

“Go and do likewise.”

**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

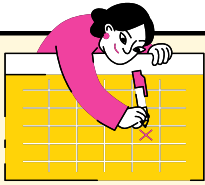
Mass and Confession Schedule

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.

July 13, 2025 + Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish Calendar

Sunday, July 13

Seniors Group Picnic, Friendship Hall, 1:00pm

Monday, July 14

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm
Divine Mercy Cenacle, Convent, 7:00pm

Tuesday, July 15

No meetings or events scheduled.

Wednesday, July 16

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Confessions will not be heard.)

Thursday, July 17

No meetings or events scheduled.

Friday, July 18

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, July 19

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, July 20

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: July 13- July 20

Sunday, July 13 - Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Dolores Fartel and family (Preschool staff and students)

8:00am - Stanley and Nellie Brandes (John & Stephanie Marlin and family)

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

11:00am - Andrew Schlotter (Greg Jones and family)

Monday, July 14 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:00am Mass - Joanne Sheetz (Linda & Larry Dull)

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

8:00am - Donna Chiles Martin, H&W (Linda & Larry Dull)

Wednesday, July 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:00am - Stephanie Marlin and Carol Kelly (Miriam Martin)

Thursday, July 17 - Weekday

8:00am - Edward and Helen Wodzicki (Sally & Gary Strawn)

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

8:00am - Michael Check (Patricia Check & children)

Saturday, July 19 - Weekday

No 8:00am Mass

Sunday, July 20 - Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Kathleen Molnar (Lorraine Fliszar)

8:00am - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak (St. Theresa Preschool family)

9:30am - Dillon family (Smith family)

11:00am - Richard Di Chiara (Jack & Minga Ferencin)



Shower of Roses Sweepstakes

tickets are still available at the rectory. Don't miss out on your chance to win BIG!

Please be sure to drop off your ticket stubs at the rectory or in the collection basket by Friday, July 25.

The sweepstakes drawing will be held at our Parish Picnic on July 27.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 19/20- SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Fr. John Hutta	Dave Smith	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe
8:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Denise Goodrich	Deacon Dave	Isabella LaTassa
9:30am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Joe Kazan	Deacon Dave	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave	Nikolas & Daniela Tomic

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**The St. Theresa Parish
Dessert Hut
is back!**

Visit us at
**Hellertown-Lower Saucon
Community Day**
Saturday, August 16
10:00am - 3:00pm
Dimmick Park

Enjoy apple dumplings, fresh peach shortcake,
and kiffles. **Take a chance** on a Coach purse
or lottery board. Have **loads of fun!**

The Ladies Guild is
seeking donations of
lottery tickets and/or
cash for its Raffle Board,
which will be chanced
off at **Hellertown-Lower
Saucon Community Day**
on August 16.

Please place your donation
inside an envelope marked
“Raffle” and either drop the
envelope into the collection
basket or bring it to the
rectory. Deadline for
donations is August 10,
so please don't delay!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16
2:00PM MASS

MOST REV. ALFRED SCHLERT,
CELEBRANT

A CENTENNIAL DINNER WILL FOLLOW
AT DESALES UNIVERSITY.



thank you so much!

Thank you to all who contributed to the Knights of Columbus' recent baby bottle campaign to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House for expectant and new mothers. While the proceeds are still being calculated, it is estimated that nearly \$3,000 was raised for the Life House. They say that many hands make light work, and today, many small donations have made a big impact.

Please return any baby bottles that you may have. Each year, about half of the bottles provided to parishioners are taken home and not returned!

Also, please note that donations to the Life House may be made at any time.

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Mass of the Anointing of the Sick Bishop Schlert, Celebrant

Sunday, August 24, 12:00 noon
St. Thomas More Church, 1040 Flexer Avenue, Allentown

At this Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given to anyone who is seriously ill, or is advanced in age or facing a medical procedure. The sacrament offers hope for healing, but more importantly, it gives the grace that enables the sick to unite their suffering with that of Christ.

