

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

Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. John Anthony Hutta II,

Parochial Administrator

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



# Weekly Eucharistic Adoration at St. Theresa's

On **Tuesdays**, adoration will take place from 6:00pm to 8:00pm except for the second Tuesday of the month, when the St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour will take place from 6:00pm - 7:00pm. **Confessions will not be heard on Tuesdays**.

On **Thursdays**, adoration will take place from 6:00pm - 8:00pm, with *confessions heard from 6:00pm - 7:00pm*.

On the **First Friday** of each month, our parish will hold devotions to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus from 12:00 noon - 3:00pm. Devotions will include Eucharistic adoration. **Confessions will be heard from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.** 

**Please note:** Schedule may change according to Fr. Hutta's availability. Please check the Sunday bulletin for schedule changes.



Parish Calendar

**Sunday, July 20** No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, July 21 Rectory is closed. Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

**Tuesday, July 22 Rectory is closed.** No meetings or events scheduled.

Wednesday, July 23 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm (Confessions will not be heard.)

**Thursday, July 24** No meetings or events scheduled.

**Friday, July 25** St. Monica Ministry, Friendship Hall, 10:00am

**Saturday, July 26** No meetings or events scheduled.

**Sunday, July 27** Parish Picnic, Lower SauconTownship Park, 1:00pm - 3:00pm Mass Intentions: July 20- July 27

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)

# Monday, July 21 - St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

 $8:00am\,Mass$  - Deacon Maurice and Judy Kelly (St. Monica Ministry)

**Tuesday, July 22 - St. Mary Magdalene** 8:00am - Joaquim P. DaSilva (Wife, Margarida Da Silva & family)

Wednesday, July 23 - St. Bridget, Religious 8:00am - Mary Larkin (Ellen Loughlin)

**Thursday, July 24 - St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest** 8:00am - Richard Di Chiara (Arnold family)

Friday, July 25 - St. James, Apostle 8:00am - Seven Sisters Apostolate (Linda Dull)

**Saturday, July 26 - St. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary** No 8:00am Mass

Sunday, July 27 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm (Sat.) -Dorothy Carroll (Daughter, Kathy and family) 8:00am - Rev. John A. Hutta, 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination (St. Theresa rectory staff) 9:30am - Gildo Verzino (Steph Velez) 11:00am - Elizabeth Raub (Mother, Salli)

This Friday, July 25, is the LAST DAY to return your ticket stubs for the **Shower of Roses Sweepstakes!** Drop off your ticket stubs at the rectory in order to be eligible for the Grand Prize of \$1000.

Hurry! Don't miss out!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR JULY 26/27- SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME						
MASS TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER		
5:00pm Saturday	Fr. John Hutta	Lisa Holub	Deacon Dave	Ivo Kirby		
8:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Lisa Albitz	Lisa Albitz	Chris Roth		
9:30am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Jeremy Leidich	Jeremy Leidich	Lay Brothers		
11:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Stella Graf		



adventure. May Marcia continue to use her creative gifts for God's greater glory!

# Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. will take place on Tuesday, October 7, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan pilgrimage to the Basilica is a tradition that takes place every four years. St. Theresa Parish will be chartering a bus for the occasion. Please watch the bulletin for details.

# 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.

# **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** 

# **Young Adult Singles Event**

Thursday, July 24, 6:00pm-7:30pm Clover Hill Winery,9850 Newtown Road Breinigsville

Meet fellow single Catholic young adults in the Diocese! Join us for a casual evening of socializing and sipping on wine while enjoying live music. Ages 21-38. Register at **allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/217163** 

# 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 faithbased 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.

# + FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME +

**"There Is Need of Only One Thing":** May you be strengthened by your personal time with the Master, and may that sacred time move you to be more hospitable to those who cross your path and to endure with grace whatever comes your way.

Each summer, I participate in a Marian pilgrimage retreat—a journey I've been part of for many years. And each time, I witness something profound: not only among the retreatants and staff, but also among the parents, families, and parishioners who attend. The power of God's presence is unmistakable. What touched me particularly last year was the quiet witness of the "behind-the-scenes" saints. These were the ones who cooked meals, cleaned up messes, prepared crafts, maintained the facilities, and most importantly—prayed fervently. Their work went largely unseen by the retreatants, but their love shaped every moment. These silent disciples served like Martha, poured themselves out in suffering like St. Paul, and fueled their work by first sitting at the feet of the Master, like Mary. One of the kitchen crew leaders—after working a night shift as a security guard—fell down a flight of stairs and was hospitalized with a concussion. Yet, after being released, instead of going home to rest, he returned to finish his kitchen duties. Another woman, a mother enduring cancer treatments, helped with the youth gatherings and quietly offered her suffering for the spiritual good of the retreatants. These are the moments that reveal the Gospel in real time. These are the people who understand what Jesus means when He says, *"There is need of only one thing"* (Lk 10:42).

This Sunday's readings echo this same truth. In the Book of Genesis, Abraham runs to greet three strangers. He doesn't yet know they are divine messengers, but he rolls out the red carpet—offering water, bread, shade, and a feast. His hospitality becomes the very setting for divine revelation. Likewise, Psalm 15 proclaims that the just one who walks blamelessly will dwell in the presence of the Lord—because hospitality reveals holiness. St. Paul, writing to the Colossians, reminds us that suffering is never meaningless. He even rejoices in his trials because they become his way of proclaiming Christ crucified. Paul isn't saying Jesus didn't suffer enough—he's saying, "I freely join my suffering to His, so that others may know the love I've come to know."

