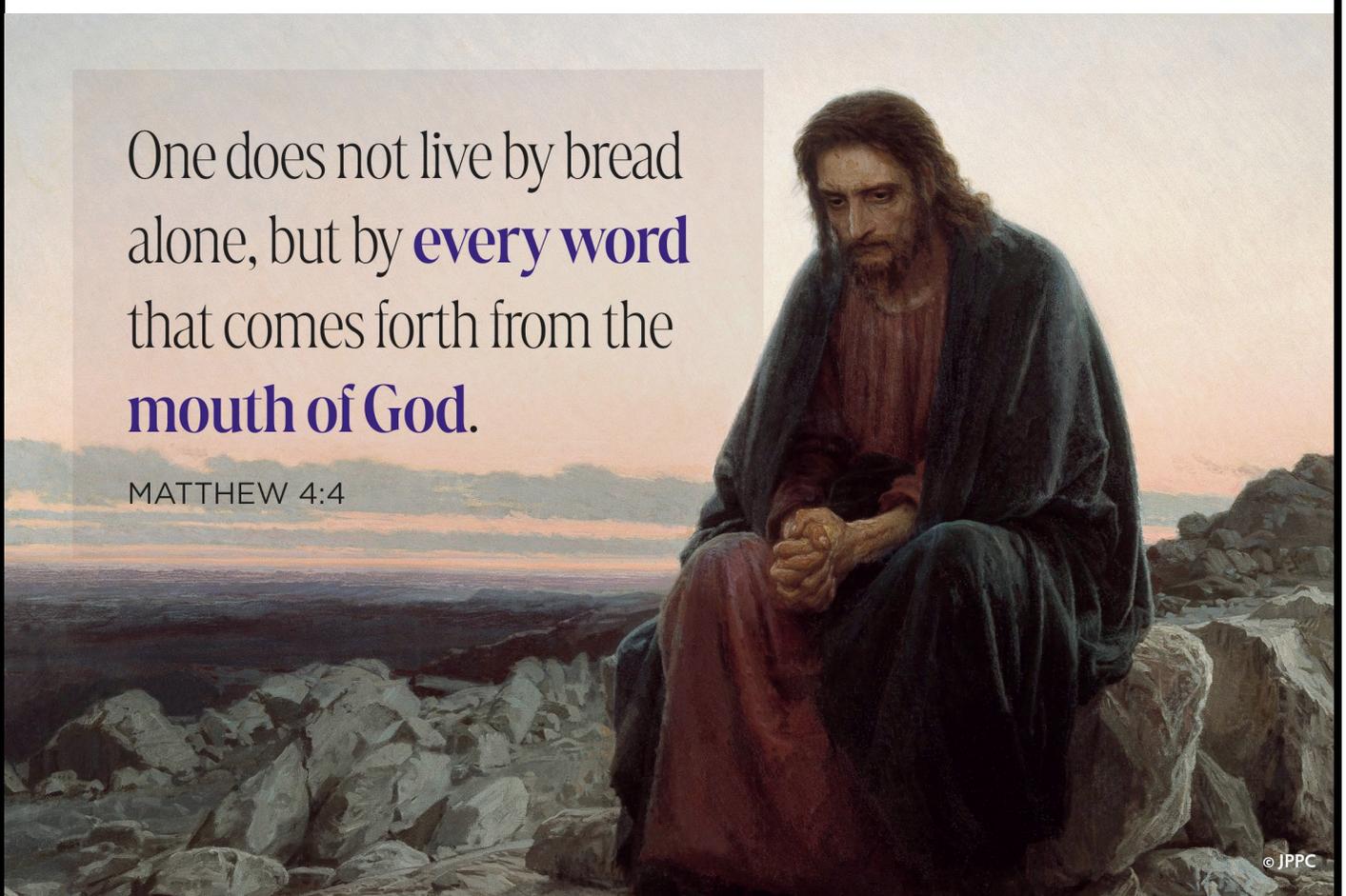


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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055

One does not live by bread
alone, but by **every word**
that comes forth from the
mouth of God.

