

+ May 17, 2026 - Seventh Sunday of Easter +

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



Forty Hours Devotion

In Honor of
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Sunday, May 17 – Tuesday, May 19

Come spend sacred time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Let us gather as a parish family to pray, reflect, and adore Jesus truly present among us.

Sunday, May 17

11:00am – Mass & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
6:30pm – Evening Prayer & Reflection (Fr. John Anthony)
8:30pm – Night Prayer with Benediction

Monday, May 18

7:45am – Morning Prayer
8:00am – Holy Mass
12:00pm – Angelus followed by the Litany of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
6:30pm – Evening Prayer & Reflection with
Very Rev. Jerome Tauber
8:30pm – Night Prayer with Benediction

Tuesday, May 19 - Solemn Closing of Forty Hours

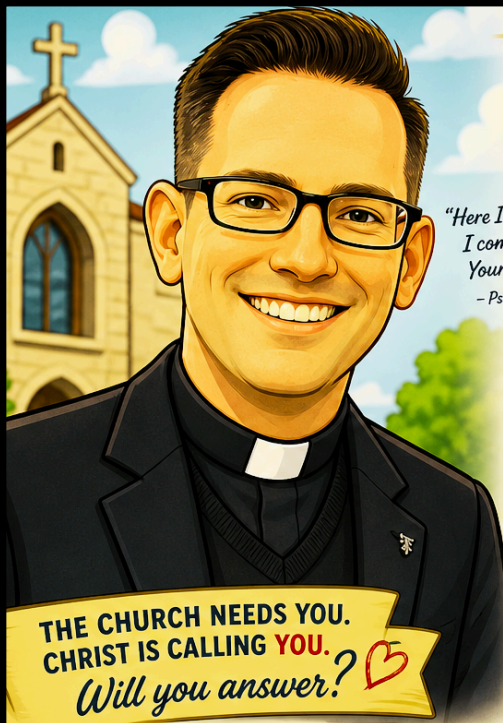
7:45am – Morning Prayer
8:00am – Holy Mass
12:00pm – Angelus followed by the Litany of St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
6:45pm – Closing Reflection with Rev. Dominic Pham
Benediction and Solemn Closing of Forty Hours



Following Benediction, all are invited to a social in the church parking lot (weather permitting).



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"Here I am, Lord...
I come to do
Your will."
- Psalm 40:8

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH

WE NEED YOU

to Serve the Lord!

YOUR FAITH. YOUR TIME. HIS MISSION.

Our parish is alive and growing, but we need faithful hearts like **YOURS** to help build up the Kingdom of God!


LITURGICAL MINISTRIES NEEDED

<p>ALTAR SERVERS</p>  <p>Serve at the altar and grow closer to Jesus in the Eucharist.</p>	<p>LECTORS (READERS)</p>  <p>Proclaim the Word of God with faith and clarity.</p>	<p>CHOIR MEMBERS & CANTORS</p>  <p>Lift voices in song and lead the parish in prayer through sacred music.</p>	<p>USHERS & GREETERS</p>  <p>Be the welcoming face of Christ to all who come to His house.</p>	<p>EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION</p>  <p>Assist in sharing the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ with reverence and love.</p>
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THE CHURCH NEEDS YOU.
CHRIST IS CALLING YOU.
Will you answer? 

WE WILL TRAIN YOU!

 No experience needed!	 Full training provided	 Commitment: about 1 hour per week (or less)	 Flexible scheduling
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 **A willing heart is all you need!**

THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION!

- ✓ Do not wait for someone else.
- ✓ The future of our parish depends on **YOU**.
- ✓ If we step forward—our parish will flourish.
- ✓ If we hold back—the mission suffers.

Say **"YES"** to Jesus.
He is counting on **YOU!** 

SIGN UP TODAY!

 CALL THE PARISH OFFICE:
610-838-7045

 OR PLACE YOUR NAME IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET LABELED:
"LITURGICAL MINISTRY"



+ TOGETHER. LET US BUILD A PARISH THAT PRAYS. WORSHIPS. WELCOMES. AND SERVES—FOR THE GLORY OF GOD!

