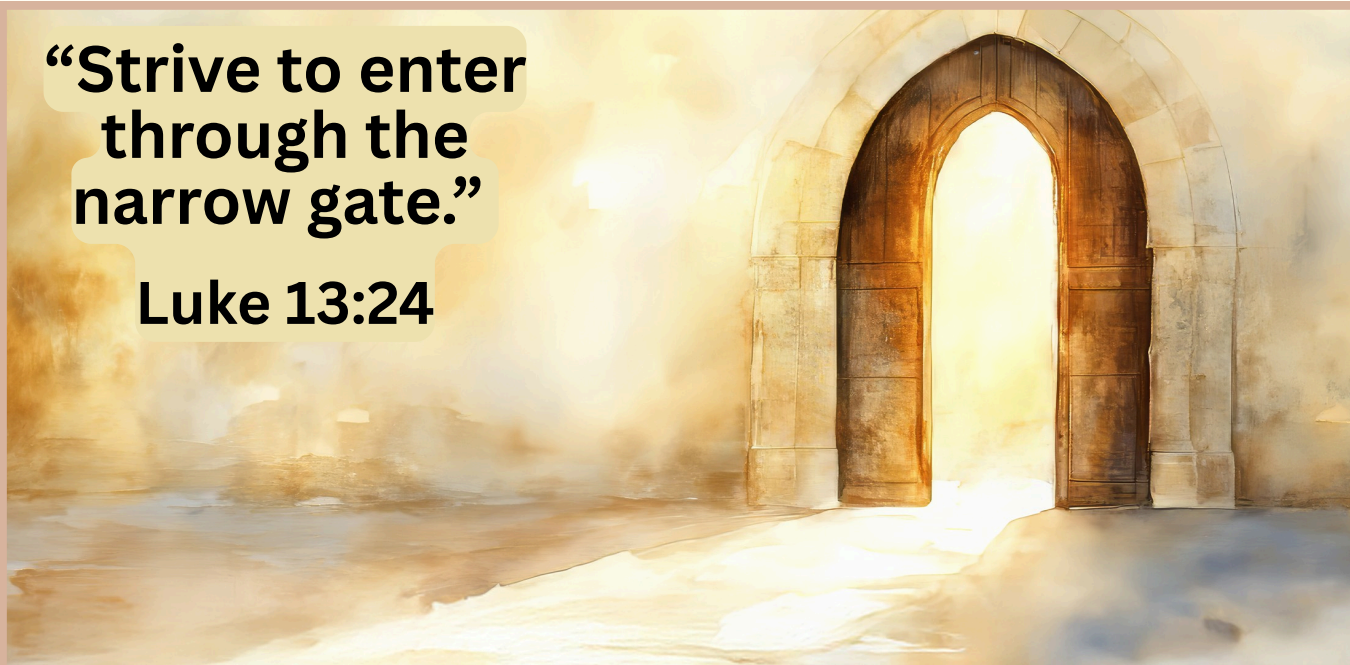


**August 24, 2025 + Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**“Strive to enter  
through the  
narrow gate.”**

**Luke 13:24**



**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.*

**Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica**

*Most Rev. Alfred A. Schlert, Celebrant*

**Wednesday, August 27  
St. Theresa Church**

Mass begins at 6:00pm. A buffet dinner in Friendship  
Hall will follow the Mass. Dinner tickets are \$10/person.

*Please call the rectory to register: 610-838-7045.*



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### Parish Calendar

#### **Sunday, August 24**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Monday, August 25**

Preschool opens for the academic year  
Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, August 26**

Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm - 7:00pm.  
*No Confession.*

#### **Wednesday, August 27**

Mass for the Memorial of St. Monica,  
Church, 6:00pm  
Buffet dinner with Bishop Schlert,  
Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### **Thursday, August 28**

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
Confession, 6:00pm - 6:45pm  
Choir practice, Church,  
7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### **Friday, August 29**

#### ***Rectory closed***

St. Monica Ministry meeting/book  
discussion, Friendship Hall, 10:00am

#### **Saturday, August 30**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Sunday, August 31**

No meetings or events scheduled.

