



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

June 30, 2024



13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He took the child by the hand and said to her,
"Talitha koum," which means, "Little girl, I say
to you, arise!" - Mk 5:41

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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
www.st-teresa-unioncity.org

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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Just a reminder to all of those who were recently confirmed. In my interview with each of you, I gave you a form that listed a number of ministry opportunities. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please return that form to Mrs. Silka, Deacon Randy, the parish office, or Fr. Tom so we can begin the training to get you started in that ministry. If you lost the form, I will have extras at Mass each weekend.

RETURNING TO THE PARISH: We have noticed a number of people that have been returning to the parish in recent months. We are most grateful to have you back. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to Fr. Tom. You might also want to be sure that you are registered at the parish so that you receive communication about events at the parish. You can complete the form on the front of the bulletin, or you can go on the parish website and click the tab, "I'm New" and the registration form will be there.

LAWN FESTIVAL AT ST. TERESA: Mark you calendars for July 18 when St. Teresa Parish will be hosting their annual Lawn Festival. We are hoping the weather will cooperate much better than it did last year. There will be all kinds of games for kids and adults. Pony rides, Bingo, Chinese Auction, Special Prize auctions, and lots of great food.

We can always use help setting up and tearing down from the event. We will be setting up on July 15, 16, and 17 from 5:00pm to 7:00pm each night and tearing down on Friday most of the day. If you are able to help at any time it would be greatly appreciated.

QUIET DURING CONFESSION TIMES: We have confessions every Saturday afternoon from 3:30pm to 4:00pm. I would ask that out of respect for those who wish to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation (confession), that we keep the church as a place of quiet prayer. At various times the noise from people talking in the church is so loud that it makes it difficult for people to celebrate the sacrament.

- Fr. Tom

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

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Please consider supporting our parishes (Sts. Thomas & Teresa) and cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during this year's

Erie Gives Day

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

More information to follow in upcoming bulletins—so please look for it and begin to pray about how you can support our parishes and cemeteries. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Sunday, June 30

- 8:00a.m. †Richard & Eileen Farver by Richard K. & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, July 1

- 8:00a.m. †Paul Mongera by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, July 2

- 8:00a.m. †Mary & Gene Vinca by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 3—Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

- 8:00a.m. †The Amoroso and Lutz Families by family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, July 4—Independence Day 🎆 🇺🇸

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

Friday, July 5

- 8:00a.m. †Roberto Masangcay by Angelina Masangcay and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, July 6

- 4:30p.m. †Dan Ahl by Kim & Bryan Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, July 7

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Jerry Adams by Diane Adams and family (St. Teresa, Union City)



Parish Office Closed on Thursday, July 4th

In observance of the national holiday—our parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4 this week. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will next be open on Monday, July 8.

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 23, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (64)\$2,661.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 81)

Loose\$129.00

Online Giving (9)\$330.00


Total Offertory Income\$3,120.00

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


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,215.00)

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'.



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 June 30th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Christine Dyne Silver by Pat Keys.



Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle

"Blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!" (John 20:29)

Today's feast of Saint Thomas the Apostle reminds us that faith is a work in progress. Just as Thomas needed help to believe in the risen Christ, we also may struggle at times with strengthening our faith. May we be open to the grace to help deepen our faith as members of God's Church.

Join us as we celebrate the feast day of our patron saint on Wednesday, July 3—8:00am Mass at St. Thomas Church, Corry.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/24):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,540.00
 Total Paid to date = \$50,265.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 119

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.

"Question of the Week" - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What does sharing with others bring happiness to you?


Question for Youth: What are some of the miraculous moments in your own life? Do you ever pray for miracles?

Question for Adults: What is your personal response to St. Paul's instruction to the Corinthians today? How will this change your personal habits with money and possessions?

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Matthew 11:28

First Friday Calls
 If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Hospital Visits
 Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Please know that Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency. Be sure to ask your nurse.




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

Thanks for Helping with the Gardens at St. Thomas

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time to help plant annuals and perennials in the gardens at St. Thomas Church and St. Elizabeth Parish Center. The gardens are showing much improvement as we continue to work on them. Also, thanks to everyone who helped spread mulch in the gardens this weekend. Thank you to all for your generosity. God bless you!



St. Teresa Parish News


ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 22 & 23, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (51) \$1,416.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)
Loose \$362.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$5.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,893.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: June 23, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$653.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)


St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,546.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,039.00)

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 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*



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

Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

 **The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 30th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased family and friends.**

Getting Ready for Our Annual Lawn Festival

St. Teresa’s Lawn Festival will be held on Thursday, July 18th this year. **We are in need of the following items to make this endeavor successful: Plants, Chinese Auction Items, 2 Liter Bottles of Pop (LOTS!), Baked Goods, and YOUR TIME!!** If you can help work one of the many booths for a couple of hours please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Raffle tickets and signs are in the back of the church for you to pick up. Raffle tickets can be returned to the parish in an envelope marked “Lawn Festival” and placed in the collection basket or turned in the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. Thank you.



