

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA

+ June 28, 2026 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time +

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II
Pastor

Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak
Pastor Emeritus

Deacon David K. Rohner

Our Mission Statement

We are a Roman Catholic Family of Faith, centered in the Real Presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the Light of Christ to each other and to our Community.

Masses

Monday: 6:00pm Mass
(No 8:00am Mass on Mondays)

Tuesday through Friday: 8:00am Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:15pm

Sunday Masses: 6:30am, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Eucharistic Adoration

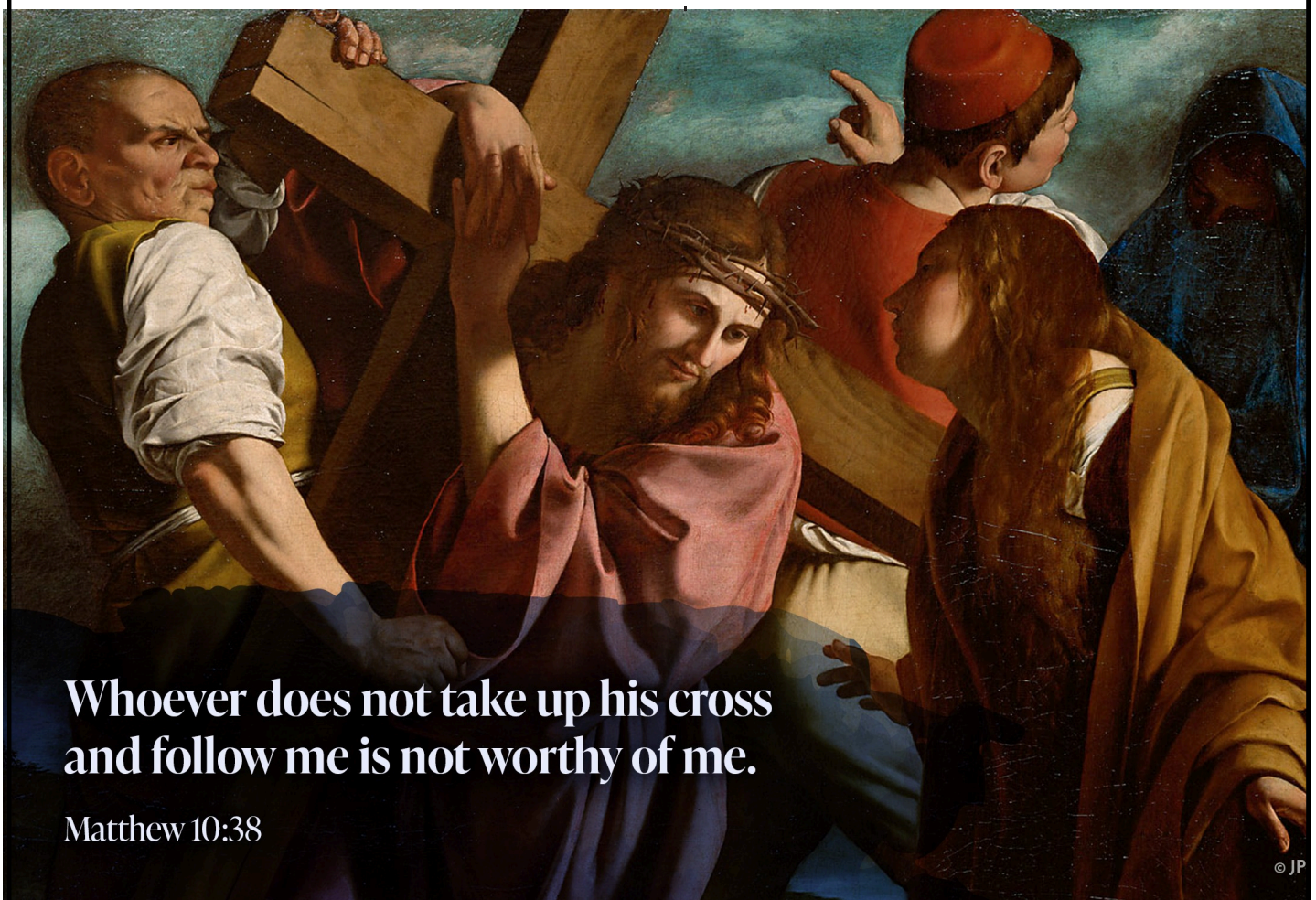
First Friday: 12:00pm - 3:00pm

Tuesday: 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Confession

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

First Friday: 12:00pm - 1:00pm



**Whoever does not take up his cross
and follow me is not worthy of me.**

Matthew 10:38

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Calendar, June 28 - July 5

Sunday, June 28

Boy Scouts religious award presentation during 9:30am Mass
Father's Day Remembrance collection

Monday, June 29

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, June 30

Eucharistic Adoration, Church,
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 1

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, July 2

No meetings or events scheduled.

Friday, July 3

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

NO BINGO

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, July 5

No meetings or events scheduled.

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, June 30
6:00pm - 7:00pm



Mass Intentions, June 28 - July 5

Sunday, June 28 - 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Ed Michaylira (Gary & Sally Strawn)

6:30am - People of the Parish

8:00am - Dee Amundsen (Fran Thompson)

9:30am - Tom Long

11:00am - Margaret Falatek (Family)

Monday, June 29 - Sts. Peter and Paul Apostles

6:00pm - Geraldine Pastir (Husband, Richard Pastir)

Tuesday, June 30 - The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:00am - Brian McKenna (Linda & Larry Dull)

Wednesday, July 1 - St Junípero Serra, Priest

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

Thursday, July 2 - Weekday

8:00am - James and Helen Mindock (Estate)

