"Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

Luke 12:15



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

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.



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.

August 3, 2025 + Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time					
Parish Calendar	Mass Int	tentions: August	3 - August 10		
Sunday, August 3 Guest homilist, all Masses Monday, August 4 Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm	5:00pm (Sat.) - I 8:00am - Rober 9:30am - Bertha	et 3 - Eighteenth Sunday Holy Souls in Purgatory et Roseman (Charles & Rit a and George Savitske (C on and Sean Hart (Patricia	a Bartolet) heck & Savitske families)		
K of C, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm Baptism class, Church, 7:00pm		st 4 - St. John Vianney, Our diocesan priests (St.			
Tuesday, August 5 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. No confessions heard.	Mary Major 8:00am - Micha Wednesday, A	ust 5 - Dedication of the el and Jean Hudock (Fami ugust 6 - The Transfigu	ly) ration of the Lord		
Wednesday, August 6 No meetings or events scheduled. No Eucharistic Adoration or Confession.	Thursday, Aug Martyrs	raine Holzman, I.H.M. (Rev gust 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pop n and Rachel Ellis, 60 th we nily)	e, and Companions,		
Thursday, August 7 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Confessions will be heard 6:00pm - 6:45pm. Friday, August 8 No meetings or events scheduled. Saturday, August 9 No meetings or events scheduled. Sunday, August 10 No meetings or events scheduled.	Friday, August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest 8:00am - Sr. Agnes Flatley, M.S.C. (Loretta Ulincy) Saturday, August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr No 8:00am Sunday, August 10 - Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5:00pm (Sat.) - Dorothy Reiss (Israel family) 8:00am - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak (Linda & Larry Dull) 9:30am - Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus (Knights of Columbus) 11:00am - Carol Mischinski (Charles & Patricia Satkofsky)				
LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 9/10 - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME					
MASS TIME	LECTOR .	EEM	ALTAR SERVER		
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Fran Vasko	Fran Vasko		
8:00am Sunday	Chris Roth	Chris Roth	Isabella LaTassa		
9:30am Sunday	Joe Kazan	Deacon Dave	Andrew Shupe		
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Stella Graf		
LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHE	DULE FOR AUGUST 14	1/15 - FEAST OF THE ASSUM	IPTION OF MARY		
MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER		
7:00pm Vigil Mass (Thurs.) Janio	ce Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	Bill Ripper		
	ise Goodrich	Deacon Dave	Lay brothers		
7:00pm (Friday Li	isa Holub	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED		

Dear Parish Family,

With a heart full of gratitude to Almighty God, I joyfully invite you to celebrate a milestone in the life of our parish—the 100th Anniversary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish! This is a moment of profound thanksgiving and celebration, not only for what has been, but for who we are today and where the Holy Spirit is leading us. For one hundred years, our parish has been a place of prayer, sacrament, and community—a spiritual home where generations have encountered the love of Christ and shared in the mission of His Church.

A Legacy of Faith: Our Parish Story

Our story began as a mission church of SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish on Bethlehem's Southside, founded to serve the growing Slovak Catholic community who had come to work at Bethlehem Steel. In 1921, Fr. John Trescak took up residence in a rectory on Jefferson Street and began offering Mass there for a small but faithful group. The original mission church, named SS. Nereus and Achilleus, was located on Whitaker Street and served as the gathering place for this young faith community. In 1923, newly ordained Father George Check became our spiritual shepherd. He led the purchase of land at Easton Road and Leonard Street, and with incredible faith and generosity from the people, oversaw the construction of a new "basement church." On May 30, 1925, the church was blessed and dedicated. Just days earlier, St. Thérèse of Lisieux had been canonized, and Fr. Check petitioned Cardinal Dougherty to rename the mission in her honor. By November 12, 1925, we were officially established as St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish. Many claim ours was the first parish in the world named for the Little Flower!

Over the next century, the parish grew in faith and number. From the construction of our beloved church and rectory in 1956, to the guidance of pastors like Msgr. Stephen Daday, Msgr. Raymond Merman, Msgr. Alfred Schlert (now Bishop of Allentown), Fr. Jerome Tauber, Fr. John Krivak and Fr. John A. Hutta II, each chapter has brought blessings and challenges that we've faced together—with prayer, hope, and love. Even through times of hardship—like the closure of our parish school during the COVID-19 pandemic or the departure of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—our parish remained strong, rooted in the Eucharist, and renewed in our mission. Today, under my pastoral leadership, we are continuing to grow through vibrant ministries like the Knights of Columbus, Ladies Guild, Holy Name Society, and our faithful Religious Education programs. With each passing day, we deepen our commitment to follow Jesus through the Little Way of our patroness.

