



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

February 25, 2024



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. - Mk 9:2-3

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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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Partnered Parish Offices
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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

INTRODUCTORY RITE DURING LENT: We will be doing something slightly different during Lent at the beginning of Mass! We will begin by kneeling (if you can't kneel, please sit) and singing the opening song. The priest, deacon, and altar server will process in to the opening song and then kneel as well. We will do the greeting, the penitential rite and the opening prayer all while we are kneeling. After the opening prayer we will be seated for the First Reading. It is just a simple way to remind ourselves that we are beginning a special season in our Church year.

FISH DINNERS: I had my introduction to your Fish Dinners last week. I was only able to stay for part of the dinner at St. Thomas, but it seemed like there were plenty of volunteers and things were going smoothly. The dinner at St. Teresa also had plenty of volunteers and things were going very well. I was impressed by the organization of the dinners and the way people jumped in to help when someone wasn't able to make it. People don't always realize how much work goes into these dinners and the generosity of those who plan them and those who work them. If you have never been a part of one of these dinners, there is always room for a few more volunteers. It is always a great way to meet new people and to build community.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 52 pledges for \$21,820 towards our goal of \$24,359 at St. Teresa, and 60 pledges for \$32,225 towards our goal of \$37,254 at St. Thomas.

We have included two projects for each parish in addition to the diocesan assessments. These are lofty goals, but we are aiming high to address some important issues at each parish. At St. Teresa we hope to collect enough over our assessment amount to pay back our loan of \$30,000 to the diocese for the reconfigured roof on the Parish Center and in addition to that we are hoping to raise enough to pave the section of the parking lot between the church and the garage (\$35,000). At St. Thomas, we are hoping to collect enough to upgrade the electrical wiring to the lights in the church and then start a fund for the future paving of the parking lot (\$85,000).

In the past we have had a generous response from a good number of parishioners. I am asking that every family make a pledge or a gift to this Appeal. This Appeal benefits everyone in the parish and we should all be making some effort to achieve the goals that benefit everyone. Pledge envelopes are in the pews today and at the exits. Please take an envelope and consider your pledge or gift in the coming week.

UPCOMING ADULT CLASSES: As part of the Eucharistic Revival, I am offering a class at each parish. The content will be the same, so you are welcome to go to either class. The first class had 28 people signed up. The second class will be Monday, March 11, from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at St. Teresa Parish Center. Signups for the second class are on the sheets at the exits of the church.

There will also be two sessions preparing for the upcoming Synod in Rome. I understand that this was not offered in preparation for the most recent Synod, so I want to make sure it

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Sunday, February 25

- 8:00a.m. †Margaret Karkoski by Gerrie Karkoski & family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, February 26

- 8:00a.m. †Veronica Whitman (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, February 27

- 8:00a.m. †Sandra Young by Peg Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, February 28

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, February 29

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

Friday, March 1

- 8:00a.m. †Kathy Roggenkamp by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, March 2

- 4:30p.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Vinca and Buccolini Families by Julie & Steve Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, March 3

- 8:00a.m. †Msgr. Hagerty and Mary Louise Sproveri by Denny & Chris Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)



PRAY FAST GIVE

is offered this time. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. Meeting dates are Monday, March 4 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center and Tuesday, March 5 at St. Teresa Parish Center. You will be invited to discuss two questions.

- The diocese of Erie identified these four major themes in the participatory phase of the synod: welcome and inclusivity, communication, leadership, and mission/outreach. Do these resonate with you? Since then, what successes and distresses have you experienced around these themes?
- How does or how could the Church walk alongside you in the major concerns or needs in your life?

Pope Francis is looking for your input on these issues in preparation for the Worldwide Synod in Rome. Your answers to these questions will become part of a series of discussions that will eventually reach the Synod in Rome in October 2024.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: February 18, 2024


Amount in Envelopes: (56)	\$2,921.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 118)	
Loose	\$190.50
Online Giving (9)	\$320.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,431.50

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


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,903.50)

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 February 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Kirsten May.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, February 25
 9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building


Thursday, February 29
 24 Hour Eucharistic Adoration (8:00am through Friday at 8:00am)

Friday, March 1
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 2
 4:30pm Anticipatory Mass returns to St. Thomas Church for the month of March

Knights of Columbus Snowman Raffle Winners

The Corry Knights wish to congratulate the winners of their *Snowman Raffle* which was drawn at their meeting on February 13. Winners were: \$100—Avery Hanlin, \$50—Anne Kondrlik, and \$25—Jerry Rushin. Thank you to everyone who purchased chances on our fundraising raffle.




PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 02/20):


St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$32,225.00
 Total Paid to date = \$18,675.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 60

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.



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Kirsten May** and **Ann Spelling** (daughter & mother) who both passed away from St. Thomas Church. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Food Drive Collection Sponsored by the Corry Knights of Columbus



The Corry Knights of Columbus will again be holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. They are asking parishioners to please donate non-perishable food items. You may place your donations in the marked bins at the entrances of Saint Thomas Church. They will be collecting until mid-March. Thank you for your generosity.

Update on our First Fish Dinner held Ash Wednesday

We are grateful to all who supported our first Fish Dinner of the season. Here are the totals: Dine-in dinners were 99, Take-out was 103, and Delivery was 7, for a total of 209 dinners. We deposited \$3,402 for St. Thomas. We don't have all the expenses yet; a more detailed report for the dinners will be in a future bulletin. The winner of the 50/50 at the Ash Wednesday dinner was Ashley Green—\$34. And a 'Thank You' goes out to the Corry Knights of Columbus who donated \$250 towards this year's Fish Dinners at St. Thomas Church.

Donations Needed for our Lenten Fish Dinners

Thank you to all who helped, donated, worked, and supported our first fish dinner of the season. We appreciate everyone's efforts. Please remember help is always needed. **Also, we need donations of pies/desserts (homemade or store bought) for each dinner.** Dessert donations can be dropped off at St. Elizabeth Parish Center on Thursdays from noon—3:00pm and Fridays by 4:00pm for the upcoming Fish Dinners. *Thank you.*

St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Ash Wednesday, February 14
Fridays, February 23, March 8 & 22
4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center
Adults - \$15 Child (6-12) - \$7
Dine-in, Takeout or Delivery
For Delivery Call 664-9187
Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!



St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 17 & 18, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (48) \$1,631.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)
Loose \$192.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,853.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 18, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$255.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,108.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,477.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 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-org 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 February 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed Weaver by Bill & Judy Flynn.

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Barbara Redlecki** who passed away from St. Teresa Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish
 Sunday, February 25
 11:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the parish center
 Thursday, February 29
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church
 Friday, March 1
 8:00am Mass with Eucharistic Adoration until 12:00pm
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

Thank You from the Family of Ed Weaver
 The family of Ed Weaver, Sr. would like to thank St. Teresa and St. Thomas Churches, Fr. Tom Whitman, Father Tom Suppa, Deacons Randy Kondrlik and Bill Saborsky, as well as family and friends, for all their support at this difficult time due to the loss of our loved one. We appreciate you all.

St. Teresa Reverse Raffle
 Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024 in the Parish Center for our Reverse Raffle with a top prize of \$5,000. Doors open at 5:00pm. Prime Rib Dinner is at 7:00pm, and side boards begin selling at 5:30pm. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$55 each, which includes dinner and drinks, plus a chance at the \$5,000 prize. Mark your calendars! **Volunteers are always needed to run an event like this.** Kim Yaple has graciously taken on the leadership of this event. If you can help, please call Kim at 814-397-1268.

Readings for the week of February 25, 2024
 Sun.: Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 ♦ Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 ♦ Romans 8:31b-34 ♦ Mark 9:2-10
 Mon.: Daniel 9:4b-10 ♦ Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 ♦ Luke 6:36-38
 Tues.: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 ♦ Psalm 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 ♦ Matthew 23:1-12
 Wed.: Jeremiah 18:18-20 ♦ Psalm 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 ♦ Matthew 20:17-28
 Thur.: Jeremiah 17:5-10 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ♦ Luke 16:19-31
 Fri.: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a ♦ Psalm 105:16-21 ♦ Matthew 21:33-46
 Sat.: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 ♦ Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
 Next Sun.: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ♦ Corinthians 1:22-25 ♦ John 2:13-25

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 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.

