



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 27, 2024



### 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told  
him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he  
received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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](http://www.stthomastheapostle.church)

**Saint Teresa of Avila Church**  
[www.st-teresa-unioncity.org](http://www.st-teresa-unioncity.org)

**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 went 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.

**BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE:** During the month of November, we remember to pray for all those who have died. One way we do that is the Book of Remembrance. You are invited to write the names of your deceased loved ones in this book and it will be placed near the altar during the month of November where we will remember them in our prayer each day. At St. Thomas the book is located near the St. Joseph Statue. At St. Teresa the book is located in the back of the Church near the stairs to the basement.

**SCRIPTURE STUDY CLASS:** We are hoping to offer Adult Formation Classes while our young people are attending their classes. I am offering a class on *How to Interpret Scripture* and it will continue on November 3 and 17, as well as December 15. Please sign up in the church for this class so we know how many to prepare for.

**POLITICAL ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND IN THE COMING MONTH:** As a Church and a non-profit organization, we are not permitted to endorse a political party or candidate. That includes those who would use our facilities for a gathering or an event. We encourage people to register to vote and to exercise their right to vote. We can host voter registration events but only if both parties are represented and able to register. We can even hold polling places in our buildings. Political signs are not permitted on Church property as they constitute us supporting one candidate over another, even if that candidate is a parishioner.

Some examples of what can and cannot be done: It is not permissible to rent out a Catholic facility for a dinner for a political party or a candidate for office. Likewise, while it would be permissible to conduct a general voter-registration drive, it would not be permissible to conduct a Democratic or Republican voter-registration drive, since by their nature these would be partisan events.

The Church can host events that explain the Catholic position on issues according to the Catholic Moral tradition and social teaching.

**NO GROUP or ORGANIZATION has permission to distribute flyers or other voter education information on Church property.** Church parking lots are private property and therefore it is inappropriate for groups or individuals to “leaflet” or distribute materials on cars parked in church parking lots. No one has permission to “leaflet” or distribute materials on cars parked in church parking lots.

The Church must walk a fine line between encouraging people to vote and be educated on issues but can never endorse a particular party or candidate. If a Church crosses this line, it could lose its tax exempt – nonprofit status.

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**Sunday, October 27**

8:00a.m. ☩ The Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Monday, October 28**

8:00a.m. ☩ Lois O'Connor by Steve & Cheryl Mongera  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

**Tuesday, October 29**

8:00a.m. ☩ Patricia Zewatsky by Martin Sargent  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Wednesday, October 30**

8:00a.m. ☩ Anthony Montani by Chip & Theresa Williams  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

**Thursday, October 31**

No Mass or Services at either Sts. Thomas or Teresa today.

**Friday, November 1—Holy Day / Feast of All Saints**

8:00a.m. ☩ Ed Weaver by John & Rita Mineo  
(St. Teresa, Union City)

7:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

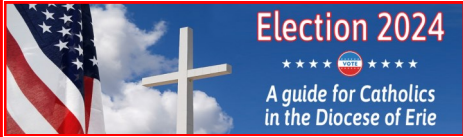
**Saturday, November 2—All Soul's Day**

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

**Sunday, November 3**

8:00a.m. ☩ Anne Crawford by her son, Daniel Crawford  
(St. Thomas, Corry)

11:00a.m. ☩ Diana Hanlin Strefeler by her daughter,  
Becky Boleratz  
(St. Teresa, Union City)



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

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

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

**GIVE CATHOLIC:** The annual online appeal, *#iGiveCatholic*, will be on Tuesday, December 3. We will have only one site under the name of St. Thomas, but there will be sub-sections for each of the following: St. Thomas, St. Teresa, St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Teresa Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, Religious Education, as well as the St. Thomas Cemetery Endowment Fund. Click on the St. Thomas in Corry site and then scroll through to the section where you wish to make your contribution. Thank You for considering these areas of need for our parish.

