

**+April 12, 2026 - Sunday of Divine Mercy+**

**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church  
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055**



**Rev. John Anthony Hutta II,  
Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak,  
Pastor Emeritus**

**Deacon David K. Rohner**

**Masses**

**Monday - Friday, 8:00am  
Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00pm  
Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am  
11:00am**

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
First Fridays, 12:00pm - 3:00pm**

**Confessions**

**Saturdays, 4:00pm - 4:30pm  
First Fridays, 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

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### Calendar, April 12 - April 19

#### **Sunday, April 12**

Divine Mercy devotions, Church, 12:00pm - 4:00pm

#### **Monday, April 13**

Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm  
KoC, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, April 14**

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, Church, 6:00pm  
St. Monica Ministry meeting, Rectory LL, 7:15pm

#### **Wednesday, April 15**

PREP 1- 6, 4:30am - 5:45pm  
Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

#### **Thursday, April 16**

CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am  
PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
PREP 8, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 7:45pm  
Choir, Church, 6:30pm

#### **Friday, April 17**

No meetings or events scheduled

#### **Saturday, April 18**

Mulch pickup, church parking lot, 8:00am - 3:00pm

#### **Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19**

Divine Mercy devotions, 12:00pm - 4:30pm

### Mass Intentions, April 12 - April 19

#### **Sunday, April 12- Sunday of Divine Mercy**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Angelo Calabrese (Smith family)  
8:00am - Vincenzo Covella (Maria DiMaio)  
9:30am - Andrew and Helen Check (Seaman family)  
11:00am - Kevin Teles (Family)  
12:00pm to 4:00pm - Divine Mercy devotions

#### **Monday, April 13 - St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr**

8:00am - Harry Glosan (Daughter-in-law Angela Glosan)

#### **Tuesday, April 14 - Easter Weekday**

8:00am - Joseph Cavataio (Linda & Larry Dull)

#### **Wednesday, April 15 - Easter Weekday**

8:00am - Joseph A. Krycia (Joanne Krycia)

#### **Thursday, April 16 - Easter Weekday**

8:00am - Christopher and Wendy Sue Fenner (Ellie Fenner)

#### **Friday, April 17 - Easter Weekday**

8:00am - Michael Cheddar (Cheddar family)

#### **Saturday, April 18 - Easter Weekday**

No 8:00am

#### **Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Joseph Matacavage (Family)  
8:00am - People of the Parish  
9:30am - Theresa Anne Broun (Kirby family)  
11:00am - Sally Chaffier (Jack & Minga Ferencin)

### **St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope Tuesday, April 14, 6:00pm**

Join the St. Theresa Parish community in praying for loved ones who have left the Faith. Presiding will be **Rev. Patrick Lamb**, pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton. The Holy Hour is being sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry, a prayer network and support community for the families and friends of fallen-away Catholics. For more information, please call the rectory.



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule: April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

<u>Mass time</u>	<u>Lector(s)</u>	<u>EEM</u>	<u>Altar server(s)</u>
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>
8:00am Sunday	Chris Roth	Chris Roth	Tommy Gregorsky
9:30am Sunday	Jeremy Leidich	Carol Krakowski	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave	Antonio & Agustin Ponce

Our parish will soon undergo a diocesan audit to ensure full compliance with both Diocese of Allentown policies and Pennsylvania state law regarding clearances and mandated reporting. These requirements are not optional—they are essential safeguards that help us uphold the dignity and safety of every person on our campus.

***Who is required to comply?***

*Anyone involved in a parish ministry or organization that interacts with children or vulnerable persons must have the proper clearances. This includes, but is not limited to:*

*PREP and catechetical volunteers*

*Liturgical ministers working with children and adults*

*Teachers, Parish staff*

*Organizations using our campus such as Boy Scouts and other groups*

***These requirements include:***

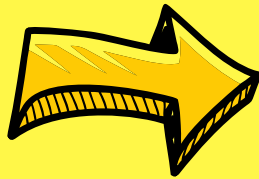
*Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance*

*Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Record Check*

*FBI Fingerprinting (or waiver, when applicable)*

*Mandated Reporter Training*

To make this as easy as possible, I have invited representatives from the Diocese to come directly to our parish and complete all of these requirements for you during one session.



