

**+ March 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent +  
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church  
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055**



*I was blind and now I see.*

JOHN 9:25

**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

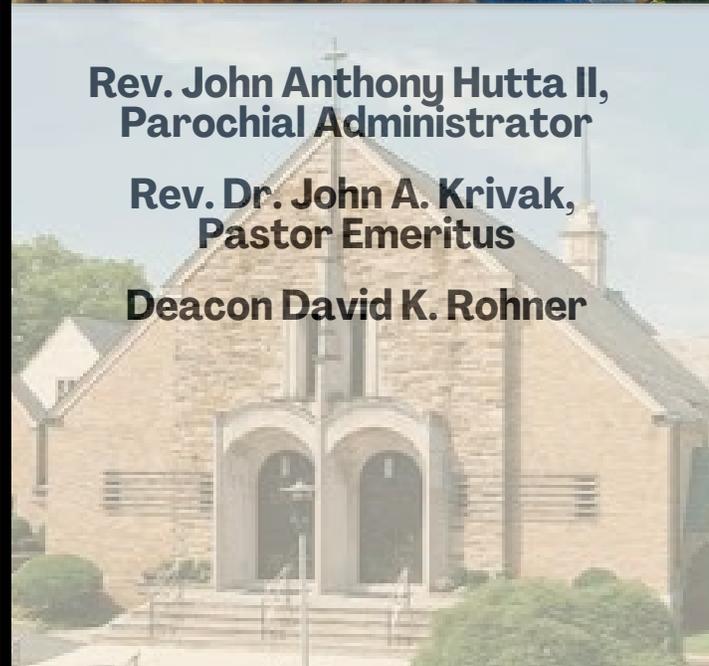
**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**

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, March 15 - March 22

#### **Sunday, March 15**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Monday, March 16**

“Unmasking the Enemy,” Friendship Hall, 10:00am - 11:00am  
 CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am  
 CGS2, Church LL, 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
 Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm  
 Divine Mercy Cenacle, Reconciliation Room, 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, March 17**

Exaltation of the Cross Prayer Group, 7:00pm, School I Bldg.  
 Grief Support, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

#### **Wednesday, March 18**

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, March 19**

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, March 20**

Stations of the Cross, Church, 12:00pm - 12:30pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 12:30pm - 1:30pm;  
**confessions WILL be heard**

#### **Saturday, March 21**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Sunday, March 22**

St. Joseph's Luncheon, Friendship Hall, 12:00pm

### Mass Intentions, March 15 - March 22

#### **Sunday, March 15 - Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Lyndal Thomas (Smith family)  
 8:00am - Kay Boris (Bill & Terri Zakocs)  
 9:30am - Greg Lewis (Ann Lewis)  
 11:00am - Brandon Kazan and family (Mom & Dad Kazan)

#### **Monday, March 16 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Stanley (Skip) Rasich (Rosalie & Eileen)

#### **Tuesday, March 17 - St. Patrick, Bishop**

8:00am - Raymond LaBuda (Catherine LaBuda & family)

#### **Wednesday, March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

8:00am - Rachel Ellis (Maria Jones)

#### **Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am - Joseph Kach (Family)

#### **Friday, March 20 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Ed Michajlira (John & Stephanie Marlin)

#### **Saturday, March 21 - Lenten Weekday**

No 8:00am

#### **Sunday, March 22 - Fifth Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Francis Artinger (Lorraine Fliszar)  
 8:00am - People of the Parish  
 9:30am - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak (6<sup>th</sup> pastor, St. Theresa's)  
 11:00am - Jose and Joaquina Mateus (Daughter Margarida & family)



### ***Easter is just around the corner, and the Ladies Guild is preparing for its Bake Sale/Mini-Raffle.***

*The event will be held **Saturday, March 28** after the 5:00pm Mass and on **Sunday March 29** after all the Masses. The Guild is asking all our **parishioners and members** to help with this fundraiser by making your favorite treats. We also invite you to come down to Friendship Hall and join in the fun! Try your luck on the raffle and purchase some delicious homemade items.*

*Please bring your donated goodies to Friendship Hall on **Saturday, March 28** from 9:00am to 11:30am and/or from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, and on **Sunday, March 29**, no later than 8:30am.*

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule: March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Mass time	Lector	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Fran Vasko	Fran Vasko
8:00am Sunday	Lisa Albitz	Lisa Albitz	Isaac & Samuel Smith
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Nick & Daniela Tomic
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Greg Jones