St. Teresa
--LENTEN FISH FRY--
Dine in or Take Out
February 16th and 23rd
March 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd
4:30 to 7:00 P.M.
St. Teresa Parish Center
 Third Avenue • Union City, PA
Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)
 Choice of Baked Potato, French Fries or Mac & Cheese, Homemade Coleslaw or Applesauce, Dinner Roll, Homemade Dessert and Beverage
Price: Adults \$14.00
 Children Meal (12 and under) \$6.00
 Mac & Cheese, French Fries and Applesauce.
 *Add \$2.00 for Fish Sticks
For Take-outs Call 814 - 438 - 2000
 2024



Diocese of Erie
2024 Catholic Services Appeal

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

One Faith One Family

Please prayerful consider how to support the 2024 CSA

Prayer for the Catholic Services Appeal

God, loving Father,
in your every act of creation we see your love for us.
Strengthen us for our role in the work of proclaiming the Gospel.
Open our hearts to listen to the needs of our brothers and sisters.
Give us joyful spirits that invite others to be drawn into relationship with you.
Lead us in our support of the mission of your Church,
and remind us always that what we do for the least
of our sisters and brothers, we do for you.
May we serve you in all things,
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All Are Invited

If you like to play games and spend time with family and friends, do we have a night for you... all from our parishes of Sts. Thomas & Teresa are invited to a **FAMILY GAME NIGHT**

WHEN: Saturday, March 16, 2024

WHERE: St. Thomas multipurpose room

TIME: 5:30pm—9:00pm

Pizza and drinks will be provided. Look for a flyer in a future bulletin with more details and how to make a reservation to attend. We hope to see you there!

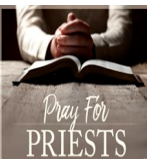


"Question of the Week" - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Name or draw a picture of a time you knew that Jesus was with you.

Question for Youth: The disciples had a very intense experience of Jesus on the mountain. Have you ever had a "mountain top" experience? What was it like for you?

Question for Adults: In what ways does Jesus speak today, ways in which you can truly "listen to him?"



Rev. Alexander Amico, Very Rev. B. LaMounte Sayers, Rev. Thomas Aleksa, Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Rev. Msgr. James Sanner, and Rev. Michael Polinek, Rev. Dennis Veltri, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

Jesus, help me be more open to the transformations now happening in me.

Family Perspective

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Families of students at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes are reminded of the following schedule for the remainder of February and March 2024:



Sunday, February 25—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, March 3—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, March 10—Classes for All Religious Education students.
EDGE Night at St. Teresa (6:00pm-7:30pm)

Sunday, March 17—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, March 24—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, March 31—EASTER SUNDAY / No Classes

CLASS TIME: Classes meet in Corry on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am and in Union City from 11:00am until 12:30pm; the PURPOSE/Confirmation Class in Corry meets on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm until 8:00pm.

Basket Raffles to Benefit Religious Education Programs



Don't forget to take a chance on our raffle baskets at our parishes' Lenten Fish Dinners. There are some awesome prizes to be won. The themes are:

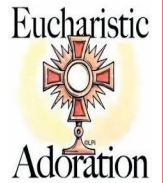
ST. THOMAS— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Easter

ST. TERESA— Lottery Tree / Gift Cards / Arts & Crafts

Thank you for your continued support of our students, families, and catechists in our Religious Education Programs. We especially wish to thank all the parents, students, and families who donated items to make our baskets! There are a lot of great items in all of them.

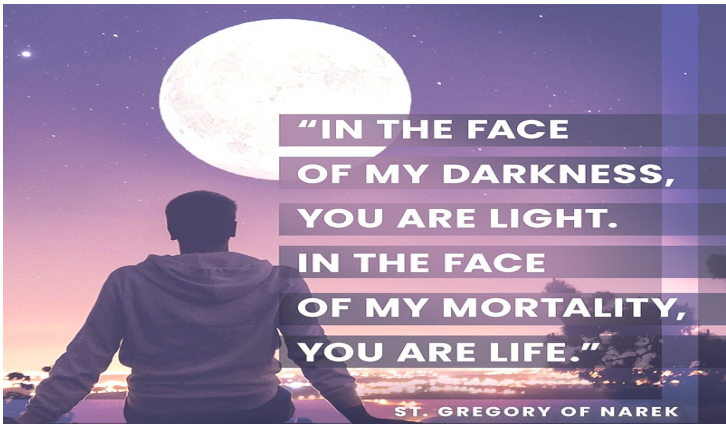
Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

Come to quiet your heart and reflect on Jesus and his Father's mercy...



Eucharistic Adoration is **Thursday, February 29th (8:00am) through Friday, March 1st (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, March 1st (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time during Adoration. We are always looking for more 'adorers'. If you can commit to one hour a month to be with Our Lord, please call the office.

*I will walk before the Lord,
in the land of the living. (Psalm 116)*



"IN THE FACE OF MY DARKNESS, YOU ARE LIGHT. IN THE FACE OF MY MORTALITY, YOU ARE LIFE."

ST. GREGORY OF NAREK