



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

May 26, 2024



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 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." - Mt 28:18-19

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NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____
STREET _____
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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
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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

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.

FEASTS OF TRINITY AND THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST: Every year we take time to celebrate two feasts immediately after Pentecost: the Feast of the Holy Trinity and the Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on how we receive communion at Mass whether in the hand or on the tongue. I have noticed there are a number of inconsistencies in how this happens. Allow me to offer some clarity, hopefully.

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. 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.

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 at St. Thomas we 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 recently to explain the plan. The plan is to have classes at St. Teresa for the first half of the year and at

**Sunday, May 26**

8:00a.m. †Gene Vinca by Michael & Aimee Vinca and Family (St. Thomas, Corry)

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

Monday, May 27—Memorial Day

10:00a.m. †All of our Deceased Loved Ones (St. Thomas Cemetery chapel, Corry)

Tuesday, May 28

8:00a.m. †Richard Smith by Joe & Janet Jawdy (St. Thomas, Corry)

Wednesday, May 29

8:00a.m. †Ed Weaver by Irene Weaver & family (St. Thomas, Corry)

Thursday, May 30

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

Friday, May 31

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

Saturday, June 1

4:30p.m. †Kathy Roggenkamp by Mary Harned (St. Teresa, Union City)

Sunday, June 2

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

10:00a.m. †Richard Boyd by Dave & Gini Kowash (St. Teresa, Union City)

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 class 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.

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 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

St. Thomas Parish News

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP: May 18 & 19, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (71)\$2,972.00
(Total Envelopes sent: 145 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 74)

Loose\$388.00

Online Giving (9)\$330.00

Total Offertory Income\$3,690.00

Average Weekly Expenses\$5,335.00

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

Weekly Average Shortfall\$(-1,645.00)

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 (814-663-3753).

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 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of Stacey Reynolds.

Corry Garden Club Plant Sale at St. Thomas

Members of the Corry Garden Club will be holding their annual Plant Sale next weekend in the parking lot of St. Thomas Church on Saturday morning, June 1st, starting early—by 8:00am. The public is welcome.

"Question of the Week" - The Most Holy Trinity

Question for Children: Why do you think Catholics make "The Sign of the Cross" when we pray?

Question for Youth: How often do you think about God as Trinity? How do you relate to each member of the Trinity?

Question for Adults: As each of us is called and sent by Christ, how have you incorporated this into your own life, whether married, single, in religious life, or ordained?

*All generations
will call me blessed,
for he who is mighty
has done great things
for me,
and holy is his name.*

(Luke 1:48-49)

**May 31—Feast of
The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**



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2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/19):

St. Thomas Diocesan Goal is \$37,254.00

Total Amount Pledged to date = \$60,030.00

Total Paid to date = \$46,985.00

of Families who made a pledge = 118

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.

Let your faith be bigger than your fear.

Family Perspective

In today's gospel Jesus says, "Teach them to observe everything I have commanded you." For parents, this is both mission and ministry as all children form their foundation of faith from their parents. Jesus commands all parents to teach their children "all that I have commanded you."

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/>.



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.

**WE'RE
HIRING**

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.

Donations Being Accepted for Flowers at St. Thomas Church

We continue to work on the gardens around St. Thomas Church. Donations are being accepted 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 once garden beds are cleaned up. 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 19, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (48) \$1,507.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 157 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 109)
Loose \$175.00
Online Giving (2) \$110.00
Total Offertory Income \$1,792.00

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STEWARDSHIP: May 19, 2024

Amount in Envelopes: (5) \$195.00
 (Total Envelopes sent: 30 / Number of Unused Envelopes: 25)

St. Teresa Parish Offertory Income \$1,987.00
Average Weekly Expenses \$4,585.00
 (Average Weekly Expenses are for normal operating expenses, this does not include extraordinary repairs.)
Weekly Average Shortfall **\$(2,598.00)**

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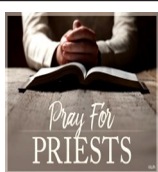
Please know that you can now give all your donations online by visiting our parish website at www.st-teresa-unioncity-org OR by scanning the QR code here.



Thanks for your generosity to our parish!

2024 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Totals (as of 05/19):

St. Teresa Diocesan Goal is \$24,359.00
Total Amount Pledged to date = \$37,550.00
Total Paid to date = \$31,258.00
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.



