

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish , 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA

+ September 27, 2026 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time +

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II
Pastor

Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon David K. Rohner

Our Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith, centered in the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the Light of Christ to each other and to our Community.

Masses

Monday: 6:00pm Mass
(No 8:00am Mass on Mondays)

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00am Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:15pm

**Sunday Masses: 8:00am,
9:30am, 11:00am**

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

First Friday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm



It's Priesthood Sunday!

**Say "Thank you"
to your parish priest.**

**Which of the two did
his **father's will?****

MATTHEW 21:31



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Calendar, September 27- October 4

Sunday, September 27

CGSII, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Monday, September 28

Boy Scouts, 7:00pm

Divine Mercy Cenacle,

Reconciliation Room, 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 29

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 30

CGS1, 9:45am - 11:45am

Thursday, October 1

CGS1, 9:45am - 11:45am

Friday, October 2

First Friday devotions and Eucharistic adoration from 12:00pm - 3:00pm.

Confessions will be heard from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Saturday, October 3

Bingo, Friendship Hall, 5:15pm

Sunday, October 4

PREP 1-8, 8:25am - 9:20am, Mass to follow
"St. Theresa Day" Luncheon, Friendship Hall, 12:00pm

CGSII, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

Mass Intentions, September 27 - October 4

Sunday, September 27 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Stephen Cassidy (Jebitsch family)

8:00am - Anna Paula Sa (Mom & Dad Henriques)

9:30am - John and Irene Ulincy (Loretta Ulincy)

11:00am - George and Bertha Savitske (Family)

Monday, September 28 - St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

6:00pm - Maria & Vincenzo Fantozzi (Josephine Ettorina Fernanda)

Tuesday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:00am - Rev. Dominic Civitella (Behe family)

Wednesday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - John Micklus (Mary Ann & Keith Micklus)

Thursday, October 1 - St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Charles Bartolet, Jr. (Wife, Rita Bartolet)

Friday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am - Little Flower Society

Saturday, October 3- St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, October 4 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Helen Staruch (Bill & Debbie Smith)

8:00am - St. Theresa Memorial Enrollees

9:30am - Armando Villani (Patti Smith)

11:00am - Michael J. Check (Family)

Devotional candles represent the flame of faith and love in our hearts. The suggested offering for each devotional candle is \$10.00.

Memorialize a loved one with a St. Theresa Memorial Enrollment, available for a suggested donation of \$25. Commemorate a special occasion by enrolling a loved one in the Little Flower Society. A donation of \$15.00 is requested. Call the rectory: 610-838-7045.

Devotional Candles, September 27 - October 4

Holy Family Candle

Special Intention (offered by Janice McKellin)

Sacred Heart

Fr. Jerome Tauber (offered by Pat Russo & Mike Getto)

Sanctuary Candle

Eric Rohner (offered by Deacon Dave & Debbie Rohner)

St. Theresa Candle

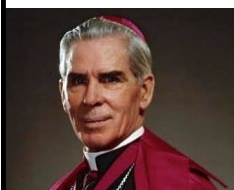
Sr. E. Therese Paull, I.H.M. (offered by Sally Strawn)

BVM Candle

Irene Ulincy (offered by Loretta Ulincy)

St. Joseph Candle

Special Intention (offered by Jim Altimare)



**Blessed Archbishop
Fulton Sheen,
pray for us!**

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: October 3/4, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass time

4:15pm Saturday

8:00am Sunday

9:30am Sunday

11:00am Sunday

Lector

Dave Smith

Isabella LaTassa

Joel Silverthorn

Felicia Wallach

EEM

Deacon Dave

Isabella LaTassa

Deacon Dave

Deacon Dave

Altar server(s)

Janice Sodemann

Tommy Gregorsky

Gabe Silverthorn

Amelia, Alexa Holden

The Parish Community of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
joyfully invites you to the



Installation Mass

of our new Pastor,
Reverend John Anthony Hutta II



Sunday, October 11, 2026
~ 3:00pm ~

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown,
Celebrant

*A reception will immediately follow the
Mass. Please RSVP to the Rectory before
October 4th: 610-838-7045*

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

The Installation Mass fulfills the Sunday Mass obligation.