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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), 5:00pm
Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

First Fridays, 12:00pm–3:00pm
Tuesdays, 6:00pm–7:00pm

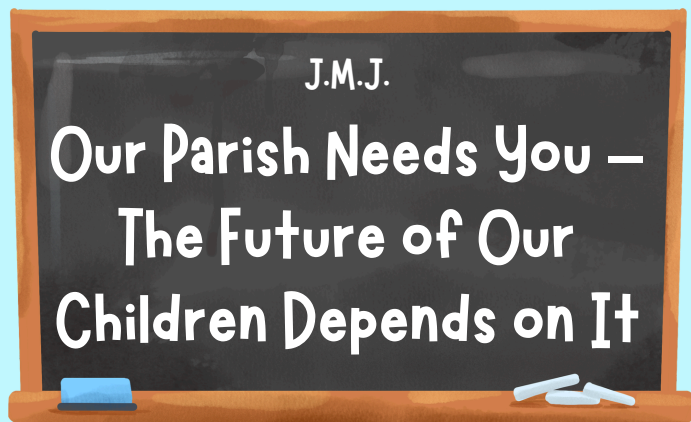
Confessions

Saturdays, 4:00pm–4:30pm
First Fridays, 12:00pm–1:00pm



Go therefore and make
disciples of all nations.

Matthew 28:19



Dear Parish Family,

There are moments in the life of a parish when we must speak clearly, honestly, and from the heart.

This is one of those moments. Right now—at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish—the future of our Church is not somewhere far away...

It is already here.
In our classrooms.
In our children.
In the young souls entrusted to us.

And they are waiting. Waiting to be taught. Waiting to be guided. Waiting to encounter Jesus Christ.

Here Is the Reality

If we do not have enough Catechists and Aides... our programs cannot continue as they should.
If they cannot continue... our children miss the opportunity to be formed in the Faith.
And if that happens... the future of our parish is at stake.

This is not simply about a program.

This is about passing on the Faith. This is about forming disciples. This is about raising up the next generation of saints.

A Sacred Legacy... Now Entrusted to Us

We stand on the shoulders of those who came before us—the faithful witness of the IHM Sisters, and the beautiful legacy of Sr. Lorraine Ho, IHM, who gave their lives to forming young hearts in Christ.

They planted the seeds. Now we are called to help them grow.

Who Will Step Forward?

Not the “perfect.” Not the “expert.” But the willing. Those who will simply say: “Lord... I will help.” Because God does not call the equipped—He equips the called.

Here’s the Good News

- We will train you – you will be supported every step of the way
- The commitment is simple – roughly 1 hour per week
- You will not do this alone—we walk together as a parish family

What You Are Saying Yes To

- Helping a child encounter Jesus—especially in the Eucharist
- Teaching them how to pray... how to believe... how to live the Faith
- Planting seeds that will last a lifetime—and into eternity

We need Catechists and Aides **NOW**. Please contact the Parish Office at 610-838-7045 or speak with us after Mass.

Do not wait. Do not assume someone else will step forward.

Because someone must teach them to pray.
Someone must show them who Jesus is.
Someone must help them grow.

Why not you?

Come... help the seeds grow.
Come... help form saints.
Come... be part of the future of the Church and your children!





MASS CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS



STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED. ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEW SATURDAY

VIGIL MASS
4:15 PM

BEGINS JUNE 6
WEEKEND OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY
NEW MASS TIME
6:30 AM
BEGINNING JUNE 7
THROUGH LABOR DAY
(SEPTEMBER 6)

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY
MORNING MASS!

SATURDAY
CONFESSIONS

3:00 – 3:45 PM



DAILY MASS

MONDAY	6:00 PM
TUESDAY	8:00 AM
WEDNESDAY	8:00 AM
THURSDAY	8:00 AM
FRIDAY	8:00 AM



"The little way is to do ordinary things with great love."
– St. Thérèse of Lisieux



BINGO
FIRST & THIRD
SATURDAY
OF THE MONTH

DOORS OPEN – 5:15 PM

GAMES BEGIN – 6:00 PM

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS

MONDAY	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM
TUESDAY	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
FRIDAY	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thank you for your understanding, kindness, prayers, and continued support. These schedule adjustments help create a healthier and more sustainable balance so I can continue serving you faithfully and joyfully.
St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, pray for us!



PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



DECLUTTER FOR A CAUSE!



The Knights of Columbus are gearing up for our **Hellertown Community Yard Sale**, and we need your help to make it a success!



Do you have hidden treasures gathering dust in your attic or garage?

Instead of tossing them, consider donating them to help us support our local community programs and parish initiatives.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:



HOME GOODS

Kitchenware, small appliances, and home decor.



FURNITURE

Bookshelves, end tables, and chairs (no large sofas or mattresses, please).



TOOLS & GARDEN

Hand tools, power tools, and outdoor gear.



ENTERTAINMENT

Books, board games, and puzzles.



SPORTS EQUIPMENT

Bicycles, golf clubs, and fitness gear.



Please ensure all electronic items are in working order. We are unable to accept older "tube" TVs or hazardous materials.

DROP-OFF DETAILS



LOCATION:
Church Parking Lot / Parish Hall



DATES:
May 23 & May 30, 2026



TIMES:
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

NEED A PICKUP?



If you have furniture or large donations or items you would like to donate, please contact:

Terry Coffey

☎ 859-333-4476

✉ tcoffey@gmail.com

to schedule a pickup.



Thank you for your continued generosity and for helping the Knights serve those in need!



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ST. THERESA

— OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH —

2026-2027 FAITH FORMATION

*Growing in Faith. Living as Disciples.
Together as a Family.*

We are committed to helping every child and family know, love, and follow Jesus Christ and to strengthen the Domestic Church!



**PARENTS ARE THE PRIMARY EDUCATORS OF THE FAITH.
OUR PROGRAMS ARE DESIGNED FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**

1 SUNDAY PREP PROGRAM

Sacramental Instruction & Confirmation Prep
FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH GRADES 1-8

Faith formation for the whole family with age-level instruction and family participation.

MEETS TWICE A MONTH



1st & 3rd SUNDAYS
OF THE MONTH



8:25 AM – 9:20 AM
Gather in Friendship Hall at 8:25 AM

OUR MORNING TOGETHER



Fellowship & Hospitality



Light Breakfast & Refreshments



Prayer & Community



Family Faith Connection

WHAT HAPPENS ON SUNDAYS?

- ✓ Families gather together to begin.
- ✓ Children & youth go to age-level classes (Grades 1-8).
- ✓ Parents/guardians remain for adult faith formation.
- ✓ Parents learn the same themes their children are learning.
- ✓ Parent participation is **REQUIRED** and is **NOT** optional.



SACRAMENTAL INSTRUCTION & CONFIRMATION PREP



RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (GRADE 3)

- Preparation for First Reconciliation
- Preparation for First Holy Communion



CONFIRMATION PREP (GRADES 7-8)

- Year 1 (Confirmation I)
- Year 2 (Confirmation II)
- Meets on Sundays



HOME FAITH ACTIVITIES

Monthly family activities to pray, learn and grow together at home. Submit reflections or activities by email or paper format.



MASS REQUIREMENT

Attend any Mass at St. Theresa's (Vigil or 9:30 AM) or any other Mass at St. Theresa's or at the parish you attend on the weekend. Have the bulletin signed by the priest and deacon of that parish.



ATTENDANCE POLICY



Only 3 unexcused absences permitted.

IF ABSENT, MUST CALL BY FRIDAY.

Notify:

- ✓ Parish Rectory (by phone)
- ✓ PREP email
- ✓ Catechist/teacher directly



Any missed lesson **MUST** be completed.



Parents must contact the rectory for make-up lessons, assignments and materials.

2 CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD (CGS)

A Montessori-Based Encounter with Jesus

FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9



A beautiful, hands-on program where children grow in a prayerful environment called the Atrium and encounter Christ the Good Shepherd, the Eucharist, the Sacraments, and the love of God.