**Diocesan Compliance Session**  
**Date: Wednesday, April 22**  
**Time: 6:00pm**  
**Location: Friendship Hall**



At this session, the Diocese will process and fulfill your clearances, fingerprinting (if needed), and mandated reporter requirements on-site, so that you leave fully compliant. There is no cost to you. In addition, we will provide refreshments and dinner as a small way of thanking you for your time and dedication.

*Please understand that, if we do not comply with these requirements, both our parish and the Diocese can face serious consequences, including fines and restrictions. More importantly, we would fail in our sacred duty to protect those whom Christ has entrusted to us.*

I want you to know that I, too, must complete these requirements. We are all in this together—as one parish family—working to build a safe, faithful, and responsible community. I ask you to please make every effort to attend this important meeting and complete your requirements at that time.

Thank you for your generosity, your service, and your commitment to continuing the mission of Jesus Christ here at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish. May our patroness, St. Thérèse, guide us in doing even the smallest things with great love.

*Fr. John A. Flutta*



## Rummage, Soup, and Bake Sale

Holy Family Parish Center  
508 W. Center Street, Nazareth

Thursday, April 16, 5:00pm-8:00pm

Friday, April 17, 8:30am -2:00pm

Saturday, April 18, 8:00am -1:00pm

*Something for everyone. Don't miss out!*



## Would you like to become a member of St. Theresa Parish ?

*Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith welcomes you!*

Call 610-838-7045 for information.



## Cash Bingo

Sunday, April 19

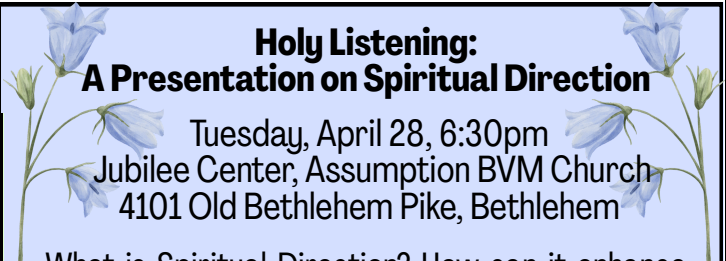
St. Mary's Parish Center  
122 Union St., Catasauqua

Doors and kitchen open at 11:30am with **Bingo** beginning at 1:00pm. \$20 admission includes 15 games, seven specials, and one jackpot round.

Please bring your daubers! Reserve your spot:

Email [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com)

or call 610-264-0332.



## Holy Listening: A Presentation on Spiritual Direction

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm

Jubilee Center, Assumption BVM Church  
4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem

What is Spiritual Direction? How can it enhance your life? Our panel of Spiritual Directors will answer these questions, and more! Spiritual Directors Carol Herman, Kelly Carney, Lisa Bryan, Sandy Chambers, and Robert Olney will discuss all the aspects of Spiritual Direction. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Team. For more information, contact Mary in the Assumption parish office at [abvmrect@ptd.net](mailto:abvmrect@ptd.net) or 610-867-7424x16

## Have you prayed your rosary today?

### "Bye Bye Birdie"

**at Bethlehem Catholic High School**

Don't miss "Bye Bye Birdie" at Bethlehem Catholic High School—a high-energy production filled with catchy songs, big laughs, and plenty of heart.

#### Show Dates and Times

- Sunday, April 12 at 3:00pm
- Friday, April 17 at 7:00pm
- Saturday, April 18 at 7:00pm

Bring your friends and family to see this beloved classic! Get your tickets at [bit.ly/becatheater](http://bit.ly/becatheater)

*The collection total for March 29 is \$9580.  
The collection total for April 5 is \$11,599.*



## St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Mary Martinez

*(enrolled by Russell & Rosemary Benner)*

## Little Flower Society Enrollments

Ann Lewis

*(enrolled by Miriam Martin)*

Ellie Fenner

*(enrolled by Miriam Martin)*

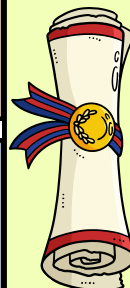


## The Good Samaritan Society

offers short term assistance to residents of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township. If you or someone you know needs help, the society can be reached confidentially at 610-509-5863.

