

+ February 15, 2026 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time +
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055



I have come
not to *abolish*
but to *fulfill*.

MATTHEW 5:17

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

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

Deacon David K. Rohner

Masses

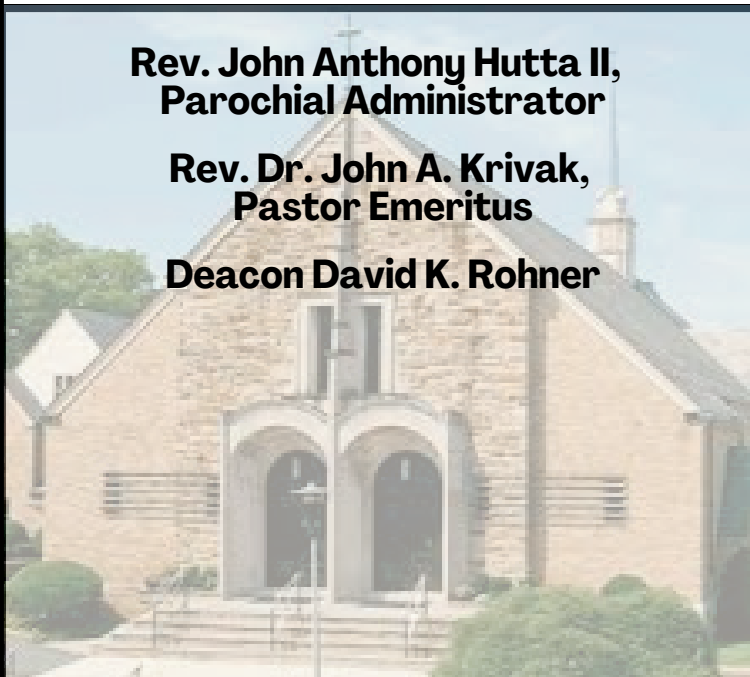
**Monday - Friday, 8:00am;
Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm;
Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am**

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, February 15 - February 22

Sunday, February 15

Girl Scout Cookie Sale after all Masses

Monday, February 16

Rectory closed
No CGS

Tuesday, February 17

Carmelite Formation, Parish Center,

2:00pm - 5:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Church,

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Exaltation of the Cross Prayer Group,
School Bldg., following Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:00am, 8:15am, 4:45pm, 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Word, 12:15pm

PREP 1-6, School Bldg., 4:30 - 5:45

Thursday, February 19

CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am

PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

PREP 8, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Friday, February 20

No events or meetings scheduled.

Saturday, February 21

No events or meetings scheduled.

Sunday, February 22

Rite of Sending, Church, 9:30am Mass

Mass Intentions, February 15 - February 22

Sunday, February 15 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - John Fliszar (Lorraine Fliszar)

8:00am - People of the Parish

9:30am - Pat Koch (Bill & Terri Zakocs)

11:00am - John Micklus (Mary Ann & Keith Micklus)

Monday, February 16 - Weekday

8:00am - Jude Kirby (Mom & Dad Kirby)

Tuesday, February 17 - The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:00am - Raymond Labuda (Joe Melin)

Wednesday, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

7:00am - Margaret E. Falatek (Estate)

8:15am - Art and Jean Windsor (Eleana Melega)

12:15pm - Liturgy of the Word

4:45pm - PREP Mass (Rita Zambelli (David Bedic)

7:00pm - James and Helen Mindock (Estate)

Thursday, February 19 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am - John R. Sopko (John & Stephanie Marlin)

Friday, February 20 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:00am - Mel Kling (John & Stephanie Marlin)

Saturday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No 8:00am

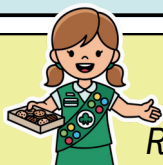
Sunday, February 22 - First Sunday of Lent

5:00pm (Sat.) - Emma Ardinger (Lorraine Fliszar)

8:00am - Ursula Nagle (John & Stephanie Marlin)

9:30am - People of the Parish

11:00am - Beauford and Cathey Jones (Greg Jones family)



Girl Scout cookies will be sold after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND!**
All of your favorites will be available...including gluten-free cookies!
Regular cookies are \$6 per box and gluten-free cookies are \$7 per box.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule, February 18 - Ash Wednesday

