

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

+ July 12, 2026 - 15th 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

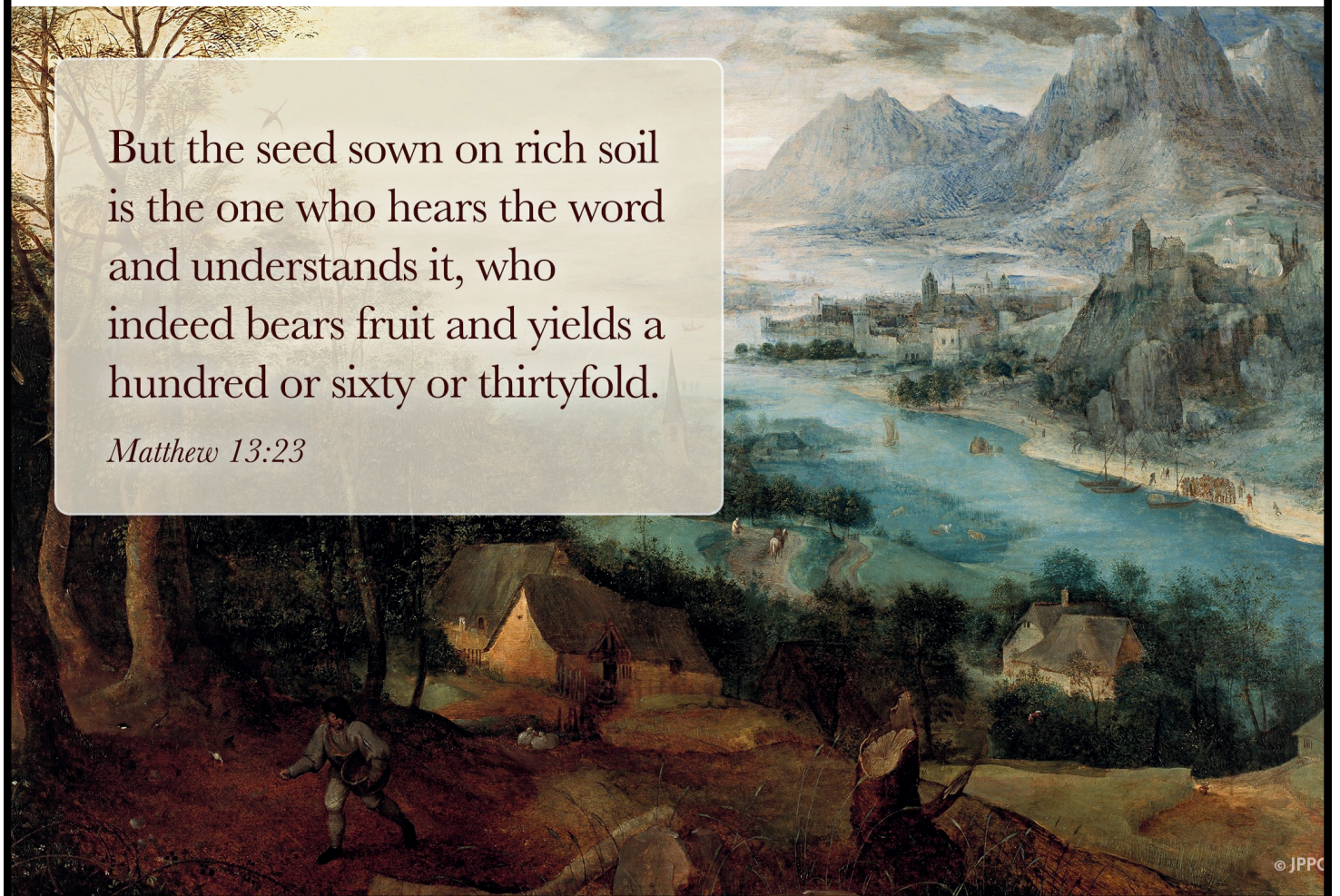
Confession

Saturday: 3:00pm - 3:45pm

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

But the seed sown on rich soil
is the one who hears the word
and understands it, who
indeed bears fruit and yields a
hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Matthew 13:23



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Calendar, July 12 - July 19

Sunday, July 12

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, July 13

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 14

St Monica Ministry Holy Hour,
Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Wednesday, July 15

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, July 16

No meetings or events scheduled.