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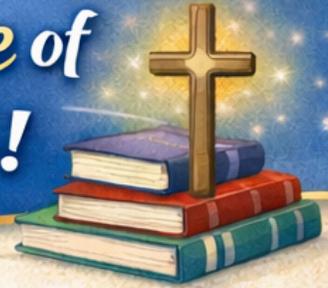
### TYPICAL TK STUDENT

- Age: turning 5 during school year
- Birthday: Late June - Late December
- Curious, eager to learn & growing in confidence, maturity, and readiness skills

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### *St. Theresa Church – Hellertown*



Saturday, March 21 – 5:00 PM Mass



Sunday, March 22 – 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM Masses



Tuesday, March 24 – 6:30 PM – Come meet the Administration and *Kindergarten Teachers of St. Mike's*

At *St. Michael the Archangel School*, we nurture hearts, *challenge minds*, and *inspire faith-filled leaders.*

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# BINGO

is back

**Saturday, April 11**  
**Friendship Hall**

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.*

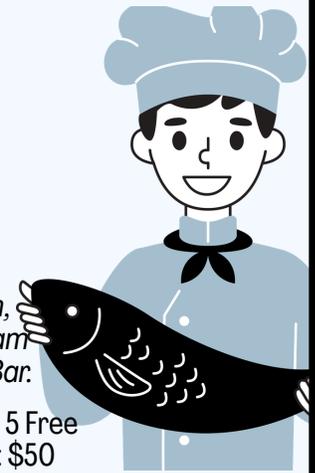
## Knights of Columbus **FISH FRY**

Friday, March 27  
4:30pm - 7:00pm  
Friendship Hall

### Menu

*Beer Battered Fried Cod  
or Grilled Cheese Sandwich,  
Steak Fries, New England Clam  
Chowder, Coleslaw, Sundae Bar.*

\$15 Adult; \$12 Youth (5-12); Under 5 Free  
Family of Four (2 Adult, 2 Youth): \$50



The **Exaltation of the Cross Prayer Group**  
celebrates the gifts of the Holy Spirit through  
praise, worship, Scripture reading, and prayer.

Join us on **Tuesday, March 17**  
at 7:00pm in the the school building.

We look forward to seeing you there!  
For information, call Jeff Kriebel at 610-217-1739.

## *Have you prayed your rosary today?*

### **Devotional Candles, March 15 - March 21**

#### **Sanctuary Candle**

Martha Rancke  
*(offered by Patrick Glovas family)*

#### **St. Theresa Candle**

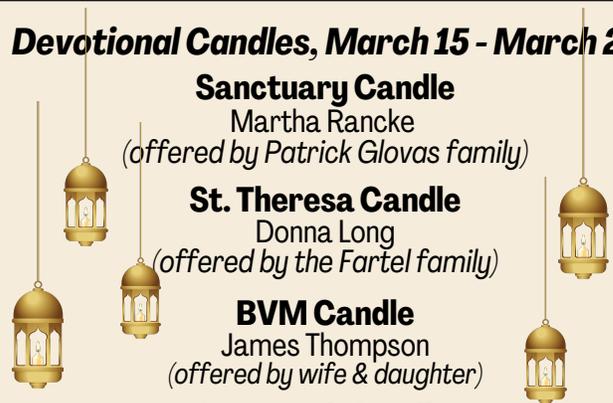
Donna Long  
*(offered by the Fartel family)*

#### **BVM Candle**

James Thompson  
*(offered by wife & daughter)*

#### **St. Joseph Candle**

Donna Teles  
*(offered by Al Teles)*



The St. Theresa Parish Annual

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

will take place on Holy Saturday, April 4  
at 1:15pm in the St. Theresa's courtyard.

The hunt will be followed by the  
**Blessing of Children's Easter Baskets**  
Parishioners are warmly invited to come  
join in these beautiful Easter traditions.

### **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.

*Have you been collecting the items listed  
on the Reverse Lent calendar?*

***Your donations make a difference!***

### **Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish ?**

*Our Family of Faith welcomes you!*  
Please call 610-838-7045.

Do you have a blurb for the bulletin? Please email  
it to [bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com) ten days  
before the desired date of publication.