Mass time	Lector	EEM	Altar server(s)
7:00am	Isabella LaTassa	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:15am	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
12:15pm	Margo Teleki	NO EEM NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
4:45pm	Denise Goodrich	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
7:00pm	Mary Francis Schurtz-Leon	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Liturgical Ministers Schedule, February 22 - First Sunday of Lent

Mass time	Lector	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Denise Goodrich	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Chris Roth	Chris Roth	Bill Ripper
9:30am Sunday	Joani Dornblaser	Joani Dornblaser	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Matt Kirby	Peggy Vietro	Ivo Kirby

*St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish
Lent 2026
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes – February 11*

My dear brothers and sisters of St. Theresa Parish,

On the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel tells us that Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. In the silence and solitude of that wilderness, our Lord confronts temptation face to face—and He overcomes the spiritual enemy whom He names as “a murderer from the beginning... a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

We do not have to look far to see how those lies still echo in our world today—where the dignity of human life is threatened, truth is distorted, and hearts grow weary. And so, the coming forty days of Lent are not a burden, but a gift—God’s invitation to renewal.

This Lent, the Church calls us once again to renew our baptismal promises: to renounce Satan, all his works, and all his empty promises, and to allow ourselves—like Christ—to be led by the Holy Spirit into our own “little desert.”

That desert is not a place of fear, but of encounter: encounter through daily prayer, encounter through regular confession, encounter through a deeper love for the Holy Eucharist—Jesus truly present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Lent re-centers our lives. Through prayer, fasting, and sacrificial giving, Holy Mother Church gently draws us back to what matters most. Through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ reveals God’s infinite love for every man, woman, and child—and gives Himself to us completely in the Eucharist: Emmanuel, God-with-us. At times, Lent may feel daunting. We may wonder: How will I give up even small comforts? Where will I find time for prayer? Yet the “desert” of these days opens new horizons in the heart. It teaches us to see life anew.

One of the great challenges of our time is silence. We live in a noisy, oversaturated world. Lent invites us to reclaim stillness—especially in the church, before our Eucharistic Lord. The quiet reverence of the church is not emptiness; it is space for intimacy with Christ.

The evil one will always try to distract us—suggesting that something else is more urgent than prayer, especially prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. But the saints tell us otherwise: these are the happiest moments we will spend on earth.

And so, during Lent 2026, I invite you—I urge you—to nourish your faith:

First and foremost, be faithful to Sunday Mass. Bring with you your joys and sorrows, your victories and struggles, and place them on the altar as Christ gives you His very self. If you have been away from Mass—come home. The doors of St. Theresa’s are always open, and your parish family longs for you. Consider attending a weekday Mass, or praying the Rosary more intentionally during Lent. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, especially during our scheduled parish hours. Walk with Christ through the Stations of the Cross, entering more deeply into His saving love. And perhaps this Lent is the moment to lay down your burdens in Confession, and experience the freedom of God’s mercy anew.

As we embrace fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, I also ask you to prayerfully consider how you might grow in generosity toward the parish. Lenten charity not only strengthens the soul—it sustains the life and mission of the Church, here at St. Theresa’s and beyond.

Like Saint Bernadette, allow yourself to be led by the Spirit into the stillness of prayer. Let this Lent help you see your life with new eyes—and recognize the greatness of your calling. May Our Lady walk with us in our poverty and teach us our need for God, our need for the Holy Eucharist, and our need for prayer. May these forty days be a time of true grace and renewal for our parish family.

With prayerful gratitude for each of you, I remain,

Yours in Our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Suffering Servant who brings us life,



Rev. John A. Hutta

If you or a loved one is ill, hospitalized, or residing in a nursing home, please notify the Rectory of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus: 610-838-7045.

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and care facilities are not permitted to inform the parish of admissions. The only way we know someone is in need of pastoral care is if you or a family member contacts us directly. Once we are aware, a priest will be happy to arrange a visit for prayer, Holy Communion, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, or Confession, as appropriate. Your call allows us to care for you spiritually during times of illness and difficulty. **Please do not hesitate to reach out— we are here for you.**

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday, February 18
following Eucharistic Adoration

Our prayer group celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit through praise, worship, Scripture reading, and prayer. We start with song to praise our Lord, then look at Scripture, which is usually the readings for the upcoming weekend. We look forward to seeing you there! Please call Jeff Kriebel at 610-217-1739.



