



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

May 5, 2024



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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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

FIRST COMMUNION: We will be celebrating First Communion this weekend at both parishes: Saturday at St. Thomas and Sunday at St. Teresa. We have a total of three young people making First Communion. I was able to be a part of their retreat in preparation for this day and was very impressed with their knowledge and their eagerness to celebrate this sacrament. We rejoice with them and offer our congratulations to them.

CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS: I had the privilege of interviewing each of the candidates for confirmation this past week. I was quite impressed with these young people and their desire to receive confirmation and to become adult members of our parishes. They have done a number of service projects for the church and the community, they have made a retreat, and they finished writing their letters to the bishop. I was even more impressed with the ways in which they are integrating their faith into their everyday lives through prayer, service, and in the ways in which they are hoping to use their gifts in their vocations in life. May we keep them in our prayers as they continue their preparation for Confirmation on May 29.

SPRINKLING WITH HOLY WATER: We will be using a sprinkling rite at the beginning of Mass during the Easter season. I am surprised that many people did not know what to do when they were sprinkled with holy water. The proper response to being blessed with holy water is to make the sign of the cross. Genuflecting or bowing are not the appropriate gestures.

SEAMSTRESS WANTED: I am looking to find someone who might be able to help with a possible sewing project. We have been trying to clean up some of the things that have been left in closets, classrooms, basements, etc. There are a number of old vestments and banners at St. Teresa that could be turned into an altar cloth with the help of someone who is a seamstress. If you might be willing to help with this project, please call the parish office or speak with Fr. Tom.

UPGRADES TO THE PARISH PROPERTY: At St. Thomas, we put a couple of new roofs on the church and more are planned for this summer, as well as at St. Elizabeth Parish Center. You might also notice that the downspouts have been fixed and upgraded.

At St. Teresa, the stairs at the side entrance to the church have been reinforced and some of the rotten floorboards have been replaced. It was an accident waiting to happen.

- Fr. Tom



Sunday, May 5

- 8:00a.m. †Dan Ahl by Martha Morton (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †Josephine Knight by Tim & Pam Ashoff-Roberts (St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, May 6

- 8:00a.m. †Veronica Whitman (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, May 7

- 8:00a.m. †Joe Amy by Daniel & Casey Pfeiffer (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:00a.m. †All Veterans by Irene Tinko and family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, May 9—Ascension of the Lord / Holy Day

- 8:00a.m. †The Amoroso and Lutz Families by Family (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 7:00p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes (St. Teresa, Union City)

Friday, May 10

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

Saturday, May 11

- 4:30p.m. †Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters by Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 12

- 8:00a.m. †All Deceased Mothers of our Parish (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 10:00a.m. †All Deceased Mothers of our Parish (St. Teresa, Union City)



Behold, I am with you always even to the end of the age, says the Lord. (Mark 28:20)



Holy Day this Week

Ascension of the Lord —May 9th

We will offer 2 Mass times for the holy day of obligation this Thursday, May 9:

- 8:00am Mass at St. Thomas (Corry)
- 7:00pm Mass at St. Teresa (Union City)

Forty days after Jesus' Glorious Resurrection, Our Lord returns to Heaven. Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: April 28, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (70)	\$2,830.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 75)	
Loose	\$239.00
Online Giving (11)	\$420.00
Total Offertory Income	\$3,489.00
Average Weekly Expenses	\$5,335.00
(Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)	
Weekly Average Shortfall	\$(-1,846.00)



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 May 5th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of the Wascak and Stolar Families by Carol & Darrell Huffman.

This Week's Events at St. Thomas Parish

Sunday, May 5
 9:00am Last Rel. Ed. Classes at the former school building
 Thursday, May 9—*Ascension of the Lord*
 8:00am Mass for the Holy Day at St. Thomas Church

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'.



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts Next Weekend
 Sunday, May 12th in the gym following the 8:00am Mass. Donations accepted to help cover the cost. All are welcome to join us. *Hope to see you there!*

Altar Rosary Meeting—May 15
 Ladies of the St. Thomas Altar Rosary are invited to attend our next meeting on Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00pm. We will be meeting in multipurpose room at St. Thomas. *Please join us.*

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/28):
St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$58,530.00
 Total Paid to date = \$44,965.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 121
 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.

