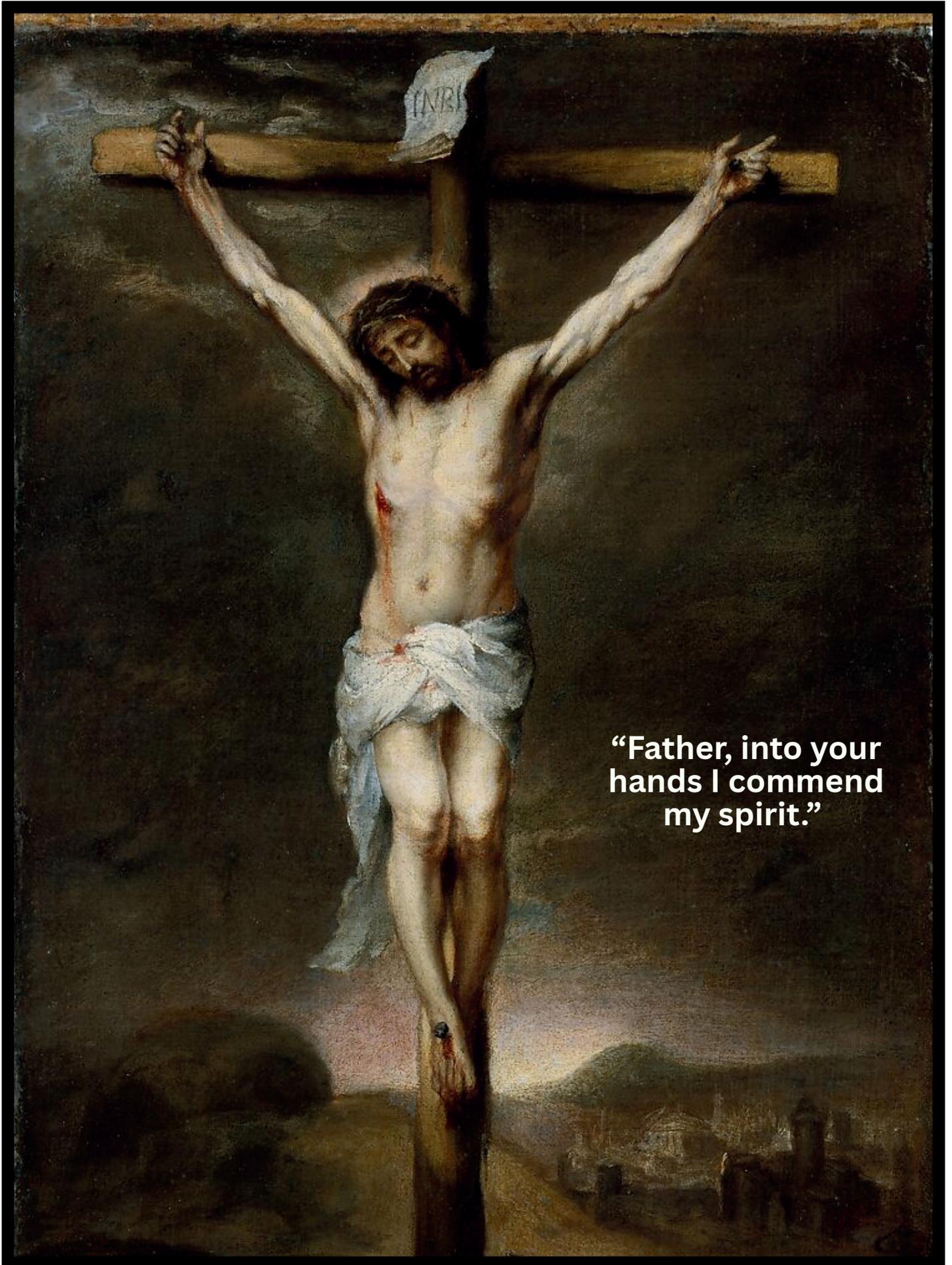
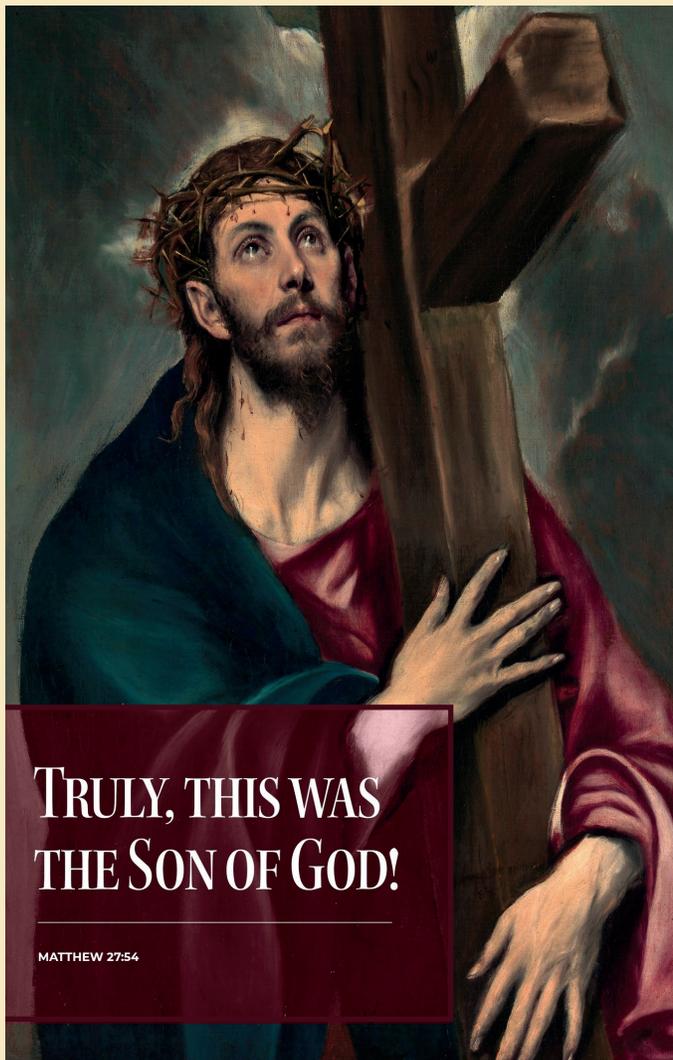


