



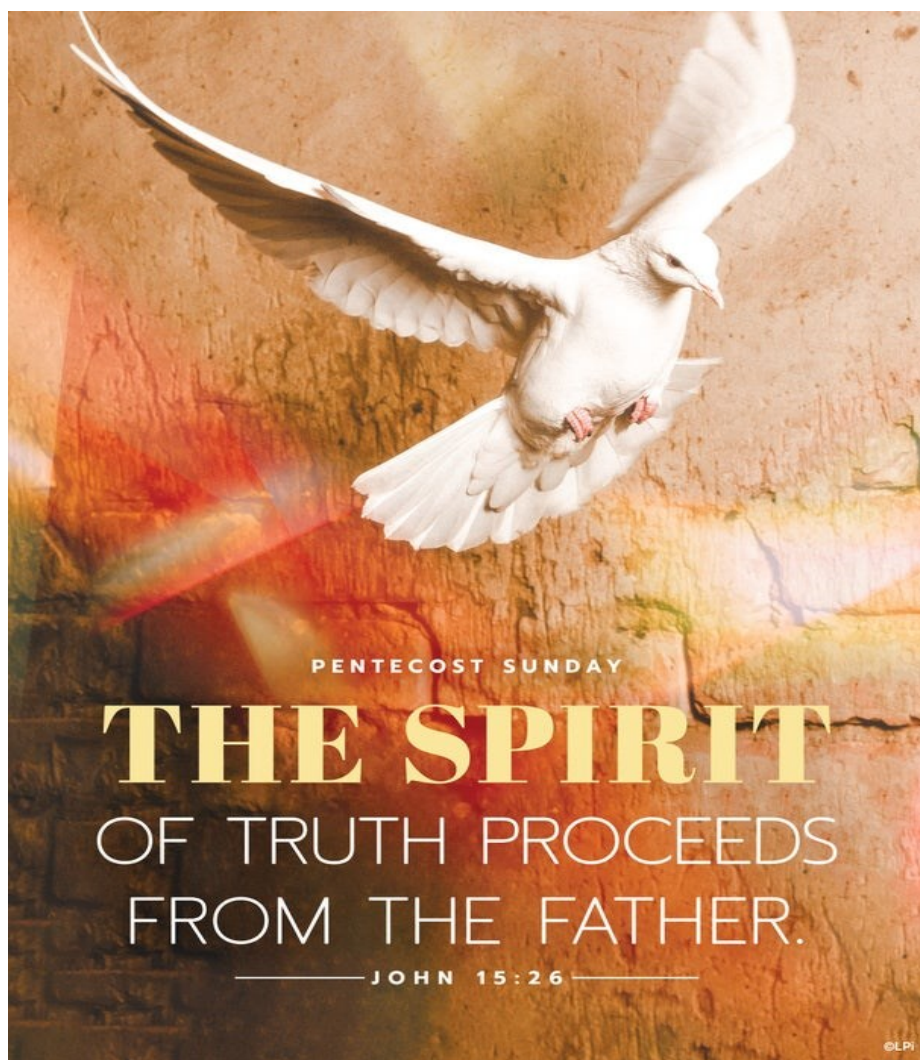
Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407

THE PARISHES OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE AND ST. TERESA OF AVILA



Saint Teresa of Avila Church
9 Third Avenue
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May 19, 2024



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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

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

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: On Monday, May 27, at 10:00am, we will celebrate Mass in the chapel at St. Thomas Cemetery. All are welcome to attend.

PENTECOST SUNDAY: As we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, an old tradition is to look at the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and to pick one to pray for in the week ahead. Maybe there is a particular Fruit of the Holy Spirit that you need at this point in your life, or one you have difficulty with and need help from the Holy Spirit to live that Fruit of the Spirit more often in your life.

LOVE: We exhibit the virtue of charity, or love, by our unselfish devotion and care for God and our neighbor. Love is seeking the good of another, even at our own expense. We might be willing to sacrifice our time, money, or labor in order to help another person.

JOY: We live with joy when we recognize that true happiness comes, not from money or possessions, but from knowing and following Christ. Joy also is displayed when we experience hardship or difficulty, ridicule or injustice, and yet do not hate the person inflicting it upon us. Joy is transforming the negative things that come our way into positive things.

PEACE: We are freed from worrying about trivial things because of the inner peace we experience with God in our hearts. We work and pray for peace throughout the world. This peace results from trying to align our will with God's will.

PATIENCE: We demonstrate patience by treating others with thoughtfulness and tolerance. We resist the urge to condemn others and exercise all options to forgive them and bring healing to their lives. It may involve enduring ingratitude, indifference and contempt as Jesus did, rather than responding with anger.

