looking for help with these programs, so do not be afraid to volunteer to teach, or be an aide, or to help with some other aspect of the program.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 5, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (48)\$2,255.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 97)

Loose\$229.00

Online Giving (13)\$895.00

Religious Education/Faith Formation (16).....\$267.00

Total Offertory Income\$3,646.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$5,335.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,689.00)

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 Collection\$970.25
 Special Collection Thank You: On April 21st, our parishes took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/05):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$59,255.00
 Total Paid to date = \$45,825.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 115

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.

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!

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 May 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of All Deceased Mothers.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, May 12
 9:00am Coffee & Donuts in the St. Thomas multipurpose room

Monday, May 13
 6:00pm Choir Practice at St. Thomas Church

Tuesday, May 14
 6:30pm Corry Knights Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Wednesday, May 15
 6:00pm Altar Rosary Meeting at St. Thomas multipurpose room

Thursday, May 9
 6:00am 4th Degree Knights Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts this Weekend
 Sunday, May 12th in the gym following the 8:00am Mass. Donations accepted to help cover the cost. All are welcome to join us. *Hope to see you there!*

Choir Practice
 There will be Choir Practice at St. Thomas Church on Monday, May 13, at 6:00pm. We will be preparing the music for Pentecost. All are welcome to join us.

St. Thomas Parish Scholarship
 There is a scholarship available to graduating Seniors from Corry Area High School from St. Thomas Parish—the St. Thomas Memorial Scholarship. Applications, including criteria, can be found on our parish website, <https://www.stthomastheapostle.church/> or at the parish office.

Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brothers are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, May 14th at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Rosary will begin at 6:30pm followed by our regular business meeting.

Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one. (John 17:22)

St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting THIS WEEK
 Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary are invited to attend our monthly meeting this Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in multipurpose room at the former St. Thomas school building. *Hope to see you there.*

Seeking Empty-Clean Egg Cartons

Brian, our maintenance person, is asking parishioners to bring in empty clean egg cartons which they intend to recycle or throw out. He has laying chickens and could use the cartons. Cartons may be placed in the porch/entry way to the parish office.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 5, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (53) \$1,766.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose \$150.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,946.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 5, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$320.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,266.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,319.00)

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 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*



St. Teresa
Online Offertory

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!

Good Shepherd Collection \$741.00
 Special Collection Thank You: On April 21st, our parishes took a special collection to support our retired diocesan priest fund. We appreciate your generous response to share in the care of those faithful priests who have ministered to your spiritual needs.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/05):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,250.00

Total Paid to date = \$30,417.00

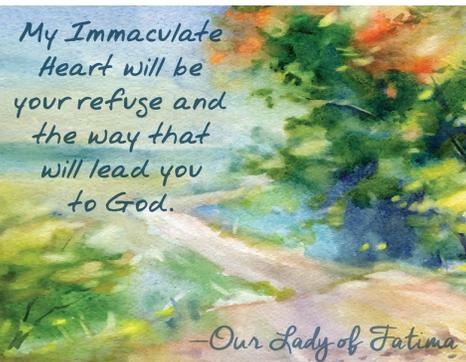
of Families who made a pledge = 92

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.



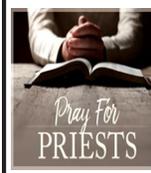
 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 12th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Virginia Poninsky by Family.**

“Question of the Week” - 7th Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: Whom do you love? Who loves you? How do you show your love?

Question for Youth: How would you describe the kind of love that Jesus modeled?

Question for Adults: Share about one person in your life with whom the command to love has become a reality, a parent, spouse, friend, or colleague – or even a stranger.



Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Dennis Veltri, Rev. Richard Allen, Rev. Philip Pinczewski, Rev. Msgr. David Rubino, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Rice, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Caution When Sharing Personal Information

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 natural inclination to be helpful. Any communication asking you to purchase gift cards should be considered a scam. 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 the diocesan website or in the parish's 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. Financial fraud like the gift card scam can be reported to the Federal Trade Commission here: <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov>. To learn more, read this article: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/avoiding-and-reporting-gift-card-scams> from the FTC.

