



Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407

THE PARISH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ITS MISSION ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
Union City, PA 16438

October 6, 2024



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of
your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning
of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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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 Church
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Parish Office
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
814-663-3041

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

ALL SOULS SERVICE: On Monday, November 4, at 7:00pm at St. Teresa Church, we will be celebrating Mass in remembrance of all those who have died in the past year from all three Churches. A letter will be going out to families of those who have had a loved one buried from our parish inviting family members to this Mass. All are welcome to attend. Families will have the opportunity to carry up a candle to be lit in remembrance of their loved one. A light reception will follow in the Parish Center.

SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS: We are hoping to offer Adult Formation Classes while our young people are attending their classes. I am hoping to offer a class on *How to Interpret Scripture* beginning Sunday, October 20, from 9:30am to 10:30am in the NEW meeting room in St. Teresa Parish Center. The class will continue on November 3 and 17, as well as December 15. Please sign up in either Church for this class so we know how many to prepare for.

ALL SAINTS HOLY DAY MASSES: Masses will be offered on Friday, November 1, at 8:00am at St. Teresa Church and at 7:00pm at St. Thomas Church.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS: will be at St. Teresa at 9:00am.

CHANGES: There have been a lot of changes made in the past few months. As of October 1, 2024, we are making the real transition to St. Thomas as the Parish Church and St. Teresa as the Mission Church. I am grateful to all of you for being so flexible with these changes. We have made big changes to our religious education program that seem to be working out very well, we have changed our Mass schedule, we are in the process of selling Our Lady of Fatima Church, envelope numbers are changing, online giving will be changing shortly, and writing checks to St. Thomas instead of St. Teresa or Our Lady of Fatima begins today. Hopefully, we can allow things to move forward and stay the same for some time to come.

We will also be making some changes to the bulletin as you will see in the coming week. We will no longer be listing the offertory income and expenses for each parish as we have been. We will be showing the total for collections and the totals for expenses at both churches together as one. We will be tracking separately how each Church and its buildings are doing with income and expenses. Finance Council will be looking at those numbers and making updates to you as they deem necessary.

Within the next month all of our parish property and buildings will be undergoing an insurance assessment. This is happening in every parish in the diocese.

UPCOMING CHANGES: Now that the official merger of St. Teresa of Avila Parish into St. Thomas the Apostle Parish has taken place there are some changes that you might need to be aware of.

- **Beginning in October, please make out your checks for offertory and CSA to St. Thomas Church.** We will be combining our accounts into one account to eliminate unnecessary accounts and consolidate our record keeping.

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Sunday, October 6

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, October 7

- 8:00a.m. †Ann Tudorache by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, October 8

- 8:00a.m. †George Baker by Agatha Volk (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, October 9

- 8:00a.m. †George C. & Anne Gould and Donald Gould by family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, October 10

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

Friday, October 11

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


Saturday, October 12

- 4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, October 13

- 8:00a.m. †Irene & Z. Marion Zaczekiewicz by Sue, Gary and Joseph Johnston (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Jerry Adams by Diane Adams and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!



Please visit the diocesan micro site at <https://www.eriebcd.org/election.html>

- We will be merging the two parish websites into one. At some point, if you go to St. Teresa's website, you will be automatically redirected to St. Thomas' website. This will allow us to keep everything in one place.
- We will also be combining into one parish envelope system. As a result, your envelope number may change.
- We will also be combining our online giving into one program. Currently we have one program for St. Thomas, WeShare, and one for St. Teresa, Vanco.
- Many of these changes do not dramatically affect how things operate but help us at the office level to coordinate things better.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: September 28 & 29, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (70)\$3,199.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 75)

Loose\$286.00

Online Giving (13)\$470.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00


Total Offertory Income\$3,955.00

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


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,380.00)

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 (814-882-6806).
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 October 6th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley.