March 29, 2026 + Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



**“Father, into your
hands I commend
my spirit.”**

+ March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord +
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055



TRULY, THIS WAS
THE SON OF GOD!

MATTHEW 27:54

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II,
Parochial Administrator

Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak,
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon David K. Rohner
Masses

Holy Monday, March 30, 8:00am

Holy Tuesday, March 31, 8:00am

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 8:00am

Holy Thursday, April 2,
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 4, 8:00pm, Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection
of the Lord, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

Holy Monday, March 30, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Holy Tuesday, March 31, 8:30am - 7:30pm

Holy Wednesday, April 1, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 2, beginning 7:00pm

Confessions

Holy Tuesday, March 31, 9:00am-10:00am,
12:00pm-1:00pm, 3:00pm-4:00pm, & 6:30pm

Good Friday, April 3, 12:30pm-1:30pm and
6:00pm - 7:00pm

**Easter Bake Sale
&
Mini-Raffle**

Friendship Hall

Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sunday, March 29, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Sponsored by the St. Theresa Ladies Guild

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Calendar, March 29 - April 5

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday

Ladies Guild Bake Sale, Friendship Hall after all Masses

Monday, March 30 - Monday of Holy Week

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

"Unmasking the Enemy" *Screwtape Letters* study, Friendship Hall, 10:00am

Seniors meeting, 2:00pm, Rectory LL

CGS2, Church LL, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm,
no confessions heard

Tuesday, March 31 - Tuesday of Holy Week

"We are Going Up to Jerusalem" Lenten Day of Mercy with Rev. Gregory Noga, beginning 8:30am

Eucharistic Adoration, 8:30am - 7:30pm

Confessions 9:00am-10:00am, 12:00pm-1:00pm, 3:00pm-4:00pm

6:00pm reflection and Holy Anointing; confessions will follow.