Join Fr. John Anthony Hutta for  
**"Unmasking the Enemy"**  
a study of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*.  
Sessions will take place on Mondays from  
10:00am to 11:00am in Friendship Hall.  
*Please call the rectory to register.*

**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 17 and 24, and April 7 and 14.

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



## St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments



**Joseph Cavataio**  
(enrolled by the Rectory Staff)

**Joseph Cavataio**  
(enrolled by Kevin, Ted,  
Rose, and Justin Fox)



**The Blessing of Easter Foods**  
will take place on Holy Saturday  
at 12:00pm in the church.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 12, 2026**

**Did you know?** To properly celebrate the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) place your complete trust in Jesus, sincerely repent of your sins, be merciful to others, and make a good sacramental confession.

**At all entrances of the church are blessed Divine Mercy Cards. Please help yourself!**

Burial in a Catholic cemetery allows the deceased to be surrounded by members of the Church, even in death. To arrange for burial, contact Holy Savior Cemetery at (610)866-2372.



**The Divine Mercy Cenacle** meets regularly for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the writings of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to whom Our Lord revealed His Merciful Heart. We gather at 7:00pm in the Reconciliation Room of the church on the 3rd Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, March 17. For more information, please call Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.



## **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 the community 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.

Join the St. Theresa Parish community on  
**Holy Tuesday, March 31**  
beginning with 8:00am Mass

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.

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

*The collection total for March 1 is \$9268.  
The collection total for March 8 is \$8453.  
Thank you for your generosity!*

### **CYO Track & Field**

St. Theresa parish members in grades 2nd through 8<sup>th</sup> 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. Please email Coach Tony Karwacki at **tgkarun@aol.com**



# **Easter Egg Hunt Candy Collection Easter Basket Blessing**

*Spring is in the air! It's time to get ready for our  
**Easter Egg Hunt***

— a fun-filled tradition for our parish children!

The weekend of March 14/15, boxes will be placed in the vestibule and side entrances of the church for the collection of Easter candy. Parishioners are asked to donate bags of individually wrapped candies that will be used to fill 800-2000 plastic eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday at 1:15pm in the St. Theresa's courtyard. Please be generous—every donation helps make this a joyful event for the kids!

***Pre-filled plastic eggs will also be accepted this year.***

**Father will bless the children's Easter baskets  
following the Egg Hunt.**

PLEASE NOTE: The blessing of children's Easter baskets is separate from the blessing of Easter foods, which will take place prior to the Easter egg hunt.

## **Want to Lend a Hand?**

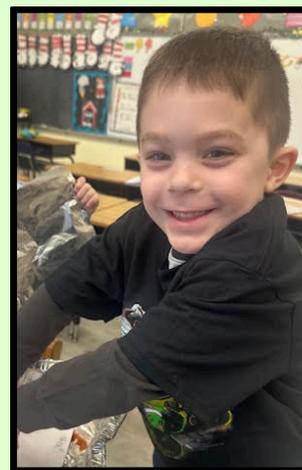
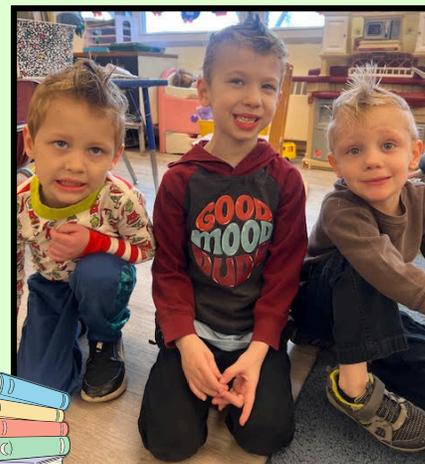
We need volunteers! Whether you're looking to give back to the parish or arrange for children to earn service hours, this is a wonderful opportunity. Plus, it's a great way to meet fellow parishioners and share in the joy of the season! Adults must accompany children volunteering for service hours.

*Need service hours? Have questions about the events?  
Call Christina Shupe at (610) 509-1101.*

**Thank you for your generosity, and Happy Lent!**



St. Theresa Preschool had a wonderful time celebrating Dr. Seuss Week!  
The children enjoyed reading Dr. Seuss stories, dressing up for themed days, a visit from the Cat in the Hat, and lots of laughter on Wacky Wednesday. We ended the week with reading "The Sleep Book" in pajamas. It was a joyful week full of fun, imagination, and a love of reading.



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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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