Friday, July 3 - St. Thomas, Apostle

8:00am - Joseph Kach (Family)

Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day

8:00am - Charles Smith (Smith family)

Sunday, July 5 - 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Ed Michaylira (Denise & Zachary Neff)

6:30am - Geraldine Pastir (Husband, Richard Pastir)

8:00am - Anna Paula Sa (Mom & Dad Henriques)

9:30am - Ed Michaylira (Aaron & Jackie Hetrick)

11:00am - Abigail Kaufman and Brianna Baer (Grandmother)

Little Flower Society Enrollment



Linda Dull
(enrolled by Stephanie Marlin)



St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Gerald Long
(enrolled by Don & Betty Musgnung)

Kathleen Stahler
(enrolled by Don & Betty Musgnung)

Devotional Candles June 28 - July 5

Sanctuary Candle - Joan Marks (offered by Bill & Terri Zakocs)

St. Theresa Candle - Jane Finger, fifth anniversary of death (offered by Israel family)

BVM Candle - Dee Amundsen (offered by Fran Thompson)

St. Joseph Candle - Daniel Bartolet (offered by Rita Bartolet)

Sacred Heart Candle - Special Intention (offered by Barbara Bartholomew)



Liturgical Ministers Schedule: July 5, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass time	Lector(s)	EEM	Altar server(s)
4:15pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	Bernadette Wisser
6:30am Sunday	Megan Kuronya	Deacon Dave	Not Required
8:00am Sunday	Isabella LaTassa	Isabella LaTassa	Genevieve & Arthur Tabor
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Paula Olexa	Lay brothers
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Greg Jones

ST. THERESA PARISH

2026 Shower OF Roses

SWEEPSTAKES

A cherished parish tradition that supports the ministries, maintenance, evangelization, and mission of our parish while bringing our community together in faith, fellowship, and generosity.

**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AFTER ALL MASSES THROUGHOUT JUNE!**

SWEEPSTAKES PRIZES



GRAND PRIZE
\$1,000



2 SECOND PRIZES
\$500 each



4 THIRD PRIZES
\$250 each

DONATION OPTIONS



\$10
= 1 Ticket



\$25
= 3 Tickets



\$50
= 7 Tickets

DRAWING DATE

The drawing will take place during our

*Parish
Summer Picnic*



**SUNDAY,
JULY 26, 2026**



DIMMICK PARK



Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to participate!



Every ticket purchased helps support the continued mission and ministries of St. Theresa Parish and helps us continue proclaiming the Gospel and serving our parish family.