Keeping Our Parish *Cool* with *God's Love!*

OUR NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IS INSTALLED
AND KEEPING OUR PARISH FAMILY COMFORTABLE!

*Thank you for your
prayers, patience,
and generosity!*



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ST. THERESA
OF THE CHILD JESUS
PARISH
HELLERTOWN, PA

RECEIVED TO DATE

\$86,275

Thank you!

OUR GOAL
\$165,000
for our new
Air Conditioning System



Thank you for your incredible generosity,
prayers, and patience. Every gift—large or
small—helps us provide a comfortable place
to worship for generations to come.

God Bless You!



GOAL: **\$165,000**



RECEIVED TO DATE: **\$86,275**



REMAINING: **\$78,725**



COMFORT FOR ALL
A cool and comfortable
church helps everyone
worship with peace
and focus.



CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY
Especially important for
our children, seniors, and
those with health
concerns.



**INVESTING IN OUR
PARISH HOME**
Ensuring our church remains
a place of prayer, beauty,
and hospitality.

EVERY GIFT COUNTS † THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

ST. THERESA PARISH!

"Whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40





The Frontier Soup Sale is in full swing. All proceeds help to defray the cost of the air conditioning. So far the response has been very positive. Any orders submitted by 9/29/26 will be taken for this fundraiser. Please call Linda Dull as soon as possible with your order. 484-767-7790. Extra order forms are available at all entrances of the church. Please support this fundraiser. Thank you!

The Ladies Guild is seeking Theme Basket donations for its annual Autumnfest Basket Raffle. Theme suggestions include Christmas, autumn, children, sports, car, pets, and baking. Be creative and come up with your own imaginative theme! A minimum value of \$50 value per basket is requested. Watch the bulletin for more information on Autumnfest!



Weekly Collection Report

The September 19/20 total is \$6354. There will be one collection next week, October 4. It will go towards routine parish expenses.

The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, as October 7 is the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The feast was instituted to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying the Rosary by the faithful. Please come 10 minutes early to Mass each Sunday in October and join the Knights as they lead the congregation in a decade of the Rosary.



Have you prayed your rosary today?

The Good Samaritan Society offers short term assistance to Hellertown-Lower Saucon residents. If someone you know needs help, call the society confidentially at 610-509-5863. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted! Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" in the memo line.



In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Our Lord designated the first Friday of each month as a day to honor His Sacred Heart and to make reparation for sin. Please join the parish community in its First Friday devotions on October 2 at 7:30am.

Support St. Theresa parish while also receiving possible financial and tax benefits! Those who are 70½ or older may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from their IRA. A QCD may allow a gift to be excluded from taxable income. Consult your tax advisor first, then call Sue for information: **610-838-7045**.

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Join the St. Theresa Seniors at Sight & Sound Theater for
"JOSHUA"

on Tuesday, November 10! \$169 per person includes 11:00am show, bus transportation, and family-style meal. Depart from St. Theresa parking lot at 8:00am. (Please arrive by 7:45am.) Return to St. Theresa parking lot approximately 6:00pm. For information, call Nancy (610-360-3738) or Isabella (610-838-7045) or email sttheresacj@gmail.com



Join us for a special St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

Wednesday, October 7, 5:30pm

Cathedral Church of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 W. Turner St., Allentown

The evening will include the Sacrament of Confession, the Rosary of Supplication for Our Prodigals, Vespers, and Benediction. The Holy Hour will also be livestreamed for those unable to attend. For more information, email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com or call the St. Theresa rectory: 610-838-7151.

Blessing of Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate on October 4, a blessing of pets and animals will be offered on **Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am.**

The blessing will take place in the St. Theresa Garden. For the safety of all, please be sure that your pets are either leashed or in cages.



