



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
Union City, PA 16438

July 28, 2024



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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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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Partnered Parish Offices
203 W. Washington Street
Corry, PA 16407
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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

Notes from the Pastor

ST. TERESA LAWN FESTIVAL: What a difference a year makes!!! Last year we had tornado warning, torrential rain, hail, flooding, and this year a beautiful evening. THANKS to everyone who helped in any way: Set up, clean up, organizing, working the night of the festival, it was a great success. I don't think people realize how much work goes into an event like this, so please know that I am extremely grateful to everyone who helped. Special thanks goes to Elizabeth and Matt Moon for coordinating the event, you did a great job. Thanks to the guys from the Lodge who helped every day with set up and clean up. Thanks to those from St. Thomas who helped work the event and who supported the event. It was a wonderful to see how we can work together to make great things happen.

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION: I have posted this several times and people are either not reading it or ignoring it.

First of all, if you choose to receive the Precious Blood from one of the cups, you are to take the cup in your hands and drink from the cup. Typically, people take a small sip. IT IS NEVER PERMITTED TO TAKE THE HOST AND DIP THE HOST INTO THE WINE. The minister of the Eucharist should cover the cup and instruct you to please consume the host first and then consume the wine.

If you choose to receive communion on the tongue, you should lean your head back open your mouth wide and extend your tongue. The minister of the Eucharist will place the host on your tongue. You should not try to bite the host out of the hand of the minister of the Eucharist. The host is placed on your tongue.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem in the fourth century offered a beautiful and powerful catechesis on the mode of receiving communion in the hand that is still applicable today: "When you approach, do not go stretching out your open hands or having your fingers spread out, but make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then holding in your open hand the Body of Christ, reciting the 'Amen.'"

If you choose to receive communion in the hand, the minister of the Eucharist will say "the Body of Christ," and you will respond by saying, "Amen." If you are right-handed, then your left hand should be extended to be flat and your right hand should be underneath your left hand. The host will be placed in the palm of your hand. You should take the host with your right hand and place it in your mouth. (The opposite is true if you are left-handed.) Please do not grab the host from the minister of the Eucharist. Allow the minister of the Eucharist to place the host in your hand and wait until the minister's hand is out of the way before you reach to take the host in your hand to consume it. Please make sure your hand is flat, not cupped. Please make sure that one hand is underneath the other, not side by side. We do not eat the host out of the palm of our hand, but we pick up the host and place it in our mouth.

POLITICAL ISSUES TO KEEP IN MIND IN THE COMING MONTHS: 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.

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**Sunday, July 28**

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

10:00a.m. ✠ Bob Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Monday, July 29

8:00a.m. In Thanksgiving of the Masangcay Family by family
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Tuesday, July 30

8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased & Living Members of the Rushin and Hennings Families by Steve & Julie Rushin
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, July 31

8:00a.m. ✠ Anne Crawford by her son, Daniel Crawford
(St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, August 1—Eucharistic Adoration

8:00a.m. Communion Service at St. Thomas, Corry

Friday, August 2—Eucharistic Adoration

8:00a.m. ✠ William J. Flynn by an altar server
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Saturday, August 3

4:30p.m. For the Peoples of Sts. Thomas & Teresa
(St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, August 4

8:00a.m. ✠ Deceased Members of the Jeffords and Palmer Families by Richard & Jean Farver
(St. Thomas, Corry)

10:00a.m. ✠ Ed Weaver by Jim & Joan Rhea
(St. Teresa, Union City)

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.

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.

– Fr. Tom

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 20 & 21, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (73)\$3,507.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 72)
Loose\$297.00
Online Giving (10)\$355.00
Faith Formation/Rel. Ed.\$0.00
Total Offertory Income\$4,159.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-1,176.00)

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 July 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of George Baker.



Seeking Volunteers to Help Sell Tickets at the Sparty Fair

The Corry Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring the Sparty Fair Fundraiser Selling Gate Tickets at this year's fair all week in early September (September 2nd—7th). This annual fundraiser benefits both the Corry Knights of Columbus and St. Thomas Parish. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older to sell tickets at the gates. For more information and available time slots, please contact Len Clark (814-664-8740) or Deacon Bill Saborsky (814-397-7332) or the parish office (814-663-3041).



LifeCare Baby Bottle Campaign

To all those that participated in LifeCare's Baby Bottle Boomerang, THANK YOU! This fundraiser is a large part of their annual income and all contributions are appreciated. If you would like to know more about LifeCare Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, please visit their website: lifecareofcorry.com. Thank you again for your donations and to those that helped distribute and collect the bottles. Just a reminder, if you have not yet returned your baby bottle please do so ASAP. You may place them in the collection basket at Mass, bring them to the parish office, or take them directly to the LifeCare office on North Center Street in Corry.

PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/21):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,711.00

Total Paid to date = \$53,631.00

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

In today's gospel Phillip worried about "enough food" for the crowd. What is ENOUGH? When does our ENOUGH deprive another family of their fair share? Jesus performed today's miracle because one child was willing to share and risk living with less. Can your family live more simply so that other families can simply live?

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 for certificates to be mailed and will close on August 31, 2024.



"Question of the Week" - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question for Children: How do you share with others what you have?

Question for Youth: Generosity is key to today's Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

Question for Adults: In what ways do you generously provide for the needs of others who have little or nothing?

