



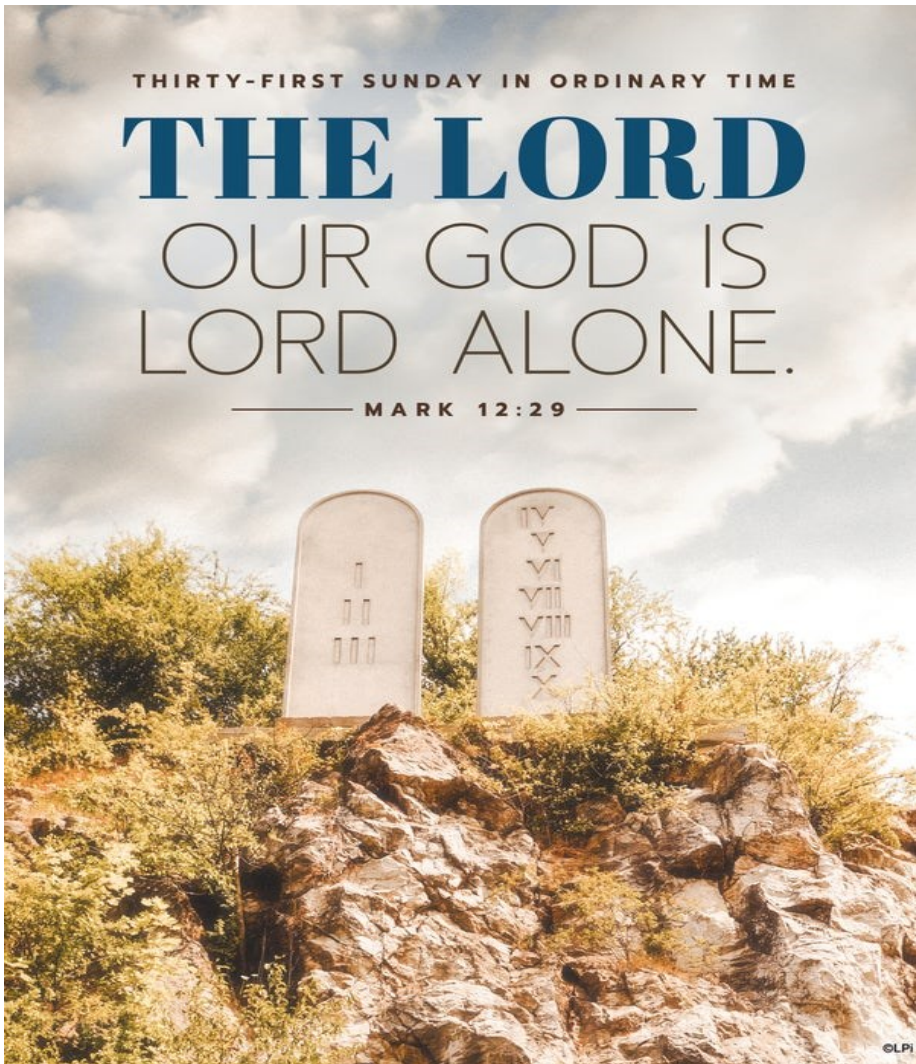
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407

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

November 3, 2024



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Parish Office
203 W. Washington Street
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Parish Office Hours
Monday: 12:30pm—3:30pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 8:30am—3:30pm
Thursday: 8:30am—12:00pm (noon)
Friday: Closed

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.

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. 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FALL EVENT: Last Sunday our Religious Education Program held a Fall Event for the students and parents. What a wonderful event this was!!! Thanks to Missy Silka, our Religious Education Director, our Religious Education Teachers and Staff, Parents of our Religious Education Students, and the Confirmation Students who helped to staff the event. It seemed like everyone was having a great time – from carving pumpkins to pumpkin bowling, from donut eating to caramel and chocolate apple slices, from decorating pumpkins to little kids chasing older kids with homemade spiders. Thanks to everyone for making this such a fun event for everyone!!