And then we arrive at Martha and Mary. Martha is the image of the active disciple—serving, preparing, loving through action. But Jesus gently reveals the restlessness in her heart: "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing." Mary, by contrast, chooses first to sit at Jesus' feet —not to escape responsibility, but to root her actions in love. This Gospel isn't a condemnation of service. It's a call to make Jesus the center of both our contemplation and our action.

So let me ask what a mentor once asked me: What is the one thing you need to focus on—in your life or in your parish—so that everything else will flourish? Doctors, firefighters, even busy parents—when the moment of crisis arrives, they drop everything for what matters most. But what about when there is no emergency? Can we still discern what is truly necessary? The truth is, how we spend our days is how we spend our lives. If our days are filled with frantic tasks and spiritual neglect, our lives will reflect that. But if we spend time—real time —at the feet of the Master, we will be transformed. Our service will become joyful. Our suffering will become redemptive. Our hospitality will become an encounter with God. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, understood this with exquisite clarity. In the hidden, simple acts of her Carmelite life—sweeping a floor, folding laundry, offering a smile—she discovered the "one thing necessary." For her, loving Jesus in the little things was everything. Her "Little Way" reminds us that we do not need to accomplish great feats, but to do small things with great love—anchored always in prayer and presence with the Master. St. Teresa of Calcutta knew this too. Despite the immense demands of her ministry, she insisted that the most important part of her day was her time in prayer. It was at the feet of Jesus that she found the strength to carry the sick, comfort the dying, and smile through the pain.

So what about you? Reflect:

• Am I more like Martha-anxious and overcommitted-or like Mary-attentive and rooted in Christ?

- How is God calling me to show hospitality, endure suffering, and spend more time at His feet?
- What do I need to set aside so I can make space for the one thing necessary?

Let's not allow the noise of our lives to drown out the voice of the Master. Whether we serve like Martha, suffer like Paul, pray like Mary, or love like Thérèse—we must first listen. Let the words of Jesus echo deep into your heart this week:

"There is need of only one thing." Let that truth shape your time, your heart, your ministry - your life.

# **All Around St. Theresa Parish**



Msgr. Myron Grabowsky, recently retired from St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Shenandoah, concelebrates weekday Mass with Fr. John Hutta.



It may be summertime, but the rectory staff is busy as ever. Here, Isabella and Brenda prepare bulletins for distribution.



Mr. Dan Stohl braves the July heat to put a fresh coat of paint on the railings flanking the church steps.



Matthew and Ariel Sweitzer are our new music ministers. Matt will play the organ while Ariel leads the people in song.





Rev. Mr. Dominic Civitella preaches at a St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour.

Putting Jesus First

The Kids' Bulletin

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory

# Martha was so busy in the kitchen but her sister wasn't helping! What did Jesus say to her when she complained to Him? Look in the mirror to find out!



# www.thekidsbulletin.com

Answers to Cross-Word: ACROSS: 1.Lord 4.chose 6.in 8.is 9.to 10.then 11.many 13.Martha 16.feet 17.be 18.do 19.her 20.said DOWN: 1.listen 2.on 3.distracted 4.care 5.one 7.away 11.Mary 12.needed 14.things 15.serve



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 Bernard Yurko & family)

Theresa Reichard (enrolled by Rita & Michael Millhouse)

Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica

Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert. Celebrant

A buffet dinner in Friendship Hall will follow the Mass Wednesday, August 27 6:00pm Mass St. Theresa Church

Dinner tickets are \$10/person.

Please call the St. Theresa Rectory to register: 610-838-7045. Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry

Happy Birthda

Rev. Dr. John Krivak will be celebrating a birthday on July 24th. Birthday cards and may be sent to Father in care of Holy Family Villa, 1325 Prospect Avenue, Bethlehem, PA 18018-4916.

Bishop Schlert will also be celebrating a birthday on July 24<sup>th</sup>! Birthday cards for the bishop may be mailed to Office of the Bishop. 4029 W. Tilghman Street, P.O. Box F. Allentown, PA 18105-1538



# 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. No selling, no taking orders, no sales pitches!

Fill out the form below and bring it with payment to the Rectory between 9:00am and 2:30pm OR drop form and payment into the Sunday collection basket. You will receive a phone call when you order is ready for pickup.

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# PLEASE NOTE: Gift cards are available ONLY for the merchants whose names appear on this form. Please do not request a gift card for any merchant not listed.

Checks should be made payable to St. Theresa Church. Please handle your gift cards as you would cash! Neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen cards.

**RECTORY OFFICE:** 610-838-7045 **EMAIL:** sttheresacj@gmail.com **WEBSITE:** www.sttheresaotcj.org

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

EMAIL: sttheresacj@gmail.com PREP OFFICE: 610-838-1020

### ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PRESCHOOL

DIRECTOR: Mrs. Mary J. Morsbach PRESCHOOL OFFICE: 610-838-8161 secretary@stsprekhellertown.com

### **DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR : Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE: 1-800-791-9209 EMAIL: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

### **DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS TELEPHONE: 610-871-5200, ext. 2204 EMAIL: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

### 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.

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. **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.