St. Teresa Parish News

ST. TERESA FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: July 21, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (40) \$1,521.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 117)
Loose \$358.00
Continuing the Vision () \$0.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,989.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: July 21, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$240.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$2,229.00

Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall \$(-2,356.00)

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!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 07/21):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$38,705.00

Total Paid to date = \$34,607.00

of Families who made a pledge = 100

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.

Blueberry Cobbler Social "60th Anniversary Celebration"



**Union City Museum
July 28th
12-3**

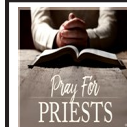
Come enjoy this sweet treat with a scoop of ice cream, made with fresh, locally grown blueberries!
Cost is by donation.



The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of July 28th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Bob Rhodes by Dorothy Rhodes and family.

He answers all our needs.

Psalm 145



Rev. John Fischer, Rev. Edward Walk, Rev. Thomas Curry, OSB, Rev. Msgr. Bruce Allison, Rev. Paul Siebert, Rev. Raymond Gramata, Rev. Michael Kesicki, and also please *Pray for All Priests and Deacons in our diocese.*

Readings for the week of July 28, 2024

Sun.: 2 Kings 4:42-44 ♦ Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16) ♦ Ephesians 4:1-6 ♦ Jn 6:1-15

Mon.: Jeremiah 13:1-11 ♦ Psalm 32:18-19, 20, 21 ♦ John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42

Tues.: Jeremiah 14:17-22 ♦ Psalm 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 ♦ Matthew 13:36-43

Wed.: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 ♦ Psalm 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 ♦ Matthew 13:44-46

Thur.: Jeremiah 18:1-6 ♦ Psalm 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab ♦ Matthew 13:47-53

Fri.: Jeremiah 26:1-9 ♦ Psalm 69:5, 8-10, 14 ♦ Matthew 13:54-58

Sat.: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24 ♦ Psalm 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 ♦ Matthew 14:1-12

Next Sun.: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 ♦ Psalm 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 (24b) ♦ Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 ♦ John 6:24-35

Upcoming Events at St. Teresa Parish

September 7—St. Teresa's Cash Bingo

October 9—Rosary Altar Society Card Party

Upcoming Luncheon for St. Teresa Rosary Altar Members

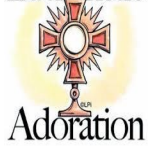
The St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society will be having a luncheon meeting on Monday, August 5th at 12:30pm at the Union City Country Club. Please make your reservation to Elaine Hasbrouck (814-450-2766). We hope you will join us. God bless.



Thank You for Supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign

The Union City Knights of Columbus collected \$289 during their baby bottle drive in the spring. We wish to thank all who donated to this worthwhile cause. Money raised was given to the Women's Care Center of Erie. Thank you again.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration THIS WEEK

I am the living bread that came down from heaven...

We will hold our monthly Eucharistic Adoration this week. It will be held on **Thursday, August 1st (8:00am) through Friday, August 2nd (8:00am) at Saint Thomas Church.** It will also be held on **Friday, August 2nd (8:00am –12:00pm) at St. Teresa Church.** All are welcome any time to spend a prayerful, quiet moment with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Holy Communion for the Sick and Homebound

We are very grateful for the help of trained and designated Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist in carrying our Lord to those who are sick and homebound. This service finds its origin in the very beginning of the church. Extraordinary Ministers who take the Eucharist directly from Mass to the sick and homebound can either a) receive their pyx from the altar and be sent forth by the presider after Communion, or b) pick up the pyx after Mass from the Tabernacle and take the Blessed Sacrament immediately to the person who is to receive it. The long-standing directive first issued by Bishop Trautman, and repeatedly renewed by Bishop Persico, is that it is not permitted for those distributing the Eucharist to place the consecrated host in a pyx brought forward by the people in the Communion line at Mass and then return to their seat. Wherever this custom exists, it should cease.

**Missionary Cooperative Collection—TODAY—July 27/28**

This special second collection will be taken up at all our Masses this weekend. We welcome Sister Edna with the Hospitaler Sisters of Mercy (SOM) who is here to speak to us about her community and their ministry to “Embrace, Live, and Transmit the Mercy of God, in every situation of life through the vow of Hospitality” by caring for the sick, the poor and the suffering through health care and socio-economic programs, education development, and faith formation. To learn more about their congregation and ministry, visit their website: <https://hospitalersistersofmercy.org>. Thank you for your generosity in today’s second collection.

**Become an Erie Gives Donor**

Please consider supporting us (Sts. Thomas & Teresa) and our cemeteries (St. Thomas, St. Teresa, and St. Elizabeth) during this year’s

Erie Gives Day
Tuesday, August 13, 2024

More information to come—please look for it and begin to pray about your gift. View links to Erie Gives on our websites or go to www.eriegives.org. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News****New Look to Our Religious Education Program**

Our Religious Education Program will combine this coming year. The number of students does not merit having two separate programs. Combining our resources will help to make our program stronger. This Fall for the 2024-2025 Religious Education Year, we will have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year (September—December) and at St. Thomas for the second half of the year (January—May).



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 be from 9:30am—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 class is at St. Thomas, class will be 9:00am—10:30am in order for people to get back to St. Teresa for Mass.

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.

THANK YOU to all of our bulletin sponsors!

We appreciate their support of our parishes and ask our parishioners to please patronize these business.

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 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.

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**