MATTHEW 4:4



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

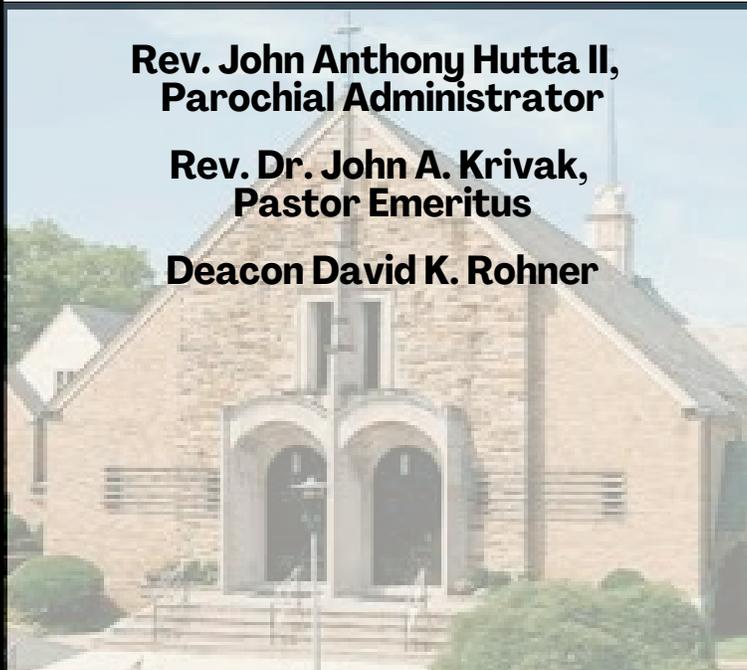
Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration,
no Confession

Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30
Eucharistic Adoration
with Confession

Confession

Saturdays, 4:00pm - 4:30pm



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Calendar, February 22 - March 1

Sunday, February 22

Rite of Sending, Church, 9:30am Mass

Monday, February 23

CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am
 CGS2, Church LL, 4:30pm - 6:30pm
 Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, February 24

No events or meetings scheduled.

Wednesday, February 25

PREP 1-6, Friendship Hall, 4:30 - 5:45
 Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm
 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 7:00pm - 8:00pm;
no confessions heard

Thursday, February 26

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

Friday, February 27

St. Monica Ministry, Rectory LL, 10:00am
 Stations of the Cross, Church, 12:00pm - 12:30pm
 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 12:30pm - 1:30pm;
confessions WILL be heard
 KoC Chili Dinner, Friendship Hall, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

Saturday, February 28

"The Little Flowers," Friendship Hall,
 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sunday, March 1

Children's Lenten Activities, Friendship Hall,
 10:30am - 11:30am

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

Friday, March 13

Friday, March 27

4:30pm - 7:00pm

Friendship Hall

Mass Intentions, February 22 - March 1

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)

Monday, February 23 - St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am - Ed Michaylira (John & Janice Rufe)

Tuesday, February 24 - Lenten Weekday

8:00am - Brenda Krajci (Agnes Trily)

Wednesday, February 25 - Lenten Weekday

8:00am - James Thompson (Wife & daughter)

Thursday, February 26 - Lenten Weekday

8:00am - Rose and Victor DeNino (Eleana Melega)

Friday, February 27 - St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Kathleen Stahl (Mary Beth Carey)

Saturday, February 28 - Lenten Weekday

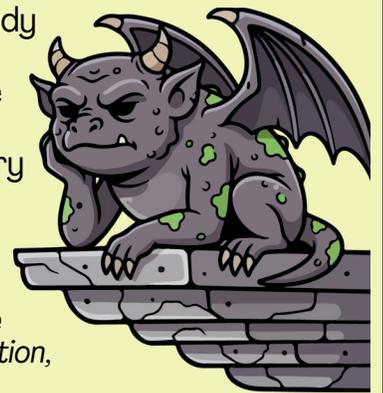
No 8:00am

Sunday, March 1 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

5:00pm (Sat.) - Sally Chaffier (Jackie Cheddar & family)
 8:00am - Anna Paula Sa (Mom & Dad Henriques)
 9:30am (PREP) - Adenuga family (Kirby family)
 11:00am - Kate Cuppi (Mary Frances)

Fr. John Anthony Hutta will present **"Unmasking the Enemy,"** a six-part study of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*. The first session will take place Monday, February 21 from 10:00am to 11:00am in Friendship Hall.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, please call the rectory.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule: March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

Mass time	Lector	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Joel Silverthorn	Deacon Dave	Tabor siblings
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Tomic siblings
11:00am Sunday	Linda Dull	Deacon Dave	S. Graf & A. Holden



St. Theresa

PRESCHOOL

Transitional Kindergarten

NEW FOR 2026-2027

FULL AND HALF DAY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE



A Confident Start • A Faith-Filled Foundation • A Gift of Growth

WHAT IS TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN?

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is an academic, faith-based bridge between Preschool and Kindergarten, aligned with PA Early Learning Standards. It is a structured, play-based learning program, rooted in Catholic values for children who are ready for school, yet can benefit from an additional year of growth before traditional Kindergarten. TK focuses on the whole child—spiritually, socially, emotionally, and academically. At St. Theresa's, we are equipped with experienced and knowledgeable teachers and staff that will support your child's emotional maturity and self-regulation while preparing them for long-term academic success!