KINDNESS: We live the virtue of kindness by treating others as we want to be treated. Jesus taught us to love our enemies, as well as those who are kind to us. The real test of kindness is when we can extend it to those who do not treat us with kindness. Kindness is a tender-hearted concern for others.

GOODNESS (GENEROSITY): We demonstrate the fruit of generosity when we share our gifts and possessions with others. The true test of generosity is when we are willing to offer our gifts and possessions even before others ask for our assistance.

FAITHFULNESS: We are faithful when we live out our commitment to the teachings of Jesus, the Scriptures, and the Catholic Church. Our faithfulness must mirror the faithfulness of God. Remember how God remains faithful to us even when we turn away from God in our sin. We refuse to waver from the truth no matter what happens to us.

GENTLENESS: Gentle people act calmly and avoid actions that might lead others to anger or resentment. Gentleness results from sensitivity to the delicate nature of life; like a good mother's caring protection, there should be no abrupt or forceful movements, no pushing, no arguing, no manipulation.

SELF-CONTROL: If athletes can exercise discipline – or self-control – in order to achieve something that is purely frivolous, Christians should be able to exercise self-control in order to achieve something of the highest and most meaningful value. This self-control is a restraint on our tendency to pursue our own satisfaction, without any consideration for the good of others.

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Sunday, May 19

8:00a.m. ✠Francis Hanlin by Janet Ahl
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, May 20

8:00a.m. ✠Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, May 21

8:00a.m. ✠Richard Adamaszek by Mary Jane Adamaszek
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, May 22

8:00a.m. ✠Skye Elizabeth by a loved one
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, May 23

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

Friday, May 24

8:00a.m. ✠Priscilla Kozik by Dan & Dawn Schaaf
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, May 25

4:30p.m. ✠Dan Ahl by Bryan & Kim Anderson
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Sunday, May 26

8:00a.m. ✠Gene Vinca by Michael & Aimee Vinca & family
(St. Thomas, Corry)
10:00a.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa Parishes
(St. Teresa, Union City)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR NEXT YEAR: We are preparing to combine the Religious Education Program for this coming year. The number of students we have does not merit having two separate programs. You may have noticed that last week, St. Thomas had one student make her first communion and St. Teresa had two students make theirs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger.

We met with parents to explain the plan. The plan is to have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year.

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 begin at 9:30am and go until 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 Religious Education is at St. Thomas, class will begin at 9:00am and finish at 10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

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St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 11 & 12, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (68)\$3,115.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 77)
Loose\$467.00
Online Giving (9)\$330.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$5.00
Total Offertory Income\$3,917.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,418.00)

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'.

Ascension Collection (Holy Day—5/9):\$462.00

Mother's Day Memorials.....\$795.00



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 19th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Sandy Lamendola.



Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Psalm 104



Our prayers & sympathy to the family and friends of **Stacey Reynolds** who passed away from St. Thomas Church. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/12):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,005.00

Total Paid to date = \$46,895.00

of Families who made a pledge = 117

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.

Seeking Individual to Fill Bookkeeper Position

Our Partnered Parish Office is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This position will be approximately 10-15 hours per week. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact our Business Manager, Missy Silka, at the parish office by phone 814-663-3041 or email: business@stparish.org.

**WE'RE
HIRING**

St. Thomas Parish Scholarship

There is a scholarship available to graduating Seniors from Corry Area High School from St. Thomas Parish—the St. Thomas Memorial Scholarship. Applications, including criteria, can be found at the parish office or on our parish website, <https://www.stthomastheapostle.church/>.

Thank you to the ladies who graciously helped organize the Coffee & Donuts on Sunday mornings after Mass at St. Thomas, as well as the Saturday evening potluck. They will be taking a break over the summer months—hopefully to return in the fall to again offer a time of fellowship for all to enjoy.



Hospitality Sunday

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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.

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 soon. We are hoping to purchase annuals and perennials for around the church grounds. Thank you for your generosity.



St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 12, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (58) \$2,256.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 99)
Loose \$238.00
Continuing the Vision (1) \$50.00
Online Giving (1) \$30.00
Total Offertory Income \$2,574.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 12, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (6) \$225.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 24)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,799.00

Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,786.00)

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!

Ascension Collection (Holy Day—5/9): \$693.00

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/12):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,550.00

Total Paid to date = \$31,058.00

of Families who made a pledge = 93

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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again,
 "Peace be with you. As
 the Father has sent me, so
 I send you." - Jn 20:21

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1979 CCD



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of **May 19th** burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of **Sandy King** by **Larry, Kim and family**.

