

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 Confessions heard Saturdays from 4:00pm -4:30pm, Thursdays from 6:00pm - 6:45pm, and on First Fridays from 12:00pm - 1:00pm



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Theresa's

On **Tuesdays**, adoration will take place from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. **Confessions will not be heard on Tuesdays**.

On **Thursdays**, adoration will take place from 5:00pm - 7:00pm, with **confessions heard from 6:00pm - 6:45pm**.

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.**

Schedule is subject to change.
Please check the bulletin for updates.

Parish Calendar

Calendar Mass Intentions: July 27- August 3

Sunday, July 27

Parish Picnic, Lower Saucon Township Park, 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Monday, July 28

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

Tuesday, July 29

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. *No confessions heard.*

Wednesday, July 30

No meetings or events scheduled.

No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession.

Thursday, July 31

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Confessions will be heard 6:00pm - 6:45pm.

Friday, August 1

Devotions to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus with Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 12:00pm - 3:00pm. Confessions will be heard 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Saturday, August 2

Guest homilist, 5:00pm Mass Bingo, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

Sunday, August 3

Guest homilist, all Masses

Sunday, July 27 - Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) -Dorothy Carroll (Daughter, Kathy and family) 8:00am - Rev. John A. Hutta, 7th Anniversary of Ordination (St. Theresa rectory staff)

9:30am - Gildo Verzino (Steph Velez) 11:00am - Elizabeth Raub (Mother, Salli)

Monday, July 28 - Weekday

8:00am Mass - Jack and Cecilia Zubris (Fr. John Hutta & familu)

Tuesday, July 29 - Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus 8:00am - Living and deceased members of the Yuhas and Gehris families (Martha Gehris)

Wednesday, July 30 - St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Charles and Thomas Horvath (Ellie Fenner)

Thursday, July 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest 8:00am - Joseph Caron (Wife, Marie Caron)

Friday, August 1 - St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Little Flower Society

Saturday, August 2 - St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest 8:00am - Robert Callaghan (Carol Callaghan)

Sunday, August 3 - Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Holy Souls in Purgatory

8:00am - Robert Roseman (Charles & Rita Bartolet)

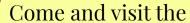
9:30am - Bertha and George Savitske (Check & Savitske families)

11:00am - Carson and Sean Hart (Patricia Hart)

Please join the parish community on Friday, August 1, from 12:00pm to 3:00pm for its First Friday devotions to St. Theresa of the Child Jesus. Devotions will include Eucharistic Adoration.

Confessions will be heard from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2/3 - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
MASS TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER	
5:00pm Saturday	TBA	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
8:00am Sunday	TBA	Joani Dornblaser	Deacon Dave	Bill Ripper	
9:30am Sunday	TBA	Priscilla Dole	Priscilla Dole	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
11:00am Sunday	TBA	Margot Teleki	Peggy Vietro	Amelia & Alexa Holden	



St. Theresa Parish Dessert Hut

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

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

It's time for CYO Cross Country!

All members of the parish who are students in grades 2 through 8 are invited to join our CYO Cross Country team. Practices will start in early August. Cross country races are on Sunday afternoons beginning in early September. Race distances are 1/2 mile for 2nd grade, 1 mile for 3rd and 4th grades, 1.5 miles for 5th and 6th grades and 2 miles for 7th and 8th grades. Cross country season runs through mid-October.

Please contact Tony Karwacki at tgkarun@aol.com

The St. Theresa Parish chapter of the **Salesian Lay Association for Married and Singles (SLAMS)** invites you to its

14th Annual SLAMS Summer Retreat

Saturday, August 9 Our Mother of Consolation Parish 9 E Chestnut Hill Avenue, Philadelphia

Carpool departs St. Theresa Parish at 7:00am and returns 7:00pm.

Retreat theme: "Always Consider What God Is Doing and What You Are Doing."

This FREE retreat includes breakfast, opportunity for Confession, 4:00pm Vigil Mass, and fellowship with members

of neighboring SLAMS chapters.

Retreatants will purchase their own lunch and dinner at local restaurants. For information or to register, please email

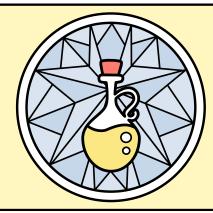
Tom Vresics at tvresics1@gmail.com

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 be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Pilgrimage program begins at 10:00 am with arrivals and guided tours, followed by time to visit the over 80 chapels and oratories that make up "Mary's House." There will also be a youth Holy Hour in the Crypt Church, keynote speakers (English and Spanish), and a Rosary Pilgrimage in five languages with beautiful music by our Diocesan Choir. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the day. The day will end with 3:00pm Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert.

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St. Theresa Parish has chartered a bus for the pilgrimage. You may reserve your spot by calling the rectory at 610-838-7045.



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 sufferings with that of Christ.