### Mass Intentions: August 24 - August 31

#### **Sunday, August 24 - Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Joseph Holub (Terri Zakocs)  
8:00am - Renee Verzino (Paul & Jane Burke)  
9:30am - Vincent Pagano (Dean & Angela Reiman)  
11:00am - Joseph Matacavage (Wife, Rosemary)

#### **Monday, August 25 - St. Joseph Calasan, Priest**

8:00am Mass - Dorothy Whitehead (William & Debbie Smith)

#### **Tuesday, August 26 - Weekday**

8:00am - Francis Thompson (Family)

#### **Wednesday, August 27 - St. Monica**

8:00am - Edward Duffy (Robert & Elizabeth Wolsky)  
7:00pm - Intentions of the St. Monica Ministry

#### **Thursday, August 28- St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

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

#### **Friday, August 29 - The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

8:00am - Anna Iacovella (Linda & Larry Dull)

#### **Saturday, August 30 - Weekday**

No 8:00am

#### **Sunday, August 31 - Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Lillian and Bill Wallitsch (Lorraine)  
8:00am - Stephanie and John Marlin, 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (Stanley & Nellie Brandes)  
9:30am - Stanley Krycia (Mary Martinez)  
11:00am - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak (John & Minga Ferencin)

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY, THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 29 THROUGH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.  
THE RECTORY WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 30/31- TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe
8:00am Sunday	Denise Goodrich	Denise Goodrich	Chris Roth
9:30am Sunday	Priscilla Dole	Priscilla Dole	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Peggy Vietro	Amelia & Alexa Holden



## ST. THERESA LADIES GUILD AT HELLERTOWN COMMUNITY DAY 2025



***"Thank you" to the parishioners who stopped by and gave their support. The winner of the Coach purse was Leon Hrinkevich. Our Lottery Board winner was Maxine Moll.***

## ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL AT HELLERTOWN COMMUNITY DAY 2025



***Did you know? St. Theresa Preschool offers full-day and half-day programs for 3 and 4+ year-olds. Our Early Childhood programs are faith-based and in accordance with PA Education Standards. To learn more or to register your child, please email [secretary@stsprehellertown.com](mailto:secretary@stsprehellertown.com) or call 610-838-8161.***

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### Part-time Parish Custodian Position Available

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish (1408 Easton Rd., Hellertown) is seeking a part-time custodian to assist with the general upkeep and maintenance of parish buildings and grounds.

*Responsibilities include:*

- General repairs / light maintenance of parish buildings (church, rectory, school, convent, parish center)
- Routine upkeep (e.g., changing lightbulbs, fixing leaky faucets, minor carpentry, etc.)
- Seasonal grounds work - (e.g., salting sidewalks, minor snow removal, sweeping, lawn care)
- Occasional coordination with contractors/vendors
- Assisting with parish event setup and occasional custodial support

*Qualifications:*

- Experience in building maintenance and repair
- Ability to work independently and with others
- Trustworthy, dependable, respectful of parish environment
- Must pass background checks in accordance with Diocesan Safe Environment policies

Hours per week, 20 or fewer (with flexible scheduling). To apply, please call the rectory at (610) 838-7045 or email [sttheresacj@gmail.com](mailto:sttheresacj@gmail.com) with your interest and relevant experience.

### August 29:

### The Passion of St. John the Baptist

St. John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus, and also the nephew of Our Lady. John had the courage to blame King Herod to his face for the scandal of his illegal union with his sister-in-law Herodias, whose husband was still alive. Herod had John imprisoned because of his outspokenness. . On Herod's birthday, his new wife's daughter danced before the king and his guests. Her dancing pleased Herod so much that he promised to give her anything she desired. The girl was persuaded by Herodias to ask for the head of John the Baptist on a platter. Although dismayed by the request, Herod had John executed in prison. He was beheaded, and his head given to Herod's daughter.