"Question of the Week" - Pentecost Sunday

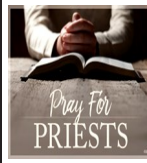
Question for Children: When have you heard your inner voice or conscience guiding you to do what is right?

Question for Youth: When have you felt the Holy Spirit in your life?

Question for Adults: Share about times when you felt the power of the Spirit, giving you the right words, giving you insight into a dilemma, or in other ways.

Family Perspective

Today, on Pentecost, we remember Christ has given us the Holy Spirit to assist us in raising our family and he expects us to use this personal gift. Let's set aside the distractions in our lives and let the Holy Spirit "guide us to the truth."



Rev. Stanley Swacha, The Most Rev. Lawrence Persico, Rev. Msgr. Charles Kaza, Rev. Mark Mastrian, Rev. Alexander Amico, Rev. Joseph Dougherty, Rev. Thomas Trocchio, and also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*



Readings for the week of May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday: Acts 2:1-11 ♦ Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30) ♦ 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 ♦ John 20:19-23 or John 15:26-27; 16:12-15
 Mon.: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 ♦ Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 ♦ John 19:25-34
 Tues.: James 4:1-10 ♦ Psalm 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 ♦ Mark 9:30-37
 Wed.: James 4:13-17 ♦ Psalm 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11 ♦ Mark 9:38-40
 Thur.: James 5:1-6 ♦ Psalm 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20 ♦ Mark 9:41-50
 Fri.: James 5:9-12 ♦ Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12 ♦ Mark 10:1-12
 Sat.: James 5:13-20 ♦ Psalm 141:1-2, 3 and 8 ♦ Mark 10:13-16
 Next Sun.: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 ♦ Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 ♦ Romans 8:14-17 ♦ Matthew 28:16-20

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

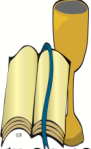
Have you made your pledge to the 2024 CSA?

 **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.

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.eriercd.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.

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 patronize the sponsors of our bulletin. It is through the paid advertising of these sponsors that we can publish the bulletin. Please see their ads on the back page and thank them for their support! If you wish to advertise in our bulletin, please contact the parish office or Tim Weir at LPi at 800-477-4574 x6568 or email: tweir@4LPi.com.

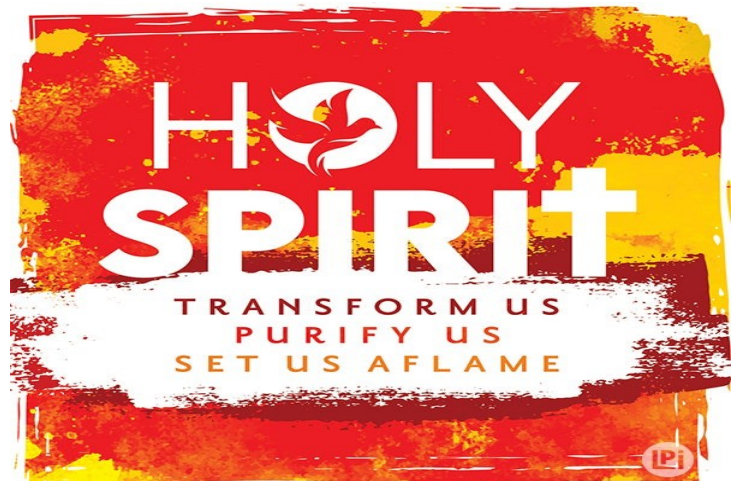
Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Pray for Our Confirmation Candidates

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they await the Sacrament of Confirmation which is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 29 at St. Francis Xavier Church in McKean:



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



Why is it called Pentecost?

The feast is celebrated on the 50th and final day of the Easter season. The Greek word "pentekoste" means "fiftieth."

Why is Pentecost known as the birthday of the Church?

When the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples, they immediately began proclaiming the Gospel. In fact, three thousand people were baptized that day. The disciples, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, were answering Jesus' call to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). The Holy Spirit is vital in the mission and witness of the Church, so we consider Pentecost the birthday of the Church.

Continued—Notes from the Pastor:

Currently, I am not able to be at Religious Education classes at St. Thomas, as I have to get back to St. Teresa for Mass at 10:00am. There will also be an opportunity for us to offer adult education classes while the children are in class.

It will be a change in the way things are done, but it will also enable us to use our resources more efficiently. We are always looking for help with these programs, so do not be afraid to volunteer to teach, or be an aide, or to help with some other aspect of the program.

- Fr. Tom