CGS is Seeking Assistants

We need Assistants for each of our CGS sessions. Looking for individuals who can help lead, guide and listen to God with the children. Clearances needed. Training will be provided. Please contact Maria Jones at marialellis@gmail.com if you are interested in enrolling your child in CGS or if you are available to assist.

Knights of Columbus present De-Clutter for a Cause

Knights of Columbus will be collecting Yard Sale donations on **Saturday, October 3**

Collections will take place from **8:00am to 10:00am** in the church parking lot. If you would like to arrange for pickup or would like more information, please contact Terry Coffey: **859-333-4476** or email TFCoffey@gmail.com



Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish?

Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith welcomes you!
Please call 610-838-7045 for information.



**Saturday, October 3
Friendship Hall**

Doors open 5:15pm; games begin 6:00pm. \$25 packet includes 15 regular games PLUS specials.

You must be 18+ to play.
Questions? Call Isabella: 610-838-7045.

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

Don't miss the Diocese of Allentown's
65th Anniversary Family Festival
Sunday, November 1

St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Orefield

The Festival will begin at noon and conclude with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert at 4:30pm. Live music, a petting zoo, carnival and games, bingo, and an All Saints Trunk-or-Treat. Rain or shine!
More information is coming soon.

SAVE THE DATE

AUTUMNFEST 2026

Saturday, November 14, 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sunday, November 15, 8:30am - 1:00pm



Mass in Honor of St. Therese

Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm
Carmelite Chapel of St. Therese
3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg

*Come to the Carmel of Allentown to honor
St. Therese of the Child Jesus!*

- ~ Blessing of roses in St. Therese's name ~
- ~ Distribution of 1,000 blessed roses ~
- ~ Refreshments following devotions ~

*The Divine Mercy Cenacle meets for
prayer, reflection, and discussion on
the writings of St. Faustina, to whom
Our Lord revealed His Merciful Heart.
We gather at 7:00pm in the church
Reconciliation Room on the 4th
Monday of the month. Our next
meeting will be September 28.
For information, please call
Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.*



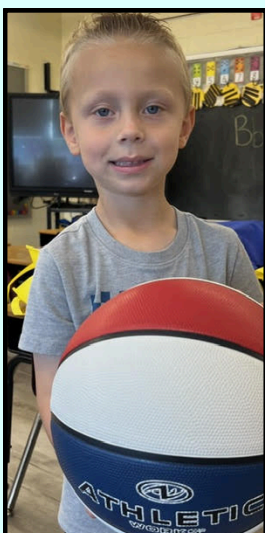
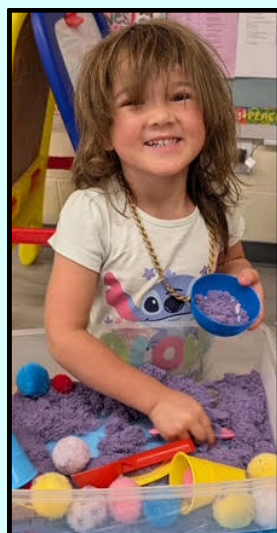
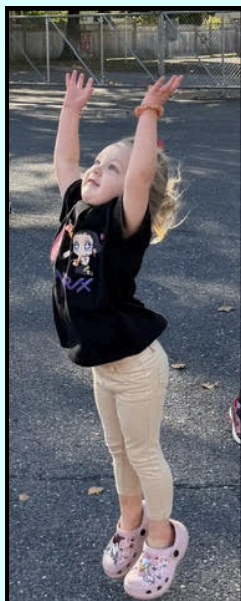
St. Theresa Preschool **CLOTHING DRIVE**

Monday, October 5 - Thursday, October 8

Items are to be secured in heavy duty plastic bags, tied closed. Bags may be dropped off in front of the old convent garage on Ruch Alley. Drop off times are Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 8:30am, and from 2:45pm to 3:15pm except on Thursday, October 8, when donations will be accepted only until 12:00pm. If you are unable to come at designated drop off times, please place bags on the side porch of 220 Leonard Street at any time of day.
Items in GOOD CONDITION are used and distributed.