## Seeking Employment?

Let *Joseph's People* help. Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00pm. Our topic will be "Attending and Working a Job Fair." Please email Paul Licata at [pauljosephlicata@gmail.com](mailto:pauljosephlicata@gmail.com)



**High School Seniors:** Time is running out to apply for the Knights of Columbus Council 14990 \$500 scholarship in memory of Dr. Frank Krakowski. It is offered to a graduating senior who has been active in St. Theresa parish, engages in service to the church or community, and possesses a strong commitment to higher education.

*The application is due no later than **April 15**, and may be found at [www.sttheresaotcj.org](http://www.sttheresaotcj.org)*

# Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited fifteen minutes before all Masses April 11 and 12. Please pick up a blessed Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer card in the vestibule of the church.

## Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Theresa Parish

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow 11:00am Mass.

In front of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be a box in which prayer petitions may be deposited. Candles will be available for lighting, and will remain lit all day.

Fr. John Hutta will be available to hear confessions from 12:15pm to 1:30pm.

Benediction will take place at 4:00pm.

Please join the St. Theresa community for its Divine Mercy devotions and receive the extraordinary graces promised by Our Lord.

**What graces are available and how do we receive them?** In her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

*"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109).*

*"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300).*

*"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699).*

**To receive these graces, one must trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy, and receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) after making a good Confession.**

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**The St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line** offers prayers for others' intentions.

Prayer intentions may be emailed to Colleen at colleenfitz0@gmail.com or called in to Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490. Prayer intentions will be shared with Prayer Line members only. If you would like to join us in praying for others' intentions, please provide your information in the Prayer Line Member Sign-Up below, and either drop the completed form into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat**

for anyone seeking healing after abortion

**Friday, April 24 - Sunday, April 26**

**St. Jane Frances de Chantal Parish  
4049 Hartley Avenue, Easton**

In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment, you can enter into the process of healing.

Through Scripture readings, guided meditations, and activities, you will experience God's compassion and forgiveness.

For registration information contact Carol Swavelly, MA, OSF at 1-866-3RACHEL or 610-435-1541ext 5341. You may also email Carol at [cswavelly@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cswavelly@allentowndiocese.org)

*Deadline for registration is April 17.*

*Items for our weekly bulletin are always welcome. Please submit your announcement ten days before the desired date of publication. Thank you.*

**Devotional Candles, April 12 - April 19**

**Sanctuary Candle**

Vincenzo Covello  
(offered by wife, Anna and son, Calogero Covello)

**St. Theresa Candle**

William Zakocs, Sr.  
(offered by Bill & Terri Zakocs)

**BVM Candle**

Delaney Zane

**St. Joseph Candle**

Joseph Matacavage  
(Cavataio family)



**"The greatest of these is love" (1 Cor. 13:13).**

**What's in a Name?**

The Second Sunday of Easter may very well get the prize for having the most names. It is called the First Sunday after Easter in the Extraordinary Form. It is also called Low Sunday, in comparison with the high celebrations of the preceding week. It is called *Dominica in albis depositis* ("Sunday on which white garments are put away.") because the newly baptized wore their white robes for the last time. It is called Thomas Sunday by the Orthodox. But musicians call it Quasimodo Sunday, from the Latin introit (or entrance antiphon): *Quasi modo geniti infantem* (1 Peter 2:2), "like newborn infants."

So what about Quasimodo, the Hunchback of Notre Dame? Apparently, in Victor Hugo's novel, Quasimodo had been abandoned as an infant at the doorstep of Notre Dame Cathedral on that particular Sunday, and he was named accordingly. Quasi modo can also be translated as, "Half-Formed," referring to the hunchback's physical deformity.

