



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

September 22, 2024



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this
in my name, receives me.” - Mk 9:37

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD. ©LPI

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.

Rev. Thomas J. Whitman
Pastor

Rev. Mr. Randy Kondrlik
Deacon
rkondrlik@eriercd.org

Rev. Mr. William Saborsky
Deacon—Retired

Melissa Silka
*Business Manager and
Director of Faith Formation*
business@stparish.org

Susan Johnston
Secretary
secretary@stparish.org

Rhonda Pierce
*Coordinator of St. Thomas &
St. Elizabeth Cemeteries*
cemetery@stparish.org

Chris Slocum
Coordinator of St. Teresa Cemetery
814-462-6375

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES START THIS WEEKEND: Classes begin this weekend at St. Teresa Parish Center for all students of both parishes. As classes will begin at 9:30am and end at 10:45am, please be careful in the parking lot as there will be extra traffic before Sunday Mass starts at 11:00am.

THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: I will continue my column from last week with two more points about the upcoming Synod and Synods in general.

The third point of clarification about the Synod is that it is NOT a threat to the hierarchical structure of the Catholic Church. The hierarchical structure of the church is rooted in the notion of apostolic succession. Jesus chose twelve apostles under the leadership of Peter and this authority has been handed down for generations through bishops who are successors of the apostles. And yet, our understanding of church is also one that is not only hierarchical but also one that includes all members of the Body of Christ, and these members participate in the life of the church. St. Paul expresses this best in 1Corinthians 12:4-31 where he speaks about how each member of the Body of Christ has gifts or charisms that come from the Holy Spirit and these gifts are to be used for the building up of the church. Thus, each member of the Body of Christ has something to contribute to the church. These gifts are used to build up the church that is hierarchically based on the notion of apostolic succession. These two elements need to work together to develop a path forward.

The fourth point is that the Synod is NOT just for bishops. Often times we hear about synods of bishops and their meetings and the results of their discussions. When the Synod of bishops was reinstated by Pope Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council, the Council encouraged active lay participation.

Pope Francis has remained true to that reform by inviting lay men and women, women religious, parish priests, as well as bishops to be a part of this Synod. Pope Francis does not want the bishops to act in isolation but in collaboration with laity and religious for the good of the church. By our baptism we all participate in the priesthood of Jesus Christ as priest, prophet, and king. Baptism incorporates all of us into the priesthood of Jesus Christ and the Body of Christ. And so, by our baptism we all have a role to play in the life of the church.

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.

Continued ➡ ➡ ➡ ➡



Sunday, September 22

- 8:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. †Virginia Kozik by Gary & Cindy Clark (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, September 23

- 8:00a.m. †Bill Flynn by Kathleen Green (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, September 24

- 8:00a.m. †Catherine Lackovic by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, September 25

- 8:00a.m. †Sandy Lamendola by Pat Keys (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, September 26

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

Friday, September 27

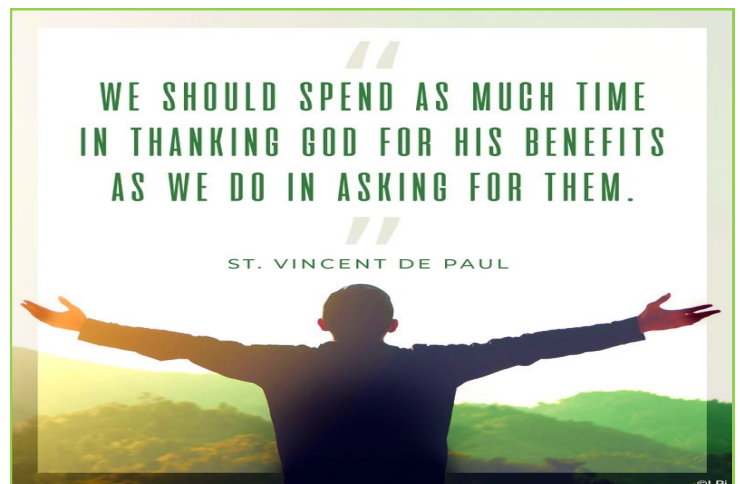
- 8:00a.m. †Julia & Andy Ryba by Judy Flynn (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, September 28

- 4:30p.m. †Deceased Members of the Farver & Shone Families by Richard & Jean Farver (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, September 29

- 8:00a.m. †Deacon Bill Sproveri by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)



• We will also be combining our online giving into one program. Currently we have one program for St. Thomas, WeShare, 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.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 14 & 15, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (61)\$2,335.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 84)

Loose\$336.00

Online Giving (11)\$380.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$25.00


Total Offertory Income\$3,076.00

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


Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,259.00)

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 (814-882-6806).
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 September 22nd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Paul Griebel by Joan, Jan, and Alan.

Grateful for Help during the Sparty Fair 

Many thanks to everyone from St. Thomas Parish and the community who helped us sell gate tickets during the recent Sparty Fair. Your help made it possible to raise \$2,250.00 for St. Thomas Church. We appreciate your help and could not have done it without you.

Corry Knights 125th Anniversary Celebration

The Corry Knights of Columbus, Council #425, cordially invites parishioners to a special evening Mass at St. Thomas Church on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00pm for the celebration of their 125th Anniversary. A dinner program will follow the Mass at St. Elizabeth Parish Center at approximately 7:00pm. **Dinner reservations are required!** Cost of the dinner is \$20 per person. Please make your RSVP by calling one of the following Knights: Deacon Randy at 814-964-7823, Gary Johnston at 814-665-1036, or Len Clark at 814-664-8740.

