



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

July 21, 2024



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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
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

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION: *I have posted this several times and people are either not reading it or ignoring it.* First of all, if you choose to receive the Precious Blood from one of the cups, you are to take the cup in your hands and drink from the cup. Typically, people take a small sip. IT IS NEVER PERMITTED TO TAKE THE HOST AND DIP THE HOST INTO THE WINE. The minister of the Eucharist should cover the cup and instruct you to please consume the host first and then consume the wine.

If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, you should lean your head back open your mouth wide and extend your tongue. The minister of the Eucharist will place the host on your tongue. You should not try to bite the host out of the hand of the minister of the Eucharist. The host is placed on your tongue.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century offered a beautiful and powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then holding in your open hand the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.'

If you choose to receive communion in the hand, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." If you are right-handed, then your left hand should be extended to be flat and your right hand should be underneath your left hand. The host will be placed in the palm of your hand. You should take the host with your right hand and place it in your mouth. (The opposite is true if you are left-handed.) Please do not grab the host from the minister of the Eucharist. Allow the minister of the Eucharist to place the host in your hand and wait until the minister's hand is out of the way before you reach to take the host in your hand to consume it. Please make sure your hand is flat, not cupped. Please make sure that one hand is underneath the other, not side by side. We do not eat the host out of the palm of our hand, but we pick up the host and place it in our mouth.

POLITICAL ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND IN THE COMING MONTHS: 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.

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**Sunday, July 21**

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Ann Ranyak by John & Jessie
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, July 22

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

Tuesday, July 23

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

Wednesday, July 24

8:00a.m. †Betty Sarnicki by Mini Sypniewski
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, July 25

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

Friday, July 26

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

Saturday, July 27

4:30p.m. †Joe & Joette Amy by Gary & Colleen Amy -
Rambish (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, July 28

8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. †Bob Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Since I live at one parish and the parish office is at another, it can be sometimes tricky to get in contact with me. Most weeks, I am in the office at St. Thomas on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The number there is 814-663-3041. Thursday is usually my day off. I am at St. Teresa on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The number at St. Teresa is 814-438-6048. Always leave a message. There is an emergency contact number when you call St. Thomas and listen to all the options.

PARKING SPACES: There are many times when people park in the NO PARKING zones. We ask that you refrain from doing this as it creates serious issues in emergency situations. Also, at St. Teresa we have just finished paving the parking lot and drawing lines for parking spaces. If there are no lines then, there is no parking in that area. The only exception to that is for handicap parking at the very front of the Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS: If you have a family member in the hospital and would like the priest or deacon to come and visit, please call the parish office to let us know what room and what hospital the patient is in. Both Hamot and St. Vincent have a local priest on call, you can simply ask the nurse and he or she can help you make that contact.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 13 & 14, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (74)	\$3,656.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 71)	
Loose	\$299.00
Online Giving (10)	\$355.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$4,310.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,025.00)

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'.

Peter's Penance Collection\$626.00

Thank you for giving to the Peter's Penance collection taken up in our diocese the weekend of June 29/30. Your generosity helps the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he to the most urgent needs of people throughout the world.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/14):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,711.00

Total Paid to date = \$53,336.00

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.



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.

Thanks for Helping with the Gardens at St. Thomas

Thank you to everyone who has given of their time to help improve the gardens at St. Thomas Church and St. Elizabeth Parish Center. It was a hot day when they helped spread mulch in the gardens and did more trimming of shrubs last weekend. Thanks again to all for your generosity. God bless you!



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 July 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Tony Montani.



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

Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Anthony (Tony) Montani** who passed away last week from St. Thomas Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



Seeking Volunteers to Help 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).



Catholic Daughters' Picnic Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the Catholic Daughters will meet this week on Thursday, July 25 at 6:00pm for their annual picnic meeting in Mead Park. We will be in the first pavilion as you enter the park. Please bring a dish to share and your table service. We encourage all members to attend. God bless.

"Question of the Week" - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How do you keep Sunday as a day of rest?

Question for Youth: Jesus was moved with pity for the people who were gathered. Who are the people you are moved with pity for? What can you do to help them?

Question for Adults: Why is rest important, and how do you make sure you get enough of it in your own life?



St. Teresa Parish News


ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 14, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (53) \$1,791.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 104)
Loose \$293.75
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,114.75

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 14, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$120.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,234.75
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,350.25)

*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!

Peter's Penance Collection \$868.00
 Thank you for giving to the Peter's Penance collection taken up in our diocese the weekend of June 29/30. Your generosity helps the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he to the most urgent needs of people throughout the world.

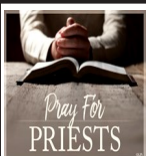
2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/14):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,675.00
 Total Paid to date = \$34,577.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 100
 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.

