

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

**+ August 9, 2026 - 19th 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**



**Take **courage**, it is I;  
do not be afraid.**

MATTHEW 14:27

## + August 9, 2026 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time +

### Calendar, August 9 - August 16

#### Sunday, August 9

No meetings or events scheduled

#### Monday, August 10

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### Tuesday, August 11

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

St. Monica Ministry book discussion,  
Rectory LL, 7:15pm - 8:00pm

#### Wednesday, August 12

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Thursday, August 13

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Friday, August 14

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Saturday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hellertown Community Day with Ladies  
Guild Dessert Hut, Dimmick Park,  
10:00am - 3:00pm

Bingo, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

#### Sunday, August 16

Seniors Coffee and Donuts social after  
all Masses except the 6:30am Mass

### Little Flower Society Enrollment



Judy Kelly  
(enrolled by Linda Dull)

Deacon Maurice Kelly  
(enrolled by Linda Dull)

Miriam Martin  
(enrolled by Linda Dull)

Rose Newcomer  
(enrolled by Linda Dull)

Susan Woodhouse  
(enrolled by Linda Dull)

Although the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15) is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, Catholics are not required to attend Mass this year since the feast falls on a Saturday.

### Mass Intentions, August 9 - August 16

#### Sunday, August 9 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - Mary Martinez (Lorraine Fliszar)

6:30am - Marie and Bob Gori (Kettering family)

8:00am - Mary Beth Spirk (Denise O'Neill)

9:30am - Timothy Pastir (Father, Richard)

11:00am - Joseph Cavataio (Dave & Mary McGonagle)

#### Monday, August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

6:00pm - Gloria Scheidler (Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Grasso)

#### Tuesday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

8:00am - Raymond La Buda (Katherine La Buda)

#### Wednesday, August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00am - Joseph Kach (Family)

#### Thursday, August 13 - Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00am - Stephen J. Petrino (Linda & Larry Dull)

#### Friday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00am - John and Helen Roseman (Rita Bartolet)

7:00pm - Brian McKenna (Knights of Columbus #14990)

#### Saturday, August 15 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, August 16 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:15pm (Sat.) - John Milkovits (Jan & Gary Gushen)

6:30am - People of the Parish

8:00am - Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hudock (Family)

9:30am - Richard Berger (Arnott family)

11:00am - Michael Cheddar (Cheddar family)

### Devotional Candles, August 9 - August 16

#### Sanctuary Candle

Rosemarie Kach, in honor of 95<sup>th</sup> birthday (offered by family)

#### St. Theresa Candle

Dorothy Hudock (offered by family)

#### BVM Candle

Sadie Gawlikowski (offered by Jill & Joe Gawlikowski)

#### Sacred Heart Candle

John & Helen Roseman (offered by Rita Bartolet)

#### St. Joseph Candle

Rosemarie Kach, in honor of 95<sup>th</sup> birthday (offered by family)



### Liturgical Ministers Schedule: August 16, 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Mass time

4:15pm Saturday  
6:30am Sunday  
8:00am Sunday  
9:30am Sunday  
11:00am Sunday

#### Lector

Lisa Holub  
Megan Kuronya  
Denise Goodrich  
Joe Kazan  
Maria Jones

#### EEM

Fran Vasko  
**Volunteer Needed**  
Deacon Dave  
Joe Kazan  
Peggy Vietro

#### Altar server(s)

Fran Vasko  
Not Required  
Genevieve & Arthur Tabor  
**Volunteer Needed**  
Greg Jones

# Keeping Our Parish *Cool* with *God's Love!*

OUR NEW AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEM IS INSTALLED  
AND KEEPING OUR PARISH FAMILY COMFORTABLE!

*Thank you for your  
prayers, patience,  
and generosity!*



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ST. THERESA  
OF THE CHILD JESUS  
PARISH  
HELLERTOWN, PA

RECEIVED TO DATE

**\$46,340**

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*Thank you!*

OUR GOAL  
**\$165,000**  
for our new  
Air Conditioning System

\$165,000  
GOAL

\$150,000

\$125,000

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\$75,000

\$50,000

\$25,000

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Thank you for your incredible generosity,  
prayers, and patience. Every gift—large or  
small—helps us provide a comfortable place  
to worship for generations to come.