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**

Married and Engaged Couples Date Night

Thursday, July 24, 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Crimson House, 118 N Centre St, Pottsville

Join us for an evening of great food, drinks, and community! Connect with other couples across the diocese—whether you're looking for mentorship, fellowship, or friendship. Free appetizers plus one free drink per person. Ages 21–50. Register at **allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/211161**

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**

Family Storytime at the Library

Friday, July 25, 10:00am - 12:00pm
Emmaus Public Library, 11 E Main Street, Emmaus

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week! Families are invited to enjoy a faith-based read-aloud, a craft for kids, and a child-friendly decade of the Rosary. All ages are welcome! Register at **allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/216936**

Farewell Event for St. Margaret School

Saturday, July 26, 5:00pm - 8:00pm
St. Margaret School, 235 Spring Street, Reading

All alumni and staff of St. Margaret School are invited to a special farewell event titled “Thanks for the Memories!” Come for a final walk through the school halls, reconnect with old friends, and celebrate the legacy of St. Margaret School before it officially closes its doors. Please RSVP to **scastillo@smsreading.org** or 484-577-3436.

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Our beloved Pastor Emeritus, Rev. Dr. John Krivak, will be celebrating a birthday on July 24th. St. Theresa parishioners are invited to send birthday cards and spiritual bouquets to Father at his new address:

Holy Family Villa
1325 Prospect Avenue
Bethlehem, PA 18018-4916

The telephone number at Fr. Krivak's residence is 610-694-0395.

Got photos?

Help honor our beloved St. Theresa Parish by contributing to its centennial slideshow! Please call the rectory at 610-838-7045.

The collection total for June 28/29 is \$7722.
The collection total for July 5/6 is \$8433.

**Have YOU prayed
your rosary today?**



**Wednesday, July 16
Eucharistic Adoration
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

***Please note:
Confessions will not be heard.***

Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica

***Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert,
Celebrant***

**Buffet Dinner to follow
in Friendship Hall**

Wednesday, August 27, 6:00pm Mass
St. Theresa Church

Dinner tickets are \$10/person.

Please call the St. Theresa Rectory
for information: 610-838-7045.

Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry

St. Theresa Parish Annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, July 27, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Lower Saucon Township's Town Hall Park
3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem

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

Happy Birthday, Bishop Schlert!

Our beloved bishop will be celebrating a birthday on July 24th. (Yes, he shares a birthday with Fr. John Krivak!) Greeting cards and spiritual bouquets may be sent to

Office of the Bishop
4029 W. Tilghman St.
P.O. Box F
Allentown, PA 18105-1538



St. Theresa Parish Office Hours

The rectory is open Monday through Thursday
from 9:00am - 3:00pm and on Fridays
from 9:00am - 2:00pm

Would you like to become a member of St. Theresa Parish?

Please call 610-838-7045 for registration information.

*The St. Theresa Seniors Group invites you to the
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse spectacular*

2025 Christmas Show

Thursday, November 20

\$130 includes bus transportation, show, and meal.
For information, call Nancy at 610-360-3738.



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

“Go and Do Likewise”: Knowing God Through Love and Relationship

When you take a moment to reflect on your life, what are the moments that have truly shaped you into the person you are today?

For many of us, the most formative experiences come from loving relationships. These moments often include:

- The tender care of a parent or grandparent;
- The commitment of marriage, and all the joys and trials surrounding it;
- The birth of a child, when love becomes incarnate again in your arms;
- A special holiday or family celebration that made you feel deeply connected;

These experiences all echo one truth: we are formed through relationship, and relationship is rooted in love.

And for others—perhaps even for you—there have been “God moments” that left a deep spiritual imprint:

- A moment of peace or healing in prayer;
- A powerful experience in the Sacraments;
- A time when the presence of God became undeniable, even in suffering.

All these moments, whether personal or spiritual, point toward the central mystery of our faith: God is Love, and Love is revealed in Relationship.

The Simplicity Hidden in the Mystery

This Sunday’s readings confront us with a paradox: God is awesome and mysterious, beyond our comprehension. Yet God desires to be known, to be in relationship with us. And God makes this possible through:

- Revelation in the Law (Deuteronomy);
- Compassionate presence (as in the Psalms);
- The Incarnation (Jesus, the image of the invisible God—Colossians);
- And in today’s Gospel parable of the Good Samaritan.

