

ВСКРЕСНІЄ ПАНАГО ІС-ХА



He is Risen!

**+ April 5, 2026 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord +
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055**



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

Deacon David K. Rohner

Masses

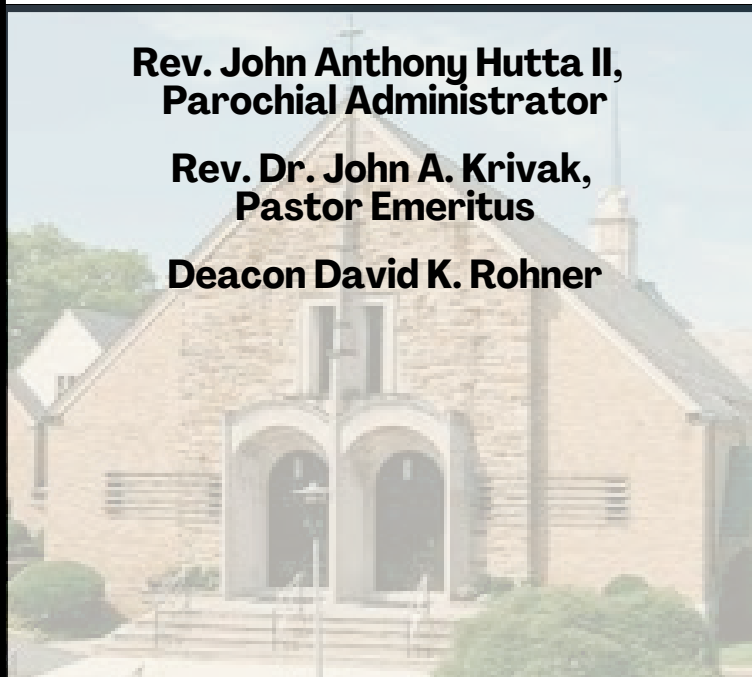
**Monday - Friday, 8:00am
Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00pm
Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am
11:00am**

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, April 5 - April 12

Easter Sunday, April 5

No meetings or events scheduled

Easter Monday, April 6 - *Rectory closed*

Seniors meeting, Friendship Hall, 2:00pm

Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm

No KoC; meeting postponed to April 13

Easter Tuesday, April 7 - *Rectory reopens*

Good Samaritan Society, Parish Center, 5:00pm

Ladies Guild, Friendship Hall, 6:30pm

Easter Wednesday, April 8

PREP 1- 6, Friendship Hall, 4:30am - 5:45m

Easter Thursday, April 9

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

PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:15pm

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

Choir, Church, 6:30pm

Easter Friday, April 10

No meetings or events scheduled

Easter Saturday, April 11

Bingo, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12

Divine Mercy devotions, 12:00pm - 4:30pm

Mass Intentions, April 5 - April 12

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

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

8:00am - St. Theresa Memorial Enrollees

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

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

Monday within the Octave of Easter - April 6

8:00am - Ed Michaylira (Ann Lewis)

Tuesday within the Octave of Easter - April 7

8:00am - Rita Pursel (Linda & Larry Dull)

Wednesday within the Octave of Easter - April 8

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

Thursday within the Octave of Easter - April 9

8:00am - Mark Standiford (Behe family)

Friday within the Octave of Easter - April 10

8:00am - Joel Garcia (Friend)

Saturday within the Octave of Easter - April 11

No 8:00am

Sunday, April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday

5:00pm (Sat.) - Angelo Calabrese (Smith family)

8:00am - Vincenzo Covella (Maria DiMaio)

9:30am - Andrew and Helen Check (Seaman family)

11:00am - Kevin Teles (Family)

You're Invited - April 11th, 4:15pm

Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving: Celebrating 65 Years of the Diocese of Allentown



The Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena 1825 West Turner Street Allentown, PA

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: April 12 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass time	Lector(s)	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Deacon Dave	Volunteer Needed
8:00am Sunday	Joel Silverthorn	Deacon Dave	Isaac & Samuel Smith
9:30am Sunday	Lisa Albitz	Deacon Dave	Nick & Daniela Tomic
11:00am Sunday	Linda Dull	Deacon Dave	Stella Graf

St. Theresa Preschool Clothing Drive Monday, April 13 - Thursday, April 16

Please secure items in heavy duty plastic bags and deposit the bags in front of the Parish Center garage on Ruch Street Monday through Thursday between 8:00am and 8:30am, and from 2:45pm to 3:15pm. Outside of designated drop-off times, please leave bagged items on the covered side porch of the Parish Center. Donations will be accepted only until 12:00pm on Thursday, April 16.

