



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

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



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

August 25, 2024



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God.” - Jn 6:68-69

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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
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Parish
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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
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

MASS CHANGES NEXT WEEK: Starting September 1, next Sunday, **Mass at St. Teresa will be at 11:00am.**

ERIE GIVES AUGUST 13, 2024: Thanks to all those who donated to our parishes or our cemeteries during the Erie Gives Campaign. We are grateful for your support through the year and in a special way in this campaign as there are additional funds that benefit us from this program. Once an official total is given to us, we will forward that on to you.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH: As I announced at all the Masses two weeks ago, Bishop Persico has granted our request to relegate Our Lady of Fatima Church to profane but not sordid use. In effect, he has deconsecrated the church building. This allows us to seek out alternative use for this building and possibly even sell the building. The church building is deconsecrated because a consecrated church or sacred objects are not sold to individuals. Their consecrated or sacred purpose is for worship and sacraments.

I want to thank Parish and Finance Councils, our parish staff, and all who have enabled us to reach this point in the process. I know there are some who are upset that the church is no longer being used. Some of you were faithful members there for many, many years. I empathize with your sadness and your loss. Many of you knew this was coming as the shortage of priests and dwindling numbers of parishioners has put us all in very serious and difficult situations. The hope is that by combining parishes and staff, we can foster more vibrant parishes, but that will depend on each one of us doing his or her part to make that happen. It can be the hard work and sacrifice of each person that will make our future one that is vibrant and spirit filled. May our time of prayer together each week be focused on asking God for the grace to make this happen.

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.

- **Most importantly, the 10:00 Mass at St. Teresa will move to 11:00am starting in September.**
- 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, We Share, 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.

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Sunday, August 25

- 8:00a.m. †The Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, August 26

- 8:00a.m. †Father Christopher Barnes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, August 27

- 8:00a.m. †Josephine Harvey by Ted & Diane Allegretto (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, August 28

- 8:00a.m. †Pauline Skalos by nieces & nephews (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 29

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

Friday, August 30

- 8:00a.m. † Cleo & Dick Flynn by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

- 8:00a.m. †The Amoroso and Lutz Families by their family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Richard Boyd by Patricia Boyd and family (St. Teresa, Union City)

**Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life.** John 6:63c



BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENTS: You have noticed that various businesses advertise on the back of the bulletin. We are grateful to those businesses and individuals for their continued support of our parish. We invite you to support their businesses in gratitude for their support of our parish. We are always looking for additional sponsors to fill the empty spaces. These ads not only provide our parish bulletins, but also our parish website.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 18, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (64)\$2,302.77
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 81)
Loose\$199.00
Online Giving (11)\$380.00
Holy Day (Assumption of Mary on 8/15)\$619.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,500.77

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,834.23)

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 August 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased members of our parish.



Recent Baptism

With joy, we welcome into the family of God and the Church, **Madison Geraldine Einhouse**, daughter of Donald & Bridget (Minnick) Einhouse who was baptized on August 21, 2024 at Saint Thomas Church. May God pour out His blessings on her, her parents, and her sponsor.



Help Still Needed to Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (September 2nd—7th). This annual fundraiser benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-397-7332) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/18):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,791.00

Total Paid to date = \$54,316.00

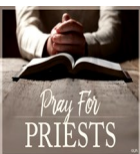
of Families who made a pledge = 131

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.



Rev. Gregory Passauer, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Msgr. Casimir Bogniak, Rev. Walter Packard, Rev. Kevin Holland, Rev. Christopher Beran, Rev. Christopher Wheeler, and also please Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.

Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Readings for the week of August 25, 2024

Sun.: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23

♦ Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 ♦ John 6:60-69

Mon.: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12 ♦ Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5 ♦ Matthew 23:13-22

Tues.: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17 ♦ Psalm 96:10, 11-12, 13 ♦ Matthew 23:23-26

Wed.: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10, 16-18 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 4-5 ♦ Matthew 23:27-32

Thur.: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 ♦ Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Mark 6:17-29

Fri.: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25 ♦ Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 ♦ Matthew 25:1-13

Sat.: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 ♦ Psalm 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 ♦ Matthew 25:14-30

Next Sun.: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8 ♦ Psalm 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 ♦ James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 ♦ Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



Praying for every student in our community as they return to school

"Question of the Week" - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Who and what help you believe in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Who do you know who really struggles with believing? What can you do to help them struggle through doubt?

