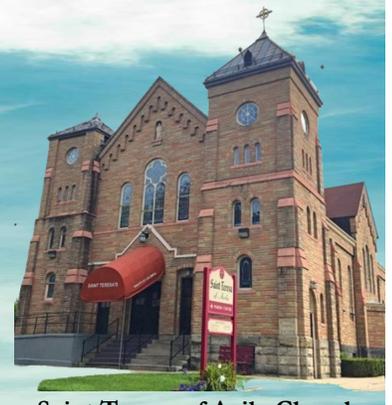




Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407



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 3, 2024



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

His disciples recalled the words of Scripture,
Zeal for your house will consume me. - Jn 2:17

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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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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

PENANCE SERVICE: Next 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.

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL (CSA): So far in our Catholic Services Appeal we have 64 pledges for \$26,520 towards our goal of \$24,359 at St. Teresa, and 75 pledges for \$37,060 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 if you have not already made one.

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.

There will also be two sessions preparing for the upcoming Synod in Rome: Monday, March 4, at St. Elizabeth Center and Tuesday, March 5, at St. Teresa Center. I understand that this was not offered in preparation for the most recent Synod, so I want to make sure it is offered this time. The evening will begin at 6:30pm and end at 7:30pm. 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

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Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

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

Tuesday, March 5

- 8:00a.m. †Mary Vinca by Reva, Kim and Kris (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, March 6

- 8:00a.m. †Ann Gibas by Rosemarie Ross (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

- 4:30p.m. †Gerri Cragg by Mary, Theresa, and Michelle VanCise (St. Thomas, Corry)

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)



PRAY FAST GIVE

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.

THINGS LEFT IN CHURCH: I am glad that people are using the *Word Among Us* books, they are a great resource. I also 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: February 25, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (80)\$3,802.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 174 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 94)

Loose\$152.00

Online Giving (9)\$330.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed. ()\$0.00

Total Offertory Income\$4,384.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,051.00)

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 3rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ann Spelling.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, March 3
 9:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building

Monday, March 4
 6:30pm Synod Meeting at St. Elizabeth Parish Center

Friday, March 8
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at St. Elizabeth Parish Center
 7:30pm Stations of the Cross at St. Thomas Church

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not just from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

Another Successful Fish Dinner on February 23rd

We again are grateful to all who supported our Fish Dinner held last Friday, Feb. 23. Here are the totals: Dine-in dinners were 82, Take-out was 122, and Delivery was 8, for a total of 212 dinners. We deposited \$3,459 for St. Thomas. Expenses are not yet broken down; a more detailed report for the dinners will be in a future bulletin. The winner of the 50/50 Raffle at the dinner was Louis Woodcock—\$43. Thanks for everyone's help and support. *Hope to see you at our next dinner on Friday, March 8.*



Donations Needed for our Lenten Fish Dinners

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.*



Food Drive Collection by Corry Knights of Columbus

The Corry Knights of Columbus are holding a food drive during Lent 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 St. Thomas Church. Donations will be accepted until mid-March. *Thank you for your generosity.*

Tickets for the Knights of Columbus sponsored ***Chance of a Lifetime Raffle*** will be sold during the St. Thomas Fish Dinners. Please look for their table. You may also contact Mike Gluvna (814-664-4416) to get tickets. Donation of \$5 for the ticket, which goes towards State Council Charities, will give you a chance to win a cash prize. Winners will be drawn at the end of April.

St. Thomas Lenten FISH DINNERS

Fridays, February 23, March 8 & 22

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

St. Elizabeth Parish Center



Beer Battered or Crumb-Topped Baked Alaskan Cod, Baked Potato or Fresh Cut Fries or Mac & Cheese, Coleslaw or Applesauce, Italian Bread, Dessert & Beverage

Kids Meal: Fish Sticks or Beer Battered Fish, choice of sides, dessert & beverage

Adults - \$15 Child (6-12) - \$7

Dine-in, Takeout or Delivery

For Delivery Call 664-9187

Food, Fellowship & Basket Raffles!!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 02/25):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,060.00

Total Paid to date = \$22,335.00

of Families who made a pledge = 75

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" - Third Sunday of Lent

Question for Children: Share one way in which you "honor your father and mother."

Question for Youth: Jesus was angry – as we all get at times. When is your anger a good thing? When is it not?

Question for Adults: As you hear the Commandments proclaimed today, which one of them really strikes you?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 24 & 25, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (62) \$2,131.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 95)
Loose \$362.00
Continuing the Vision (2) \$115.00
Online Giving (3) \$120.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,728.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Feb. 25, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$195.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,923.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,662.00)

*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 02/25):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$26,520.00
 Total Paid to date = \$18,075.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 64
 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 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 Yapple has graciously taken on the leadership of this event. If you can help, please call Kim at 814-397-1268.