St. Thomas Altar Rosary Meeting on October 16th
 Members of the Altar Rosary are reminded of their upcoming meeting on Wednesday, October 16 at 1:00pm in the multipurpose room at St. Thomas. We hope you plan to join us!



Rev. Justin Pino, Rev. William Barron, Rev. Kevin Holland, Rev. John Miller, Rev. Ian McElrath, Rev. Thomas Curry O.S.B., **Rev. Thomas Whitman**, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



MONTH OF THE ROSARY
 JOIN US IN PRAYER during OCTOBER



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.

If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us.
 1 John 4:12

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 09/29):
 St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,841.00
 Total Paid to date = \$55,971.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 131
 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" - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time


Question for Children: When you make a promise, why is it important to keep it?

Question for Youth: What has your family taught you about God and living a faithful life? How do you show your family what they mean to you?

Question for Adults: How is God's fidelity reflected in human marriage? To whom are you committed like this?

Looking for Voices to Join St. Thomas Choir
 If you like to sing and wish to praise God with music, we invite you to join the St. Thomas Choir. **We will hold choir practice on Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Church—ALL are welcome.** We will plan to meet on Wednesday evenings in order to prepare for weekend Masses and the upcoming holiday season. We hope you will join us.






Knights Meeting This Week
 Brother Knights of the Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425 will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. We will pray The Rosary at 6:30pm and the business meeting will follow. Hope to see you there.

Corry Knights 125th Anniversary Celebration
 The Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425, cordially invites parishioners to a special evening Mass at St. Thomas Church on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00pm for the celebration of their 125th Anniversary. A dinner program will follow the Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish Center at 7:00pm for all who wish to attend. **Dinner reservations are required!** Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. Please make your RSVP by calling one of the following Knights: Deacon Randy at 814-964-7823, Gary Johnston at 814-665-1036, or Len Clark at 814-664-8740.

Corry Knights of Columbus Food Drive Collection
 The Corry Knights are holding a food drive to benefit the Corry Food Pantry from now until the week prior to Thanksgiving. Parishioners are asked to please donate non-perishable food items. Place donations in the marked bins at the entrances of St. Thomas Church. Thanks!



St. Teresa News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 29, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (51) \$1,336.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 106)
Loose \$153.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,519.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 29, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$225.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)
St. Teresa Church Offertory Income \$1,744.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,841.00)

Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write ALL checks payable to St. Thomas Church.



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



Please be reminded that ALL CHECKS for offertory and CSA should now be made payable to St. Thomas Church. Thanks.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 09/29):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00
 Total Paid to date = \$37,150.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 102
 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.

Rosary Altar Bake Sale at Masses TODAY

Please plan to pick up a delicious treat for yourself or to share with family at our Bake Sale which will be held at both the 4:30pm Mass on October 5 and the 11:00am Mass on October 6 at St. Teresa Church. Thank you for your support.

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. Psalm 128

Seeking Items for the Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo which will now be held on **Saturday, November 9th**. Donations can be dropped off at St. Teresa Church at weekend Masses, weekdays Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. For other arrangements call Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. We hope you purchase a ticket and plan to join us for the bingo event!



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of October 6th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Barbara Krol.

Readings for the week of October 6, 2024

Sun.: Genesis 2:18-24 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5) ♦ Hebrews 2:9-11 ♦ Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
 Mon.: Galatians 1:6-12 ♦ Psalm 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c ♦ Luke 10:25-37
 Tues.: Galatians 1:13-24 ♦ Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 ♦ Luke 10:38-42
 Wed.: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ Luke 11:1-4
 Thur.: Galatians 3:1-5 ♦ Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 ♦ Luke 11:5-13
 Fri.: Galatians 3:7-14 ♦ Psalm 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 11:15-26
 Sat.: Galatians 3:22-29 ♦ Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Luke 11:27-28
 Next Sun.: Wisdom 7:7-11 ♦ Psalm 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14) ♦ Hebrews 4:12-13 ♦ Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27



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

ST. TERESA'S Harvest Moon Card Party

Sponsored By **ST. TERESA'S ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY**

Admission \$ 6.00
 Includes Light Dinner with Coffee or tea

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
 Doors open at 5:00 pm
6:00 pm
 AT ST. TERESA'S CENTER UNION CITY

Reservations ELAINE (814) 450 2766

Drawings: 50-50 Gas Card. Door Prizes. Gift Baskets.