The National Eucharistic Congress is COMING SOON!

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

July 18—St. Teresa’s Lawn Festival
 September 7—St. Teresa’s Cash Bingo
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party

Readings for the Week of June 30, 2024

Sun.: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 ♦ Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a) ♦ 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 ♦ Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
 Mon.: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 ♦ Psalm 50:16bc-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 ♦ Matthew 8:18-22
 Tues.: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 ♦ Psalm 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 ♦ Matthew 8:23-27
 Wed.: Ephesians 2:19-22 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ John 20:24-29
 Thur.: Amos 7:10-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ♦ Matthew 9:1-8
 Fri.: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12 ♦ Psalm 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 ♦ Matthew 9:9-13
 Sat.: Amos 9:11-15 ♦ Psalm 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 ♦ Matthew 9:14-17
 Next Sun.: Ezekiel 2:2-5 ♦ Psalm 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 (2cd) ♦ 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 ♦ Mark 6:1-6a

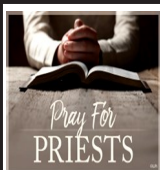
2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/24):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,064.00
 Total Paid to date = \$33,543.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 100
 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.



Family Perspective

The healing of the woman and the child in today’s gospel is a reminder we are all wounded. We retreat to those we love looking for acceptance, listening, understanding and support. Families must be healing communities where Jesus is present in our care for one another.



The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. John Chaplin, Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. John Detisch, Rev. Ross Miceli, Rev. Msgr. James Sanner, also please *Pray for all priests and deacons and the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

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

Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?



“That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.”
John 17:21


One Faith One Family

Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

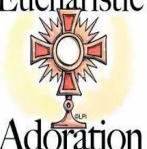
- **Sunday, August 4 at St. George, Erie at 2:00pm.**
- **Sunday, August 18 at Beloved Disciple, Grove City at 2:00pm.**

Couples may contact the parish office, complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21 for the Erie celebration and until August 4 for the Grove City celebration.



Eucharistic Adoration **NO Eucharistic Adoration in July**

Our monthly Eucharistic Adoration for July will be cancelled due to the 4th of July holiday falling on the Thursday prior to the First Friday, as people may be away for a long holiday weekend. Our next Eucharistic Adoration will be held on August 1 & 2. Both Sts. Thomas and Teresa churches are open during the week for private prayer. All are welcome any time to spend a quiet moment with our Lord before the tabernacle.



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 ten (10) 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:
3:30pm—4:00pm on Saturdays at the church where the anticipatory Mass is celebrate that evening—at St. Thomas Church, Corry or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (depending on the month); and other times by request made to the parish office.

Please be sure to notify the parish office of any changes to your address, phone numbers, or email address. Thank you.


Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

New Look to Our Religious Education Program

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. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Year, we will have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May).

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.

It will be a change in the way things are done, but it will enable us to use our resources more efficiently. We are always looking for help with Religious Education, so do not be afraid to volunteer to teach, or be an aide, or to help with some other aspect of the program. If interested in helping, please reach out to Missy Silka. Families with school-aged children should be on the lookout for registration information over the summer.

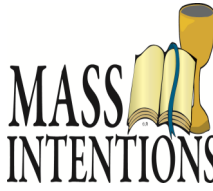


Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items

Generally, items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to secretary@stparish.org. Please note that during holiday seasons, bulletin deadlines are moved up as much as one week earlier, so the earlier you provide the office with your bulletin items the better. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.

Mass Intentions for Our Parishes

Contact the parish office at 814-663-3041 to schedule Mass intentions for loved ones. We will do our best to accommodate date requests. The stipend is **ONLY \$10 per Mass**. Please do not send extra money as it causes our books to be out of balance. Thank you. We suggest that you make a donation to the church with any ‘extra’ funds you wish to give towards Masses.



St. Joseph’s 85th Annual 4th of July Celebration

Will be held on Thursday, July 4th from 11am—4pm (rain or shine) at the parish grounds: 122 Rectory Lane, Lucinda PA. Join us for Clarion County’s oldest Independence Day celebration! All-you-can-eat Chicken & Ham dinners, homemade pies, soup, games of skill & chance for all ages, live entertainment, festival foods, bingo with cash prizes and much more. Proceeds benefit St. Joseph Catholic School. For information, contact their parish: watch4deercatholic.church; [Facebook@stjoseph4thofjuly](https://www.facebook.com/stjoseph4thofjuly); or 814-226-7288. Dinner serving from 11am—3pm with takeout available. Cost is Adults—\$13, Children (6-12) - \$6, Children under 6—Free.