RETURN TICKET STUBS & DONATIONS:



In the Sunday collection basket



By mail in the enclosed envelope



Or at the Parish Rectory



**QUESTIONS OR NEED
ADDITIONAL TICKETS?**
Please contact the Parish Office
610-838-7045

*Thank you for your
generosity & support!*

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

I remember a story my grandfather told me about a young priest who was assigned to a very poor mountain parish. The people did not have much. The church was small. The rectory was old. The roads were rough. Many families struggled just to put food on the table.

One evening, after visiting the sick, the priest was walking back to the rectory in the rain. He was tired, soaked, and hungry. As he passed a small house, an elderly woman opened the door and called out, "Father, come in. You must be cold."

He said, "No, no, I do not want to trouble you."

She smiled and said, "Father, when God knocks, we make room."

So he entered. Her home was very simple. The roof leaked in one corner. There was only a small table, two chairs, and a little stove. She gave him soup, bread, and a dry blanket. The priest noticed that she gave him the larger portion of soup and kept very little for herself.

He said, "You should not have done this. You need this more than I do."

She looked at him and said, "Father, I am not feeding only you. I am feeding Christ."

Years later, that priest said he learned more about the Gospel that night than he had learned from many books. That woman had very little, but she had made room for God.

That is the heart of today's readings: make room for God, and God will make room for grace.

In the First Reading from the Second Book of Kings, we meet the Shunemite woman. She recognizes Elisha as a holy man of God. She does not merely say, "God bless you." She does something. She feeds him. She welcomes him. She prepares a room for him on the roof of her house with a bed, a table, a chair, and a lamp. She makes room for the prophet. And because she makes room for the prophet, she makes room for God.

Elisha then promises her the blessing she had longed for: a child. She offered hospitality, and God offered life. She gave a room, and God gave a future. Her generosity was great, but God's generosity was greater.

That is how God works. No act of love is wasted. No hidden kindness is forgotten. No sacrifice made in faith disappears. God sees every cup of cold water. God sees every meal prepared, every visit made, every tear wiped away, every act of service done quietly and without applause.

The world may overlook it. God never does.

The Psalm today tells us, "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

Why do we sing? Because God has been gracious. God has been faithful. God has blessed us again and again, not because we deserve it, but because He loves us.

Everything we have is grace. Our life is grace. Our faith is grace. Our family is grace. Our vocation is grace. Our parish is grace. Even the strength to get up again after we fall is grace.

And Saint Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Romans that through Baptism we have been plunged into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The word "baptize" means "to plunge." In Baptism, we are plunged into Christ. We go down into His death and rise up in His life. That means Christianity is not just about being nice. It is about dying and rising.

We must die to selfishness. We must die to pride. We must die to resentment. We must die to the idea that my life is only about me, my comfort, my schedule, my plans, and my control.

And then Christ raises us up. He raises us up to live differently. He raises us up to love differently.

He raises us up to serve differently. He raises us up to become signs of His graciousness in the world.

Then comes the Gospel, and Jesus speaks very challenging words: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

At first, that sounds difficult. Is Jesus telling us not to love our families?

No. Jesus is teaching us how to love our families rightly.

When God is first, everything else finds its proper place. When God is first, we love our families better, not worse. We become better spouses, better parents, better children, better priests, better friends, better parishioners.

But when God is not first, even good things can become disordered. Family can become control. Love can become possession. Service can become resentment. Work can become an idol. Comfort can become a prison.

Jesus is not asking us to love less. He is asking us to love with His heart. That is why He says, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." Real love always involves the cross. Parents know this. Priests know this. Caregivers know this. Married couples know this. Anyone who has truly loved another person knows this.

Love costs something. Hospitality costs something. Forgiveness costs something. Faithfulness costs something. Discipleship costs something. But the cross is never the end. With Jesus, the cross always leads to resurrection.

And then Jesus gives us one of the most beautiful promises in the Gospel: "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink... will surely not lose his reward."

A cup of cold water. Not a cathedral. Not a million dollars. Not a grand public achievement.

A cup of cold water:

Jesus is telling us that holiness is often found in small acts done with great love.