RESTORE: A Healing Retreat for Women Suffering from Betrayal Trauma

Thursday, Nov 13 through Sunday, Nov 16 St. Mary of Providence Center, 227 Isabella Rd, Elverson

This retreat is for women who have experienced sexual betrayal trauma due to an intimate partner's infidelity, pornography use, or sex addiction.

Through unique, facilitated healing encounters, we will listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings as He invites us into a fully integrated healing experience – mind, heart, body, spirit, soul. Come and let Him *restore* you!

Retreat Leaders are Father Allen Hoffa of the Diocese of Allentown, De Yarrison of You Are Made New Ministry, and Laura Ercolino of Hope's Garden.

Questions? Email De at **de@youaremadenew.com**For more information or to register,
visit **youaremadenew.com/restore-retreats-betrayal-trauma**/

~ FOOD FOR THOUGHT ON THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~

Today's readings echo a profound truth of our faith: prayer is not merely asking — it is relationship. From Abraham's humble bargaining in Genesis, to the disciples' longing for instruction on how to pray, to Paul's reminder that we are already united with Christ — we are being drawn deeper into communion with God, our Abba.

In the First Reading, we see a stunning image of intimacy between a human being and the Almighty. Abraham doesn't demand, he doesn't manipulate — he pleads with reverence and humility: "See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes." This is no cold transaction. This is personal. Abraham is appealing not just to God's power, but to God's heart — to His justice, mercy, and covenant faithfulness. It is prayer rooted in relationship.

The Responsorial Psalm affirms this: "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." This isn't wishful thinking—it is a testimony from one who knows God listens. Prayer is not a coin we toss into a vending machine of grace. It is the ongoing dialogue of love between the Creator and His beloved sons and daughters.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul doesn't speak about prayer as a separate act from life, but as something flowing out of who we are in Christ. We have died and been raised with Him. We are already in communion with God through baptism. Prayer, then, is simply living out that reality. It's not performance, it's participation.

Then comes the Gospel — that moment when Jesus' disciples, watching Him in prayer, are drawn to the source of His strength, peace, and intimacy with the Father. "Lord, teach us to pray," they ask — and He does. Not with abstract theory, but with the Our Father. A prayer that begins not with what we want, but with who God is: "Father, hallowed be Your name, Your kingdom come..." Here lies the heart of prayer. Not a list of demands, but the surrender of a child. Not manipulation, but trust. Not fear, but relationship.

Prayer as ACTS: Adoration • Contrition • Thanksgiving • Supplication

A helpful acronum to understand this movement of prayer is A.C.T.S.:

Adoration – Prayer begins in awe. "Hallowed be Thy name." We don't rush to our needs; we gaze first at the face of God. We praise Him because He is worthy — whether or not our petitions are granted.

Contrition – We must recognize our smallness, our sin, our deep need for mercy. "Forgive us our sins..." Abraham said, "I am but dust and ashes," not in shame, but in holy humility. Contrition opens the door to grace.

Thanksgiving – How often do we thank God not just for past blessings, but in advance for what He is doing in our lives, even when we don't see it yet? "The Lord will complete what He has done for me," the psalmist declares.

Supplication – Only then do we lift up our needs, not in desperation, but in confidence. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find..." Jesus teaches us to persevere in prayer, not because God is reluctant, but because we need to grow in trust.

The Greek verbs Jesus uses — "ask," "seek," and "knock" — are in a form that implies continuous, ongoing action. Keep asking. Keep seeking. Keep knocking. Because God is always listening — not like a tired judge or a disinterested king, but like a Father who delights in giving good gifts.

Prayer is a Relationship to Be Lived, Not a Task to Complete

Prayer is not just about what we say. It's about Who we're with. We can pray in the car, in the shower, over the stove, before a meeting, in bed, in the pew. But the point is not just frequency — it's familiarity. Prayer that flows from relationship transforms us. It draws us from fear to freedom, from control to surrender, from worry to peace.

When we only pray in moments of crisis, we treat God like a stranger. But when we pray constantly, we are never far from His presence. And that's the relationship Jesus is inviting us into — not ritual, but reality. He invites us to experience God as "Abba" — as Papa, as Daddy, as the One who loves us more than we can imagine.

Reflection Questions for Personal Action

- What is my image of God when I pray? Is He distant? Disinterested? Or is He the loving Father Jesus reveals?
- Do I pray daily not just in need, but in praise and thanksgiving?
- Am I persistent in prayer, or do I give up too guickly?
- Do I intercede for others like Abraham did for Lot with trust, love, and urgency?
- How can I grow in my relationship with God this week through Scripture, silence, Adoration, or journaling?

Closing Thought

Prayer is not a magic formula. It is not a religious duty box to check. It is the breath of the soul. It is the daily embrace between God and His children. The more we pray, the more we know Him. And the more we know Him, the more we will love, trust, and obey Him.

So today — don't just say prayers. Live prayerfully. Lift your heart. Speak with your Abba. And know that He is already listening.

