



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 17, 2024



33rd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away." - Mk 13:31

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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
www.stthomastheapostle.church

Saint Teresa of Avila Church
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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

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Being a member of the parish has a number of meanings and requirements. One of the neglected parts of membership is for people to register. Just as people need to register to vote, one also needs to register to be a member of a parish. Some people assume that if they go to Mass at a church or they were baptized there that they are a member of that church. Registration is important so we know who is a member, how to contact you in case of an emergency, and where you live in case of an emergency. Registration also enables us to communicate with you through mail, email, phone calls, etc.... Being a registered member who attends Mass each week may enable someone to be a sponsor for confirmation or a God parent for baptism, along with other requirements. But being a registered member is the starting point.

There are also responsibilities of those who are members. Some of those responsibilities include attending Mass each week, raising your children in the practice of the faith, supporting the parish through volunteer work and financially. Every member should be supporting the parish through the use of envelopes or online giving.

If you are not receiving envelopes or mailings from the parish, you need to contact the parish office to see if you are registered, or if we have the wrong information. If you are not a member, you can find a registration form on our parish website or there is a form on the front of the bulletin you can fill out and place in the collection basket and we can mail you one.

THANK YOU: Thanks to Elaine and Dick Hasbrouck for coordinating our CASH BINGO last weekend. Thanks to all those who helped with planning, setting up, working the event, and cleaning up. It was a fun event that went very smoothly. Thanks again for such a successful event.

OCTOBER COUNT: Every year during the month of October, we count the number of people who attend Mass on the weekend. Last year, 2023, we averaged 304 people combined at the three Masses. This year, 2024, we averaged 300 people combined at the three Masses. It seems our numbers are holding steady, but we also have around 500 families listed as parishioners. Like most parishes, we have lots of people on the books, but fewer people actually attending Mass.

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 us. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY: This year December 8 falls on a Sunday and thus the Holy Day of obligation is moved to Monday, December 9. Masses will be at 8:00am at St. Teresa and 7:00pm at St. Thomas.

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**Sunday, November 17**

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

11:00a.m. †Don Thomas by Mary Thomas and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, November 18

8:00a.m. †Joseph Vergona by Knights of Columbus,
Council #4070 in Union City
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, November 19

8:00a.m. †Carl Buckshaw by Mary Buckshaw
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, November 20

8:00a.m. †George Baker by his son, Len Baker
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, November 21

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

Friday, November 22

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

Saturday, November 23

4:30p.m. †John & Elizabeth Wascak by Carol & Darrell
Huffman
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, November 24

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

11:00a.m. †Karen Gardiner by Kelly & Eric Ward
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Have HOPE in the Lord.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: We will have five priests at St. Teresa on Sunday, December 8, at 1:30pm for our Advent Penance celebration. All are welcome to attend in preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: We will have Masses on Christmas Eve at 4:30pm at St. Thomas, 7:00pm at St. Teresa, and there will be one Mass on Christmas Day at 10:00am at St. Thomas.

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.

There will also be envelopes available in the coming weeks where you can make your contribution to the I Give Catholic campaign without having to go online.

- Fr. Tom

St. Thomas News

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/10):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,846.00

Total Paid to date = \$58,316.00

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.*

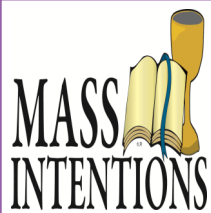


The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Thomas Church for the week of November 17th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Matthew Silvis by his Mom.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Looking for Voices to Join St. Thomas Choir

If you like to sing and wish to praise God with music, we invite you to join the St. Thomas Choir. **Choir practice is held on Wednesday, evenings at 6:00pm at St. Thomas Church— ALL are welcome.** We are preparing for the upcoming holiday season. We hope you will join us.



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. Also consider sponsoring the Sanctuary Candle for the week. Thank you.

Family Perspective

Today's gospel teaches us UNCERTAINTY is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows ... only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty, for like the fig tree in the gospel, the people we love grow and change.



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!



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.



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.



Prayer of Seasons

As the seasons change, be with me.
As my life shifts and shapes, be with me.
As I face what the future holds, be with me.
As I seek the beauty to be found today, help me to find you there.
Amen.

"Question of the Week" - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: If Jesus came to visit you today, what would you do? What would say? How would you act?

Question for Youth: If today was your last day, what would you be most thankful for? What would you regret?

Question for Adults: If today was your last, what would you do with it?

Holiday Pastry Sale by St. Thomas Altar Rosary Society

Members of the Altar Rosary are selling pastries the weekends of Nov. 16/17 and Nov. 23/24, before and after 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.



St. Teresa News

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 11/10):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$39,014.00

Total Paid to date = \$37,950.00

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.

Thank You for Supporting Our Cash Bingo

We wish to thank everyone who helped to make the recent Cash Bingo fundraiser held on Saturday, November 9th a success! We couldn't have done it without YOU! We are grateful to the many people who donated items, bought tickets, set-up, worked, cleaned-up, and came to enjoy the event.

We especially wish to thank Elaine & Dick Hasbrouck for coordinating this event. We do not have all the expenses in yet to give report on the profit made. Look for this in an upcoming bulletin. Thanks.