Sometimes holiness is setting an extra place at the table.

Sometimes holiness is visiting someone who is lonely.

Sometimes holiness is listening when we are tired.

Sometimes holiness is forgiving someone who hurt us.

Sometimes holiness is helping at the parish when no one sees.

Sometimes holiness is giving a child attention, an elderly person dignity, a grieving person comfort, or a stranger welcome.

The Shunemite woman made a room. The elderly woman in the story offered soup and bread.

Jesus says even a cup of cold water matters.

So the question is: Where is God asking me to make room?

Is there room for God in my schedule? Is there room for prayer in my day? Is there room for mercy in my heart? Is there room for the poor, the lonely, the forgotten, the difficult person? Is there room for the cross? Is there room for Christ?

Because when we make room for God, God does something beautiful in us. He puts to death our selfishness. He raises us up in grace. He teaches us to love rightly. He sends us out to become His presence in the world.

The movement of today's readings is simple and powerful: God is gracious.

We receive His graciousness. We put God first. We are plunged into Christ's death and resurrection. We die to selfishness.

God raises us up. Then we extend His graciousness to others. That is the Christian life. That is discipleship. That is the Good News.

My brothers and sisters, today the Lord is not asking us to do everything.

But He is asking us to do something: Make room.

Make room for Him in your heart. Make room for Him in your family. Make room for Him in your priorities. Make room for Him in the person who needs your kindness. Make room for Him in the little one who needs a cup of cold water.

Because a disciple of Jesus does not simply receive blessings. A disciple becomes a blessing.

And when we put God first, everything else begins to fall into place.

So today, let us ask ourselves: What is my number one priority? Is God truly first? And who needs a cup of cold water from me this week?

May the Lord Jesus plunge us deeper into His grace, put to death whatever is selfish within us, raise us up in His new life, and make us living signs of His gracious love.

**It's vacation season,
but St. Theresa Parish
doesn't take time off.**

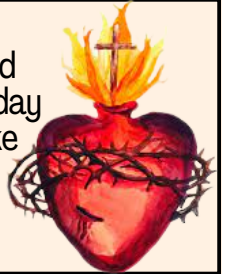
Many churches see a 20% drop in giving during the summer, when vacationers are attending Mass away from their home parishes. Please be sure to hand in your envelopes for the weeks that you are away. Better yet, sign up for Online Giving, which enables you to donate from wherever you are, using your computer or smart device. For more information, visit www.sttheresaotcj.org/giving



The Knights of Columbus would like to thank the St. Theresa Parish community for their support for the Community Yard Sale on June 6th. Thank you to those who donated items, who purchased items, and those vendors who rented tables!

We would especially like to thank the Ladies Guild, whose support was essential to the success of the Yard Sale!

In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Our Lord designated the first Friday of each month as a day to honor His Sacred Heart and make reparation for sin. Please join the parish community in its First Friday devotions at 7:30am on July 3.



The **St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line** offers prayers for others' intentions. Email your intentions to colleenfitz0@gmail.com or phone them in at **610-838-6490**. If you would like to join us in praying for others' intentions, please provide your information in the Prayer Line Member Sign-Up below, and either drop the completed form into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

Name _____
 Contact (one means only, please) _____

 Email _____
 Phone _____



In observance of Independence Day, the rectory will be closed **Monday, July 6**.
The rectory will reopen at 9:00am on Tuesday, July 7.

Items for our weekly bulletin are always welcome. Please submit your news ten days before the desired date of publication. Thank you!

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish

WE NEED YOU

to Serve the Lord!

Ushers & Greeters

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

**SIGN UP TODAY!
CALL 610-838-7045**

**Choir Members
and Cantors**

Lectors

**WE WILL TRAIN YOU!
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING.
TIME COMMITMENT IS ONE HOUR PER WEEK OR LESS.**

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish

Senior Recognition Mass

July 26, 2026, 11:00am

at Dimmick Park

St. Theresa Parish wishes to recognize the members of its faith community who are graduating high school. At our 2026 Senior Recognition Mass, we will ask God to bless the graduates as they seek to follow His Will for their lives.