THOSE WHO ARE ILL OR HOMEBOUND: One of the first things I did when I arrived was to ask family members to call the office with the names of those who were ill or homebound. Some people have done this, and we have taken them communion and I have given them the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. I make that plea again. Lately, there have been people who I am hearing about who are homebound and no one has called the office in order for us to minister to them. Some of them have passed away and people wonder why no one came to visit them. The only way we know if someone is ill or homebound is if a family member calls to inform the parish office. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

POLITICAL ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND IN THE COMING DAYS: 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, 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)

Monday, November 4

- 8:00a.m. †Bill Flynn by Dick & Elaine Hasbrouck (St. Teresa, Union City)
- 7:00p.m. †Deceased Loved Ones from our Churches (St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, November 5

- 8:00a.m. †George Baker by Terry Baker (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, November 6

- 8:00a.m. †Deceased Members of the Catholic Daughters by Court Conception #35 (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, November 7

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

Friday, November 8

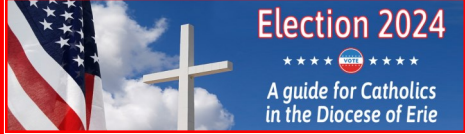
- 8:00a.m. †Sherry Davis by the Yaple Family (St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, November 9

- 4:30p.m. †Stacey Reynolds by Janet Ahl (St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, November 10

- 8:00a.m. †Janet Mitchell by Deacon Randy & Anne Kondrlik (St. Thomas, Corry)
- 11:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa (St. Teresa, Union City)



Election 2024

A guide for Catholics in the Diocese of Erie

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

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.

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

I GIVE CATHOLIC: The annual online appeal, *I Give Catholic*, 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 10/27):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,846.00

Total Paid to date = \$57,011.00

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 November 3rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Ann Dyne by family.

Winterizing Our Cemeteries

Parishioners are reminded to remove all potted urns/plants from graves for the winter as of November 10 at both St. Thomas and St. Elizabeth Cemeteries. We will be cleaning up the cemeteries on Nov. 16. Holiday wreaths/decorations may be placed on graves. Thanks.



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

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).



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.

Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary

The St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society are selling pastries the weekends of Nov. 16/17 and Nov. 23/24, before and after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

Cost is \$16 for Kolachi (Walnut or Apricot) and \$13 for Baklava. As a reminder, all monies raised by the Altar Rosary are used for purchases made to enhance the altar and our church. Your support is always appreciated. Thank you.



Family Perspective

In a family, children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves.



You're Invited to Coffee and Donuts Next Sunday

Coffee and Donuts at Saint Thomas Church will be served in the multipurpose room following the 8:00am Mass on Sunday, November 10th. Donations will be accepted to help cover the cost of the donuts.

All are welcome to join us for a time of socializing and a treat.

I love you, Lord, my strength.

Psalm 18

St. Thomas Church Organizations / Groups

•Altar—Rosary Society

Meets the third Wednesday of the month

•Knights of Columbus—Corry Council #425

Meets the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM

•Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM



Corry Knights 125th Anniversary Celebration

Brother Knights of Corry Council #425 celebrated their milestone anniversary with a special Mass on October 22 at St. Thomas Church, followed by a dinner at the St. Elizabeth Parish Center. Letters of congratulations and citations were received and read from Supreme Knight Patrick E. Kelly and PA State Representative Jake Banta, among others. We congratulate our local Knights on their anniversary and thank them for their continued good works which support our parish and community. *Picture below are members of the Corry Knights of Columbus with Fr. Tom Whitman and Fr. Tom Brown.*



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. Thanks!



Custodian Position Available at Our Parish

We are seeking a person who is interested in working a custodial position for the parish, including both churches—Sts. Thomas & Teresa. 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.

St. Teresa News

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 10/27):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00

Total Paid to date = \$37,650.00

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.

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

ALL SOULS DAY MASS

All are invited to attend a special All Souls Mass honoring loved ones buried from our parish this year.