Choir Practice
 There will be Choir Practice at St. Thomas Church on Monday, May 13, at 6:00pm. We will be preparing the music for Pentecost. All are welcome to join us.

Family Perspective
 Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family, when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

"Question of the Week" - 6th Sunday of Easter

Question for Children: In what ways do you experience God's love, offered to you through family, friends, and teachers?

Question for Youth: Jesus commanded us to love one another. Who is most in need of your love and kindness right now? How can you be more loving to those most in need this week?

Question for Adults: Concretely, how do you show love to others?

The Unity Prayer

My Jesus, may our feet journey together.
 May our hands gather in unity.
 May our hearts beat in unison.
 May our souls be in harmony.
 May our thoughts be as one.
 May our ears listen to the silence together.
 May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.
 May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him. John 14:23

Donations Being Accepted for Flowers at St. Thomas Church
 We hope to plant new flowers around the church this spring and we need your help. We are seeking donations toward this project. **Please place your donation in an envelope marked "St. Thomas Garden Flowers"** and place it in the collection basket at Mass or send it to the parish office. We hope to start planting in early May. We are hoping to purchase annuals and perennials for around the church grounds. Thank you for your generosity.




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: April 27 & 28, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (57) \$2,137.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 100)
Loose \$241.00
Continuing the Vision (2) \$80.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,488.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: April 28, 2024
Amount in Envelopes: (7) \$120.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 23)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,608.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall \$(1,977.00)

*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!

The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 5th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of All Veterans by Irene Weaver and family.

This Week's Events at St. Teresa Parish
 Sunday, May 5
 10:00am First Holy Communion at St. Teresa Church
 11:00am Last Rel. Ed. Classes at the parish center
 Thursday, May 9—*Ascension of the Lord*
 7:00pm Mass for the Holy Day at St. Teresa Church

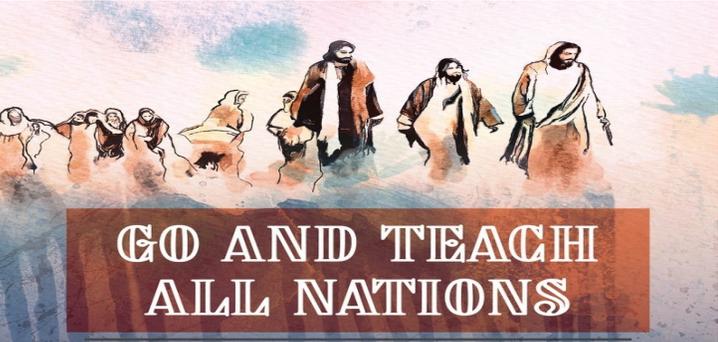
St. Teresa Reverse Raffle
 Thanks to Kim & Larry Yaple, chairpersons, and all those who helped make our Reverse Raffle on Saturday, April 20th a success again this year. They and their committee did a fantastic job! We appreciate everyone's efforts. The net profit for the event was \$7,210. Thanks again to everyone for their hard work and participation, whether you worked at the event, donated items, purchased tickets, helped clean up, or came to the event in support. Looking forward to next year's event.



**This I command you:
 Love One Another**
As the Father loves me, so I also love you. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love.

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 04/28):
St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
 Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,150.00
 Total Paid to date = \$30,117.00
 # of Families who made a pledge = 97
 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.