Moses reminds us that God’s command is not far off: *“It is something very near to you... in your mouth and in your heart.”*

What Is God Really Asking of Us?

Not to master complicated theology. *Not* to follow a checklist of 613 commandments perfectly. But to live in right relationship:

- With God;
- With our neighbor;
- And even with ourselves.

This is the “knowledge” of God in Scripture—not just head knowledge, but relational knowledge. In Scripture, to “know” is to be in union. Mary says, *“How can this be? For I do not know man.”* The relationship God seeks is personal, intimate, covenantal.

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The Parable of the Good Samaritan – More Than a Morality Tale

Jesus responds to the scholar's question, "*Who is my neighbor?*" not with a definition, but with a story—a divine drama rich in layers:

- The man beaten and left for dead is not just a stranger — he represents all humanity, wounded by sin.
- The priest and Levite represent ritual law and the Old Covenant—good, but incapable of salvation on their own.
- The Samaritan—the outsider, considered a heretic—is a symbol of Christ Himself: despised and misunderstood, yet filled with compassion, willing to cross boundaries and bear burdens.
- The inn is the Church, where healing takes place.
- The two coins symbolize the Old and New Testaments (St. Ambrose), the two great commandments of love (St. Augustine), or even the image of the Father and the Son entrusted to the Spirit (St. Irenaeus).

The parable doesn't just show what mercy looks like— It reveals God's plan for salvation and calls us to imitate Christ in showing divine mercy.

Relationship and Salvation: Two Sides of the Same Coin

The scholar begins with the right question: "*What must I do to inherit eternal life?*"

The answer? Love God with your whole being and love your neighbor as yourself.

Eternal life isn't earned by religious status or rule-keeping— it's received in loving union with God and others. So Jesus says to us: "*Go and do likewise.*"

Simple... Yet Transformative

We don't need to solve the mystery of God. We need to live it:

- By turning to the Lord in prayer and trust;
- By entering more deeply into relationships of mercy;
- By allowing Christ to heal our wounds, and then becoming healers of others;

Reflection Questions for the Week Ahead

- When have I experienced the "knowledge" of God through love?
- Who in my life is in need of compassion right now?
- Have I passed by anyone, like the priest and the Levite, rationalizing my inaction?
- Am I willing to become "the Samaritan"—the Christ-like one, crossing boundaries to bring healing?

Let Us Remember:

God is Love.

Love is Relationship.

And eternal life begins not in heaven someday, but here and now, in loving like the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.





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, and drinks

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



St. Theresa Memorial Enrollment

Theresa Reichard
(enrolled by Jill Hahn)

The Divine Mercy Cenacle meets regularly for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the writings of St. Faustina Kowalska, to whom Our Lord revealed His Merciful Heart.

Our next meeting will take place in the Convent at 7:00pm on Monday, July 14. For more information, please call Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.



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



**Saturday, August 2
Friendship Hall**

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

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



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.

Devotional Candles for the Week of July 13

St. Joseph Candle

Justine Tino
(Zachary Neff)

BVM Candle

Sr. Lorraine Holzman, I.H.M.
(Pat Russo & Mike Getto)

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention (Janice McKellin)

St. Theresa Candle

David Ortwein
(Steph & Ray Velez)



**Enroll Your Child
in 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



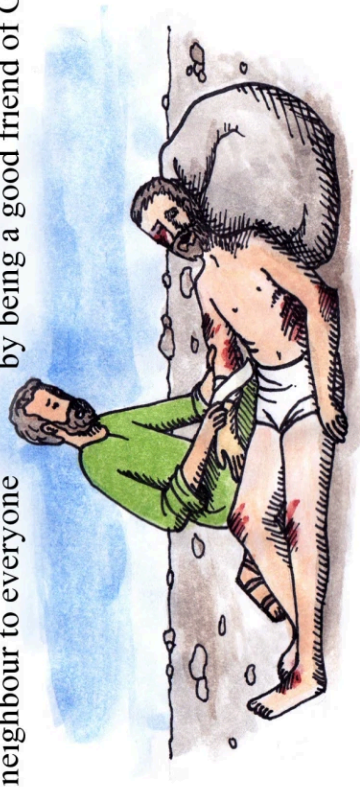
Loving God and Our Neighbour

In today's Gospel reading we learn that the greatest commandment is to love God with all our heart and soul and strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

The most important thing you do in your life is loving God. If you really love God then you will do what is right and love other people as well. The Samaritan in the story loved God even though he didn't worship Him in the proper way like the Jews did. But because he loved God he wanted to please Him by being kind to his enemy.