It was **Letter B** Week at St. Theresa Preschool!

We explored the letter B through basketball, bugs, Barbies, and binoculars! We also learned about our amazing brains with neurologist Dr. Mendez, and enjoyed Gym Fun on Tuesday!



Changing Your Mind

In today's Gospel reading, Our Lord tells the parable of the two sons whose father asked them to help in the vineyard. The first son told his father he wouldn't help, but then he changed his mind and did what he was asked. The second son said he would help, but he didn't.



I always listen.

This time I'm just going to play.

In the end it doesn't matter so much if we say we are going to do what's right. What is important is that we do it. We call ourselves Christians because we believe in Jesus and the Church He gave us, but we only really are being Christians if we do what He says.

I should have done my homework... I'll do it now.



Sometimes we decide not to obey God. But if we are sorry afterwards and do what is right, God will not look at the bad things we did. On the other hand, if we do good things and then change to doing bad things, then we have decided to turn away from God, and we will be punished for our sins.

Answer to puzzle on front page: The one who said he would not.
 Answers to Cross-Word: Across: 2.fair 4.does 6.he 7.committed 8.is 9.just 11.virtue
 14.say 15.sins 17.unfair 19.live 20.Lord Down: 1.because 3.iniquity 4.die 5.says
 8.it 10.turns 12.must 13.shall 14.since 16.if 18.all

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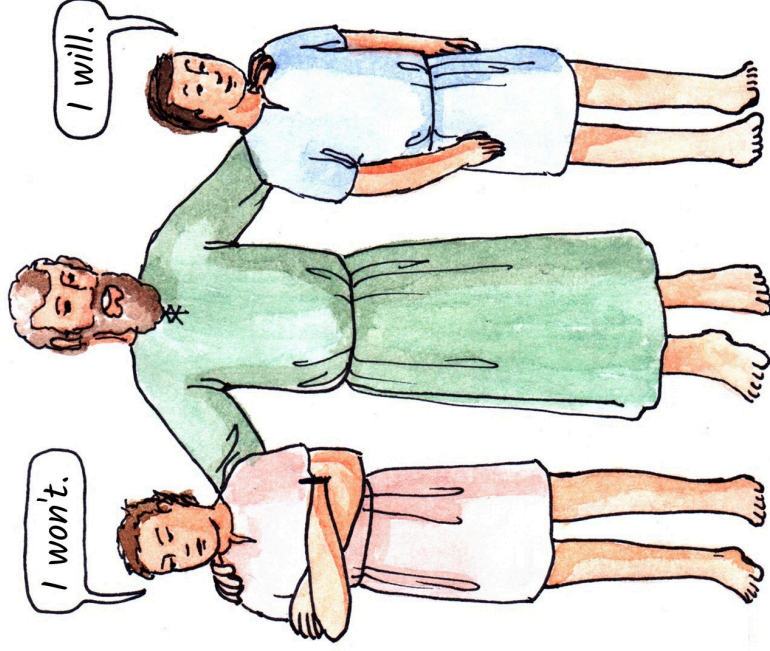
The Kids' Bulletin

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 27th, 2026

In today's Gospel parable, a father asked his two sons to work in the vineyard.

Which one did what his father asked?

Use every second letter to fill in the blanks and find out the answer!



