



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

March 10, 2024



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light
and does not come toward the light, so that his works
might not be exposed. - Jn 3:20

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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
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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

PENANCE SERVICE: Sunday, March 10, we will have a Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa in Union City at 3:00pm. There will be five priests available to hear confessions. People often like to go to an anonymous priest for confession rather than their pastor or someone who knows them. As priests, we jokingly call them "strange priest." Those who are scheduled to be in attendance are Frs. Suppa, Swogger, Gallina, Passauer, and myself.

Remember that the purpose of the COMMUNAL Penance celebration is to come together in prayer recognizing that we are all sinners, to spend a few moments listening to a scripture reading, an examination of conscience, praying our act of contrition together, and then confessing our sins to the priest and receiving absolution and a penance. It allows for a large number of people to celebrate the sacrament in a short period of time.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES: There are sign up sheets at both parishes for the Holy Week Services. We are looking for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and for volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. Thank you in advance for helping with these services.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID AND DEBORAH SWANK: David and Deborah are in our RCIA class and were welcomed by Bishop Persico at the Cathedral in Erie two weeks ago. David and Deborah will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 78 pledges for 30,830 towards our parish goal of \$54,000 at St. Teresa, and 89 pledges for \$41,904 towards our goal of \$50,000 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. At St. Thomas, we are hoping to collect enough to upgrade the electrical wiring to the lights in the church.

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 weeks.

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 6:30 to 7:30pm at St. Teresa Parish Center. Signups for the second class are on the sheets at the exits of the church.

THINGS LEFT IN THE CHURCH: I am glad that people are using the Word Among Us books, they are a great resource. I also

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**Sunday, March 10**

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

10:00a.m. †Priscilla Kozik by Pat Kusiak (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, March 11

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

Tuesday, March 12

8:00a.m. †Otha Ginkel by Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, March 13

8:00a.m. †Gerri Cragg by Nancy Brigham and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

8:00a.m. †Richard Boyd by Dave & Gini Kowash (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

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

10:00a.m. †Don Thomas by Mary Thomas and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Laetare Sunday

Today is called **Laetare Sunday**, from the Latin word for *rejoice*, which is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon of the Mass, "*Rejoice, Jerusalem*" (Isaiah 66:10). It reminds us that the rigors of lent are now over half completed and encourages our anticipation for Easter.

notice that some people bring them back to church when they are finished using them and leave them in Church. These items can be disposed of in your homes as they are printed material and not blessed items.

In that same light, people sometimes receive religious pamphlets, jewelry, etc. in the mail at home and bring them to Church and leave them on the tables. Only those items that the parish sponsors are to be placed in the Church. Otherwise, it creates confusion for some people, some things are hazards for children, and they take up what little space is available for the things that need to be put on those tables. If you want to give your items to someone, that is fine, but please do not leave them in the Church. Thank You.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 2 & 3, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (98)	\$5,071.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 47)	
Loose	\$602.00
Online Giving (16)	\$1,040.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$6,713.00

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

Weekly Average Overage.....\$1,378.00

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 March 10th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our deceased loved ones.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, March 10

9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building

Wednesday, March 13

6:30pm Confirmation Class at the former school building

Friday, March 15

7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

Saturday, March 16

5:30pm Family Game Night in multipurpose room

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts TODAY

Sunday, March 10th 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!*

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/03):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$41,904.00

Total Paid to date = \$25,239.00

of Families who made a pledge = 89

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.

God is rich in Mercy.

Consider the ways God has blessed you this Lent.



Food Drive Collection by Corry Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights of Columbus continue their food drive during Lent to benefit the Corry Food Pantry. Please donate non-perishable food items in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Donations will be accepted until mid-March. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Selling Delicious Chocolate Covered Easter Eggs

Ladies of the Catholic Daughters are selling Easter Eggs at the Fish Dinners and after weekend Masses until Easter. Eggs are \$7 each and they have peanut butter and maple cream filled. Personal orders may be placed by speaking to Pat Phillips or Rosemary Baker.

Catholic Daughters Meeting Cancelled in March

Our March meeting is cancelled due to the fourth Thursday of this month falling on March 28, which is also Holy Thursday.