- Fr. Tom



## St. Thomas News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/21):

**St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00**

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,846.00

Total Paid to date = \$56,946.00

# 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.**



**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 27<sup>th</sup> burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Alycia Ingram by Pat Phillips.**

### October—Respect Life Month

"The witness of our Blessed Mother [in the Gospel account of her visit to her pregnant cousin, Elizabeth,] invites us to become more aware of the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our own parishes and communities. ... Mary's witness is an invitation to step out in love and compassion. It is a summons to make haste to help vulnerable women who may be isolated and alone."



### Winterizing Our Cemeteries

Please remove all urns/plants from graves for the winter by Nov. 10 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. There will be a work bee to clean up the cemeteries for Fall on either Saturday, Nov. 16 or Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:00pm (weather permitting). If you wish to help with the clean-up, please contact Rhonda Pierce at the parish office (814-663-3041). After these dates, holiday wreaths/decorations may be placed on graves. Thank you.



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



### 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. Thank you for your generosity.



### "Question of the Week" - 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Question for Children:** What would you like to ask Jesus for?

**Question for Youth:** "Master, I want to see!" What do you most want to be able to "see" in your own life? How are you blind?

**Question for Adults:** What does it mean for you to "see"? Are there blind spots in your life?



Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual Light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, Rest in Peace. Amen.

### Catholic Daughters Seeking New Members

Members of the Catholic Daughters, Court Conception #35, are seeking new members to join their organization. This is one of the oldest and largest women's organizations in America today. Catholic women over age 18 are eligible to join. Please find more information about the Catholic Daughters near the entrances of the church or by contacting Linda Brown (814-665-5840) or Pat Phillips (814-462-4114).

### 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](mailto:business@stparish.org).



### Deceased from St. Thomas the Apostle Church since Last All Souls' Day

Bruce 'Joe' Amy - November 13, 2023  
Gloria Cruz - December 1, 2023  
Ann Gibas - December 24, 2023  
Leo Francis Hanlin - December 24, 2023  
Joseph Vanik, Jr. - December 28, 2023  
Mary Vinca - January 3, 2024  
Paul 'Sonny' Blakeslee - January 29, 2024  
Kirsten May - February 14, 2024  
Ann Spelling - February 16, 2024  
Janet Mitchell - March 13, 2024  
Carl Buckshaw - March 24, 2024  
Peter Sander - April 3, 2024  
George Kuzma - April 16, 2024  
Sandra Lamendola - April 20, 2024  
Stacey Reynolds - May 8, 2024  
Patricia Zewatsky - June 16, 2024  
Anthony 'Tony' Montani - July 12, 2024  
George Baker - July 12, 2024  
Betty Jean Suchar - August 8, 2024  
James Burkhardt - October 20, 2024

*We continue to pray for these and all our loved ones.*

## St. Teresa News

### 2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/21):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00

Total Paid to date = \$37,520.00

# 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.**



### Family Perspective

When Jesus asked the blind man "What do you want from me?" he asked for sight. If Jesus asked you the same question, what would you say? Pure and simple, that is prayer.

**Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways.**

### Seeking Items for the Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo. Donations can be dropped off at St. Teresa Church. For other arrangements call Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950. Thank you.

## St. Teresa Church

**CO-ED**  
**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...

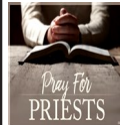
- No one under 21 admitted -  
For reservations Contact Dick or Elaine Hasbrouck  
814 450-2766



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### St. Teresa Cemetery News

This is a reminder that the water will be turned off at the cemetery at the end of October. If you have any plants/pots on loved ones graves that you wish to keep, please remove them by October 31, 2024. Thank you.



Rev. Richard Toohey, Pray for Consecrated Life, Rev. Zab Amar, Rev. Thomas Trocchio, Rev. Joseph Czarkowski, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

### Readings for the week of October 27, 2024

Sun.: Jeremiah 31:7-9 ♦ Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3) ♦

Hebrews 5:1-6 ♦ Mark 10:46-52

Mon.: Ephesians 2:19-22 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Luke 6:12-16

Tues.: Ephesians 5:21-33 ♦ Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 ♦ Luke 13:18-21

Wed.: Ephesians 6:1-9 ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 ♦ Luke 13:22-30

Thur.: Ephesians 6:10-20 ♦ Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10 ♦ Luke 13:31-35

Fri.: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14 ♦ Psalm 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 ♦ 1 John 3:1-3 ♦  
Matthew 5:1-12a