Celebrate with us! Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for our 100th Anniversary Mass and Celebration:

Sunday, November 16, 2025 2:00 P.M. Mass of Thanksgiving Presider: The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown Banquet and Reception to follow

Let us come together as one parish family to thank God for the graces of the past, the joys of the present, and the hope that lights our future.

Support Our Centennial Jubilee

To honor this sacred occasion, we are producing a 100th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet and organizing a weekend of liturgical and social celebrations. We humbly invite you to consider becoming a Centennial Sponsor, making a donation in memory or honor of a loved one, or supporting one of our legacy projects. Your generosity will help:

- ~Offset costs of the celebration and banquet
- ~Produce a parish history publication
- ~Support campus improvements and beautification
- ~Ensure the legacy of St. Theresa's continues into our next century

Please contact the parish office or visit our website to become a sponsor or offer your gift of support. All donors will be gratefully acknowledged unless anonymity is requested.

A Time to Rejoice and Renew

Let us take this centennial not just as a remembrance, but as a renewal of our faith and mission. Let us carry forward the spirit of those who founded this parish with courage and love, and let us walk together into the future with hearts on fire for Christ and His Church. Through the intercession of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, may we continue to offer our "little way" of love, sacrifice, and joy to the world.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Rev. John A. Hutta II

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish

Hellertown, Pennsylvania

"I will spend my heaven doing good on earth."—St. Thérèse of Lisieux

In honor of the 100th anniversary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will celebrate Mass on Sunday, November 16th at 2:00pm.

The Mass will take place at St. Theresa Church, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown.



Immediately following the Mass, a Centennial Dinner will be held at DeSales University. This special event will commemorate St. Theresa Parish's 100 years as a Family of Faith.

All are warmly invited to take part in this historic celebration!
Tickets for the Centennial Dinner are \$50 per person. To reserve
your ticket, please submit the completed form to the St. Theresa Parish
rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Parish.

I would like to attend the St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish Centennial Celebration.
Name
Street Address
Phone number (Please indicate whether landline or mobile.)
Enclosed is my check made payable to St. Theresa Church. I understand that the number of tickets is limited, and that early reservation is recommended.



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish Centennial Celebration Sponsorship Opportunities

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus will honor its Patroness on Sunday, 16 November 2025, in celebration of our 100th year anniversary of the Catholic Church in Hellertown. We prayerfully ask you to consider sponsorship of this event and/or placement of a congratulatory ad in the Commemorative Program to be published for this most significant occasion.

☆ Gold Sponsor \$1,500

Full-page ad in Commemorative program ~Name and logo recognition on our website and bulletin ~Media recognition

★ Silver Sponsor \$1,000

Half-page ad in Commemorative program ~Name and logo recognition on our website and bulletin ~Media recognition

★Bronze Sponsor \$750

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№ Patron \$500

One-eighth of a page ad in Commemorative program ~Name and logo recognition on our website and bulletin ~Media recognition



Shout-out \$250 - Three lines in Commemorative program



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Name / Company Name	(to appear in program)	
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Phone number (specify h	nome, landline, cell)	
Email address		

Checks may either be dropped into offertory basket or mailed to:

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055.

Camera ready art, (CMYK, pdf, tif, jpg, or png) file for ad submission may be emailed to: bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com

Jesus teaches us not to



be greedy

In today's Gospel reading, a man tells Jesus that his brother is being unfair to him. But Jesus knows that the man is just being greedy, so He tells him the

parable of the rich farmer. One year he had such a good harvest that he couldn't fit it all into his barns. He tore down his old barns and built new ones, so that he could store his food for many years. But just when he thought he would be able to rest and enjoy his food, God told him that he would die.

This parable is a warning against being greedy. Jesus is not saying that we should

not save some food or that we shouldn't save our money. He is just telling us to remember that we are going to die one day, and then everything we saved is going to be useless for us. He wants us to use the things we have

wisely, but not be too attached to them.