CGS LEVELS & SCHEDULE

LEVEL I (AGES 3-6)

Mondays & Thursdays
9:45 AM – 11:45 AM

- The Good Shepherd
- Prayer
- Practical Life
- The Love of God
- Introduction to the Mass



LEVEL II (AGES 6-9)

Sundays
12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

- Preparation for First Reconciliation
- Preparation for First Holy Communion
- Deeper Scripture
- Sacramental Formation
- Moral & Liturgical Understanding



CGS GOAL

To help children fall in love with Jesus, develop interior prayer, and grow spiritually at their own pace.



FULLY ONLINE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Easy online registration • Digital forms
Secure payments • All in one place!
More details coming soon!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

- Catechists/Teachers • Teacher Aides
 - Fellowship & Hospitality Committee
- Training and support provided!*

TUITION DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

FOR FAMILIES ACTIVELY SERVING AS:

- Catechists/Teachers
- Teacher Aides
- Fellowship Committee Volunteers



"Let the children come to Me..."
— Matthew 19:14

For more information, contact the Parish Rectory
☎ 610-838-7045 ✉ prep@sttheresaparish.org



Follow us on
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish

With great joy and gratitude to God, our parish family at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish celebrates the six children who received Jesus in the Most Holy Eucharist for the very first time on May 2.



We congratulate

*Mallory Mawson - Halina Jaworowski - Liliana Matarazzo
Jude Forman - Lucas DiMaggio - Ivan Karol*

What a beautiful and sacred day in the life of our parish! These young hearts have now received the greatest gift on earth — Jesus Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

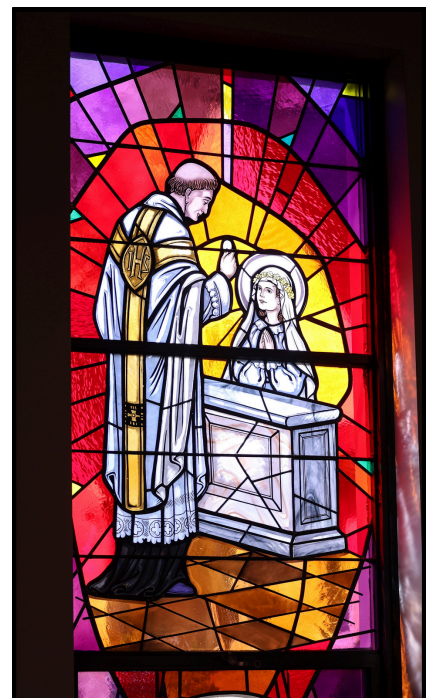
As a parish family, let us continue to pray for these children and their families, that they may always remain close to Jesus, faithfully attend Mass, and grow in holiness, love, and joy. May this First Holy Communion not be the end of their journey, but the beginning of a lifelong friendship with Christ.

"The Holy Eucharist is the perfect expression of the love of Jesus Christ." — St. Maria Goretti

Congratulations to our First Communicants! May Jesus in the Eucharist always be your strength, your peace, and your light.



ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - MAY 2, 2026



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Calendar, May 17 - May 24

Sunday, May 17

Forty Hours begins, Church, 12:00pm
Mothers Day Remembrance collection, continuing throughout the month of May

Monday, May 18

Forty Hours continues
CGS1, 9:45am - 11:45am
CGS2, 4:30pm - 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 19

Reflection, Benediction, and Solemn Closing of Forty Hours, Church, 6:45pm followed by social

Wednesday, May 20

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, May 21

CGS2, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am
PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Friday, May 22

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, May 23

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, May 24

Mothers Day Remembrance collection, continuing throughout the month of May

Mass Intentions, May 17 - May 24

Sunday, May 17 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

5:00pm (Sat.) - People of the Parish
8:00am - Dee Amundsen (Fran Thompson)
9:30am - Andrew Mosko (Family)
11:00am - Kate Cuppi (Mary Frances)

Forty Hours begins, Church, 12:00pm

Monday, May 18 - St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00am - Edward Michaylira (Amy Lundgren)

Forty Hours continues

Tuesday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00am - Anna Kametz (Family)

6:45 - Closing of 40 Hours

Wednesday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am - Twentieth anniversary of diaconate for Deacon Dave (Wife, Debbie)

Thursday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - John Ulincy (Loretta Ulincy)