Graduates and their families are warmly invited to attend the Recognition Mass and take part in the celebration. High school graduates who would like to receive a special blessing at the Mass are asked to R.S.V.P. using the form below.

Please note the change of venue: The 11:00 Mass will take place at Dimmick Park instead of at the church.

SENIORS: Please fill in the form below and either deposit it in the Sunday collection basket or bring it to the rectory by Sunday, July 5.

Senior Recognition Mass RSVP

I will attend the Senior Recognition Mass taking place
Sunday, July 26, 11:00am at Dimmick Park.

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email _____

Phone Number _____

Name of School _____

Summer Bash Block Party for Young Adults

The Commission for Young Adults invites all young adults to gather for a block party at St. Joseph the Worker, Orefield from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on Friday, July 10. Bring your own instruments, snacks, games, crafts and what-have-you. Come to make new friends and enjoy the summer weather together. There will also be some surprises!

Sign up at
[allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/
signup/257682](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/257682)

School of Healing Event

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Robesonia is hosting **Encounter Ministries School of Healing** — a powerful two-day event designed to equip ordinary Catholics to participate in the healing ministry of Jesus. The event begins Friday, August 28 at 6:00pm and concludes Saturday, August 29 at 10:00pm.

The event will close with a Healing Service that is open to the public. To learn more and register for the School of Healing event, visit tinyurl.com/school-healing26

Retrouvaille: Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage

Thousands of couples have improved their marriages with Retrouvaille. This program helps build communication skills and increase intimacy. It can also aid in healing marriages that are struggling.

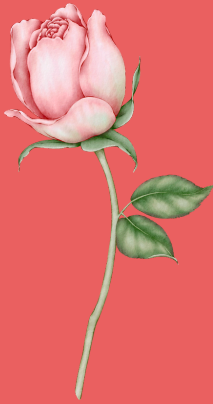
Join us July 31 - August 2 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit

www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org

All inquiries are strictly confidential.

“Thank you to all who came out to our Father's Day Cookout!”





Are you interested in serving on the St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Pastoral Council?

Members of the council will collaborate with Fr. Hutta to help form the future of St. Theresa Parish. If you feel called to serve the parish in this capacity, and would like to be considered, kindly indicate your interest by depositing a note in the Sunday collection basket. Please be sure to include your name, occupation, and relevant skills and/or experience.

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

Join the St. Theresa Seniors on a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theater to see **“Joshua”** Tuesday, November 10
\$169 per person includes ticket to the 11am show, plus bus transportation and family-style meal.
For more information, call Nancy at 610-360-3738.



Saturday, July 18
Friendship Hall

There is no Bingo on July 4.

Doors open 5:15pm; games begin 6:00pm. \$25 packet includes 15 regular games PLUS specials.

You must be at least 18 to play.
For info Isabella at 484-241-1296.

The St. Theresa Parish Picnic will take place in Dimmick Park on Sunday, July 26.

Please note that the 11:00am Mass will be celebrated at the park instead of at the church.

The Shower of Roses Sweepstakes winners will be drawn at the picnic.

The annual parish picnic is a cherished tradition. Don't miss it!



The collection total for June 21 is \$6533.

The collection next Sunday, July 5, will be the regular Sunday collection.

Father's Day Remembrances are still being accepted. Those being memorialized will be remembered at Masses through the end of the month.

Have you prayed your rosary today? Your Mother wants to know.



A charitable gift to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish 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 their IRA. A QCD may allow a gift to be excluded from taxable income. Every financial situation is unique, so be sure to consult a tax advisor before taking any action regarding your IRA. For information, call **Sue** at **610-838-7045**.



The Good Samaritan Society offers short term assistance to residents of Hellertown-Lower Saucon Township. If you or someone you know needs help, call the society confidentially at 610-509-5863. Monetary donations are accepted! Make checks payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" as the memo.

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RECTORY OFFICE: 610-838-7045

EMAIL: sttheresacj@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.sttheresaotcj.org

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

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PREP OFFICE: 610-838-1020

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PRESCHOOL

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DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

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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, 3:00pm - 3:45pm; 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, Sacred Heart, 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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