



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

April 14, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day.” - Lk 24:46

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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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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

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: We will be using a sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass during the Easter season. When I sprinkled people on Easter, I was surprised that many people did not know what to do when they were sprinkled with holy water. The proper response to being blessed with holy water is to make the sign of the cross. The only time we genuflect is to the blessed sacrament in the tabernacle or the monstrance.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 90 pledges for \$34,950 towards our parish goal of \$54,000 at St. Teresa, and 110 pledges for \$53,235 towards our goal of \$50,000 at St. Thomas.

I am grateful to all those who have participated in this appeal. In the coming weeks we will be making a second appeal to those who have not yet given. Since we have already surpassed our diocesan goals, all the money collected after this will go towards our parish projects. With the help of everyone, we can make those projects a reality.

Just a reminder of those projects. Our parish assessments for the CSA are St. Teresa: \$24,359 and St. Thomas \$37,254. 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).

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS: I want to thank those who have taken advantage of this opportunity for me to visit those who are shut into their homes or seriously ill. I am also surprised that some of the people who told me they needed or wanted this have not called the parish office (814-663-3041) to make arrangements for this. I encourage you to call the parish office to alert us to people who are shut-in to their homes on hospice, or in nursing homes, so that we can organize what we have long called, "First Friday Calls" in the Catholic church. Every first Friday of the Month, the priests, deacons, and Eucharistic Ministers take communion to those who are shut-in to their homes or in nursing homes. Other Eucharistic Ministers may take communion to them more frequently, but First Friday is a time where we make a dedicated effort to reach out to those who are shut-ins and for the priest to celebrate the sacrament of the anointing of the sick.

GREETING/SHAKING HANDS: I am grateful to all those who have been understanding of my situation and not shaking hands with me before and after Mass. I know at times, I forget. For those of you who were not here when I announced this earlier .

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Sunday, April 14

- 8:00a.m. †Louis & Charlotte Sproveri by Denny & Chris Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Walter Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, April 15

- 8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Irene and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, April 16

- 8:00a.m. †Veronica Whitman (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, April 17

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

Thursday, April 18

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

Friday, April 19

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

Saturday, April 20

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

Sunday, April 21

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased members of the Cragg and Sullivan Families by family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Jerry Adams by Diana and family (St. Teresa, Union City)



Seeking Individual to Fill Bookkeeper Position

Our Partnered Parish Office is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This position will be approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka, at the parish office by phone 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

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.

this year, I am immune suppressed and thus do not shake hands with everyone before or after mass, particularly in cold and flu season. This is for my protection, and for yours. I will still be there to greet you, but I ask that we refrain from shaking hands.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 7, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (77)\$3,339.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 68)

Loose\$113.00

Online Giving (13)\$750.00


Total Offertory Income\$4,202.00

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


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,133.00)

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 April 14th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman.




Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Peter Sander** who passed away from St. Thomas Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, April 14
 9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building
 9:00am Coffee & Donuts in the gym at St. Thomas

Wednesday, April 17
 6:00pm Altar Rosary Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 6:30pm Confirmation Class in the former school building



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts—TODAY!
 Sunday, April 14th 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!*


PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/07):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$53,235.00
 Total Paid to date = \$37,310.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 110

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.


Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us. (Luke 24:32)

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.

Altar Rosary Meeting—April 17
 Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, April 17 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. *Hope to see you there.*

Donations Being Accepted for Flowers at St. Thomas Church
 We hope to plant new flowers around the church this spring and we need your help. We are seeking donations toward this project. **Please place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Thomas Garden Flowers"** and place it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. We hope to start planting in early May. We are hoping to purchase annuals and perennials for around the church grounds. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Thomas Lenten Fish Dinners—Final Accounting
 We'd like to send a huge THANK YOU to all those that helped make our Lenten Fish Dinners so successful this past season, especially those who organized and oversaw the dinners. Whether you cooked, served, sold tickets, worked in the background to prepare or clean-up the dinner, we appreciate all you did. We are grateful to those who purchased dinners and donated desserts. We appreciate everyone's support and hard work. The total profit for St. Thomas was \$5,950 for the 4 dinners during the season. Also, we wish to thank those who donated and/or purchased raffle basket chances for the Religious Education theme baskets. They brought in \$750 for the St. Thomas Religious Education program. *Our parish is blessed because of everyone's efforts.*

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 6 & 7, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (68) \$2,487.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 89)
Loose \$370.00
Continuing the Vision (8) \$265.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$3,152.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 7, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$210.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$3,362.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(1,223.00)

*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!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/07):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$34,950.00
 Total Paid to date = \$25,946.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 90
 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.