Sat.: Wisdom 4:7-14 ♦ Psalm 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21 ♦ Romans 5:17-21 ♦  
Matthew 11:25-30

Next Sun.: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) ♦  
Hebrews 7:23-28 ♦ Mark 12:28b-3

### Thanksgiving Food Baskets

We will soon begin filling food baskets for Thanksgiving for those in need. We are seeking non-perishable food goods, cash donations, and we also have freezer space for a few turkeys. Our collective efforts will ensure that many people will have a good Thanksgiving Day. You can leave your donations at the back of Saint Teresa Church by November 17. Thank you in advance for your donations.



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Edward Weaver, Sr. – February 7, 2024  
Barbara Redlecki - February 13, 2024  
Thomas 'Tommy' Bengel - April 13, 2024  
Robert Kumpf - May 26, 2024  
William 'Bill' Flynn - May 30, 2024  
Matilda 'Tillie' Makohus - August 12, 2024  
Barbara Krol - September 30, 2024

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**FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:** October 19 & 20, 2024

<b>Amount in Envelopes:</b> (112) .....	\$4,177.80
<b>Loose</b> .....	\$417.00
(Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)	
<b>Online Giving</b> (13).....	\$490.00
<b>Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.</b> .....	\$0.00
<b>Continuing the Vision</b> .....	\$100.00
<b>Total Offertory Income</b> .....	\$5,184.80
<b>Average Weekly Expenses</b> .....	\$11,390.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
<b>Weekly Average Shortfall</b> .....	\$(6,205.20)

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 either St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa Cemetery. Thank you.

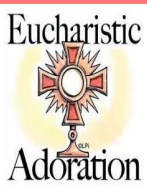


Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at [www.StThomastheApostle.Church](http://www.StThomastheApostle.Church) and click 'Donate Online'.

**NO Eucharistic Adoration in NOVEMBER**

*Let my prayer come before you, Lord.*

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended for the month of November at both Sts. Thomas and Teresa. Our next Adoration will be held December 5/6 (meeting on the Thursday prior to the First Friday of the month). All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.



**Daylight Savings Time Ends Next Weekend**

Please remember to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night (Nov. 2) as the daylight saving time ends at 2:00am on Sunday, Nov. 3. We 'fall back' and gain an extra hour of sleep.



*Take courage! Jesus is calling you.*

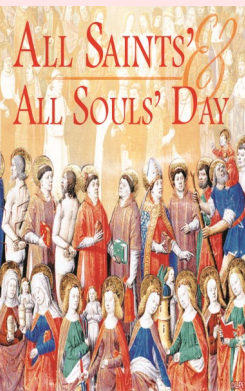
**ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY**

**Mass Times for the Holy Day and Feast of All Souls'**

**Friday., Nov. 1—8:00am at St. Teresa**  
**Friday., Nov. 1—7:00pm at St. Thomas**  
 All Saints Day (Nov. 1) is a Holy Day of Obligation

**Monday., Nov. 4—7:00pm at St. Teresa**  
 All Soul's Day—Remembering Loved Ones

All Saints Day is when the Catholic Church honors all saints known and unknown. All Souls' Day reminds us to pray for the Holy Souls, faithful departed, who have not yet attained Heaven. We especially pray for those who passed away during this past year.



**Religious Education News**

**Fall Social Event TODAY for Religious Education**

Sunday, October 27, we will not be meeting during our normal class time in the morning. There will be a Fall Social Event at St. Teresa Parish Center from 12:00pm—3:00pm for all students and families in our program to attend. *We hope to see you there for some FUN!*



**Calendar Reminders for Religious Education**

Sunday, October 27—Social Event at St. Teresa (12:00pm-3:00pm)  
 Sunday, Nov. 3—Classes for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)  
 Sunday, Nov. 10—Classes and Youth Mass at St. Teresa  
 Sunday, Nov. 17—Classes for ALL students at St. Teresa (9:30am)  
 Sunday, Nov. 24—Classes and Advent Group Activity at St. Teresa

**Book of Remembrance**

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**THANK YOU** to all of our bulletin sponsors!  
 We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

**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.*