*God Bless You!*



GOAL: **\$165,000**



RECEIVED TO DATE: **\$46,340**



REMAINING: **\$118,660**



**COMFORT FOR ALL**  
A cool and comfortable  
church helps everyone  
worship with peace  
and focus.



**CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**  
Especially important for  
our children, seniors, and  
those with health  
concerns.



**INVESTING IN OUR  
PARISH HOME**  
Ensuring our church remains  
a place of prayer, beauty,  
and hospitality.

EVERY GIFT COUNTS † THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING

**ST. THERESA PARISH!**

"Whatever you do for one of these least brothers of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40



# ST. THERESA PARISH



## How to Register

1. Pay online through Zeffy using the links or QR codes.
2. Check your email for a confirmation from Zeffy containing the link to the required registration form.
3. Complete and submit the registration form. Your registration is not complete until both payment and the form have been received.

## ***Please register by September 1***

*If the registration fee presents a financial hardship,  
please contact the parish office.  
Assistance is available.*

**st.t.prep@gmail.com**

## **Register Now! PREP & CGS 2026-2027**

**Classes Begin September 20**

1st & 3rd Sundays of each month

8:25am - 9:20am

**More Information:**

[tinyurl.com/PREP2026-2027](https://tinyurl.com/PREP2026-2027)

## **Standard Registration:**



[tinyurl.com/hellertownprep](https://tinyurl.com/hellertownprep)

## **for Homeschoolers:**

Sacraments Only - Grades 3 & 8



[tinyurl.com/prepforhomeschoolers](https://tinyurl.com/prepforhomeschoolers)



# Visit the St. Theresa Parish **DESSERT HUT** at

## Hellertown-Lower Saucon Community Day Saturday, August 15, 10:00am - 3:00pm Dimmick Park

*Enjoy apple dumplings, fresh peach shortcake, and kiffles.  
Take a chance on a lottery board!*



**Saturday, August 15  
Friendship Hall**

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

For info, call Isabella at 484-241-1296.



### Weekly Collection Report

The August 2 total is \$8663. Thank you for your generosity! Next Sunday, August 16, there will be one collection. It will go towards routine parish expenses plus Preschool and PREP Support.

**It's vacation season, but St. Theresa Parish doesn't take time off.** Please be sure to hand in your envelopes for the weeks that you are away on vacation. Better yet, sign up for Online Giving, which enables you to donate from wherever you are, using your computer or smart device. Visit [www.sttheresaotcj.org/giving](http://www.sttheresaotcj.org/giving)



### DEADLINE: **TODAY**

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 15. Please place your donation inside an envelope marked "Raffle" and drop the envelope into the collection basket.

**Celebrate the St. Theresa Choir**



*Everyone is Welcome!*

Join us for Coffee & Choir after all Sunday Masses on September 6th in Friendship Hall. Everyone is invited to stop by for coffee, light refreshments, and fellowship with members of our Music Ministry. Whether you're simply looking to meet fellow parishioners, reconnect after the summer, or learn more about our choir, we'd love to see you. Our full choir will be gathered following the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

If you've ever considered singing or sharing your musical talents, this is a wonderful opportunity to ask questions and discover how you can become part of our music ministry. No previous choir experience is needed and new voices are always welcome.

As we begin a new season, we also extend a heartfelt welcome back to all of our current Music Ministry members. Thank you for sharing your time, talent, and dedication to enriching our liturgies throughout the year. We look forward to making music together again!

St. Cecilia and St. Gregory, pray for us.

# St. Theresa Parish Picnic 2026



FAITH



# FELLOWSHIP



# FUN



# FOOD

Join the St. Theresa Seniors  
at Sight & Sound Theater!

**"Joshua"**

**Tuesday, November 10**

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



**Do you have an announcement  
for the weekly bulletin?**

Please email it to [bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com)  
at least 10 days before the desired date of publication.

