"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Luke 10:2

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

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II, Parochial Administrator Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak, Pastor Emeritus Deacon David K. Rohner

Mass and Confession Schedule

Monday through Friday, 8:00am Mass First Saturday of the month, 8:00am Mass Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am Masses Confession Saturday from 4:00pm - 4:30pm

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. St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish is consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima and Mary, Mother of the Church.

PARISH CALENDAR / MASS INTENTIONS: JULY 6- JULY 13

Sundau. Julu 6 - Fourteenth Sundau in Ordinaru Sunday, July 6 Time No meetings or events scheduled. 5:00pm (Sat.) - Souls in Purgatory 8:00am - Geraldine Pastir (Husband, Richard Pastir) Monday, July 7 9:30am - Patrick Callaghan (Carol Callaghan) **Rectory is closed.** 11:00am - Joaquim P. DaSilva (Wife, Margarida and Bou Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm family) Knights of Columbus, Friendship Hall, Monday, July 7 - Weekday 7:00pm 8:00am Mass - Dr. Jennifer Capezzuti, H&W Baptism class, Church, 7:00pm (Dr. Michael & Sallu Chaffier) **Tuesday, July 8** Tuesday, July 8 - Weekday **Rectory reopens.** 8:00am - Margaret Falatek (Family) St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, Church, Wednesday, July 9 - St. Augustine Zhao Rong, 6:00pm Priest, and Companions, Marturs St. Monica Ministru meeting, Friendship 8:00am - Ruth Ann Jamicku (Kau Ravier) Hall, 7:00pm Thursday, July 10 - Weekday Wednesday, July 9 8:00am - Álexander Leon (Pat Zajac) Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm -Friday, July 11 - St. Benedict, Abbot 7:00pm (Confessions will not be heard.) 8:00am - Mildred Medernack (Fartel family) Thursday, July 10 Saturday, July 12 - Weekday No meetings or events scheduled. No 8:00am Mass Sunday, July 13 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Friday, July 11 Time No meetings or events scheduled. 5:00pm (Sat.) - Dolores Fartel and family (Preschool staff and students) Saturday, July 12 8:00am - Stanley and Nellie Brandes (John and Confession, Church, 4:00pm - 4:30pm Stephanie Marlin and family) 9:30am - David Ortwein (Steph & Ray Velez) Sunday, July 13 11:00am - Andrew Schlotter (Greg Jones and family) No meetings or events scheduled.

It's vacation season, but your parish doesn't take time off.

Many churches see a 20% drop in giving during the summer months, 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. Please visit **www.sttheresaotcj.org/giving** for information.

Please note: The collection total for June 28/29 will be published in next week's bulletin.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 12/13- FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				
MASS TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Fr. John Hutta	Joani Dornblaser	Fran Vasko	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Chris Roth	Chris Roth	Genevieve Tabor
9:30am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Antonio & Agustin Ponce



Monday, June 23, was Fr. Hutta's first day as Parochial Administrator of St. Theresa Parish! We invite all our parishioners to pray for Fr. Hutta as he shepherds our community of faith.

Lord Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest, you offered yourself to the Father on the altar of the cross and through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit gave your priestly people a share in your redeeming sacrifice. Hear our prayer for our parochial administrator, Fr. John Anthony Hutta. Grant that he should be ever more conformed to you, the Divine Master. May he preach the Gospel with a pure heart and a clear conscience.. May he be a shepherd according to your own heart, single-minded in service to you and to the Church, and a shining example of a holy, simple, and joyful life. Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, draw your servant Fr. Hutta and the St. Theresa Parish community that he shepherds to the fullness of eternal life. Amen. -adapted from a prayer by Pope Benedict XVI

A Farewell and a Welcome

Having served as both the Director and a teacher at St. Theresa Preschool since 2019, Dolores Fartel has discerned that it is time for her to step down from her role as Director. While our beloved Mrs. Fartel will continue to assist part-time in an administrative role, she is now joyfully passing the leadership torch to Mrs. Mary J. Morsbach, the new Interim Director of St Theresa Preschool..