**REGISTRATION
NOW OPEN!**

TYPICAL TK STUDENT

- ✓ Turning 5 during the school year
- ✓ Birthdays from Late June through Late December
- ✓ Eager and ready to learn
- ✓ May benefit from additional year of growth before Kindergarten

READY TO ENROLL?

- ✓ Call or email to schedule your pre-enrollment screening

FOR MORE INFORMATION

☎ 610-838-8161

✉ secretary@stsprekhellertown.com

St. Theresa Preschool 300 Leonard Street Hellertown, PA 18055



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 12, 2026

Did you know? The message of Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And he wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins, so that when we call upon Him with trust to receive HIS mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share HIS joy.

Due to privacy regulations, hospitals and care facilities are not permitted to inform the parish of admissions. If you or a family member needs pastoral care, St. Theresa's must be contacted directly. Please call the rectory at 610-838-7045. Your call allows us to care for you spiritually during times of illness and difficulty. **Please don't hesitate to reach out – we are here for you.**

St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Edward Michaylira
(enrolled by Linda & Larry Dull)




MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saint Joseph's Table
Sunday, March 22
Friendship Hall
 immediately following the 11:00am Mass.

Watch the bulletin for details.

Devotional Candles, February 22 - March 1

Sanctuary Candle

James Thompson
(offered by wife & daughter)

St. Theresa Candle

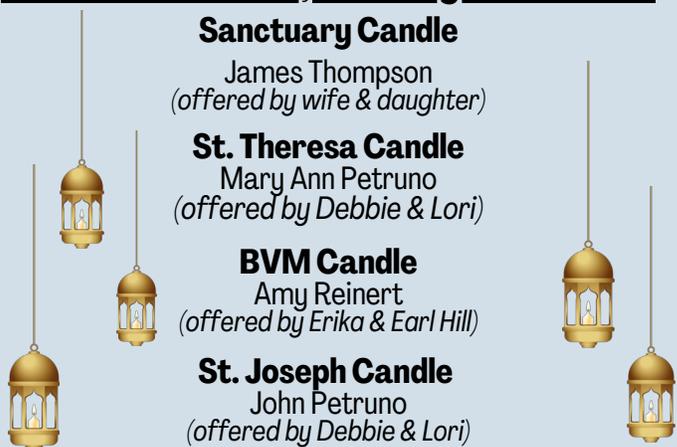
Mary Ann Petruno
(offered by Debbie & Lori)

BVM Candle

Amy Reinert
(offered by Erika & Earl Hill)

St. Joseph Candle

John Petruno
(offered by Debbie & Lori)



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

Wednesday, February 25, 7:00pm - 8:00pm
(No confessions will be heard.)

Friday, February 27, 12:30pm - 1:30pm
(Confessions will be heard.)

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 by MARCH 2. **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.



We Are Going Up to Jerusalem: Walking the Road That Changes Everything

Lent is not simply a season on the calendar — it is a journey of the heart.

Join us at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish for a powerful Lenten Day of Mercy featuring a dynamic reflection by The Very Rev. Gregory Noga of the Eparchy of Passaic. Father Noga will lead us in a stirring meditation on walking with Christ toward Jerusalem — toward surrender, sacrifice, and the saving love of the Cross.

The day will include:

- **Eucharistic Adoration**
- **Confessions throughout the day**
- **Lenten Reflection by Very Rev. Gregory Noga**
- **the Mystery of the Holy Anointing In the Byzantine tradition.**

During this sacred time, we will rediscover how:

- **Faith strengthens us to trust God when the road is steep.**
- **Hope opens our eyes to resurrection beyond suffering.**
- **Love fulfills the human heart through self-giving.**

Jerusalem represents that decisive moment in every Christian life — where grace transforms fear into trust and surrender into victory.

**Come and sit before the Lord in Adoration.
Come and receive His mercy in Confession.
Come and experience His healing through Anointing.**

**Allow this Lent to renew your heart and deepen your walk with Christ.
All are welcome.**

**The road changes everything.
And so will you.**

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



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.

*Have you prayed
your rosary today?*



Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please email your publication-ready blurb to
bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com
ten days before the desired date of publication.

The Golden Sweepers Ministry

The Golden Sweepers clean and care for God's house. Our humble efforts help to beautify the sacred spaces of our parish.

We will meet Friday, February 27
at 10:00am in the church.

Refreshments will be served post-cleaning so that you can relax and enjoy the company of fellow Sweepers.

Please join us!

Call the rectory at 610-838-7045.