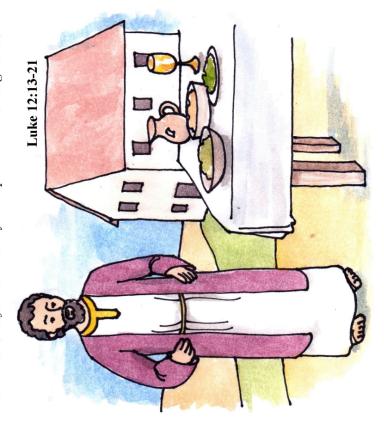
Think of something that is really special to you. How would you feel if you lost it or it was taken away? Do your feelings show that you care too much about things? Try to think of your belongings in such a way that if you lost them you wouldn't be too upset. After all, none of your stuff is going to matter to you when you die!

Answer to Puzzle on front page: Blessed are the poor in spirit Answer to the Rich Farmer Word-Find: Don't be greedy.



The Kids' Bulletin

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3rd, 2025 Use the code at the bottom to find out what the rich farmer in today's Gospel wasn't thinking about.



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Come and visit the **St. Theresa Parish Dessert Hut**

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

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. Contact Tony Karwacki: tgkarun@aol.com

The St. Theresa Parish chapter of the **Salesian Lay Association for Married and Singles (SLAMS**) presents 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. Lunch and dinner are on your own. For information email Tom Vresics at **tvresics1@gmail.com**



The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her virtue and her love - especially for her Son. Her devotion is a model for us to follow.

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.

~ Sponsored by the St.Monica Ministry ~

A Grateful Heart for a Beautiful Day!

THANK YOU, St. Theresa Parish family, for making our "Shower of Roses Sweepstakes" and Parish Picnic a joyful and grace-filled celebration!

With hearts full of gratitude, we give thanks to God for the beautiful weather—not a drop of rain fell as we enjoyed laughter, fellowship, and feasting under clear skies! It was a truly Thérèsian moment—a "little way" showered with love, smiles, and roses.

Congratulations to our Sweepstakes Winners: Anne Weeks, Maryann Lohr, Hilda Glovas, Gloria Dick, Ray Geseck, Chris Roth, and Barb Greenia!

We are so happy for you and thankful for everyone who participated to support this important parish fundraiser. A heartfelt thank you to our incredible Knights of Columbus for the amazing food, tireless setup, and behind-the-scenes service—they truly went above and beyond. And to all our parishioners who brought delicious sides and desserts—you made the tables overflow with abundance and hospitality! The joy, unity, and generosity we shared are signs of a vibrant, Eucharistic community alive in faith and love.

May St. Theresa continue to shower her roses upon us as we grow together in following Jesus through connection, prayer, service, and joyful celebration.

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, pray for us! ~ Fr. John Anthony



The St. Theresa's Knights of Columbus Council 14990 would like to thank all those who joined us for the Parish Picnic on July 27th, and a special Thank You to ShopRite of Bethlehem for their generous donations and continued support of our Parish Picnic!

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 Saucon 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.

July 19/20 collection total is \$6821 July 26/27 collection total is \$6758

Devotional Candles for the Week of August 3

BVM Candle

Sr. Marian Bernadette Chuk, I.H.M. (offered by Sally & Gary Strawn)

St. Theresa Candle

Carson and Sean Hart (offered by Patricia Hart)

Sanctuary Candle

Sr. Marian Bernadette Chuk, I.H.M. (offered by Gene & Barbara Brett)

St. Joseph Candle

Dolores Lipinsky (offered by Bill & Terri Zakocs)

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.

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.



A Joyful Thank You from the Ladies Guild

Celebrating 100 Years of Faith, Service, and Community

Dear Parishioners,

As we celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, the Ladies Guild extends our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support, generous spirit, and joyful participation in our efforts. Through your kindness, dedication, and countless acts of service, we are thrilled to announce that we have raised an incredible \$22.000 this year in order to meet the growing needs of our parish. This is more than a fundraiser—it is a beautiful witness to the strength of our parish family and the living legacy of St. Therese's "Little Way." From homemade meals and themed baskets to ticket sales, setup crews, and prayerful encouragement -your involvement made all the difference.

This 100th anniversary year is a powerful reminder that our future is built on the faithful commitment of parishioners like you who give selflessly for the good of the Church. Your generosity will directly benefit our parish mission, helping to sustain and strengthen our ministries, beautify our sacred spaces, and provide for the needs of our community. Thank you for celebrating this centennial milestone with hearts full of love, service, and faith. May the Lord bless you abundantly as we continue walking forward—together—in the footsteps of our patroness, St. Thérèse.

With gratitude and prayers, The Ladies Guild of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish



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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.

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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.