Mary Morsbach brings with her over 25 years of experience in early childhood education, including eight years in Catholic schools. She and her husband live in Warren County, New Jersey, and together they raised their children in the Faith. Mary has also earned her Master's in Education, and she brings not only professionalism and experience, but a profound love for the mission of Catholic formation.

The St. Theresa parish community could not be more grateful to Mrs. Fartel for her steadfast and faith-filled leadership. From the bottom of our hearts, we thank her for walking with our children on the path of love and learning.

We extend a warm welcome to Mary Morsbach and, as she assumes her role as Interim Director of the preschool , we assure her of our support and our steadfast prayers.



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 St. Theresa Parishioners Linda and Larry Dull
recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Our parish community rejoices along with
Linda and Larry, and prays that God will grant them many more wonderful years together.

"May the Lord of heaven prosper you both. May he grant you mercy and peace." (Tobit 7:12)

Holy Family Senior Living is Seeking Volunteers

Holy Family Senior Living in Bethlehem is seeking volunteers to brighten the lives of our residents. Do you have a special talent to share? Do you enjoy conversing with others about historical events or sports? Do you like arts & crafts or music? Maybe you just like to see smiles on the faces of others! The members of our community would love to get to know you. Please contact Michael Hertzog, Director of Life Enrichment, for more information: **mhertzog@holufamilusl.org**

St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish Recovery Fund

On May 6, an explosive device detonated inside the Perpetual Adoration Chapel at St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Mahanoy City. Now closed due to extensive damage, the Chapel will require costly repairs before it can reopen. The Diocese of Allentown has established a special fund to assist the Saint Teresa parish community to recover and rebuild. Please consider supporting the St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish. Find out more at www.allentowndiocese.org/SaintTeresaRecovery

Summer Program for Separated/Divorced Catholics

Weekly on Tuesdays from 6:30pm -7:30 pm, through July 29 St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 618 Fullerton Ave, Whitehall

Separation and divorce are a painful reality for many Catholics. Our Lord wants to heal the wounds caused by broken marriages. Meetings will take place in the parish office. For more information, please contact Jane Zingelman at 505-688-8663.

Diocesan Family Mass

Celebrate the beauty of families at the annual Diocesan Family Mass! All are invited to a picnic after Mass, sponsored by the Natural Family Planning Task Force of the Diocese of Allentown. Join us at St. Catherine of Siena, 4975 Boyertown Pike, Reading, PA 19606 at 11:30am on Sunday, July 20 for Mass with Bishop Schlert, followed by the picnic. Contact Maggie Riggins at **mriggins@allentowndiocese.org**

Cursillo: A once in a lifetime opportunity for Catholics

Cursillo is a worldwide lay movement within the Catholic Church dedicated to the renewal of faith and Christian service to our communities. If you are willing to set aside one 3-day weekend to encounter Christ like never before, then the next Cursillo weekend just may be for you.

Men's weekend: 9/18/25 - 9/21/25; Women's weekend: 9/25/25 - 9/28/25

Contact Fidelia at 610-509-6365 or fideljasa@gmail.com or visit allentown-cursillo.org

Mother of Hope Hybrid Academy

Mother of Hope Hybrid Academy is a Catholic, Classical hybrid academy opening in the Lehigh Valley this fall. The Academy offers a Pre-K through Kindergarten Montessori program and a Classical curriculum for students in 1st grade through 5th grade. Students attend on-campus classes two days a week and learn at home the remaining days with guidance and support. Enrollment for Fall 2025 is now open. For more information, visit **www.motherofhopehybridacademy.org** or email Thea Aclo, Executive Director at **admin@motherofhopehybridacademy.org**



Thursday, November 20

\$130 per person includes bus transportation,

show, and meal.

For information, call Nancy at 610-360-3738.

Friendship Hall. Dinner tickets are \$10/person. Please call the St. Theresa Rectory for information: 610-838-7045.

Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry.

+ FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

May you respond to the Lord Jesus' call and follow Him in loving service of others.

At the heart of Christian discipleship lies this question: **What motivates my actions?** Is it the pursuit of prestige? The desire for comfort or personal advancement? Or is it the love of Christ and a longing to serve others as He served us?

We live in a culture where self-interest is often championed as success. There's nothing inherently wrong with relaxation or recreation—Scripture itself upholds the Sabbath rest—but the Christian path does not begin or end with self-indulgence. Instead, we are called to self-gift.

Too often, people are only generous when it benefits them. But Jesus flips the script. The Gospel—the GOOD News—of our Master-Teacher is a summons to be other-centered. Discipleship means seeking the good of the other, even when it costs us something precious. To follow Jesus is to be shaped by His Cross, guided by the Holy Spirit, and fueled by sacrificial love.

Our Readings Today: A Symphony of Joy and Purpose

Each of the readings this Sunday contributes to a greater vision: the joy-filled call to discipleship—and the response that flows from a life grounded in God.

• **Isaiah** (First Reading): We are given an image of divine tenderness. God, through the symbol of Jerusalem, is described as a nurturing mother—feeding, comforting, and delighting in her children. Just as an infant finds peace in its mother's arms, so too do we find security and joy in the presence of our God.

• **Psalm 66** (Responsorial): The psalmist lifts a call to the entire earth: "*Cry out to God with joy!*" Why? Because God has done great things for His people. Worship and joy go hand-in-hand for the one who recognizes God's saving deeds.

• **Galatians 6** (Second Reading): St. Paul offers a powerful declaration: "*May I never boast except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.*" He identifies himself as crucified to the world—a man whose life is no longer governed by worldly values, but by union with Christ. Paul isn't claiming his own strength; rather, he finds meaning in his suffering because it conforms him to the Lord.

• Luke 10 (Gospel): Jesus sends out seventy-two disciples, two by two. He tells them to take no money, no extra supplies—just the authority of His Word and the power of their witness. When they return, amazed by the miracles they saw and the authority they wielded, Jesus reminds them: Rejoice not because of the power you exercised, but because your names are written in heaven.

What Does All This Mean for Us Today?

The Gospel message is clear: the spectacular moments of ministry are not the goal. The true joy of discipleship is not in the fireworks—but in the relationship. Signs and wonders can inspire, but what sustains us is the knowledge that we belong to God, that our names are written in the heart of the Father.

Consider a modern analogy: On Independence Day, we are mesmerized by fireworks. They light up the night sky and provoke awe. But the day isn't about fireworks—it's about freedom, unity, and the ideals our nation aspires to uphold. The fireworks are just signs.

So too in the spiritual life. Miracles, conversions, and emotional highs are real and beautiful but they are signs pointing to something greater: our union with Jesus Christ. The Cross is the foundation of our joy, not the noise of spiritual spectacle.

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A Reflection with Questions for the Heart

• What drives me? Do I live for Christ, or do I follow Him when it's convenient for me?

• Do I boast in the Cross—or do I avoid discomfort? Am I willing to sacrifice my preferences, my time, my comfort, for the sake of someone else's healing or salvation?

• Am I more excited by "fireworks" or by relationship? Do I only feel God's presence when I experience something grand, or do I rejoice in the quiet daily fidelity of walking with Him?

• Do I trust in God's providence like the disciples did? Am I prepared to proclaim the Gospel even when I feel ill-equipped?

• Do I recognize God as my nurturing Parent? Like the image in Isaiah, do I allow God to feed, comfort, and strengthen me in my weariness?

The Invitation to a Deeper Joy

The more we enter into relationship with God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—the more joy we discover in the mission. And when that relationship becomes the center of our lives, then ministry is no longer about what we do or accomplish, but about who we are in Christ.

Like St. Paul, we can then say, *"I bear the marks of Jesus on my body."* Not because we are saviors, but because we have shared in the saving work of the Savior. We have become His hands and feet. His voice and heart.