Rev. John Santor, Rev. Michael Kesicki, Rev. Msgr. Henry Krebs, Rev. William O'Brien, Rev. Howard King, and Rev. Thomas Suppa, also please *Pray for the Pastoral Planning in our diocese.*

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The **SANCTUARY CANDLE** at St. Teresa Church for the week of May 26th burns in honor of our Lord and in memory of deceased loved ones.



Please support the St. Teresa Rosary Altar Society by purchasing some delicious items from their Bake Sale following both Masses next weekend—June 1 & 2. Thank you!

Type 2—Could Be You—Diabetes Prevention & Education

The National Diabetes Prevention Program is coming to our area. It will be held at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 128 Sunset Drive, Edinboro, on Tuesday, June 25th from 4:30pm—5:30pm. This program is offered FREE of charge and is for those who may be pre-diabetic, borderline diabetic, have high blood pressure, unhealthy cholesterol levels, or struggling with maintaining a healthy weight. Please call to reserve your seat: 814-455-0995.

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



Readings for the Week of May 26, 2024

Sun.: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 ♦ Psalm 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b) ♦ Romans 8:14-17 ♦ Matthew 28:16-20
 Mon.: 1 Peter 1:3-9 ♦ Psalm 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c ♦ Mark 10:17-27
 Tues.: 1 Peter 1:10-16 ♦ Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 ♦ Mark 10:28-31
 Wed.: 1 Peter 1:18-25 ♦ Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 ♦ Mark 10:32-45
 Thurs.: 1 Peter 2:2-5, 9-12 ♦ Psalm 100:2, 3, 4, 5 ♦ Mark 10:46-52
 Fri.: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16 ♦ Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 ♦ Luke 1:39-56
 Sat.: Jude 17, 20b-25 ♦ Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 ♦ Mark 11:27-33
 Next Sun.: Exodus 24:3-8 ♦ Psalm 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13) ♦ Hebrews 9:11-15 ♦ Mark 14:12-16, 22-2

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

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.

Faith Formation & Religious Ed. News

Confirmation Celebrated THIS WEEK

Please keep the following students from our parishes in prayer as they await the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation later this week on Wednesday, May 29 (7:00pm) 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. For those who are not able to attend the Confirmation Mass but still wish to be present, St. Francis will be live-streaming the Mass. You may access it by going to their YouTube page: youtube.com/@st.franciscxaviermckeanpa3468; their Facebook page: facebook.com/sfxmckeanpa; or their parish website: www.stfranciscxaviermckean.org.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

REMEMBER OUR HEROES

MONDAY, MAY 27, 10 A.M.,
ST. THOMAS CEMETERY CHAPEL

Parish Office Closed for Memorial Day

Our parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of the holiday. Sorry for any inconvenience. We will be back in the office on Tuesday morning—May 28.

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 is 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.

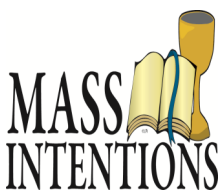
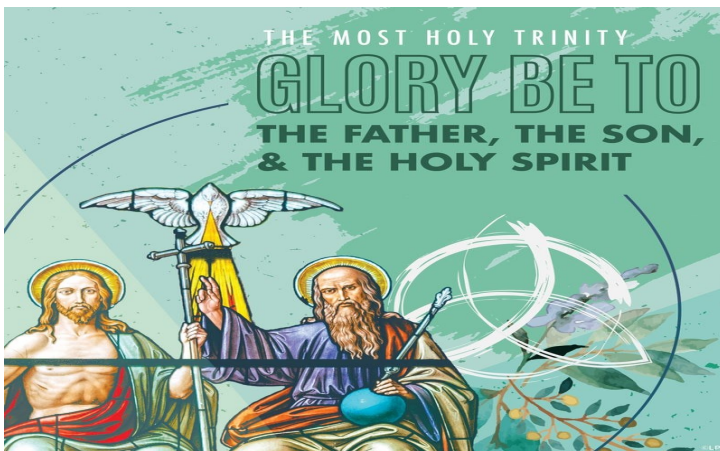
Welcome to Our Summer Guests

We wish to welcome and invite those who are returning to the Canadohta Lake area for the summer season to join us in celebrating Mass at either St. Teresa of Avila Church, Union City or St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Corry. Mass times are as follows:



- 4:30pm Saturdays—at St. Teresa in June & August and at St. Thomas in May & July
- Sundays—8:00am at St. Thomas and 10:00am at St. Teresa

We hope to see you at one of our Masses!



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.