Finally, this day has been named Divine Mercy Sunday. The Feast of the Divine Mercy (also known as Divine Mercy Sunday) was established on 5 May 2000 by Pope John Paul II. It is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter, the Octave Day of Easter. The feast day, observed by Roman Catholics as well as by some Anglicans, is based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska, an obscure Polish nun, reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Church.

-Fr. Bernard Ezaki

# Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, besides being the second Sunday of Easter, we also celebrate the feast of Divine Mercy. It is the special day when we remember the mercy of God.



Mercy is when a person treats another better than they deserve. God does not owe us anything, since everything we have comes from Him. When we sin we offend God, but because He is merciful He forgives us when we are sorry.

Jesus' dying on the cross was the biggest act of mercy. He gave up His life so that we could be forgiven of our sins and go to Heaven! Thank God today for all He has given you, especially giving up His life so that you can go to Heaven!

Here are some easy prayers you can say to ask God to be merciful to us:

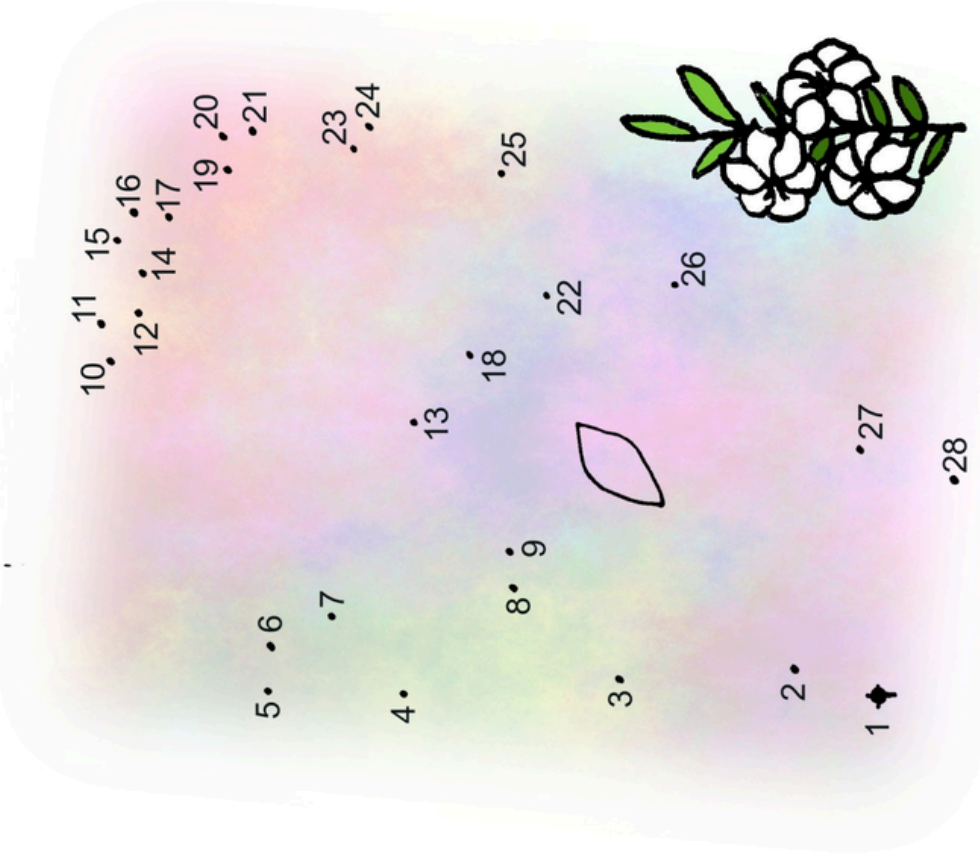
***Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,  
Have mercy on us!***

***Jesus, I trust in You!***

Answer to Word-Find: My Lord and my God!  
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