Family Perspective

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.

Readings for the week of May 12, 2024

Sun.: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a) ♦ 1 John 4:11-16 ♦ John 17:11b-19
 Mon.: Acts 19:1-8 ♦ Psalm 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab ♦ John 16:29-33
 Tues.: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 ♦ Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ John 15:9-17
 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.: Acts 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30) ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Galatians 5:16-25 ♦ John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15



April 17, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Ever since our Lord's admonition to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and shelter the homeless, wherever and whomever they may be, the Church has been reaching out to those in need. Today I would like to ask you to join me, as members of the worldwide Catholic family, in helping the Church to continue to provide for our needy brothers and sisters throughout the world by giving generously to the **International Needs Collection to be taken up in the Diocese of Erie the weekend of May 18-19.**

This annual collection offers a concrete way for us to reach out to those who live in lands and cultures far from our own. It is a combination of three collections:

- The **Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe** which helps build churches; train and educate seminarians, clergy, and lay leaders; publish Catholic newspapers; support orphanages; and support evangelization among children, youth, and adults;
- The **Catholic Relief Services Collection** which helps all people, regardless of race, creed, or nation, providing for the victims of war and natural disasters, aiding the Church suffering under persecution, alleviating poverty, and educating the poor; and
- The **Support for the Church in Africa collection**, which provides for the rapidly growing and vibrant Church on that continent.

Please give generously to the International Needs Collection on May 18-19 and, just as importantly, please include those in need in your prayers. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families and parishes.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ *Lawrence T. Persico*The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
Bishop of Erie

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Digital Safety and Your Child: If your child gives out personal information while online, it is easy to track and tough to completely remove. Teach your child to never share personal information such as full name, address, phone number, email, school, or birthday on any social media site. Teach them to never give anyone their passwords. Help your child set up strong passwords and do a yearly checkup on them. Adjust privacy settings for online games, apps, social media sites and your child's electronic devices. Don't forget to check the GPS settings ability to unintentionally share your child's location. Avoid using public wi-fi when sharing personal information. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Tim Weir from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

Please call me. I look forward to making your business visible to this parish community!



Tim Weir
Cell Phone :716-602-4588
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Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Congratulations to Our First Communicants

We wish to congratulate **Elise Kafferlin, Teagen Parker, and Isaac Shick** on receiving their First Holy Communion last weekend on May 4th at St. Thomas Church and on May 5th at St. Teresa Church.



A Prayer for First Communion

Dear Lord, As I come to know you in the breaking of the Bread, be with me, strengthen me and help me always to walk in your love. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen



We wish to especially thank the catechists who helped prepare our third graders for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion—Donna Blessing at St. Thomas and Kelly Geer at St. Teresa.

Thank You to our Catechists and Volunteers

We wish to thank our catechists and volunteers who helped with our Religious Education Programs at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa this school year. We had a wonderful group of dedicated people who taught our students the Catholic faith, by both word and deed. May they be blessed for their generosity in teaching our youth and may they enjoy some much deserved time off over the summer.

Blessed With the Gifts of the Holy Spirit



Congratulations to the following from St. Teresa Parish who were confirmed on May 2nd at St. Jude Church: **Allie Anderson, Mason Wienczkowski, and JR Trauner.**



Continued Prayers for Our Confirmation Candidates

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they await to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, May 29 at St. Francis Xavier Church: **Porter Allyn, Avery Bird, Colton Boyd, Ellie Carey, Kendall Donoghue, Nolan Gesing, Ava Hallberg, Joseph Johnston, Henry Moss, Jesse Nordin, Josh Nordin, Anya Styborski, Ava Tomcho, Nathan Weis, Ava Wetherbee, and Brady Whitmeyer.** May they grow in their faith and be strengthened by the Spirit as they continue their journey towards reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