In his lifetime, St. John the Baptist spoke the truth with great courage, and moved people to embrace the ways of God. He did this not only by preaching, but also by example. He fasted in the desert, and prepared the way for Jesus. He wasn't fearful of speaking out about the immoral activities of his day, even though his boldness ultimately led to his death. Like St. John the Baptist, we must be fearless in confronting evil and calling it by its true name.



**In honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert will celebrate Mass at St. Theresa's on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Following the Mass, a Centennial Dinner will be held at DeSales University to commemorate St. Theresa Parish's 100 years as a Family of Faith.**

***Have you made your reservation for the Centennial Dinner?***

**Tickets for the Centennial Dinner are \$50 per person. To reserve your ticket, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Parish. The form and payment may also be deposited in the Sunday collection basket.**

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

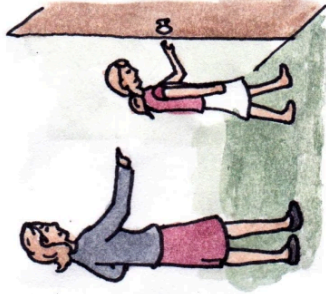
*Enclosed is my check made payable to St. Theresa Church.*

*I understand that tickets are limited, and that early reservation is recommended.*

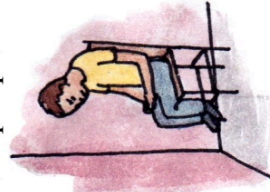


# Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that

when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!



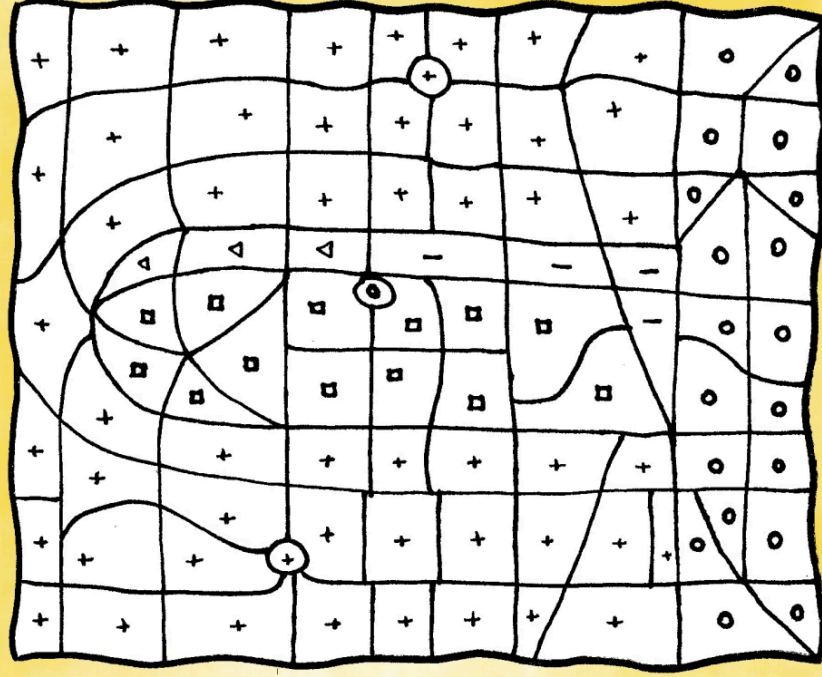
Picture from the narrow door who will be last Inside: Some are last and some are first

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

# The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 24th, 2025

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

△ Blue      □ Brown      + White  
! Green      ○ Grey





***"Dear Altar Servers! Your commitment to the altar is not only a duty, but a great honor, a genuine holy service. The Altar Server occupies a privileged place in the liturgical celebration... Therefore, in the liturgy, you are much more than simple helpers of the priest." -Pope St. John Paul II, General Audience, August 1, 2001***

St. Theresa Parish is recruiting new Altar Servers to assist at Masses. Students in grades 4 and higher who have received first Holy Communion are invited to become servers. Please watch the bulletin for information on upcoming altar server instruction to be given by Deacon Dave.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**

Tuesday, October 7, Feast of the Holy Rosary

Bus will depart St. Theresa parking lot at 6:30am and will return approximately 10:00pm. A dinner stop will be made at Mountain Gate. Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd., Thurmont, MD.