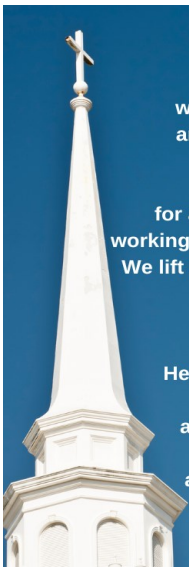


In this age when personal data can be misused by scam artists, please be aware that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie, its clergy and entities such as parishes and schools, will never solicit your personal or business information unless initiated by you. Should you receive an unsolicited request for such information – including a request for gift cards of any type – exercise extreme caution. Contact the person or entity by using official contact information only. Do not use the contact information provided in the potential fraudulent request.



In November
we pray for
the dead

Eternal rest grant
to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls
of the faithful
departed, through
the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
AMEN.



God of all nations,
Father of the human family,
we give you thanks for the freedom we exercise
and the many blessings of democracy we enjoy
in these United States of America.
We ask for your protection and guidance
for all who devote themselves to the common good,
working for justice and peace at home and around the world.
We lift up all our duly elected leaders and public servants,
those who will serve us as president,
as legislators and judges,
those in the military and law enforcement.
Heal us from our differences and unite us, O Lord,
with a common purpose, dedication
and commitment to achieve liberty and justice
in the years ahead for all people,
and especially those who are most vulnerable
in our midst.
Amen.

USCCB.org



The SANCTUARY CANDLE at St. Teresa Church for the week of November 17th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.

Readings for the week of November 17, 2024

Sun.: Daniel 12:1-3 ♦ Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1) ♦ Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 ♦ Mark 13:24-32

Mon.: Revelation 1:1-4; 2:1-5 ♦ Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 ♦ Luke 18:35-43

Tues.: Revelation 3:1-6, 14-22 ♦ Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 ♦ Luke 19:1-10

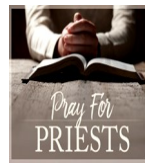
Wed.: Revelation 4:1-11 ♦ Psalm 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Luke 19:11-28

Thur.: Revelation 5:1-10 ♦ Psalm 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b ♦ Luke 19:41-44

Fri.: Revelation 10:8-11 ♦ Psalm 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 ♦ Luke 19:45-48

Sat.: Revelation 11:4-12 ♦ Psalm 144:1b, 2, 9-10 ♦ Luke 20:27-40

Next Sun.: Daniel 7:13-14 ♦ Psalm 91:1, 1-2, 5 (1a) ♦ Revelation 1:5-8 ♦ John 18:33b-37



Rev. John Chaplin, Rev. Dennis Martin, Rev. Jason Glover, Rev. Msgr. Joseph Riccardo, VF, Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Msgr. David Rubino, Rev. Marc Solomon, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*



HAPPY FEAST OF
St. Cecilia
TO THE
MUSICIANS
IN OUR
COMMUNITY!



Nov. 22



Thank You to Music Ministry

We are grateful to those in both of our churches of St. Teresa and St. Thomas, who help to enhance the beauty of our liturgies with their musical gifts. Thank you to our cantors, organists, choir members, and other musicians. You are a blessing to our churches. *May you be blessed for sharing your gifts with us!*

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: November 9 & 10, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (130)	\$4,246.00
Loose	\$639.00
(Above amounts combine total offertory from ALL 3 weekend Masses)	
Online Giving (12)	\$410.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.	\$0.00
Continuing the Vision.	\$0.00
Total Offertory Income	\$5,295.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall.....\$(-6,095.00)

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 either St. Thomas Cemetery, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, or St. Teresa Cemetery. Thank you.



**DONATE
ONLINE**

Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at

www.StThomastheApostle.Church and click 'Donate Online'.

**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!

#iGIVECATHOLIC

Your gift could help our parish
WIN a
CASH PRIZE.



Advanced
Giving Days
Nov. 18—Dec. 2

#GivingTuesday December 3, 2024

What better way to thank God for His continued blessings than to give back to our church communities? **Advanced Giving runs from Monday, November 18—Monday, December 2.** You can support St. Thomas & St. Teresa with an offline gift by check or cash (please place your gift in the #iGiveCatholic envelope or another envelope marked with 'iGiveCatholic') and place it in the collection baskets or mail it to the parish office. Please list the fundraising campaign you wish to donate to on the memo line of your check or write it on the envelope. Fundraising campaigns are: St. Thomas, St. Teresa, St. Elizabeth Cemetery, St. Teresa Cemetery, St. Thomas Cemetery, Religious Education, and St. Thomas Cemetery Endowment Fund.

Online donations accepted on Tuesday, December 3rd by going to erie.igivecatholic.org or find a link on our websites.

Our parish has many needs and we greatly appreciate your financial support. Thank you!

Religious Education News

Calendar Reminders for Religious Education

Sunday, Nov. 17—Classes for ALL students
 Sunday, Nov. 24—Classes and Advent Group Activity at St. Teresa
 Sunday, Dec. 1—NO Class / Thanksgiving break



First Youth Mass of This School Year a Success

We wish to thank all those students from our Religious Education Program who were involved with the Youth Mass last weekend on Sunday, Nov. 10 at St. Teresa. You all did a fantastic job in helping at Mass. We are so happy to have you participate in the church.

Students Attend Diocesan Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation candidates from our parish participated in the diocesan sponsored Confirmation Retreat held last weekend on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the campus of Pitt-Bradford. They were a part of a wonderful experience in which about 300 students attended. Please continue to pray for our Confirmation students, and all those who are preparing to receive sacraments this year. Shown below are students with a few of our leaders/chaperones.



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 celebrated 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.