Acceptable items: wearable clothing for men, women, and children, shoes (bagged separately), accessories (belts, hats, scarves, handbags, gloves), soft household items (towels, blankets, bed sheets, pillows, quilts, comforters and curtains), small toys (2 ft. or less), stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, car seats with base, and strollers.

Unacceptable items: sport equipment, board games, books, puzzles, pots and pans, electrical devices, glassware, large toys, high chairs, baby cribs, VCR tapes, furniture, and outdoor play sets.



Would you like to become a member of St. Theresa Parish ?

Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith welcomes you!

Please call 610-838-7045 for info.

The Church considers Holy Mass to be the greatest prayer of intercession. St. Faustina wrote:

"My sacrifice is nothing in itself, but when I join it to the Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, it becomes all-powerful." The value of a single Mass is beyond our comprehension!

Masses may be offered for both the living and the deceased. A Mass can increase sanctifying grace in someone who is living. For a deceased person, a Mass can decrease that soul's time in purgatory. The 2026 Mass Book is still open, so please call the rectory to arrange for a Mass to be offered for your intention.

"He is not here; he has risen."

"Bye Bye Birdie" at Bethlehem Catholic High School

Don't miss "Bye Bye Birdie" at Bethlehem Catholic High School—a high-energy production filled with catchy songs, big laughs, and plenty of heart.

Show Dates and Times

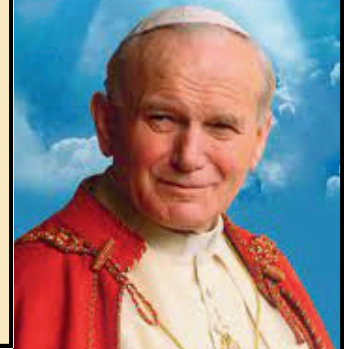
- Friday, April 10 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 11 at 7:00 PM
- Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 PM
- Friday, April 17 at 7:00 PM
- Saturday, April 18 at 7:00 PM

Bring your friends and family to support these talented student performers as they bring this beloved classic to life. Get your tickets at bit.ly/becatheater

"At the side of each of you there will always be Mary, as she was present among the apostles, frightened and confused at the time of trial.

And with her faith she will show you, beyond the night of the world, the glorious dawn of the Resurrection."

-Pope St. John Paul II-



Have you prayed your rosary today?

The collection total for March 29 will be published next week. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Holy Listening: A Presentation on Spiritual Direction

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30pm

Jubilee Center of Assumption BVM Church
4101 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem

What is Spiritual Direction? How can it enhance your life? Our panel of Spiritual Directors will answer these questions, and more! Spiritual Directors Carol Herman, Kelly Carney, Lisa Bryan, Sandy Chambers, and Robert Olney will discuss all the aspects of Spiritual Direction. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Spiritual Growth Team. For more information, contact Mary in the Assumption parish office at abvmrect@ptd.net or 610-867-7424x16

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.

St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Mary Martinez
(enrolled by Dolores Fartel)

Mary Martinez
(enrolled by Susan & Samuel Repnyek)





Once a Catholic, always a Catholic.

Maybe you have been away from the Church for a little while or for quite some time, but now you feel a tug at your heart calling you back. Pay attention to that tug. It's your Heavenly Father reaching His arms out to you, the Holy Spirit whispering in your ear. We hope you accept this as your invitation to come home and rediscover the truth, wonder, and mystery of the Catholic faith.

*We are your brothers and sisters
in the worldwide Catholic family.*

We want you back!

We've missed you, and our Church is not the same without you. Regardless of why you left or got out of the habit of going to Mass, any time is the right time to return to the sacraments and to the fullness of relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church He founded.

*The priests, parishioners, and staff of St. Theresa Parish
are here for you. Please call the St. Theresa rectory
to find out more: 610-838-7045.*



**St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour
with Fr. Patrick Lamb
Tuesday, April 14, 6:00pm**

Join the St. Theresa Parish community in praying for loved ones who have left the Faith. Presiding will be Rev. Patrick Lamb, pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton. For more information, please call the rectory.

Seeking Employment?

Let *Joseph's People* help. Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, April 14 at 6:00pm. Our topic will be "Attending and Working a Job Fair." We have helped thousands of people find jobs! Please email Paul Licata at pauljosephlicata@gmail.com
Learn more about our organization at www.josephspeople.org

B I N G O

**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.*

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



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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 12

Did you know? To receive the grace of the feast, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand, staying in the state of grace, and trusting in His Divine Mercy. By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts. In addition, if we want to receive mercy, we must be merciful.

