



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

June 23, 2024



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
"Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was
great calm. - Mk 4:39

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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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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

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS: Just a reminder to all of those who were recently confirmed. In my interview with each of you, I gave you a form that listed a number of ministry opportunities. If you are interested in any of these ministries, please return that form to Mrs. Silka, Deacon Randy, the parish office, or Fr. Tom so we can begin the training to get you started in that ministry. If you lost the form, I will have extras at Mass each weekend.

CATHOLIC SERVICE APPEAL UPDATE: I want a moment to share with you what has happened with our Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) this year and what we have been able to accomplish thanks to your generosity. Both parishes were able to exceed their Diocesan goals and have reached some of the goals we set for our parishes.

At St. Teresa we were able to collect enough from our Catholic Services Appeal and some of the money from Fish Dinners and the Reverse Raffle to pay off the loan we took out to fix the roof on the Parish Center that has been leaking. This will save us about \$6,000 in interest payments. We were also the beneficiaries of a group of people who came forward to address the parking lot paving issue. The funds they donated helped us to pave the section near the church and fix some of the major spots on the rest of the parking lot.

At St. Thomas we were able to collect enough from our Catholic Services Appeal to cover the cost of updating the wiring in the attic of the Church and replacing some bulbs in the lights connected to that wiring which we hope to have completed this summer. We also have some money to put towards paving the parking lot or at least sealing the upper parking lot. We also have some roofing work that will be done this summer on the Church at St. Thomas and at the Parish Center at St. Elizabeth. We completed two of the five roofs on the Church at St. Thomas last summer and have three more to go. This work has been financed by a very generous bequest to our parish. The St. Elizabeth Parish Center was severely damaged in the storm last summer that caused so much damage all over Corry. This roof will be replaced with funds from our insurance.

I am extremely grateful to all those who donated to this Appeal and to our projects. We could not have done any of this without you! There are good things happening and your generosity is helping us to achieve those good things.

RETURNING TO THE PARISH: We have noticed a number of people that have been returning to the parish in recent months. We are most grateful to have you back. Please take a moment to introduce yourselves to me. You might also want to be sure that you are registered at the parish so that you receive communication about events at the parish. You can complete the form on the front of the bulletin, or you can go on the parish website and click the tab, "I'm New" and the registration form will be there.

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, June 23

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Jim Reagan by Family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, June 24

- 10:00a.m. †Dorothy Hornick by Ilene Zakovitch (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, June 25

- 8:00a.m. †Janet Mitchell by Gerrie Karkoski (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, June 26

- 8:00a.m. †Sonny Blakeslee by Gerrie Karkoski and Peg Anderson (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, June 27

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

Friday, June 28

- 8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Jim & Joan Rhea (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, June 29

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

Sunday, June 30

- 8:00a.m. †Richard & Eileen Farver by Richard K. & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Dorothy Mongera by Steve & Cheryl Mongera (St. Teresa, Union City)

Become an Erie Gives Donor

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

Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 13, 2024

More information to follow in upcoming bulletins—so please look for it and begin to pray about how you can support our parishes and cemeteries. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Wedding Anniversary Celebrations with Bishop Persico

Diocesan Anniversary Celebrations for couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 or more years of marriage in 2024 will be held at two locations in the Diocese of Erie this summer:

- **Sunday, August 4 at St. George, Erie at 2:00pm.**
- **Sunday, August 18 at Beloved Disciple, Grove City 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 for the Erie celebration and until August 4 for the Grove City celebration.



St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 16, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (66)\$3,000.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 79)
Loose\$225.00
Online Giving (9)\$330.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,555.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,780.00)

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 June 23rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ed & Sophie Girovsky by Diane Hall and Jean Cressley.

“Question of the Week” - 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: Jesus makes the wind and the sea peaceful. How would you have felt if you were with Jesus and the disciples during the storm?

Question for Youth: Jesus is capable of great things, even calming storms. What is one thing that you wish he would calm in your own life?

Question for Adults: When and where have you been awed by God’s action?

Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK

On Thursday, June 27 at 6:00pm in St. Elizabeth Parish Center. All members are encouraged to attend our meeting. God bless.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/16):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,340.00

Total Paid to date = \$49,830.00

of Families who made a pledge = 119

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

Following the will of God is not always the most popular thing to do according to some peers. Even parents face this fact from time to time. What is popular is not always what is right; and what is right, is not always popular. Elizabeth and Zechariah got it ‘right’, despite the pressure of neighbors. Do we?

Submission Deadline for Bulletin Items

Generally, items for publication in our bulletin must be sent to the parish office by Monday afternoon the week prior to when you wish your item to appear. Please email written content to secretary@stparish.org. Please note that during holiday seasons, bulletin deadlines are moved up as much as one week earlier, so the earlier you provide the office with your bulletin items the better. All bulletin items are subject to approval and editing for content and space. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Thank you.



I invite all of us to continue to deepen our personal devotion to Our Lord in the Eucharist. Our Lord has extended the invitation: “Come to me all you who find life burdensome, and I will refresh your souls!” (Matthew 11:28). As a diocesan family, let us respond to Christ’s invitation and open our hearts to him, present in the gift eternal, the gift of life, the Most Holy Eucharist.