Wednesday, April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross with Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 7:00pm - 8:00pm; **no confessions heard**

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

Eucharistic Adoration following Mass with Tenebrae at 11:00pm; **no confessions heard**

"Church Hopping" after 7:00pm Mass. See bulletin for details.

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday

Daytime Prayer, Church, 12:00pm

Confessions, Church, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Confessions, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

Blessing of Easter foods, Church, 12:00pm

Easter Egg Hunt, St. Theresa courtyard, 1:15pm

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday

No meetings or events scheduled

Mass Intentions, March 29 - April 5

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

5:00pm (Sat.) - Tara Lynn and Charlie Meyers (Dolly Kranyecz)

8:00am - Jacqueline Ertle and family (Sister, Cecilia Christman)

9:30am - People of the Parish

11:00am - Joseph and Josephine Kranyecz (Daughter, Dolly)

Monday, March 30 - Monday of Holy Week

8:00am - Christina Tomson (Maria Jones)

Tuesday, March 31 - Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am - Kevin Teles (Family)

Wednesday, April 1 - Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

Thursday, April 2 - Holy Thursday

No 8:00am

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper - Ed Michaylira

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord

3:00pm Mass of the Presanctified

Saturday, April 4 - Holy Saturday

No 8:00am

8:00pm Easter Vigil Mass - Marvin Ellis (Maria Jones)

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:00am - St. Theresa Memorial Enrollees

9:30am - Edward and Helen Wodzicki (Sally & Gary Strawn)

11:00am - Margaret Ann Kelly (Jackie Cheddar & family)

Palm Sunday is celebrated with the blessing and distribution of palm branches representing the palm branches that the crowd scattered before Christ as he rode into Jerusalem. Because the palms distributed on Palm Sunday have been blessed, they are *sacramentals*, which "are sacred signs instituted by the Church. They prepare [us] to receive the fruit of the sacraments and sanctify different circumstances of life" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1667). Sacramentals should be treated with respect. They must never be thrown away, but may only be burned or buried. The faithful reverently keep the blessed palms in their homes throughout the year, usually attached to a crucifix or holy picture, or fastened on the wall.



+ March 29, 2026 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord +

Join the St. Theresa Parish community on
Holy Tuesday, March 31

for
“We Are Going Up to Jerusalem”: A Lenten Day of Mercy
 with *Very Rev. Gregory Noga of the Eparchy of Passaic*