Friday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00am - Frank Nadile (Behe family)

Saturday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

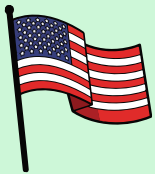
No 8:00am

Sunday, May 24 - Pentecost Sunday

5:00pm (Sat.) - Anthony Delguerico (Smith family)
8:00am - People of the Parish
9:30am - Charles Cheddar (Jackie Cheddar & family)
11:00am - Buford and Cathey Jones (Greg Jones family)

A special invitation to the members of our St. Theresa community

We are seeking to form a ministry of people to prepare the intercessory prayers that are read at Mass every Sunday. All are invited to an introductory meeting at which we will look at the basics of this rewarding and essential ministry, and also enjoy fellowship and refreshments. No experience is needed. To learn more, please email Loretta at loralinc@gmail.com or phone 610-737-8207.



The rectory will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The office will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, May 26.

PLEASE

THANK YOU

Please submit weekly bulletin items ten days before the desired date of publication. Note that, due to the May 26 Memorial Day holiday, the publisher's deadline has been moved up. Items for the May 31 bulletin must be received by May 19.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: May 24, Pentecost Sunday

<u>Mass time</u>	<u>Lector(s)</u>	<u>EEM</u>	<u>Altar server(s)</u>
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Joel Silverthorn	Deacon Dave	Gabe Silverthorn
9:30am Sunday	Joe Kazan	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Linda Dull	Deacon Dave	Alexa Holden



On Sunday, May 24 immediately following the 9:30 Mass, the Hellertown American Legion Honor Guard will hold a memorial service outside the church. Please join us in paying tribute to our fallen heroes.



Little Flower Society Enrollment

Carole Chuk
(enrolled by Scripture Study Group)

Don't forget to return your filled baby bottles for the **Baby Bottle Campaign**. Deposit filled bottles in the basket in the church vestibule.



Holy Communion for Shut-Ins

If you know of someone who cannot attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion where they are living, please contact Bob Martin at (732)589-1168 or email gman3700@aol.com.



Annual Memorial Day Mass

Saturday, May 23, 10:00am
Resurrection Cemetery, 547 N. Klocks Road,
Allentown

Please join in honoring our departed loved ones at this Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert. All are welcome.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

A charitable gift to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown is a beautiful way to support the life and mission of the parish while also offering possible financial and tax benefits to you and your family. For those who are 70½ or older, one popular option is to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA. A QCD may allow your gift to be excluded from your taxable income. Because every financial situation is different, please be sure to consult a professional tax advisor before taking any action regarding your IRA. For questions about making a charitable gift, please contact **Sue Cavataio at 610-838-7045**.

Devotional Candles, May 17 - May 24

Sanctuary Candle

Dee Amundsen
(offered by Fran Thompson)

St. Theresa Candle

David Newomer
(offered by Deacon Maurice and Judy Kelly)

BVM Candle

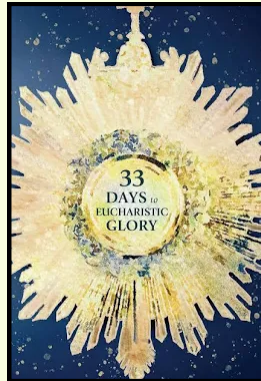
Anna Kametz
(offered by family)

St. Joseph Candle

Joseph Gawlikowski, Sr.
(offered by Jill & Joe Gawlikowski)

Sacred Heart Candle

Denise Goodrich
(offered by Ellie Fenner)



As a diocese, we are spending time in prayer with the book, 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory, by Matthew Kelly, leading to our Consecration on Sunday, June 7, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. The book is being provided free of charge to St. Theresa parishioners. Please pick up your copy in the vestibule of the church.

The collection total for May 10 is \$8617. Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

Next Sunday's collection will be the regular weekly collection.

Please note that donations for Mothers Day Remembrances may be made throughout the month of May. A remembrance offering is a tangible way to honor a mother who has passed away. Please consider a Mothers Day Remembrance to memorialize a deceased mother while also helping to support St. Theresa's.



Join us for BINGO on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Doors open at 5:15, games begin at 6:00pm.