Faith is a journey, not a destination.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party



Rev. Gregory Passauer, Rev. Michael DeMartinis, Rev. Mark Kowak, Rev. Leo Gallina, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, V.F., Rev. Msgr. Thomas McSweeney, Rev. Glenn Whitman, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 21st burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bill Flynn by Judy Flynn.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent, it is sacred time.

Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner

The 128th annual Frenchtown Ham or Chicken Dinner is Sunday, July 28 at St. Hippolyte Parish, Guys Mills. Dinner is from 12:30pm—4:30pm (or until sold out). The menu includes half a barbecued chicken or a generous portion of ham with mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce, rolls and butter, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$14 for senior citizens (age 60+) and \$10 for children 6-12. Outdoor eating area and take-out meals available. There will be festival games, bingo, gift auction, quilt/afghan raffle, 50/50 raffles, country store and grand prize drawing of \$2,000. The GPS address is 26012 North Frenchtown Road, Guys Mills, PA.

Stay Safe Online: Mail Display Name Spoofing

Mail display name spoofing is a trick used by cybercriminals to make an email look like it's from someone you know or trust. They change the name that appears in the "From" field of the email, but the actual email address is different. This tactic is often used in phishing attacks to trick people into sharing sensitive information or clicking on malicious links. It's especially effective on mobile devices where you might only see the display name and not the full email address.



Readings for the week of July 21, 2024

Sun.: Jeremiah 23:1-6 ♦ Psalm 23:1-3, 3-4, 5, 6 (1) ♦ Ephesians 2:13-18 ♦ Mark 6:30-34
 Mon.: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ John 20:1-2, 11-18
 Tues.: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20 ♦ Psalm 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 ♦ Matthew 12:46-50
 Wed.: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10 ♦ Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17 ♦ Matthew 13:1-9
 Thur.: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15 ♦ Psalm 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Matthew 20:20-28
 Fri.: Jeremiah 3:14-17 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11 ♦ Matthew 13:18-23
 Sat.: Jeremiah 7:1-11 ♦ Psalm 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11 ♦ Matthew 13:24-30
 Next Sun.: 2 Kings 4:42-44 ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16) ♦ Ephesians 4:1-6 ♦ John 6:1-15

Become an Erie Gives Donor

Please consider supporting us (Sts. Thomas & Teresa) and our cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during this year's

Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 13, 2024



More information to come—please look for it and begin to pray about your gift. View links to Erie Gives on our websites or go to www.eriegives.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

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

This Year's Missionary Cooperative Collection—July 27/28

This special second collection will be taken up in our parishes the weekend of July 27/28 when we will have a visit from a member of the Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy. They will be here at our parishes to share their ministry. Here is a little background on their congregation:

The Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy

The Hospitaller Sisters of Mercy (SOM) are an international order of Catholic religious women. We completely consecrate our lives to the love and glory of God. Our lives are dedicated to the Works of Mercy through a vow of Hospitality. Our life is animated by the spirit of charity, especially for those who are sick, suffering or in need.

Our Sisters minister to the poor, the ill, and the suffering. We provide care to the disenfranchised, neglected and abused, to anyone in need of God's love and mercy through acts of service and evangelization. We have established and operate nearly 70 missions in 13 countries. Through the dedication of our approximately 400 Sisters who represent 11 various nationalities, we continue to expand our mission locations to help meet the needs of God's people.

In the United States, our sisters are in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Louisiana. We minister to the disabled and elderly at Villa Raffaella Assisted Living Community in Pleasantville, NJ, and at Carter House in South Carolina. In Louisiana we operate Mother of Mercy Retreat as well as working with child victims of human trafficking through Metanoia Manor.

Their Charism:

To Embrace, Live, and Transmit the Mercy of God, in every situation of life through the vow of Hospitality."

We carry out this Mission of Mercy primarily by caring for the sick, the poor and the suffering through our ministry in service to the marginalized and poor People of God through health care and socio-economic programs, education development, and faith formations. Christ's love is preached through our humble services and promising mission work.



To learn more about their congregation and ministry, visit their website: <https://hospitalersistersofmercy.org>.

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).



This will also constitute a change in Mass times. We will continue to alternate the Saturday Mass at 4:30pm each month. On Sunday morning Mass will be at St. Thomas at 8:00am and at St. Teresa at 11:00am. Religious Education will be held in between those two Sunday morning Masses. On those Sundays where Religious Education is at St. Teresa class will be from 9:30am—10:45am. This will enable people who go to 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas to get to class at St. Teresa and enable those who go to class to be finished in time for Mass at St. Teresa. And when class is at St. Thomas, class will be 9:00am—10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.



Families with school-aged children should be on the lookout for registration information over the summer.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held in the Diocese of Erie in two weeks on **Sunday, August 4 at St. George, Erie at 2:00pm**. Couples may contact the parish office, complete a registration form online at <http://www.eriecd.org/familylifeoffice/anniv.html>, or contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 814-824-1210. Registrations are being accepted until July 21.

**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 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.