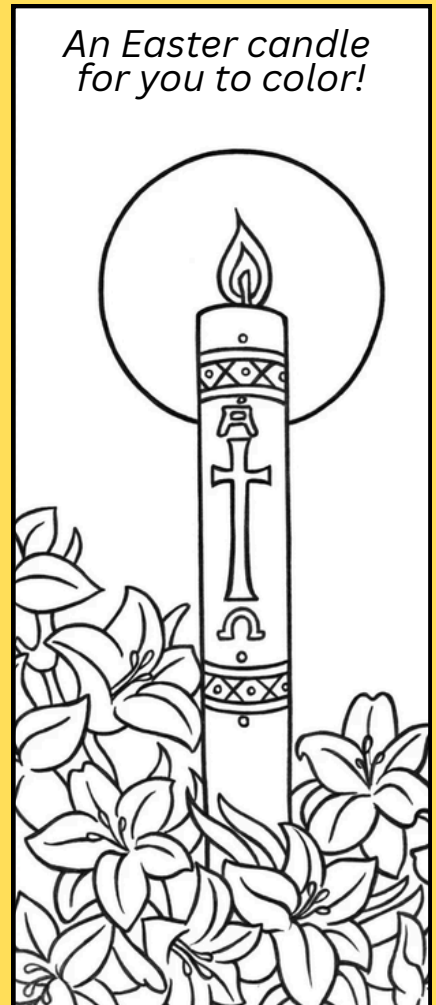
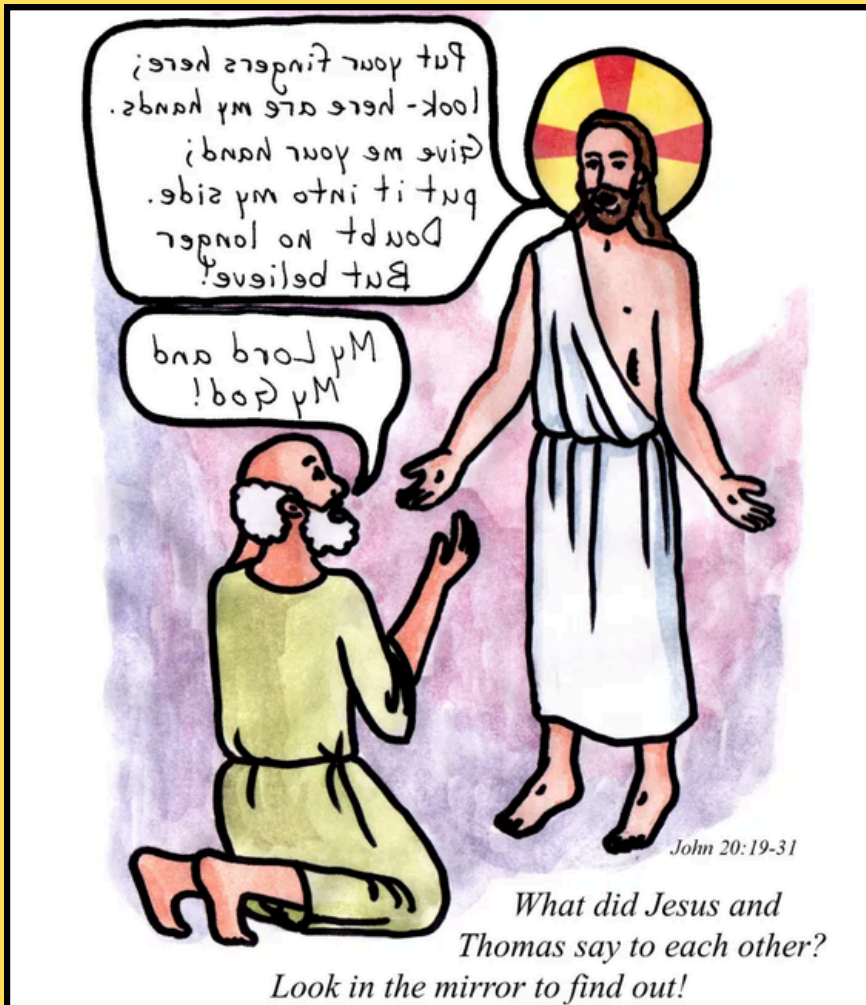
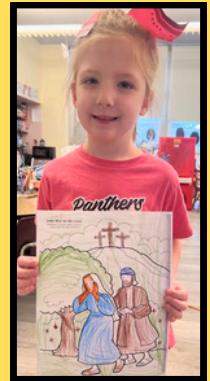
Second Sunday of Easter



Saint Thomas wasn't there the first time Jesus came to the Apostles after He rose from the dead. **What did Thomas say he would have to see before he believed that Jesus was alive?**

Connect the dots to find out!