"If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" — Luke 11:13



235 Moorestown Drive Bath

Four person scramble with a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. Registration begins at 11:30. Cost of \$105 per player includes green fees, cart fees, beer, water, soda throughout the day, door prizes, and dinner. For a registration form, please email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com

Join the Sacred Heart Bethlehem Prime Time Club for a

Jukebox Generation Variety Show

Wednesday, August 20 Magic and Wonder Theater, 3065 Lincoln State Route, Paradise

Bus departs 9:45am from Sacred Heart Parish, 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem, and returns approximately 5:00pm.

Cost of \$120 includes transportation, variety show, and lunch. Checks may be made out to Sacred Heart Prime Time Club. For information, call or text JoAnn Crosson at 610-703-6918.





BINGO BUFFET

Saturday, August 16
Incarnation of Our Lord Parish, LaBuda Hall
617 Pierce Street, Bethlehem
Doors open after 4:15pm Mass.



\$25 in advance, \$30 at the door includes 15 games, 2 boards, cash prizes, and buffet supper.. Early Bird and book specials available for purchase. To purchase advance tickets, please call the rectory at 610-866-3391.

Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica

Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Celebrant

A buffet dinner in Friendship Hall will follow the Mass.

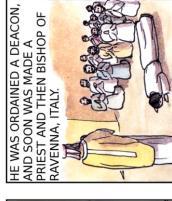
Wednesday, August 27, St. Theresa Church Mass begins at 6:00pm

Dinner tickets are \$10/person. Please call the rectory to register: 610-838-7045.

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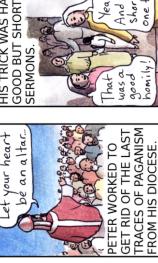
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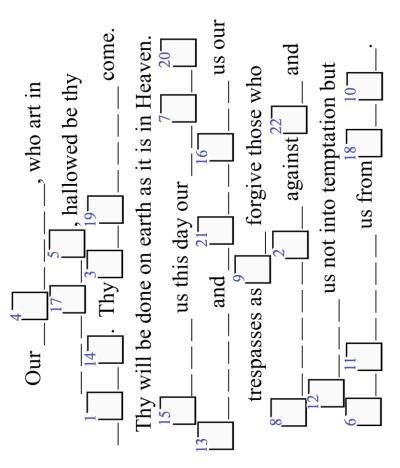


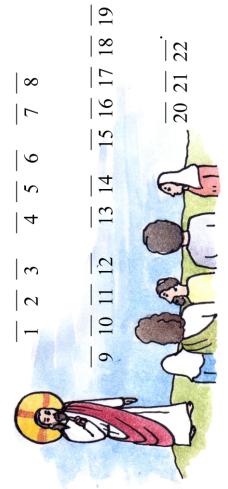


MAKING MISTAKES. WE SHOULD PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS TO BE WITH HIS PREACHING. HE HELPED PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THE ABLE TO PREACH WELL AND BRING US CLOSER TO GOD TOO. SAINT PETER CHRYSOLOGUS DREW PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD BIBLE BETTER AND SHOWED HERETICS WHERE THEY WERE

The Lord's Prayer

Use the letters from the numbered boxes to fill in the blanks at the end. Fill in the blanks to complete the "Our Father."





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Saturday, August 2 Friendship Hall

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

St. Theresa Memorial Enrollment

Joanna Mihulec-Sheetz (enrolled by Denise Sheetz)

In His appearances to St. Margaret Maru Alacogue, 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 St. Theresa community in its First Friday devotions on August 1 at 7:30am. The St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line offers prayers for

Devotional Candles for the Week of July 27

BVM Candle Butch Yuhas (offered by mother, Rosalie))

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention (offered by Janice McKellin)

St. Theresa Candle

Fr. John Anthony Hutta (offered by rectory staff))

St. Joseph Candle

Special Intention (offered by Jim Altimare)

your intentions. Prayer requests may be emailed to Colleen Fitzgerald at colleenfitz@agmail.com or called in to Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490.



The Seniors Group invites you to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse for its 2025 Christmas Show

Thursday, November 20

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

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?



The July 19/20 collection total will be published in next week's bulletin.

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. Please do not donate expired goods.

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.



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

Please place your donation inside an envelope marked "Raffle" and either drop the envelope into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. by August 10. Thank you!



Please Be Quiet in Church

Courtesy and common sense dictate a reverent. silent atmosphere in church. Our church buildings are meant to be sacred spaces where people can come to be in the presence of God in an especially focused way. Before Mass, the faithful are encouraged to recollect themselves in preparation for Mass. After dismissal, the people are encouraged to remain in prayer and thanksgiving for the gift of the Eucharist.

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.

I understand that neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.				
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Subway (4.5% Rebate) x \$10 =		(7% Rebate)	Walmart (2.5% Rebate)	Wawa (1% Rebate)

Total number of gift cards:	Total amount due:
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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!

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

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

ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PRESCHOOL

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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

Saturdaus, 4:00pm - 4:30pm: Thursdaus, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. 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.

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 Holu 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.