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. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" as the memo.



"Will you not watch one hour with Me?"

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, February 17
6:00pm - 7:00pm

(No confessions will be heard.)

Devotional Candles, February 15 - 22

Sanctuary Candle

Abby and Lexi Soltysiak
(offered by Gram & Pop)

St. Theresa Candle

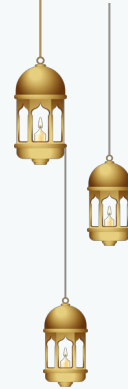
Jane Finger
(offered by Israel family)

BVM Candle

Special Intention
(offered by Frank & Linda Wilk)

St. Joseph Candle

Special Intention
(offered by Jim Altimare)



The rectory will be closed **Monday, February 16**
in observance of Presidents Day.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saint Joseph's Table Sunday, March 22

immediately following the
11:00am Mass in Friendship Hall.

Watch the bulletin for details.

EASTER NEWS BREAK: NUT ROLL SALE ORDER FORM

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Walnut _____ Poppyseed _____ Lekvar _____
Seedless Raspberry _____ Apricot _____ Pumpkin Cheese _____

Total # of rolls _____ x \$18 = \$ _____

Order early to ensure availability! Order form and payment
must be received at the rectory by MARCH 2, 2026.

CASH OR CHECKS accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Theresa's Ladies Guild.
Drop off order or send to St. Theresa Church Rectory, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055.

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Meatless Chili Dinner



Dine in or Take out

**Friday February 27th
Friendship Hall
4:30pm - 7pm**

Adults: \$14.00
Youth (5-12): \$10.00
Under 5: Free
Family of 4: \$45.00
Quart of chili: \$10.00



Catechumens who participate in the Rite of Sending are eligible for full initiation at this year's Easter Vigil. The Rite of Sending will take place at St. Theresa's during the 9:30am Mass on February 22. We rejoice in the catechumen's decision to receive the Sacraments of Initiation and assure them of the prayers of the parish community.



The **St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line** offers the prayers for others' intentions. Prayer requests may be emailed to 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 (one means only, please) _____
Email _____
Phone _____

St. Theresa Grief Support

offers educational support and emotional and spiritual healing. Each session includes prayer, information, and sharing in a confidential setting.

The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Center. Dates are March 3, 10, 17, and 24, and April 7 and 14.

For more information, please contact Miriam Martin at 610-442-0947.



St. Theresa Preschool Pierogi Fundraiser

The preschool is partnering with **Papa Sarge's Homemade Pierogies** for its pierogi fundraiser.

Nine different pierogi varieties are available:

Potato and Cheese - Bacon, Potato, and Cheese
Sauerkraut, Potato, and Cheese
Jalapeno Cheddar - Dill Pickle - Buffalo Chicken
Apple - Cherry - Blueberry

All pierogies are \$12.00 per dozen.

Cash payment only, please.

Order forms are in the vestibule.

Deadline is Friday, February 27.

Orders may be picked up in Friendship Hall on Thursday, March 19 from 11:30am-3:00pm.

If you have any questions, please call the preschool at 610-838-8161 or email secretary@stsprekhellertown.com

HAVE YOU PRAYED YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

The collection total for February 8 is \$6472.
Thank you for your generosity!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Bingo resumes Saturday, March 7.

Make a Joyful Noise!

Now through February 22, 2026

Make A Joyful Noise is an online competition and a virtual celebration for our Catholic Schools Community.