# At St. Theresa Preschool, we celebrated the joy of Easter and the promise of new life. He is Risen!



# St. Theresa Church and Preschool Gift Card Fundraiser

Earn cash for your parish church and preschool simply by purchasing gift cards for your favorite retailers.

Fill out the form below and bring it with payment to the rectory between 9:00am and 2:30pm or deposit form and payment into the Sunday collection basket. You will be notified when your order is ready.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.**

Merchant	Gift Card Denomination	# of Cards Desired	Total Cost
Amazon (1.70% rebate)	\$100		
Amazon (1.70% rebate)	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 25		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 10		
Chipotle (10% rebate)	\$ 10		
CVS Pharmacy (6% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dick's Sporting Goods (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dunkin (3.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Dunkin (3.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Five Below (2.5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$100		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Home Depot (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Lowe's (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
McDonald's (2% rebate)	\$ 10		
Old Navy (14% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Red Robin (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$100		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods (7% rebate)	\$ 25		
Walmart (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Wawa (1% rebate)	\$ 25		

Total number of gift cards: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount due: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE NOTE: Gift cards are available ONLY for the merchants whose names appear on this form. Please do not request a gift card for any merchant not listed.**

Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church. Please handle your gift cards as you would cash!

**RECTORY OFFICE:** 610-838-7045

**EMAIL:** sttheresacj@gmail.com

**WEBSITE:** www.sttheresaotcj.org

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)**

EMAIL: PREPsttheresacj@gmail.com

PREP OFFICE: 610-838-1020

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DIRECTOR: Mrs. Mary J. Morsbach

PRESCHOOL OFFICE: 610-838-8161

secretary@stsprekhellertown.com

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VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE: 1-800-791-9209

EMAIL: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please visit [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://www.ReportBishopAbuse.org) OR call 800-276-1562.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays, 4:00pm - 4:30pm; First Fridays, 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

**DEVOTIONS**

FIRST FRIDAYS: 7:30am recitation of prayers to the Sacred Heart followed by 8:00am Mass. Confessions are heard after Mass.

FIRST SATURDAYS: 7:30am rosary recitation followed by 8:00am Mass. Confessions are heard after Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

ROSARY will be prayed every weekday in the church immediately following the 8:00am Mass.

**ENROLLMENTS AND CANDLES**

ST. THERESA MEMORIAL ENROLLMENT: For deceased loved ones, a monthly Mass is offered. Suggested offering \$25.

LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY ENROLLMENT: To commemorate a special occasion, enrollees are remembered in a monthly Mass. Suggested offering \$15.

The Sanctuary, St. Joseph, Blessed Virgin Mary, and St. Theresa candles may be lighted for the deceased and for the intentions of the living. Suggested offering \$10.

**HOSPITAL VISITS:** On being admitted to any area hospital, please notify the Rectory Office and provide the hospital with our parish code, which is #177. Pastoral services cannot be obtained without the patient's explicit authorization.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** To arrange for the Anointing of the Sick, please call 610-838-7045, day or night.

**COMMUNION CALLS:** To arrange for Holy Communion to be brought to the ill or homebound, please contact Bob Martin. Call (732)589-1168 or email [Gman3700@aol.com](mailto:Gman3700@aol.com).

**WEDDINGS:** Engaged couples should make arrangements at least one year in advance of their wedding date. A marriage preparation program must be completed at least six months before the wedding.

**BAPTISMS:** Parents who desire baptism for their child(ren) are asked to call the rectory at 610-838-7045.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS**

Please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.

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