Question for Adults: To whom do you go when you are looking for meaning or answers to life's questions?



Saturday Morning Rosary

All are invited Saturday mornings at Saint Thomas Church at 9:00am as we pray The Rosary together in community.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: August 17 & 18, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (53) \$1,741.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose \$272.25
Continuing the Vision (1) \$10.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Holy Day (Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary on 8/15) \$536.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,589.25

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Aug. 18, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$205.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,794.25
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(1,790.75)


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 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 August 25th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all our loved ones.

Family Perspective
 Even though many found the teachings of Jesus “difficult”, He did not back down. In our families it is important to say what is difficult to hear, to speak the truth with kindness, to correct with love and guide with understanding.

St. Teresa Church

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CASH BINGO

Saturday September 7th, 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

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 08/18):
 St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,827.00
 Total Paid to date = \$35,368.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 101
 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.

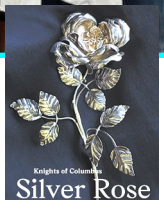
PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish
 September 7—St. Teresa’s Cash Bingo
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party

Seeking Items for our Cash Bingo Fundraiser
 We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo on Saturday September 7th. You may drop donations off at St. Teresa Church at weekend Masses, weekdays Monday through Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm, or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. If other arrangements are necessary please contact Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. Also, we will be selling advanced tickets to attend the Cash Bingo Fundraiser following weekend Masses at St. Teresa on August 24/25 and Aug. 31/Sept. 1. We hope you purchase a ticket and plan to join us for the bingo event!



Knights Sponsor Silver Rose Prayer Service
 Each year Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus councils in Canada, the United States and Mexico through a series of prayer services promoting the dignity of all human life and honoring Our Lady. There are only 8 Silver Roses which travel the routes between these countries and are symbolic of clarity, purity, and truth. Pictured here are parishioners with Deacon Randy Kondriuk who participated in the Silver Rose Prayer Service held at St. Teresa Church on Mon., August 19.





2024—2025

NEW

MASS SCHEDULE

Begins September 1, 2024

Saturday 4:30PM

St. Thomas Church

September, November, January, March, May, and July

St. Teresa Church

October, December, February, April, June, and August

Sunday

8:00AM - St. Thomas Church

11:00AM - St. Teresa Church

Confessions

Saturday from 3:30PM—4:00PM
at the church where Mass is celebrated that month



THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, September 23, 2024



PEOPLE FOR LIFE BUS TRIP

\$40 / SEAT

Please join us for this very important and powerful public pro-life statement.
Leave Erie at 5 a.m.
March and Rally at the State Capitol
Return to Erie by 8 p.m.

Reserve your seat(s) online with the QR code (www.tinyurl.com/2hszdmkj) or send your payment to People for Life; PO Box 1126; Erie, PA 16512. Include contact information and a name for each seat reservation. Time will also be available to tour the capitol building and visit your legislators.

www.PeopleforLife.org





Parishioners may contact Gil & Barbara Wascak at 814-665-2313 if interested in attending the PA March for Life trip in Harrisburg. They will be happy to make your reservation personally.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

New Look to Our Religious Education Program


Our Religious Education Program will combine this coming year. The number of students does not merit having two separate programs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall 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).



Volunteers Needed for Religious Education

Members of our parish who have a desire to teach the faith and are interested in helping with Religious Education should contact Missy Silka at the parish office (phone: 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org). We are in need of catechists, volunteers to help with youth special events, and/or our EDGE and PURPOSE programs, as well as leaders for small groups. Parents are always encouraged to be a part of our Religious Education program.

Also, please be on the lookout in future bulletins for unique needs/donations which will be used to run our EDGE and PURPOSE programs for middle and high school students to help make it more effective and enjoyable. Thank you.



Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God,
 You never stop drawing us closer to You.
 Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You.
 Attract them. Challenge them. Love them.
 Guide them. Bless them.
 Amen.

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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 celebrated 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.