7:00pm – Monday, November 4, 2024
St. Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue, Union City

St. Teresa Church

GO-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

Seeking Items for the Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We are in need of new Chinese auction gifts and/or gift cards for the Cash Bingo on **Saturday, November 9th**. Donations can be dropped off at St. Teresa Church or in the locked mailbox beside the Rectory. For other arrangements call Elaine Hasbrouck at 814-450-2766 or Sherri Margie at 814-392-7950.



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 3rd burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Thomas Pituch, Sr.



Rev. G. William Fischer, Rev. Stephen Schreiber, Rev. Kyle Seyler, Rev. Lawrence Richards, Rev. Jerome Simmons, Rev. Nicholas Fratus, Very Rev. V. David Foradori, EV, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Readings for the week of November 3, 2024

Sun.: Deuteronomy 6:2-6 ♦ Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2) ♦ Hebrews 7:23-28 ♦ Mark 12:28b-34
Mon.: Philippians 2:1-4 ♦ Psalm 131:1bcde, 2, 3 ♦ Luke 14:12-14
Tues.: Philippians 2:5-11 ♦ Psalm 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32 ♦ Luke 14:15-24
Wed.: Philippians 2:12-18 ♦ Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14 ♦ Luke 14:25-33
Thur.: Philippians 3:3-8a ♦ Psalm 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 ♦ Luke 15:1-10
Fri.: Philippians 3:17—4:1 ♦ Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 ♦ Luke 16:1-8
Sat.: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 ♦ Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 ♦ 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 ♦ John 2:13-22
Next Sun.: 1 Kings 17:10-16 ♦ Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b) ♦ Hebrews 9:24-28 Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Thomas Pituch, Sr.** who passed away and was buried from St. Teresa Church. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

"Question of the Week" - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How often do you put God first in your life? Do you think you can love others as much as you love yourself?

Question for Youth: What do you think Jesus meant when he said to the scribe, "You are not far from the reign of God"?

Question for Adults: When you heard the Greatest and New Commandments, which one should you improve on in your own life?

St. Teresa Cemetery News

The water was turned off at the cemetery at the end of October. All plants/pots should have also been removed from loved ones graves at this time. You may place Christmas wreaths at graves soon. Thank you.



Please be reminded that **ALL CHECKS** for offertory and CSA are to be made payable to 'St. Thomas Church' as of October 1, 2024. Thanks.

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.



FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: October 26 & 27, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (122) \$5,968.00

Loose\$382.02
 (Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)

Online Giving (14)\$500.00

Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00

Continuing the Vision.\$10.00


Total Offertory Income \$6,860.02

Average Weekly Expenses\$11,390.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)

Weekly Average Shortfall..... \$(-4,529.98)

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 and click 'Donate Online'.

Religious Education News


Religious Education Fall Event Successful!



We are grateful to everyone who planned, setup and helped at our Fall Event on Sunday afternoon, October 27th, at St. Teresa Parish Center. Everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship, food, and FUN! We are appreciative to the students and families who attended this event. We wish to thank the teachers and volunteers who helped organize and run games and activities for everyone to enjoy. This is just another example of how we can come together as the *Body of Christ* to enjoy each others company. Looking forward to a group activity during the upcoming Advent season.

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education


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



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2025 Book for Mass Intentions is Now Open

Come in or call the parish office (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.

Have you paid in full your pledge to the 2024 CSA? If not, please try to do so by the end of the year.

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



October 8, 2024

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of November 16-17, a second collection will be taken up in our parishes for the national Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD).

Your support for this collection brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. One of the principles that has made CCHD successful at reaching people on the margins for more than 50 years is its support for community-based solutions rather than uniform, top-down programs that do not account for local needs or include local voices.

All CCHD grants, national and local, are approved by the bishop in the diocese where the funded groups operate. When you give to CCHD, 50% of your contribution stays in the Diocese of Erie to help your own community.

This work is not possible without the support of dedicated Catholics like you. Your contributions are helping to build more merciful and just communities in the Diocese of Erie and throughout the country. Please prayerfully consider helping us to uphold human dignity and alleviate poverty by giving generously to the second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. If you would like more information about the collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for contributing to CCHD's outreach to those on the margins.

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

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.