St. Teresa Church

GO-2-D CASH BINGO

Saturday, November 9th, 2024

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 814 450-2766



September 18, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In 2024, **World Mission Sunday** will be celebrated on the weekend of **October 19-20**. Donations collected at these worldwide Masses go entirely to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. World Mission Sunday supports over 1,150 mission territories specifically in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Pacific Islands, and the Middle East. In the 1800's, it was the Catholic Church in the United States that benefitted from this collection. Now is our chance to give back.

This year's theme is: "Go and invite everyone to the banquet." (cf. Mt 22:9). This message, rooted in the parable of the wedding banquet, calls us to a renewed sense of our missionary responsibility. Pope Francis emphasizes the call to every Christian to bear witness to Christ, to participate in a mission of universal evangelization, and to seek strength and guidance from the Holy Spirit. As we prepare for World Mission Sunday, may we be inspired by the words of Pope Francis. Let us pray that the Lord may help us to be a more missionary Church, reaching out to every corner of the earth with His message of love and salvation.


With gratitude for your generosity, and with prayers for a fruitful celebration of World Mission Sunday, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
+ Lawrence T. Persico
 The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, JCL
 Bishop of Erie

30TH ANNUAL
Rosary March
OCTOBER 13, 2024 at 2:00 PM

107th Anniversary
 of the
 Miracle of the Sun,
 Mary in Fatima

St. Peter Cathedral - 10th and Sassafras Streets, Erie; Please arrive by 1:30 pm
HOMILY BY: Father Rich Toohey SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR: Father Jerry Piscaro
 MORE INFO: John Walsh 814-868-1100
Sponsored by the WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA. Come demonstrate and share your faith!



Family Perspective

Perhaps Jesus' two-fold message in today's gospel is a reminder to married couples to return to the innocence of the early years of their love—like children, loving each other with abandon. Do you know any couple who have recently married? Their love is contagious, and glowing, right? Married couples are called to be a sacramental reflection of God's faithful and selfless love a place where people live and love beyond rules and formulas.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We are seeking more volunteers from our parish to be involved in liturgical ministries at Mass at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa. If you feel called to become a Lector or Altar Server, please talk with Fr. Tom or contact the parish office. We could always use your help! Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to help. Thank you.

Custodian Position Available at Sts. Thomas & Teresa

We are seeking a person who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish. The job would be approximately 25 hours per week. Duties include cleaning the churches, parish office, and other buildings of the parish. If interested, please contact the parish office (814-663-3041) or email Missy Silka, Business Manager, at business@stparish.org.

HELP

WANTED

Religious Education News

New Look to Our Religious Education Program

Our Religious Education Program is combined this year. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. 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). **Classes started on Sunday, September 22 with all students (from both churches) meeting at St. Teresa Parish Center at 9:30am.** If you have school-aged students not yet registered, please contact Missy Silka at the parish office and/or come to class on Sunday morning with your student to get them registered.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, October 6—Class for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)
 Sunday, October 13—NO Class
 Sunday, October 20—Class for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)
 Sunday, October 27—Social Event (TBD)

October—Respect Life Month

"When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life—and has it in abundance."

The "October Count" is Now Underway

During the month of October, the ushers will be counting how many people are attending each Mass at both churches. This count is done throughout our diocese annually in the fall to see attendance trends. Be sure you come to Mass and be counted! **Ushers, please review the instructions near the collection baskets at both churches.** Thank you.

WELCOME

If you are new to our parish, 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. We require all first-time parents to attend a Baptism Class prior to having their child baptized. The best time to take this class is before the child is born and before godparents are chosen.

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.