Congratulations to Corry Knights—Council #425

The Corry Knights were recently awarded the Columbian Award for their various programs offered in our community during the 2023-2024 year. The Columbian Award is given to councils who exhibit, through their programs and events, focus on Culture of Life, Youth, Family, the Council, Service to the Community and the Church. *Keep up your good works gentlemen.*



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 09/15):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,796.00
 Total Paid to date = \$55,071.00
 # 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.

Family Perspective

Disagreements are common in families. But what would you say if Jesus posed the same question "What are you arguing about?" Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another, or to really solve a problem? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.


Catholic Daughters Meeting THIS WEEK

Members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 26 at 6:00pm in the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Hope you will join us.

Basket Winners from the Sparty Fair

The Catholic Daughters, Court Conception #35, are pleased to announce winners of their basket raffle at the fair: Basket #1—Patti Lee and Basket #2—Kathy Oomstah. Baskets were drawn by non-CDA members. Thank you to all who participated and/or donated their time and items to the baskets. God bless.

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. 

St. Teresa News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 15, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (48) \$1,492.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)
Loose \$80.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,602.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: Sept. 15, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (3) \$135.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 27)

St. Teresa Church Offertory Income \$1,737.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(2,848.00)

*Thanks to everyone who regularly uses his/her envelopes.
 Please write checks payable to St. Teresa Church.*



St. Teresa Online Offertory

Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our website at www.st-teresa-unioncity.org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 09/15):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,953.00

Total Paid to date = \$36,739.00

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. TERESA CHURCH' when making a CSA payment.

**HE MEETS US
 WHERE WE ARE**

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 September 22nd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of all of our deceased loved ones.

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa

October 5/6—Bake Sale after Masses
 October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party
 November 9—Cash Bingo

Readings for the week of September 22, 2024

Sun.: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 ♦ Psalm 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b) ♦ James 3:16—4:3 ♦ Mark 9:30-37
 Mon.: Proverbs 3:27-34 ♦ Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 ♦ Luke 8:16-18
 Tues.: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 ♦ Psalm 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 ♦ Luke 8:19-21
 Wed.: Proverbs 30:5-9 ♦ Psalm 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 / Luke 9:1-6
 Thur.: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ Luke 9:7-9
 Fri.: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 ♦ Psalm 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 ♦ Luke 9:18-22
 Sat.: Ecclesiastes 11:9—12:8 ♦ Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 ♦ Luke 9:43b-45
 Next Sun.: Numbers 11:25-29 ♦ Psalm 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a) ♦ James 5:1-6 ♦ Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Rosary Altar Bake Sale at Masses on October 5 & 6

Please plan to pick up a delicious treat for yourself or to share with family at our Bake Sale which will be held at both the 4:30pm Mass on October 5 and the 11:00am Mass on October 6 at St. Teresa Church. Thank you for your support.

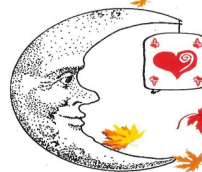


Retreat Center in Frenchville Offers Fall Retreats

Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville has several upcoming retreats among which are: Prayer with Mary, October 7, and Centering Prayer, Oct. 17. For a complete list of their fall offerings visit the "retreats" tab on their newly updated website at <https://www.anawimministries.com>.

ST. TERESA'S

Harvest Moon Card Party



Sponsored By
ST. TERESA'S ROSARY-ALTAR SOCIETY

Drawings 50-50 Gas Card.

Admission \$ 6.00

Includes Light Dinner with Coffee or tea

Door Prizes

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Doors open at 5:00 pm

6:00 pm

AT ST. TERESA'S CENTER UNION CITY

Gift Baskets



Reservations ELAINE (814) 450 2766

Have you paid in full 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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We are seeking more volunteers from our parish to be involved in liturgical ministries at Mass at both St. Thomas and St. Teresa. If you feel called to become a Lector, Minister of Holy Communion, or Altar Server, please talk with Fr. Tom or contact the parish office. We could always use your help! Prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to help. Thanks.

CREATE A SPACE OF Sacred Silence

"Question of the Week" - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: What are some specific ways in which you can serve your friends or family members?

Question for Youth: Sometimes, when we strive to be first or be the one that wins, we hurt others. When has striving to be first hurt others? What can you do differently in the future to help others to succeed?

Question for Adults: Is the role of being a servant for others easy or difficult for you to embrace?

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

First Friday Calls
If you, or a loved one, is shut-in to your home or in a nursing home and wishes to have a visit from the priest, deacon, or Eucharistic Minister, please call the parish office.

Hospital Visits
Please let us know if a family member is in the hospital. A visit from the priest may be arranged. Please know that Hamot and Saint Vincent hospitals have priests on call in cases of emergency. Be sure to ask your nurse.

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.

Religious Education News

Religious Education Registration for THIS YEAR
Classes begin TODAY—Sunday, September 22nd from 9:30am—10:45am at St. Teresa Parish Center for all students (from both churches). We are looking forward to an exciting and great year with all the students. Thank you to all of our returning catechists and volunteers! We appreciate the several new volunteers with the program this year. Everyone's help and dedication is vital to our program's success.

If you have not received a registration packet, or if you are a new family to our Religious Education Program, please pick up a packet in the church or download one online at our parish websites. Once completed, please return the packet to the parish office or contact Missy Silka. Thank you.

New Look to Our Religious Education Program
Our Religious Education Program will combine this year. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. For the 2024 -2025 Religious Education Year, we will have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and we will be at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May).

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."
Mark 9:35

Pray For Priests
Rev. Benjamin Dagher, Rev. Luke Dagher, Rev. James Piszker, Rev. Msgr. Richard Siefer, Rev. Robert Manning, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. Jason Feigh, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

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.