+The Most Rev. Lawrence T. Persico
 Bishop of Erie



Prayer for Inner Peace

Jesus,
Speak your command of “Quiet! Be still!”
into the dark recesses of my mind —
my fears, concerns, and anxieties.
Be with me, at every moment,
no matter the storm.
Fix my eyes upon you.
Amen.



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.

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: June 15 & 16, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (48) \$1,614.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)
Loose \$374.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,018.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: June 16, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (8) \$155.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 22)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,173.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,412.00)

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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!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 06/16):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,034.00
 Total Paid to date = \$33,298.00
 # 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.



Rev. Jason Glover, Rev. Jason Feigh, Rev. Mark Nowak, Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Cory Pius, Rev. George Strohmeyer, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, and also please *Pray for All Priests in our diocese.*



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



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of June 23rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of our deceased loved ones.

Getting Ready for Our Annual Lawn Festival!

St. Teresa's Lawn Festival will be held on Thursday, July 18th this year. **We are in need of the following items to make this endeavor successful: Plants, Chinese Auction Items, 2 Liter Bottles of Pop (LOTS!), Baked Goods, and YOUR TIME!!** If you can help work one of the many booths for a couple of hours please reach out to Matt Moon at 814-490-1494. Raffle tickets and signs are in the back of the church for you to pick up. Raffle tickets can be returned to the parish in an envelope marked "Lawn Festival" and placed in the collection basket or turned in the evening of the festival before 8:00pm. Thank you.

Lawn Festival Meeting TODAY—Sunday, June 23

We will hold a meeting to plan for our annual Lawn Festival. The meeting is at St. Teresa Parish Center following Mass TODAY—Sunday, June 23 (beginning at 11:00AM). All those interested in helping with this year's festival should plan to attend. Thank you.

Cemetery Prices to Increase at St. Teresa

Beginning **July 1, 2024**, there will be an increase of fees associated with St. Teresa Cemetery. The cost to purchase cemetery plots will increase as follows:

Full Burial Plot: current price is \$500/new price will be \$600
Cremation Burial Plot: current price \$250/new price will be \$350

Those who wish to purchase plots in our cemetery prior to the cost increase should contact Chris Slocum, Cemetery Coordinator, at 814-462-6375. Any questions or concerns regarding St. Teresa Cemetery should also be addressed to Chris Slocum or the parish office.



Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

Readings for the Week of June 23, 2024

- Sun.: Job 38:1, 8-11 ♦ Psalm 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31 (1b) ♦ 2 Corinthians 5:14-17 ♦ Mark 4:35-41
- Mon.: Isaiah 49:1-6 ♦ Psalm 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 ♦ Acts 13:22-26 ♦ Luke 1:57-66, 80
- Tues.: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 ♦ Psalm 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 ♦ Matthew 7:6, 12-14
- Wed.: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3 ♦ Psalm 119:33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40 ♦ Matthew 7:15-20
- Thur.: 2 Kings 24:8-17 ♦ Psalm 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 ♦ Matthew 7:21-29
- Fri.: 2 Kings 25:1-12 ♦ Psalm 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 ♦ Matthew 8:1-4
- Sat.: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10 ♦ Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5 ♦ Galatians 1:11-20 ♦ John 21:15-19
- Day: Acts 12:1-11 ♦ Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 ♦ 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18 ♦ Matthew 16:13-19
- Next Sun.: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 ♦ Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 (2a) ♦ 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15 ♦ Mark 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

- July 18—St. Teresa's Lawn Festival
- September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo
- October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party



June 3, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

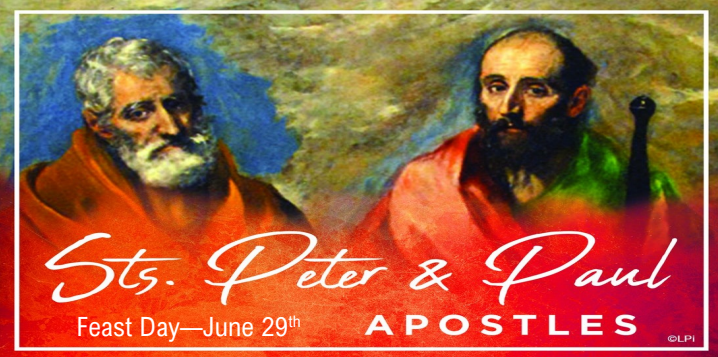
On June 29th, the Church will celebrate the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul, the two Apostles who shed their blood for Christ in Rome. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up every year throughout the Church on or near that Solemnity. **This year the collection will be taken up on the weekend of June 29 and 30.**

The Peter's Pence Collection supports the charitable works of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, the successor of St. Peter, as he responds to some of the most urgent needs of people throughout the world, including relief to victims of natural disasters such as earthquakes and floods. Peter's Pence also helps our Holy Father support seminaries and religious houses, orphanages, AIDS treatment centers, and other medical facilities in developing nations, as well as many other charitable works.

From the beginning the Church has made it a priority to help the most in need among our brothers and sisters in the human family. Your prayers and contributions will allow this important work to continue.

Through our support of the Peter's Pence Collection, we are also helping to strengthen the ties that bind us together as the Family of God. Thank you for your generosity.

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



Their message goes out through all the earth.
 - Psalm 19

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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.

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.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

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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 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.