**Have you prayed your rosary today?**

**The St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line**

offers prayers for others' intentions. Prayer intentions may be emailed to Colleen Fitzgerald at [colleenfitz0@gmail.com](mailto:colleenfitz0@gmail.com) or called in to Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490. Prayer intentions will be shared with Prayer Line members only. If you would like to join us in praying for others' intentions, please provide your information in the Prayer Line Member Sign-Up below, and either drop the completed form into the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (one means only, please) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**"Love Jesus Back" Family Holy Hour  
for children of all ages**

**Tuesday, September 8, 6:00pm  
St. Theresa Church, Hellertown**

Presiding will be Fr. Brendon Laroche, pastor at St. Ursula Parish, Fountain Hill. Come spend time with Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, thank Him for His great love, and pray for those who do not yet love Him in return. A potluck dinner will precede the Holy Hour, offering fellowship with other families.

Sign up for the potluck at  
[tingurl.com/4t34wr58](http://tingurl.com/4t34wr58)

*This evening of prayer and fellowship is sponsored by  
the St. Monica Ministry of the Allentown Diocese.*

**What does Our Lady's Assumption Teach Us?**

- 1) If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.
- 2) Mary's Assumption reminds us that salvation is holistic. God saves us in the fullness of our humanity, body and soul.
- 3) The Assumption of Mary clarifies and confirms that heaven is a place where the saints experience the presence of God.
- 4) Mary's Assumption to heaven is the final reversal of the evils of sin and death unleashed by the Fall.
- 5) To be human is to live in relation to another. Christ, as perfectly human, enjoys perfect companionship of Mary in heaven, and reigns there alongside of her.
- 6) In the Incarnation, God took flesh from Mary, and it was through her body that He was born. So Mary has everything she needs to see our problems—and our potential for holiness—and to help us become Christ-like.

**The Good Samaritan Society** offers short term assistance to residents of Hellertown-Lower Saucon Township. If you or someone you know needs help, call the society confidentially at 610-509-5863. Monetary donations are accepted! Make checks payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" as the memo.



**A charitable gift to St. Theresa of the Child  
Jesus Parish** is a beautiful way to support the

parish while also offering possible financial and tax benefits to the giver. Those who are 70½ or older may make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) directly from their IRA. A QCD may allow a gift to be excluded from taxable income. Every financial situation is unique, so be sure to consult a tax advisor before taking any action regarding your IRA. For information, call **Sue at 610-838-7045.**

**St. Monica Ministry  
Holy Hour of Petition and Hope**

A St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope will take place Tuesday, August 11, at 6:00pm at St. Theresa Church. Presiding will be Rev. Van-Vien "J.V." Nguyen, Parochial Vicar at Saint Catharine of Siena Parish in Reading, PA. Please join us in praying before the Blessed Sacrament for loved ones who have left the Faith. For information, please call the rectory.

# Walking on Water!



In today's Gospel reading Jesus did an amazing miracle- He walked across the sea! This was a sign that He was more powerful than nature.

Peter knew that he was supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps, so he asked Jesus to call him to come and walk on the water too. When Jesus called him, Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water too! But soon he noticed how windy it was and got scared. As soon as he got distracted from Jesus, he started to sink, until Jesus took him and helped him up.

We are supposed to follow in Our Lord's footsteps too. When Jesus wants you to do something, He will give you the grace you need to do it, just like He gave Peter the power to walk on the water. If you lose sight of Jesus and only think about how hard it is, you won't be able to do what God asks, just like Peter when he started to sink. If you realize that you're having a hard time doing the right thing, it's time to turn back to Jesus!



Answer to puzzle on front: Jesus walking on the water. Answer to Flowers for Our Lady: Mary was assumed, body and soul, into Heaven!

[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

# The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 9th, 2026

*In today's Gospel reading, the disciples were out at sea in a boat when they saw something that surprised them.*

*What was it?*

*Use the code to find out!*

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**EMAIL:** sttheresacj@gmail.com

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**CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE**

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please visit [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://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, St. Theresa and Holy Family 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 call the rectory at 610-838-7045.

**ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION for ADULTS**

Please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.

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