Friday, July 17

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, July 18

Bingo, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

Sunday, July 19

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions, July 12 - July 19

Sunday, July 12 - 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - In memory of Rev. George Check

6:30am - St. Theresa Memorial Enrollees

8:00am - Donald Taylor (Tallarico family)

9:30am - David Ortwein (Steph & Ray)

11:00am - People of the Parish

Monday, July 13 - St. Henry

6:00pm - Steve & Anna Szoke (Family)

Tuesday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00am - Rev. Paul DaDamio (Behe family)

Wednesday, July 15 - St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Thursday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00am - Mary Martinez (Pat Krycia)

Friday, July 17 - Weekday

8:00am - Mary Beth Spirk (Jon & Ginny Seaman)

Saturday, July 18 - St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest

No 8:00am

Sunday, July 19 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Michael Cheddar (Ann & Jackie Cheddar)

6:30am - People of the Parish

8:00am - Carol Battaglia (Trish & Chuck Satkofsky)

9:30am - Richard Di Chiara (Wife & children)

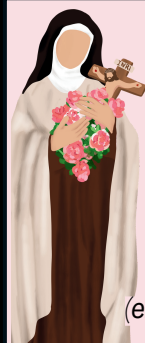
11:00am - Joseph Cavataio (Alice Fowler)



Saturday, July 18 Friendship Hall

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

You must be at least 18 to play.



St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Nicholas Cuttic
(enrolled by Barbara K. Woolridge)

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(enrolled by Judy & Jack Davco)

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(enrolled by Edward & Becky Kovach)

Devotional Candles - July 12- July 19

Sanctuary Candle

David Ortwein (offered by Steph & Ray)

St. Theresa Candle

Helen and Donald Davies (offered by Jill & Joe Gawlikowski)

BVM Candle

Special Intention (offered by Jim Altimare)

St. Joseph Candle

Sr. Lorraine Holzman, I.H.M. (offered by Sally Strawn)

Holy Family Candle

McKellin family (offered by Janice McKellin)



Liturgical Ministers Schedule: July 19, 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass time

4:15pm Saturday

6:30am Sunday

8:00am Sunday

9:30am Sunday

11:00am Sunday

Lector

Dave Smith

Chris Roth

Denise Goodrich

Paula Olexa

Matthew Kirby

EEM

Deacon Dave

Chris Roth

Denise Goodrich

Paula Olexa

Peggy Vietro

Altar server(s)

Bernadette Wisser

Not Required

Isaac & Samuel Smith

Lay Brothers

Ivo Kirby

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 JULY!**

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!*

JOIN US for the St. Theresa Parish Annual Picnic

sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus

Sunday, July 26
11:00am
Dimmick Park, Hellertown

Beverages, hot dogs, hamburgers, and paper products will be provided. Families with surnames beginning with the letters A - M are asked to bring a dessert. Those with surnames beginning with N - Z are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, or side dish.

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

**SHOWER OF ROSES
SWEEPSTAKES WINNERS
WILL BE DRAWN AT THE PICNIC.**

St. Theresa Parish needs YOU

You are invited to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, a Lector, a Choir Member or Cantor, an Usher, or a Greeter.

We will train you! No experience is needed. Scheduling is flexible. Time commitment is one hour per week or less. Interested? Please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.



Our own **Deacon Dave** will preside at the next St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope. The Holy Hour will take place here at St. Theresa Church on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:00pm. Please join us in praying before the Blessed Sacrament for loved ones who have left the Faith. For information, please call the rectory at 610-838-7045.

Have you prayed your rosary today?



July: The Month of the Most Precious Blood

During the First Italian War for Independence in 1849, Pope Pius IX was exiled along with Don Giovanni Merlini, third superior general of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. While the war was raging, Merlini suggested to Pope Pius IX that he create a universal Feast of the Precious Blood to beg God to end the war. Soon after, Pius IX made a public statement expressing his intention of establishing a feast in honor of the Precious Blood. The war soon ended and the Pope proclaimed July 1 to be the Feast of the Most Precious Blood. Although the feast was removed from the universal calendar after Vatican II, it is still observed in parts of Europe.