How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me? Psalm 116

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The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of April 14th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Señor Henry Wienczkowski by family.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish

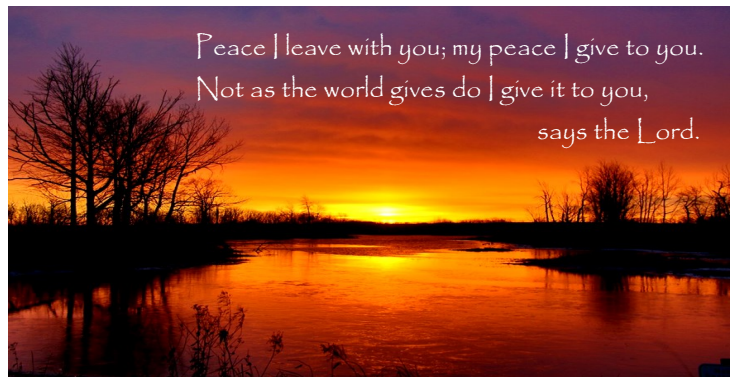
Sunday, April 14
 11:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the parish center
 Saturday, April 20
 5:00pm Reverse Raffle in the St. Teresa Parish Center

"Question of the Week" - 3rd Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: Name some times when you know Jesus is with you.

Question for Youth: What are some ways that you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the place, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?

Question for Adults: When have you had an "Aha" moment, when you suddenly realized that God was with you?



*Peace | leave with you; my peace | give to you.
 Not as the world gives do | give it to you,
 says the Lord.*



Rev. David Whiteford, Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Rev. David Carter, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. William Laska, Rev. Mark Nowak, and Very Rev. Michael Ferrick, V.F., also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

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. **Volunteers are always needed to run this event. We also need desserts for the dinner, which can be dropped off on Friday evening, April 19 (6pm—8pm) and Saturday morning, April 20 (10am-12pm or after 3:30pm).** If you can help, please call Kim at 814-397-1268. Thank you.

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



March, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Over the course of my lifetime, I have met many priests who have given their lives to the service of our Lord and His people. By their ministry, they have made a positive impression on me and inspired me in my vocation as a priest and now as your Bishop. I imagine that, like me, many of you have feelings of gratitude for the ministry of the priests who have served you so well over the years in the Diocese of Erie.

On the weekend of April 20 – 21, the annual Good Shepherd Collection for retired diocesan priests will be taken in our parishes. This is your opportunity to express your gratitude with your financial gift to help these priests who spent their lives in service to the Church. We look to you, the members of our Diocese, to help us with the care of our priests who are retired now and those who will retire in future years.

I know first-hand how generous our people are in responding to the needs of the Church in the Diocese of Erie. I thank you in advance for your generosity also to the Good Shepherd Collection to support our retired diocesan priests.

Finally, I ask you to remember all our priests in your prayers. Pray for those who are currently serving you and those who have retired and those who have died. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, that others may follow in the footsteps of those who have given their lives as good shepherds leading you, the People of God, through their ministry.

I wish you and your families a blessed Easter Season.

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

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 April 2024:



Sunday, April 14—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, April 21—Classes for All Religious Education students.

Sunday, April 28—Classes for All Religious Education students.

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.

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments

Child Abuse Prevention Month: Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report child abuse. All clergy, employees and volunteers working/ serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated both legally and morally to report any reasonably suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

Readings for the week of April 14, 2024

- Sun.: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 ♦ Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a) ♦ 1 John 2:1-5a ♦ Luke 24:35-48
- Mon.: Acts 6:8-15 ♦ Psalm 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 ♦ John 6:22-29
- Tues.: Acts 7:51—8:1a ♦ Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab ♦ John 6:30-35
- Wed.: Acts 8:1b-8 ♦ Psalm 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a ♦ John 6:35-40
- Thur.: Acts 8:26-40 ♦ Psalm 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 ♦ John 6:44-51
- Fri.: Acts 9:1-20 ♦ Psalm 117:1bc, 2 ♦ John 6:52-59
- Sat.: Acts 9:31-42 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 ♦ John 6:60-69
- Next Sun.: Acts 4:8-12 ♦ Psalm 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22) ♦ John 3:1-2 ♦ John 10:11-18

First Friday Calls

If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wish to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office (814-663-3041).

Hospital Visits

Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Both Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency.

Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?
 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**

And She Said Yes!

to the Ninth Annual

**1:38 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE
 SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024**

PLACE: **St. Jude Parish, 2801 W. 6th Street, Erie**
 TIME: **8:00AM—12:30PM**
 COST: \$20 (\$25 at the door) / College & High School students—FREE
 Registration and Refreshments from 8:00am—8:45am in the Church.

All Faiths Welcome! www.138women.com or 814-455-7364

Family Perspective

The apostles were afraid of Jesus until he ate with them and they touched him. In your family the ordinary acts of eating together, touching, embracing not only confirm our love for each other, but also celebrate God's presence in your family. These 'ordinary' moments contain the 'Extraordinary.'



Just are reminder:
**Monday
 April 15, 2024**

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!



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