

+ May 24, 2026 - Pentecost Sunday +

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



Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.

JOHN 20:22-23

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II, Pastor

**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**

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Calendar, May 24- May 31

Sunday, May 24

Mother's Day Remembrance collection, continuing throughout the month of May

Monday, May 25- **RECTORY CLOSED**

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 26

Carmelites, Parish Center, 2:30pm - 4:30pm

Exaltation of the Cross Prayer Group, School Bldg., 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Wednesday, May 27

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, May 28

CGS2, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am

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

Choir practice, Church, 6:30pm

Friday, May 29

St. Monica Ministry, Rectory LL, 10:30am - 12:00pm

Saturday, May 30

Little Flowers group, Friendship Hall, 2:00pm - 4:00pm

Sunday, May 31

Mother's Day Remembrance collection, final day

Mass Intentions, May 24 - May 31

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)

Monday, May 25 - The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00am - Martha Carter (John & Stephanie Marlin)

Tuesday, May 26 - St. Philip Neri, Priest

8:00am - Geraldine Pastir (Husband, Richard Pastir)

Wednesday, May 27 - St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop

8:00am - Lydia Towarnycki (Denise Neff)

Thursday, May 28 - Weekday

8:00am - Domenick LaTassa (Behe family)

Friday, May 29 - St. Paul VI, Pope

8:00am - Sr. Jude Mary O'Donnell, IHM (Jeff Eisenhower)

Saturday, May 30 - Weekday

No 8:00am

Sunday, May 31 - The Most Holy Trinity

5:00pm (Sat.) - William North (Mom, Lorraine Fliszar)

8:00am - Ed Michaylira (Sons Mark and David and their families)

9:30am - Very Rev. Jerome A. Tauber, 6th pastor of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish)

11:00am - Sally Chaffier (Sonny & Sandy Silvoy)

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



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 gratefully accepted! Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" as the memo.



Today, we joyfully celebrate the birthday of the Church—Pentecost, the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles and set them ablaze with divine fire. This outpouring of the Spirit transformed a fearful band of disciples into bold evangelists who would carry the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Pentecost is not merely a remembrance—it is a renewal. It is our invitation to be rekindled, reawakened, and recommissioned.

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: May 31, The Most Holy Trinity

Mass time	Lector(s)	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Fran Vasko	Fran Vasko
8:00am Sunday	Megan Kuronya	Isabella LaTassa	Tommy Gregorsky
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Greg Jones

PARISH SCHEDULE UPDATES

for summer...and beyond!

NEW Saturday Vigil Mass beginning **JUNE 6**, the weekend of Corpus Christi:
4:15pm Vigil Mass replaces the 5:00pm Mass



NEW Sunday morning Mass at 6:30am
offered June 7 through Labor Day weekend

Daily Mass Schedule

Mondays - Mass at 6:00pm
(No 8:00am Mass on Mondays)
Tuesday through Friday, Mass at 8:00am

Confessions

Saturdays - 3:00pm to 3:45pm

Bingo in Friendship Hall

1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month
Doors open 5:15pm; games begin 6:00pm

Rectory (Parish Office) Hours

(June 8 through Labor Day Weekend)
Monday - 9:00am - 12:00pm
Tuesday-Thursday - 9:00am - 3:00pm
Friday - 9:00am - 12:00pm

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, pray for us!



Fr. John Anthony says:

"These schedule adjustments support parish needs and help maintain my health and sustainability in ministry. And by the way, don't forget to continue checking the bulletin and parish communications for further updates!"



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 class (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



After 3 unexcused absences, student may be dismissed from the program.

Any missed lesson **MUST** be completed.



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

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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

Our Parish Needs You – The Future of Our Children Depends on It

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. They are 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 Holtzman, 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 - YOU will be helping a child encounter Jesus—especially in the Eucharist. YOU will be teaching them how to pray... how to believe... how to live the Faith. YOU will be planting seeds that will last a lifetime—and into eternity. Please contact the Parish Office at 610-838-7045 or speak with us after Mass.



St. Theresa Parish Religious Education Program



Educating for Eternity



Become an Altar Server

Youth and adults of our parish are invited to assist at St. Theresa Masses. Please contact Bill Ripper for more information:
wjripper@gmail.com

"Dear Altar Servers! Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service. The Altar Server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration... you are much more than simple 'helpers of the priest.'" Pope St. John Paul II



Monsignor Kozel with altar servers Peter Lay and Thomas Lay.