Prayer of Fruitfulness
 God in Heaven,
 Your grace surrounds us every day as we seek to live and move and grow in You. Prune the spaces in our lives that distract us from You! Plant Your word more deeply within us!
 Amen. ©LPI



Readings for the week of May 5, 2024
 Sun.: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b) ♦ 1 John 4:7-10 ♦ John 15:9-17
 Mon.: Acts 16:11-15 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ John 15:26—16:4a
 Tues.: Acts 16:22-34 ♦ Psalm 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 ♦ John 16:5-11
 Wed.: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 ♦ Psalm 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 ♦ John 16:12-15
 Thur.: Acts 18:1-8 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ John 16:16-20
 Ascension: Acts 1:1-11 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6) ♦ Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 ♦ Mark 16:15-20
 Fri.: Acts 18:9-18 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ John 16:20-23
 Sat.: Acts 18:23-28 ♦ Psalm 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 ♦ John 16:23b-28
 Next Sun.: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a) ♦ 1 John 4:11-16 ♦ John 17:11b-19

Pray For PRIESTS
 Rev. Jeffrey Lucas, Rev. William Barron, Rev. Walter Packard, Rev. Mark Nowak, Feast of the Ascension, Rev. Kevin Holland, Rev. David Renne, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning 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

Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?



"That they may all be one,
as you, Father, are in me
and I in you."
John 17:21

One Faith One Family

Continuing Our Journey Through Pastoral Planning

From Bishop Persico: "I invite you to join me in relying more than ever on prayer for our pastoral planning: *'For the vision to see new paths of possibility; for a spirit of mission that invigorates our every effort; and for the strength to be unafraid of what is new.'* We have an unexpected opportunity to renew our parishes, ensuring they are life-giving places of worship, places where people find encouragement and inspiration as they grow in their relationship with Christ, his church and each other."

To learn more about the Pastoral Planning in the Diocese of Erie and get information and resource, please visit their website at www.eriercd.org/planning.html.

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.

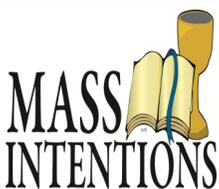
SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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 St. Thomas Church, Corry and/or at St. Teresa Church, Union City (when Mass is celebrated that evening); 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.



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

Final Class for Religious Education this School Year

We will be meeting this weekend for the final classes of Religious Education this school year:



Saturday, May 4—First Holy Communion celebrated in Corry

Sunday, May 5—First Holy Communion celebrated in Union City and Last Classes for Religious Education students at both parishes.

CLASS TIME: Classes meet in Corry on Sunday mornings from 9:00am until 10:30am and in Union City from 11:00am until 12:30pm.

First Holy Communion Celebrated this Weekend

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend:



Elise Kafferlin, Teagen Parker, and Isaac Shick

Christ's Body and Blood is your spiritual food on your journey to heaven. Blessings on your First Holy Communion. May you continue to grow in God's love.



Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they continue to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation which is schedule to be held on Wednesday, May 29 (while some students will receive the sacrament on Thursday, May 2 due to a conflict):

Porter Allyn, Allie Anderson, Avery Bird, Colton Boyd, Ellie Carey, Kendall Donoghue, Nolan Gesing, Ava Hallberg, Joseph Johnston, Henry Moss, Jesse Nordin, Josh Nordin, Anya Styborski, Ava Tomcho, JR Trauner, Nathan Weis, Ava Wetherbee, Brady Whitmeyer, and Mason Wienckowski. May they grow in their faith and be strengthened by the Spirit as they continue their journey towards reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Important Parent Meeting for Next Year's Religious Ed Program

Our Religious Education programs at Sts. Thomas and Teresa will be combined into one program for the next school year, beginning in the fall of 2024. There will be two informational meetings—please attend one as the same information will be presented at both:

- **Monday, May 6th—6:30pm at St. Teresa Parish Center**
- **Wednesday, May 8th—6:30pm at St. Thomas School**

Parents of currently enrolled students and any others with school-aged children should attend one of these meetings. If you have any questions, please reach out to Missy Silka at 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.



PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Quo Vadis Days set for June

Quo Vadis Days is a four-day camp for Catholic young men in grades 9-12 and early college who are considering the priesthood or seminary formation, or who are wondering if God is calling them to a religious vocation. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 23-26, 2024, at St. Mark Seminary in Erie. For more information, go to www.erievocations.org or contact Father Scott Jabo, rector, at either 814-824-1198 or SWJabo@eriercd.org.