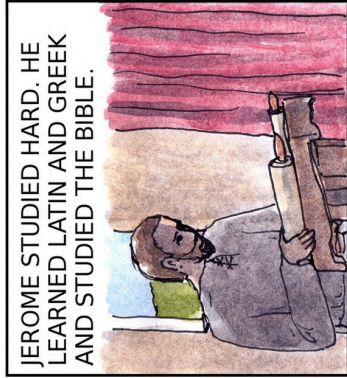
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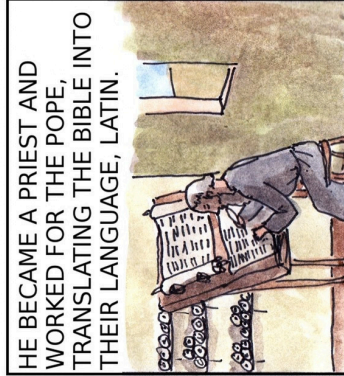
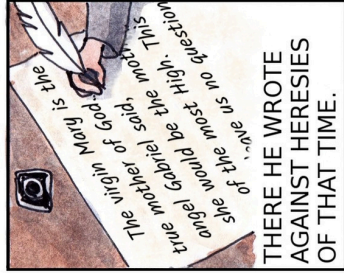
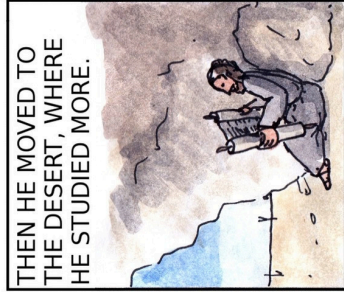
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Saint Jerome

September 30



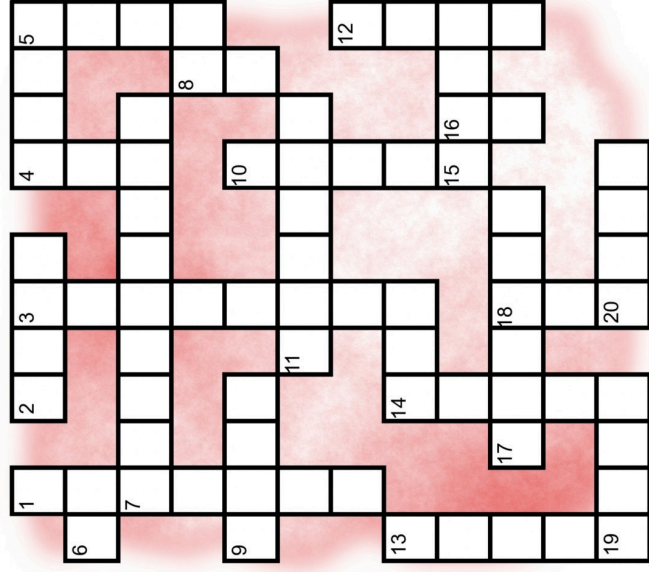
JEROME LIVED IN THE MID 300'S. WHEN HE GREW UP HE LIVED IN ROME. AT FIRST HE JUST HAD FUN, BUT THEN HE DECIDED TO GET BAPTIZED.



SAINT JEROME DIED AS AN OLD MAN. HE IS CONSIDERED A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH BECAUSE HE DID SO MUCH TO HELP PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD. WE CAN LEARN FROM ST. JEROME THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BIBLE. TRY TO READ A BIT OF THE BIBLE EVERY DAY.

Ezekiel 18 Cross-Word

Use the words from the list to fill in the blanks in the reading and the puzzle.
a=across & d=down.



COMMITTED
ININQUITY
BECAUSE
UNFAIR
VIRTUE
TURNS
SHALL
SINCE
MUST
LORD
SAYS
JUST
DOES
IT
IS
IF
HE
DIE
ALL
SAY
FAIR
SINS
LIVE

Thus (5d) the : (20a) You (14a)
"The Lord's way is not !" (2a) Hear now, house
of Israel: (8a) it my way that is unfair, or rather, are
not your ways ? (17a) When someone
virtuous (10d) away from (11a) to
commit , (3d) and dies, (8d) is
(1d) of the iniquity he committed that
(6a) (12d) die. But (16d) he turns from
the wickedness he has , (7a) and
(4a) what is right and , (9a) he shall preserve his
life; (14d) he has turned away from (18d)
the (15a) that he committed, he (13d)
surely , (19a) he shall not . (4d)

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DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please visit www.ReportBishopAbuse.org OR call 800-276-1562.

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays, 3:00pm - 3:45pm; 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, Sacred Heart, St. Theresa and Holy Family 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.

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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