Would you like to serve 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 interested, please deposit a note in the Sunday collection basket containing your name, occupation, and relevant skills and/or experience.

Join the St. Theresa Seniors to see Sight & Sound Theater's

"Joshua"

Tuesday, November 10

\$169 per person includes 11:00 am show, bus transportation, and meal. For information, call Nancy at 610-360-3738.

Weekly Collection Report

The June 28 total is \$10,130. The July 5 total is \$6,952.

Please note that contribution envelopes for the remainder of July will not be provided. Parishioners are asked to use the envelopes in the St. Theresa church pews.



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Food for Thought : The Seed Is Never the Problem

When I was a young boy, I loved visiting my grandfather's farm in the old country. I can still remember walking beside him through the fields. One day he bent down, scooped up a handful of soil, and then placed a tiny seed into my hand. Looking at that little seed, I wondered how something so small could ever become anything worthwhile. My grandfather smiled and said, "The miracle isn't the size of the seed. The miracle is the life God has placed inside it." Then he showed me the freshly plowed earth, the fertilizer spread across the fields, and the crops stretching toward the summer sky. He explained that before the seed could ever bear fruit, the soil had to be prepared. It had to be broken open. It needed rain. It needed sunshine. It even needed fertilizer—something that, to a little boy, certainly didn't smell very pleasant! Only years later did I realize that my grandfather had given me one of the greatest lessons of the Gospel.

Jesus tells us this Sunday that the seed is the Word of God. What strikes me every time I hear this parable is that Jesus never blames the seed. The seed is never defective. The seed never loses its power. The seed always contains life. The question is never whether God's Word is powerful enough. The question is whether my heart is ready to receive it. The ancient Hebrews had a beautiful expression for God's Word: *Dabar YHWH*—the Word of the Lord. To them, God's Word was not merely something spoken. It was living. It was active. When God spoke, creation came into existence. When the prophets proclaimed His Word, history changed. When Jesus spoke, the blind saw, the lame walked, sins were forgiven, and the dead came back to life.

That same living Word is proclaimed every time we gather for Mass. The same Jesus who spoke beside the Sea of Galilee still speaks today. His Word has not lost its power. Perhaps it is our hearts that need attention. Sometimes our hearts become like the hardened path, worn down by constant noise and endless distractions. Sometimes they resemble rocky ground, where faith springs up quickly but withers when suffering arrives. Sometimes the thorns of worry, materialism, resentment, or busyness slowly choke the life of grace before we even notice. But there is another image that always makes me smile. My grandfather knew that good soil doesn't happen by accident. It must first be broken open. It must even receive fertilizer before it becomes fruitful.

The same is often true in the spiritual life. None of us likes to be "plowed." None of us welcomes suffering, disappointment, illness, or failure. Yet God has an extraordinary way of using the very experiences we would never choose to soften our hearts. What seems like a burden today may become the place where grace takes its deepest root tomorrow. The Cross has always been God's way of preparing the soil for the Resurrection. Isaiah reminds us that God's Word is like the rain that falls upon the earth. It never returns without accomplishing its purpose. Grace is often quiet. It usually grows beneath the surface long before anyone notices its fruits. That is why holiness is rarely spectacular. It grows one prayer at a time. One Holy Communion. One Confession. One act of forgiveness. One page of Sacred Scripture. One moment of silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Like a farmer, God is patient. He never gives up on His field.

As I think back to those walks with my grandfather, I realize he wasn't simply teaching me how crops grow. He was teaching me how saints are made. This week, perhaps each of us should ask one simple question: What kind of soil is my heart today? If we allow the Divine Farmer to prepare our hearts, then the living Word of God will accomplish what it has always done—it will transform ordinary people into faithful disciples and produce a harvest far greater than we could ever imagine. May the Lord find rich soil in each of us.

God's Word is Like Seed...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus explains the parable of the sower and the seed to the disciples. Like the seed, the word of God comes to all sorts of people. Some people hear it and the devil takes it away, like the seed that falls on the path and is eaten by the birds. Some people hear God's word and love it for a little while, but they don't let it grow deeply in themselves, like the seed on rocky ground that doesn't grow good roots. Some people hear God's word and it starts to grow in them, but they have so many other things going on in their lives that they forget God.