At all entrances of the church are blessed Divine Mercy cards. Please help yourself.

Devotional Candles, April 5 - April 12

Sanctuary Candle

Very Rev. Jerome A. Tauber, V. R.
(offered by Sally Strawn)

St. Theresa Candle

William Zakocs, Sr.
(offered by Bill & Terri Zakocs)

BVM Candle

Michael Cheddar
(offered by Cheddar family)

St. Joseph Candle

Joseph Cavataio
(offered by Rectory Staff)



The Rectory is **CLOSED** for Easter break. The rectory will reopen Tuesday, April 7.



The Good Samaritan Society

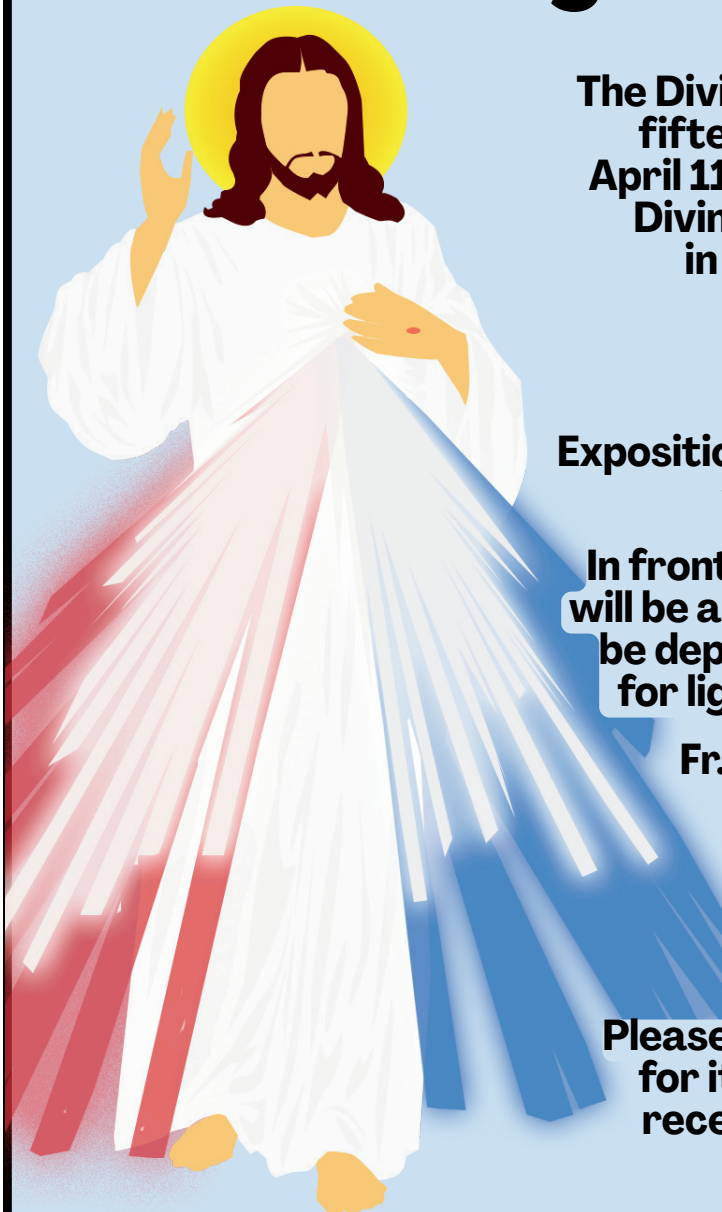
offers short term assistance to residents of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township.

If you or someone you know needs help, the society can be reached confidentially at 610-509-5863.

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.



Divine Mercy Sunday is April 12



The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited fifteen minutes before all Masses April 11 and 12. Please pick up a blessed Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer card in the vestibule of the church.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Theresa Parish

Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow 11:00am Mass.

In front of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be a box in which prayer petitions may be deposited. Candles will be available for lighting, and will remain lit all day.

Fr. John Hutta will be available to hear confessions from 12:15pm to 1:30pm.

Benediction will take place at 4:00pm.

Please join the St. Theresa community for its Divine Mercy devotions and receive the extraordinary graces promised by Our Lord.

What graces are available and how do we receive them? In her Diary, St. Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces:

"I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy" (1109).

"Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (300).