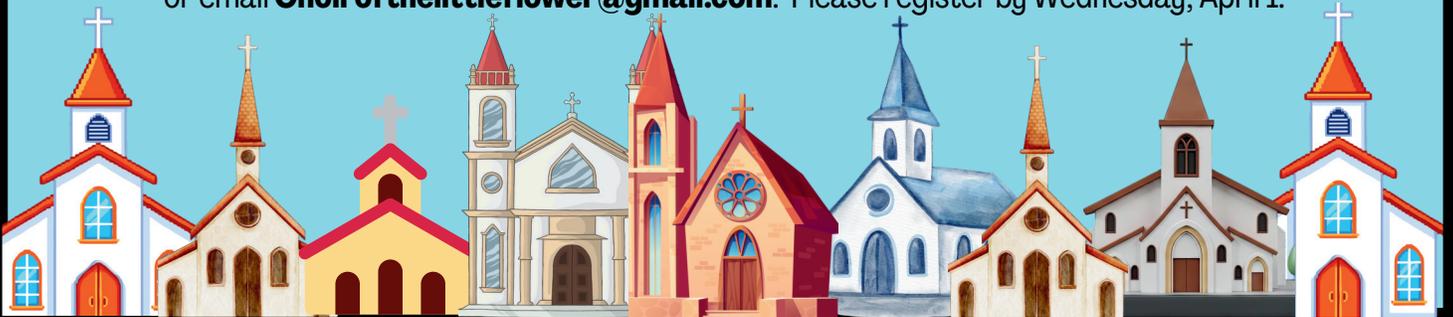


- All-day Eucharistic Adoration
- Confessions from 9:00am - 10:00am, 12:00pm - 1:00pm, and 3:00pm - 4:00pm
- the Mystery of the Holy Anointing in the Byzantine tradition
- a stirring meditation from Fr. Noga, beginning at 6:00pm. Confessions will follow the meditation and the Holy Anointing.

The St. Theresa Parish Choir presents “Holy Thursday Church Hopping”

We will attend the 7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass at St. Theresa’s, then hop a bus to visit different area churches, taking time at each to pray before the Most Blessed Sacrament on the altar of repose. We will make stops at Assumption BVM, St. Anne’s, St. Jane’s, Our Lady of Mercy, and Our Lady of Lebanon churches. We will enjoy fellowship and food in the rectory when we return to St. Theresa’s at approximately 11:00pm.

Bus capacity is 60. To reserve your seat, sign up in the church vestibule or email Choirofthelittleflower@gmail.com. Please register by Wednesday, April 1.



Liturgical Ministers Schedule: April 2 - Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper

<u>Mass time</u>	<u>Lector(s)</u>	<u>EEM(s)</u>	<u>Altar server(s)</u>
7:00pm Thursday	(1) Denise Goodrich (2) VOLUNTEER NEEDED	(1) Deacon Dave (2) Denise Goodrich	Lay Brothers

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: April 3 - Good Friday service

3:00pm Friday	(1) Lisa Holub (2) VOLUNTEER NEEDED	(1) Deacon Dave (2) VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Lay Brothers
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Liturgical Ministers Schedule: April 4/5 - Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

5:00pm Saturday	(1) Isabella LaTassa (2) Maria Jones	(1) Isabella LaTassa (2) Deacon Dave	Lay Brothers
8:00am Sunday	Denise Goodrich	Deacon Dave	Arthur and Genevieve Tabor
9:30am Sunday	Megan Kuronya	Deacon Dave	Greg Jones
11:00am Sunday	Dave Smith	Deacon Dave	Alexa Holden



Named for the Latin word meaning “darkness,” Tenebrae is a religious service particular to the Triduum, and featuring a unique triangular candelabra called a “hearse.” The hearse holds fifteen candles, fourteen darker natural wax candles and one white candle. The fourteen candles represent Jesus’ followers; the white candle represents Jesus. Fifteen readings are proclaimed, after each of which one of the candles in the hearse is extinguished, symbolizing the abandonment of Jesus by his followers, one at a time. Eventually, only the white Christ candle is left burning. This candle is taken from the hearse and hidden behind the altar. A “strepitus” or “loud noise” is then made, symbolizing the earthquake that followed Christ’s death. This takes place in total darkness. At the conclusion of the service, the white candle is brought forth again, still lighted, representing Christ’s victory over death and darkness.

Join the St. Theresa Parish community for its Tenebrae service at 11:00pm on Holy Thursday, April 2.

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

Do you have an announcement for the parish bulletin?

Please email it to bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com
Please submit announcements for the April 12 bulletin by Friday, April 3.

Our church is meant to be a place of prayer and recollection. Please refrain from conversation while you are inside the church building. Thank you for respecting God’s House.

Devotional Candles, March 29 - April 5

Sanctuary Candle

Ed Michaylira

(offered by St. Theresa Funeral Choir)

St. Theresa Candle

Tillie Petruno

(offered by Debbie & Lori)

BVM Candle

Sr. Marie Eugene Reed, I.H.M.