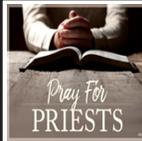


Calling All Bakers!

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!!



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Rev. Cory Pius, Rev. David Renne, Rev. John Santor, Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Jerome Simmons, Very Rev. Scott Jabo, Rev. John Detisch, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in the Erie Diocese.*

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish

Sunday, March 3
 11:00am Rel. Ed. Classes at the parish center
 Tuesday, March 5
 6:30pm Synod Meeting at St. Teresa Parish Center
 Thursday, March 7
 7:00pm Stations of the Cross at St. Teresa Church
 Friday, March 8
 4:30pm Fish Dinner at the parish center until 7:00pm

Readings for the week of March 3, 2024

Sun.: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8-11 (John 6:68c) ♦ 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 ♦ John 2:13-25
 Mon.: 2 Kings 5:1-15ab ♦ Psalm 42:2, 3; 43:3,4 ♦ Luke 4:24-30
 Tues.: Daniel 3:25, 34-43 ♦ Psalm 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 ♦ Matthew 18:21-35
 Wed.: Deuteronomy 4:1, 5-9 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 ♦ Matthew 5:17-19
 Thur.: Jeremiah 7:23-28 ♦ Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ Luke 11:14-23
 Fri.: Hosea 14:2-10 ♦ Psalm 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 ♦ Mark 12:28-34
 Sat.: Hosea 6:1-6 ♦ Psalm 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab ♦ Luke 18:9-14
 Next 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

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

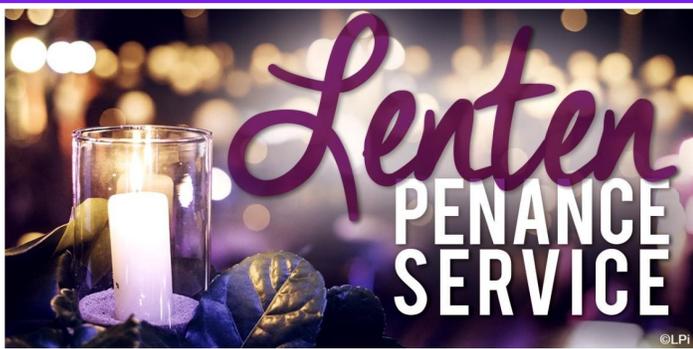
Baked or Fried Fish (Haddock)

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



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.

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 St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); and other times by request made to the parish office.

Peace Must Begin with Me



March 8-14, 2024



CWR

Join the Erie Catholic Sisters in this Prayer for Peace

Loving God, You call us to create a world of peace. Let peace begin in our own hearts. Give us the courage to act boldly to confront the evil that affects the lives of so many innocent people. Give us the humility to return unkindness with kindness, hatred with love, oppression with freedom, and selfishness with generosity. May the peace in our own lives radiate to others and enable all of us to live peacefully in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 March 2024:



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.



Praying for Our Confirmation Candidates

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation by attending a retreat today at Holy Cross Parish in Fairview:

Porter Allyn, Allie Anderson, Avery Bird, Colton, Boyd, Ellie Carey, Kendall Donoghue, Nolan Gesing, Ava Hallberg, Joseph Johnston, Henry Moss, Jesse Nordin, Josh Nordin, Luke Racop, Anya Styborski, Ava Tomcho, Nathan Weis, Ava Wetherbee, Brady Whitmeyer, and Mason Wienczkowski. May they grow in their faith and be strengthened by the Spirit as they continue their journey towards reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

You have the words of everlasting life. Psalm 19

Adult Enrichment Classes with Fr. Tom

The bishops of the United States invited Catholics into a three-year (2022—2025) Eucharistic Revival to grow in their understanding of the church's teaching on the Eucharist. In this same effort, Fr. Tom will hold a **Class on the Eucharist.**



- Mon., March 11—6:30pm—St. Teresa Parish Center (UC)

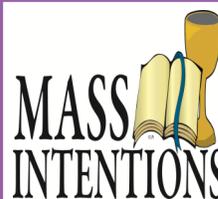


Meeting sessions to discuss questions posed to Catholics in preparation for the **Worldwide Synod** in Rome later this year will be held at our parishes on the following dates/times:

- Mon., March 4—6:30pm—St. Elizabeth Parish Center (Corry)
- Mon., March 5—6:30pm—St. Teresa Parish Center (Union City)

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.



THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!