"The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699).

To receive these graces, one must trust in Jesus' Divine Mercy, and receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) after making a good Confession.

Easter Sunday

AFTER JESUS DIED ON GOOD FRIDAY THE APOSTLES WERE AFRAID AND HID AWAY FROM THE PEOPLE. THEY STAYED IN THE ROOM WHERE THEY HAD THE LAST SUPPER.

If they see us they'll kill us too!

Let's go back to the upper room!

THEY STAYED THERE ON THE SABBATH DAY, WHICH WAS LIKE SUNDAY FOR THE JEWS.

EARLY ON THE SUNDAY MORNING SOME WOMEN WENT TO JESUS' TOMB...



Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here. He has risen!

Hello!

We have seen the Lord!

WHEN JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS HIS FOLLOWERS THOUGHT THE END HAD COME. BUT JESUS HAD DIED ON PURPOSE TO SAVE US FROM HELL! THEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD SO THAT WE COULD RISE FROM THE DEAD TOO. REJOICE WITH OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES THAT JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD!

Easter: True or False?

How well do you know the Easter Story?

See if you can figure out which of these are true and which are false.

1. After Jesus died on the Cross He was buried in a tomb for four days. True or false?
2. The first time the women went to the tomb on Easter morning, they saw Jesus' dead body in it. True or false?
3. Nobody went to Jesus' tomb until the afternoon on Easter Sunday. True or false?
4. At first when she saw Him, Mary Magdalen didn't recognize Jesus. True or false?
5. When Jesus rose from the dead, He could never die again. True or false?
6. With His resurrected body, Jesus could go through locked doors. True or false?
7. The disciples were not surprised when Jesus came back after He died, since they knew all along that was going to happen. True or false?

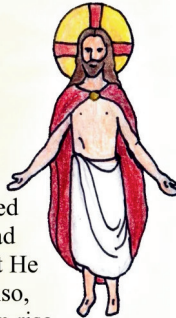


At St. Theresa Preschool we learned about Ukrainian Eggs. And we had so much fun creating a special craft.



Alleluia!

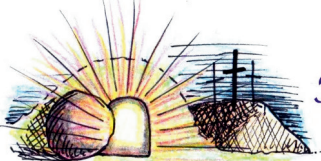
Today is the biggest feast of the year! Jesus rose from the dead on the first Easter Sunday. By rising from the dead, He showed that He was God and that everything He had said was true. It showed His followers that He wasn't gone forever- it gave them hope. Also, because He rose from the dead, now we can rise from the dead too after we die.



Imagine what it would be like to be one of Jesus' friends when He died on the cross. You were hoping that He would be the saviour that would overthrow the bad government and become the king, but now He was beaten and killed! How would you feel? What would you be doing after this horrible weekend was over? It would seem pretty hopeless, wouldn't it?

But then- some of the women come running and say that Jesus rose from the dead! Would you believe them? And then imagine that you are in the room with the other disciples with the doors locked and suddenly Jesus is standing in the room, saying, "Peace be with you!" Now what would you think?

*Today is the day
for rejoicing!
JESUS IS ALIVE!*

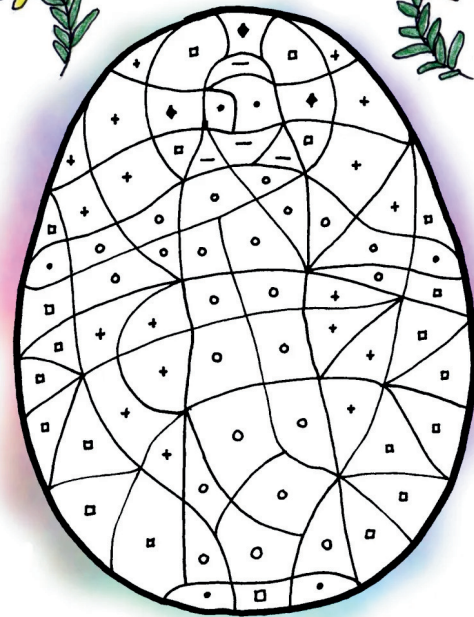


Answers to Easter True or False:
1. false 2. false 3. false 4. true 5. true
6. true 7. false

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The Kids' Bulletin

*Easter Sunday
April 5th, 2026*



The two men on the road to Emmaus didn't know the man who came and walked with them on Easter morning. Use the colour code below to see if you can figure out who it was!

- ◆ Red
- Yellow
- + Purple
- Brown
- Skin-colour
- White

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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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