(offered by Sally Strawn)

St. Joseph Candle

Lydia Towarnycky



St. Theresa Annual Easter Egg Hunt - a fun-filled tradition for our parish children

Holy Saturday, April 4, 1:15pm

in the St. Theresa Parish courtyard

Fr. Hutta will bless the children’s Easter baskets at the conclusion of the hunt.



The Rectory office will be **CLOSED** for Easter break beginning Wednesday, April 1. Regular office hours will resume Tuesday, April 7.



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.



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 only with members of the St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line.

Parents who desire the **Sacrament of Baptism** for their child(ren) must attend a Baptism preparation session held on the first Monday of each month. Call the rectory for information: 610-838-7045.



What's in your basket of Easter foods?

The foods we enjoy at Easter hold rich symbolism. Below is a list of common Easter foods and their significance:

Eggs – new life

Butter – the richness of salvation

Pascha bread – Jesus, Bread of Life

Kielbasa/Sausage – The links symbolize the chains of death broken by Christ's Resurrection.

Ham, Lamb, and Veal – abundance; a surplus of joy at Christ's Resurrection

Bacon – Due to its fattiness, bacon symbolizes the abundance of God's mercy and generosity.

Salt – purification and preservation from corruption

Sweets – promise of eternal life and good things to come

Join us for the Blessing of Easter Foods at 12:00pm on Holy Saturday inside the church.



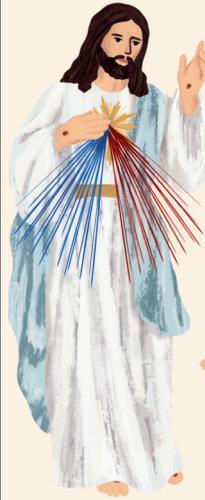
Have you prayed your rosary today?

BINGO

**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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 12

Did you know? Jesus promises that the soul who venerates – that is, who honors and respects – the Divine Mercy image will not perish. That soul will also have victory over his enemies on earth, and at the moment of death, will be defended by Jesus Himself.

Please join us for devotions at noon on Divine Mercy Sunday. We are looking forward to seeing you on that special day. **At all entrances of the church are blessed Divine Mercy cards. Please help yourself.**

The collection total for March 22 is \$7788.
Thank you for your generosity!



Mulch Sale Spring 2026

Serving the Saucon Valley School District & surrounding areas

**Delivery Date: Saturday, April 18th
Order Deadline: Wednesday, April 1st**

Please order online at www.troop311hellertown.org, by email bsatroup311hellertown@gmail.com, call (908) 827-1654 or by QR Code---->

2 cubic foot bags of mulch

Brown \$4.00 bag
Black.....\$4.00 bag



- Delivery fee \$15 for Hellertown & Lower Saucon Twp.
- Delivery fee \$20 for surrounding areas to Lower Saucon Twp (Williams, Springfield, Upper Saucon Twps).
- Pick up at St Theresa of the Child Jesus Church at 1408 Easton Road in the parking lot drive through.

Orders will be confirmed by phone/ email and delivery/ pick up info will be provided by bsatroup311hellertown@gmail.com

After placing order, kindly mail payment to:
Boy Scout Troop 311 OR Venmo: @Caroline-Skuba
1588 Woodfield Drive verify #3464
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Thank you for supporting Boy Scout Troop 311.

Holy Week

Did you know that this week is the most important one in the whole year? Holy Week has Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On these days we remember and celebrate the most important things that Jesus did before His resurrection on Easter Sunday.

On Holy Thursday Jesus said the first Mass and made his apostles the first priests. Go to Mass on Thursday if you can, and think about what Jesus did- He made bread and wine into Himself so that He could still be with us after He went back into Heaven.

On Good Friday Jesus suffered terribly and then died on the cross because of our sins. He offered up His life, even though He had never sinned, so that all of us could go to Heaven. That's why we call it "Good" Friday. Can you offer some sacrifice to Jesus in return for what He did for you?

On Holy Saturday Jesus' body was in the tomb. His friends were all shocked by what had happened and were afraid and sad. They did not remember what was going to happen next... Do you remember what happened after Holy Saturday?