On May 13, the feast of Our Lady of Fatima, Msgr. Robert Kozel observed the 65th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. St. Theresa Parish is honored to have had Monsignor celebrate Mass here on that most blessed occasion.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish

WE NEED YOU

to Serve the Lord!

YOUR FAITH. YOUR TIME. HIS MISSION.

Altar Servers

Ushers & Greeters

Lectors

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Choir Members and Cantors

WE WILL TRAIN YOU!

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING.

TIME COMMITMENT IS ONE HOUR PER WEEK OR LESS.

SIGN UP TODAY! CALL 610-838-7045

**The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the
Brian McKenna Baby Bottle Campaign
to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem.**

The Life House helps new and expectant mothers who are facing homelessness and other life crises. Starting on Mother's Day, baby bottles will be available in the vestibule of St. Theresa's. Please take home a baby bottle or two to fill with spare change, bills, and/or checks (made out to The Cay Galgon Life House). Filled baby bottles may be returned by Father's Day to the basket in the vestibule. Check out the Cay Galgon Life House: www.caygalgonlifehouse.org



“Love Jesus Back” Family Holy Hour

All are invited to a “Love Jesus Back” Family Holy Hour on Tuesday, June 9 at 6:00pm, here at St. Theresa's. Let the little children come to Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament! Thank Jesus for His great love, and pray for those who do not yet love Him in return. A potluck dinner in Friendship Hall will precede the Holy Hour, offering a chance for fellowship with other families. For more information, please call the rectory at **610-838-7045** or email StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com



DECLUTTER FOR A CAUSE!

A KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INITIATIVE



Are hidden treasures gathering dust in your attic or garage?
Support community programs and parish initiatives by **donating them!**



WE NEED YOUR HOME GOODS - TOOLS & GARDEN - SPORTS
EQUIPMENT - ENTERTAINMENT GOODS - FURNITURE

We gratefully accept kitchenware, small appliances, and home decor; bookshelves, end tables, and chairs (no large sofas or mattresses, please); hand tools, power tools, and outdoor gear; books, board games, and puzzles; bicycles, golf clubs, and fitness gear.

Saturday, May 30, 8:00am - 10:00am
Church Parking Lot / Parish Hall

NEED A PICKUP? IF YOU HAVE FURNITURE OR OTHER LARGE ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE, PLEASE CONTACT TERRY COFFEY AT **859-333-4476** OR EMAIL **TFCOFFEY@GMAIL.COM**



Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen



Catholic Charities Soup Kitchen



McDonalds Fundraiser for Special Olympics

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
GET THE JOB DONE!**



Before...



...during...



...and after!

St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Carrie Yuhas
(enrolled by Martha Gehris)

Gloria Scheidler
(enrolled by Janet Zavacky)

Erika and Alois Groegler
(enrolled by Linda & Larry Dull)

Alois Groegler
(enrolled by Brenda Krajci)



The collection total for May 17 is \$5618.

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

It's your last chance to make a remembrance offering to honor a mother who has passed away. Remember your mother as you help your parish!

A charitable gift to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Hellertown is a beautiful way to support the parish while also offering possible financial and tax benefits to the giver. Those who are 70½ or older may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from your IRA. A QCD may allow your gift to be excluded from your taxable income. Every financial situation is unique, so be sure to consult a tax advisor before taking any action regarding your IRA. For assistance or more information, please call **Sue** at **610-838-7045**.



Little Flower Society Enrollments

Barbara Bartholomew
(enrolled by Miriam Martin)

Devotional Candles, May 24 - May 31

Sanctuary Candle

Ashley Kettering
(offered by Jill & Joe Gawlikowski)

St. Theresa Candle

Ramona Thursby
(offered by Deacon Dave & Debbie)

BVM Candle

Nick and Dorothy Cuttic
(offered by a friend)

St. Joseph Candle

Charles Cheddar
(offered by Jackie Cheddar & family)

Sacred Heart Candle

Richard Fenner
(offered by Ellie Fenner)



HELLERTOWN COMMUNITY YARD SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 8:00AM - 2:00PM

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish is offering space in its parking lot for YOU to sell your items. All proceeds from your sales are yours to keep! A donation to St. Theresa Parish is appreciated—but not required.

Refreshments will be available. Enjoy food and drink throughout the day while you shop, sell, and socialize!

No table? No problem!
A limited number of tables are available at \$10 each.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT TODAY!
CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
BY JUNE 1: 610-838-7045





Happy Teacher Appreciation Week at St. Theresa Preschool.
Lots of surprises, a fun Cinco de Mayo party, and an epic Glow in the Dark party!



Our students honored Mother Mary with a special May Crowning celebration led by Father Hutta.