If you don't love God then you will not be able to make good decisions about other things either. You can't even love other people properly if you don't love God the most. The priest and Levite in the parable probably cared more about themselves than about God. That is why when they saw their own countryman injured and lying by the roadside they just walked past.

Is God the most important person in your life? Talk to Him every day and you will grow to love Him. You can be a good neighbour to everyone by being a good friend of God.

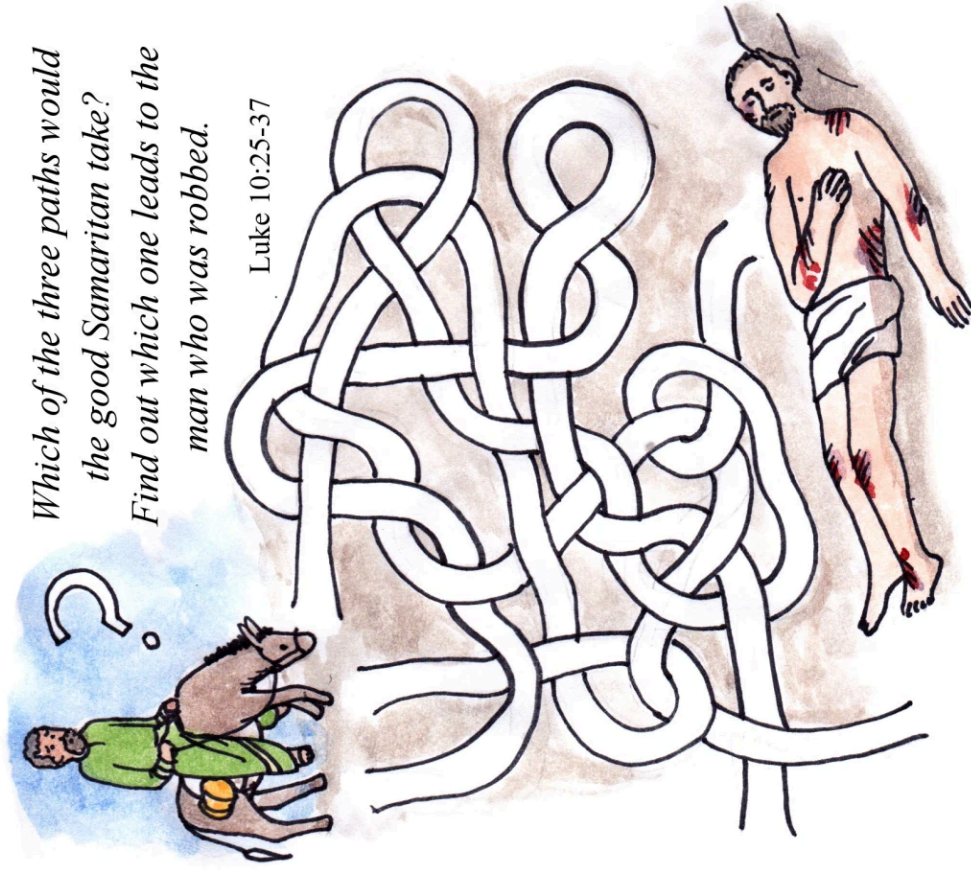


Answers to True or False: 1.false 2.true 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.false 7.true

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 13th, 2025



*Which of the three paths would
the good Samaritan take?
Find out which one leads to the
man who was robbed.*

Luke 10:25-37

*Jesus told the Parable of the Good Samaritan
to show the people what it means to love your neighbour
after someone asked Him "Who is my neighbour?"*

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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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

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.

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