Answer to Puzzle on Front: This is my Blood of the New Covenant which will be shed for many.
Answer to Word-Find: He died for sinners.

The Kids' Bulletin

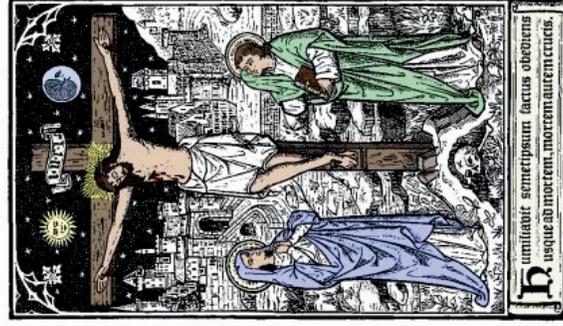
Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday
March 29th, 2026

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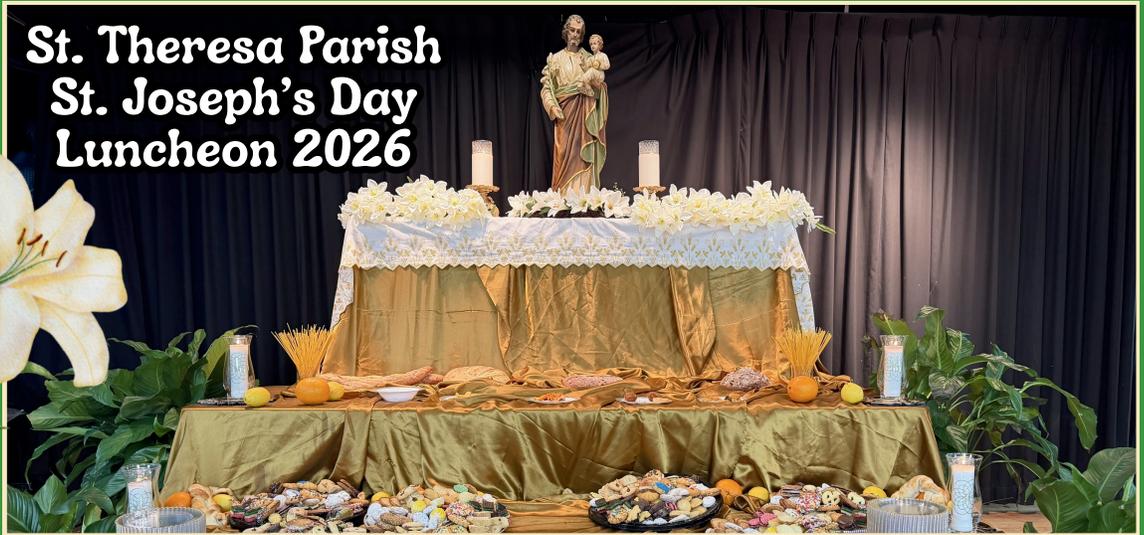
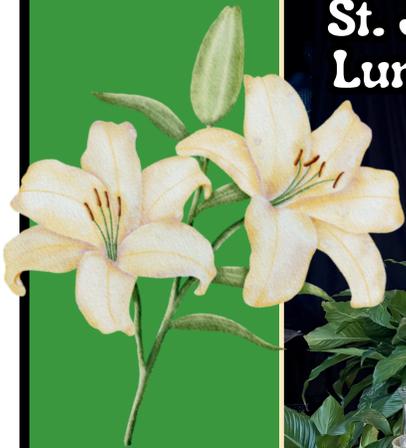


Humiliabit semetipsum factus obediens
usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.

At St. Theresa Preschool, St. Patrick's Day was a day full of surprises! We explored the letter **U** with unicorns, utensils, and uniforms. We also had a visit from Mrs. Sahar, who taught us about beautiful Ukrainian eggs.



St. Theresa Parish
St. Joseph's Day
Luncheon 2026



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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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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