The Lord still sends disciples two by two. He still entrusts the proclamation of the Gospel to ordinary men and women. He still promises to provide, to nourish, and to rejoice over us like a mother holding her child. Let us respond with boldness, humility, and joy.

"Do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven." — Luke 10:20

Let us go out with joy. Let us follow the Master-Teacher. Let us serve others in His name. And may we boast not in our achievements, but in the Cross of Christ, through which we have life, freedom, and love.

And if fireworks come along the way—praise God. But may our hearts always burn with a deeper fire: the joy of belonging to Jesus.





The Good Samaritan Society offers short-term help to those in need.

If you or someone you know needs help, confidential assistance is available. Please call 610-509-5863.

The Good Samaritan Society gratefully accepts monetary contributions and grocery donations. Collection boxes for pantry items are in the stairwells flanking the church vestibule. No expired goods, please.

The Society is in need of the following items: Mac 'n' cheese, spaghetti sauce, cereal, coffee, canned meats and meals, snacks, drinks

Checks may be made payable to St Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" in the memo line.



PLEASE NOTE

The rectory will be closed Monday, July 7.

OCIA is a program that introduces prospective converts to Catholic beliefs and practices. Contact Dr. Anita Vincent at 610-838-1020 or email **prep.sttheresaci@gmail.com**



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Parents who desire the **Sacrament of Baptism** for their child(ren) must attend a Baptism preparation session, offered on the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm. Advance registration is required. Please call Dr. Anita Vincent 610-838-1020.

St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments



Marie Bordy (enrolled by Neff family)

Anna Andrejczak (enrolled by Neff family)

Register Your Child at St. Theresa Preschool !

St. Theresa Preschool offers full-day and half-day programs for 3 and 4+ year-olds. We are now taking registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. To register your student, please call 610-838-8161 or email **secretary@stsprekhellertown.com**

Devotional Candles for the Week of July 9

St. Joseph Candle Bill Gallo (Barbara Bartholomew)

BVM Candle Anna Iacovella (LaTassa family)

Sanctuary Candle Michael & Jean Hudock (Family)

St. Theresa Candle Dolores Fartel (Preschool staff and students)

Summer Feasts and Summer Not

How do solemnities, feasts, and memorials differ from one another?

A **solemnity** is a celebration of greatest importance. Each solemnity begins the previous evening with vespers (evening prayer). Some solemnities, such as the Assumption of Our Lady, have their own Vigil Mass.

A **feast** is of secondary importance. It is celebrated on a particular day, and does not normally have vespers or a Vigil Mass, e.g. the feast of the Holy Family on December 29.

A **memorial** commemorates a saint. There are two kinds of memorials: obligatory and optional. Only on an obligatory memorial, such as the July 11 memorial of St. Benedict, is a priest required to honor the saint of the day at Mass.

The Kids' Bulletin Far be it from me to glory except in the What did Saint Paul say in today's second reading? **14th Sunday in Ordinary Time** 10 Sort out the letters by number to find out! റ ω و ഹ 4 m \sim ∞ --people that they should pray that God will send out abourers in the Harvest of wolves. ciples to tell the people in harvest. He needs people who will go out into the He tells them that they should pray to the Lord of the towns that He is coming, and to heal the sick. the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. hese labourers. Do you know who these people world and gather the souls for Him, and tells the are? They are the priests and other missionaries you out as lambs reading, Jesus sends out seventy-two dis-I am sending In today's Gospel Jesus compares the souls of the people to a God will send many holy priests 꽗 who work to bring people to Jesus. Do you think that God might be calling you to be a labourer in the 4.road 5.house 6.you 7.wages harvest of souls? Pray every day that you will know how you can and missionaries into the world. best serve God. Also pray that in the midst 8

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Answer to puzzle on front: cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Answer to Match-Up Puzzle: 1.lambs 2.wolves 3.sandals

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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

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 6:00pm - 7:00pm every Wednesday. Confessions are also heard at that time.

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.

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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 contact Dr. Anita Vincent: 610-838-1020.