Altar Rosary Meeting

St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society will meet on Wed., March 20th at 1:00pm in the St. Thomas multipurpose room. Lunch will be provided at this meeting. Members are encouraged to attend. **Also, we wish to extend a special invitation to the ladies of the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society to attend both our meeting and luncheon on March 20th.** *We hope you will join us!*

Corry Knights of Columbus Meeting THIS WEEK

Brothers are reminded of their meeting on Tuesday, March 12 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Rosary will begin at 6:30pm followed by our regular business meeting. Also, Chance of a Lifetime raffle tickets are available through the Knights at the Fish Dinners or contact Mike Gluvna (814-664-4416).



"Question of the Week" - Fourth Sunday of Lent

Question for Children: Who is one person in your life who supports your faith and helps it to grow?

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: March 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (62) \$3,606.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 95)
Loose \$131.00
Continuing the Vision (3) \$75.00
Online Giving (3) \$80.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,892.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: March 4, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$375.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$4,267.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-318.00)

*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-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 March 10th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bob Adams by Melody and family.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish
 Sunday, March 10
 11:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at St. Teresa parish center
 3:00pm Communal Penance Service at St. Teresa Church
 6:00pm Combined EDGE Night at St. Teres parish center
 Monday, March 11
 6:30pm Class on the Eucharist at St. Teresa parish center
 Thursday, March 14
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church
 Friday, March 15
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

Pray For PRIESTS
 Rev. Joseph Petrone, Rev. James McCormick, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, V.F., Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. William O'Brien, Rev. Thomas Aleksa, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*

Calling All Bakers!
 We are in need of your delicious baked goods for St. Teresa's Lenten Fish Dinners. Items can be dropped off at the Parish Center on Thursdays from 4:00pm—7:00pm and on Fridays starting at noon. Please use the KITCHEN door, all other doors will be locked up until dinner time on Fridays. Thank you!!



2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 03/03):
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$30,830.00
 Total Paid to date = \$21,845.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 78
 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.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world. (John 3:17)

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024
 Sun.: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 ♦ Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab) ♦ Ephesians 2:4-10 ♦ John 3:14-21
 Mon.: Isaiah 65:17-21 ♦ Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b ♦ John 4:43-54
 Tues.: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 ♦ Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ John 5:1-16
 Wed.: Isaiah 49:8-15 ♦ Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 ♦ John 5:17-30
 Thur.: Exodus 32:7-14 ♦ Psalm 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 ♦ John 5:31-47
 Fri.: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 ♦ Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 ♦ John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Sat.: Jeremiah 11:18-20 ♦ Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 ♦ John 7:40-53
 Next Sun.: Jeremiah 31:31-34 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a) ♦ Hebrews 5:7-9 ♦ John 12:20-33

Women's Cursillo #261 to be held in Harborcreek
 April 5-7, 2024 at Our Lady of Mercy Parish. The retreat starts at 8:00am on Friday, April 5. All women are encouraged to apply. Applications can be found on the Cursillo website (www.ericcursillo.org) or call Judy Flynn for more information(814-392-0746).



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





Have YOU made your pledge to the 2024 CSA yet?

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

One Faith One Family



Sunday, March 10, 2024
at 3:00pm

Location: St. Teresa Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA

Come to ask our loving and merciful Father for forgiveness and peace. Several priests will be available to hear individual confessions.



And She Said Yes! to the Ninth Annual 1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

PLACE: ST. JUDE PARISH, 2801 West 6th Street, Erie
TIME: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM
REGISTRATION & REFRESHMENTS:
8:00 - 8:45 AM in the Church
COST: \$20 (\$25 at the door)

College students, High school students & Religious - FREE!
Conference includes: Two talks, Adoration, Confession,
Mass, Basket raffle & Book/media sales

Master of Ceremonies: Fr. Larry Richards

ATTENDANCE: Live in-person, Live-streamed to a satellite parish or your home



LISA COTTER
Lisa is a Catholic speaker and author known for her practical insights on relationships, femininity, and living life with excellence.



LUKE 1:38
Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

MORE INFO

www.138women.com or 814-455-7364
ALL FAITHS WELCOME!



Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Families of students in our Religious Education Classes at both Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes are reminded of the following schedule for the remainder of March 2024:



Sunday, March 10—Classes for All Religious Education students.

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

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

Sunday, March 31—No Classes this week. Happy Easter!

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 the Fish Dinners during Lent. 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!

Second Graders & the Sacrament of Reconciliation

We wish to congratulate the following students from our parishes who completed preparation to receive God's pardon and peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Pictured with Fr. Tom are **Caroline Moon, Henry Weis, Ellie Halfast, and Connor Swank.**



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. To report abuse directly to the diocese call 814-451-1543.*

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!
We appreciate their support of our parishes .