Check out the talent, energy, and creativity that students have put into videos that showcase their school spirit. Then, cast a vote for your favorite school by making a donation to help it rise to the top. Every donation counts as a vote for the school you choose to support. You can vote as often as you like. Encourage family and friends to vote, too. Visit p2p.onecause.com/makeajoyfulnoise

LENT: What Catholics Need to Know

WHY THE ASHES? THE MEANING OF ASH WEDNESDAY	1 ASHES WERE USED AS A SIGN OF REPENTANCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT 	2  ASHES ARE A PUBLIC SIGN OF OUR INTENT TO DIE TO OUR WORLDLY DESIRES AND LIVE IN CHRIST
3 ASHES ALSO SYMBOLIZE GRIEF, IN THIS CASE, GRIEF FOR OUR SINS. 	4 AS OUR FOREHEADS ARE BEING MARKED, THE PRIEST SAYS: "REMEMBER THAT YOU ARE DUST AND UNTO DUST YOU SHALL RETURN" 	5 THE ASHES COME FROM THE BLESSED PALMS USED IN THE PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR 

INFORMATION FROM ARCHTORONTO.ORG AND CATHOLIC.ORG

 CatholicLink




ASH WEDNESDAY

LENT BEGINS


PRAYING FASTING ABSTINENCE

WHAT IS LENT?

The 40-day period from Ash Wednesday and before Easter Sunday. It is marked by praying, fasting, abstinence, and other acts of penance.







WHAT IS FASTING?



One meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

Abstinence is refraining from eating meat. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl.

DAYS OF FAST?

Ash Wednesday

Good Friday

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE?

Ash Wednesday

All Fridays of Lent

Good Friday


WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Catholics from age < 18 to 59 >

The sick are excused from fasting

WHO ARE REQUIRED?

Mandatory for everyone older than 14 years old



Source: Code of Canon Law

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Ash Wednesday

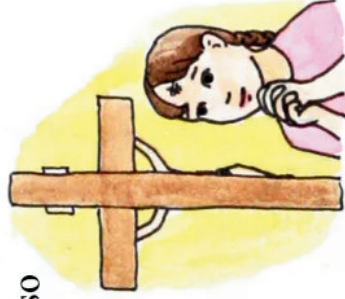


This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. Lent is a special time in which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.



Lent is a time of repentance. We make sacrifices and try to improve our lives to become more like Jesus. Jesus never sinned but He gave up His life to pay for our sins. That is why we make sacrifices—out of love for God and to make up for our sins. We offer our sacrifices to God the Father, just as Jesus on the cross offered up His life to God the Father.

On Ash Wednesday if you go to Mass you can receive ashes on your forehead. The ashes are a sign of repentance. They remind us that without God we are nothing and that someday we will die and be buried. But they can also remind us that if we do have God living in us, after we die we will rise from the dead, just as Jesus did on Easter, after He died on the cross.



Answer to Word-find: "you will be blessed"

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 15th, 2026



Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

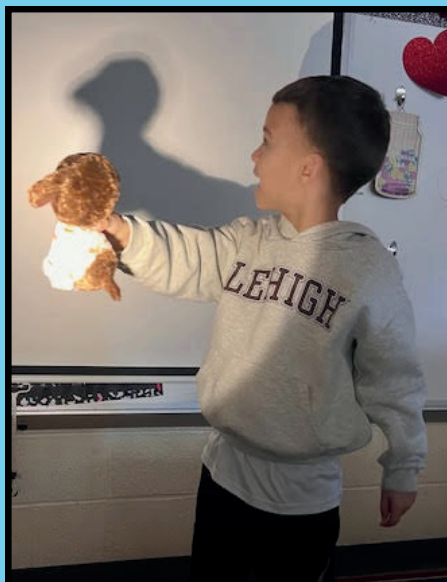
Some people in Jesus' time thought that He was going to get rid of the old law. What does He have to say about the commandments in today's Gospel reading?

Look at this picture in the mirror to find out!

This week at St. Theresa Preschool



St. Theresa Preschool has been busy with joyful learning! Students celebrated Crazy Hat Day, explored shadows for Groundhog Day, welcomed special guests Trooper Nate Branosky and Lieutenant Kyle Griffith, and enjoyed activities focused on the Letter P. We are thankful for these fun and meaningful moments together.



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. No selling, no taking orders, no sales pitches!

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		
Five Below (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Fresh Grocer (Valley Farm) (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$100		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Home Depot (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Lowes (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		
Rite Aid (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Sheetz (3% rebate)	\$ 25		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$100		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Subway (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
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

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PRESCHOOL

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 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.

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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