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

Women's Lenten Conference

Saturday, March 7, 8:00am - 3:00pm
Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena
1875 West Turner Street Allentown

In a world of division and strained relationships, the Women's Lenten Conference offers hope and practical tools for unity. Join the Bishop's Commission for Women for Mass with Bishop Schlert, lunch, confessions, Eucharistic adoration, and presentations. Hear from cultural commentator Noelle Mering, author of *Awake, Not Woke*, as well as psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi, a national radio and television host known for faith-based counsel on Catholic family life.

Register at

www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/love-hope-holiness-womens-lenten-conference-2026

“Rooted in Christ, Building for Generations” State of the Parish Town Hall and Parish Family Dialogue

My dear family, my parishioners, my brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Church is not simply a building.
The Church is not simply an organization.
The Church is the living Body of Christ.

And yet — that living Body gathers in a sacred place.

I warmly invite you to join me for our State of the Parish Town Hall Meetings, which will be held in the Body of the Church — the very heart of our spiritual home — during the last week of February.

Meeting Dates & Times

Monday, February 23 – 6:00pm

Wednesday, February 25 – 12:00pm

Friday, February 27 – 9:15am

These gatherings are not merely informational meetings. They are moments of discernment. Moments of accountability. Moments of renewal. Together we will prayerfully reflect on:

- what the Lord has accomplished among us
- the new initiatives we are beginning
- how we must strengthen, instruct, and renew our ministries
- how we build deeper parish community life
- how we grow in our Catholic faith — that sacred gift entrusted to us.

Our faith is not something we inherit and place on a shelf. It is a gift to be lived. A relationship to be deepened. A call to discipleship. We are called to grow in a deeper personal relationship with God — to become faithful disciples and true stewards, using all our gifts, our time, and our talents to build up our parish home. And we must speak honestly about something very important: the care and maintenance of our parish property.

Yes, we are the living stones of the Church. But we also need the brick and mortar. These buildings are not luxuries. They are sacred spaces:

- where our children are baptized
- where sins are forgiven
- where marriages are blessed
- where we say farewell to our loved ones
- where Heaven touches earth at the Altar.

We will discuss:

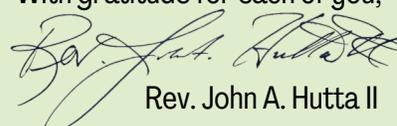
- what we have been doing to maintain our facilities
- what must be addressed
- what investments, talents and resources are necessary
- what must be done to ensure that this beautiful mansion of the Little Flower — St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish — stands strong for generations to come.

If we want this parish to be a mighty fortress of faith for the next generation, we must act with courage, clarity, and unity. My dear family, I need your suggestions. I need your insight. I need your prayers. This is your parish. This is our home. And above all, this is Christ's Church.

There will be time for open Q&A and dialogue at each gathering. Come not just to listen — but to participate. Come not just to observe — but to build. Come with faith. Come with hope. Come with love. I look forward to seeing you there.

And may St. Theresa, our Little Flower, teach us how small sacrifices, offered with great love, can build something eternal.

With gratitude for each of you,



Rev. John A. Hutta II

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 7, Friendship Hall

BINGO

Doors open 6:00pm. \$25 packet includes 15 regular games PLUS specials. Light refreshments will be served.

You must be at least 18 to play.
For information, call Isabella at 484-241-1296.

It's the Ladies Guild annual Easter Bake Sale A St. Theresa's tradition

Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Sunday, March 29, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Friendship Hall

Watch the bulletin for details.

Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish ?

*Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith
welcomes you!*

Please call 610-838-7045 for info.



CYO Track & Field



St. Theresa parish members in grades 2nd through 8th are invited to join **CYO Track & Field**. Events include running, jumping, and throwing. Practices start in mid-March. Meets are on Saturdays at Notre Dame High School, starting in early April and ending in mid-May. Interested? Please email Coach Tony Karwacki at tgkarun@aol.com

The St. Theresa Good Samaritan Society will meet Tuesday, March 3 at 5:00pm in the Parish Center. Please stop by and see what the Good Samaritan Society is all about.

*Have you been collecting the items listed
on the Reverse Lent calendar?
Your donations make a difference!*



*The collection total for February 15
is \$8095. Thank you for
your unfailing generosity!*



These men want to cook dinner for you.



You experienced their culinary artistry when they cooked up spaghetti, homemade marinara, and their famous meatballs at the February 7th Pasta Bowl. Now let the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** prepare a vegetarian chili dinner just for you! See this bulletin for details.

**Happy Valentine's Day
from St. Theresa Preschool!**
**Our students enjoyed a sweet day celebrating
friendship, kindness, and caring through
Valentine cards, games, and special treats.**



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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS

Please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.

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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.