The people who hear the word of God and let it grow in them are like the good soil. When the sower plants the seed in the good soil it gets deep roots, grows high and produces a good harvest. When we receive the word of God well, it takes root in us so that it is really deep in our hearts. It grows when we feed it by learning more about God and trying to love Him more. It produces a harvest when other people come to love God because of us.



What kind of soil are you like? Do you let God's word be snatched away as soon as you hear it? Do you let it take root in your heart and love it, or is it like the seed sown on rocky ground that is too shallow? Do you let other things in your life crowd out God's life in you, or do you let God's word in deep and feed it and let it grow?

Lord, rain, snow, earth, seed, bread, mouth, word, sent.

Answers to Unscramble Puzzle:



The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12th, 2026

Here is the parable Our Lord told in today's Gospel reading, with pictures!

A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed,

some of the  fell on on the , and came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky

ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was

not deep, and when the  rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of

Some  fell among , and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some  fell on

rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty, or thirty-fold.

Saint Henry

Holy Roman Emperor
July 13



SAINT HENRY DIED IN 1024. HE HAD THE HIGHEST POSITION OF POWER IN EUROPE, BUT HE DID NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. HE KNEW THAT GOD GAVE HIM THE POWER TO LOOK AFTER THE PEOPLE. GOD WANTS US TO RESPECT PEOPLE IN AUTHORITY AND TO CARE FOR OTHERS WHEN WE ARE IN AUTHORITY.

Isaiah 55 Unscramble

Unscramble the words to finish today's first reading!

Thus says the _____: [DRLO]

Just as from the heavens

the _____ [NIRA] and _____ [OWNS]

come down

and do not return there

till they have watered the _____, [HRATE]

making it fertile and fruitful,

giving _____ [EDSE] to the one who sows

and _____ [EBDRA] to the one who eats,

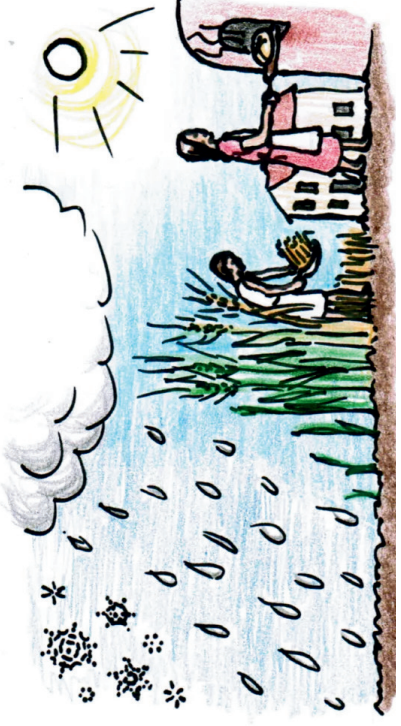
so shall my word be

that goes forth from my _____; [TOUMH]

my _____ [DOWR] shall not return to me void,

but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I _____ [NTSE] it.



St. Theresa Church and Preschool Gift Card Fundraiser

Earn cash for your parish church and preschool simply by purchasing gift cards for your favorite retailers.

Fill out the form below and bring it with payment to the rectory between 9:00am and 2:30pm or deposit form and payment into the Sunday collection basket. You will be notified when your order is ready.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

I understand that neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.

Merchant	Gift Card Denomination	# of Cards Desired	Total Cost
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Barnes & Noble (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 25		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 10		
Chipotle (10% rebate)	\$ 10		
CVS Pharmacy (6% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dick's Sporting Goods (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dunkin (3.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Dunkin (3.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Five Below (2.5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$100		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Home Depot (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Lowes (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
McDonald's (2% rebate)	\$ 10		
Old Navy (14% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Red Robin (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$100		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods (7% rebate)	\$ 25		
Walmart (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Wawa (1% rebate)	\$ 25		

Total number of gift cards: _____

Total amount due: _____

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Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church. Please handle your gift cards as you would cash!

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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.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS

Please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.

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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 call the rectory at 610-838-7045.