Cost of \$100 per person includes bus fare, driver tip, buffet meal, beverages, tax, and gratuity. *To reserve your spot, call the rectory: 610-838-7045.*



## *Communion Luncheon in honor of St. Theresa*

*Sunday, September 28*

*immediately following the 11:00am Mass*



The Ladies Guild's annual Communion Luncheon in honor of our parish patroness, St. Theresa, takes on a special meaning in this centennial year of St. Theresa Parish!

We will gather at Heintzelman's Carriage House, 326 Main Street Rear, Hellertown (behind the funeral home). The luncheon, catered by Bobbi from Springtown Inn, will consist of spring salad, roast beef, roast turkey, baked ziti, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and mixed vegetables. Dessert will be carrot cake plus an assortment of miniature delicacies.

Our speaker this year is St. Theresa parishioner Celeste Behe, who will give a lighthearted presentation entitled, "Seven Great Things About Being Catholic."

Music will be provided by Dominic Behe. Tickets are \$20 per person.

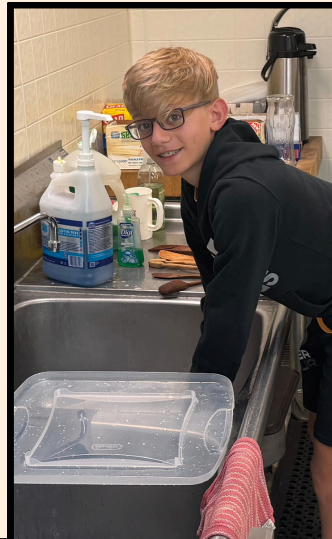
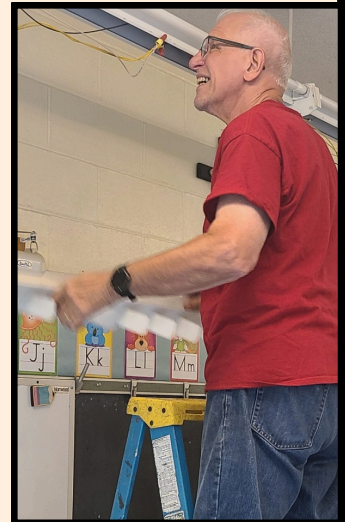
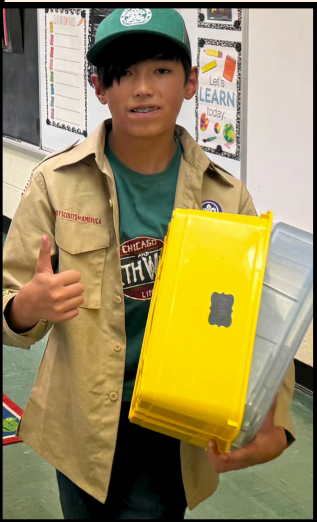
This event is open to all parishioners and guests.

To reserve your spot please call Steph Velez at 610-248-8690 or Isabella LaTassa at the rectory: 610-838-7045. RSVP deadline is Monday, September 22.

***Please note that no reservations will be accepted after the deadline.***



# ST. THERESA PARISH CLEANUP AND FIX-UP



## **August 24, 2025 + Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **AbbeyFest: A celebration of faith, family, and music**

Saturday, September 20  
National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa  
654 Ferry Rd., Doylestown, PA

This family-friendly event draws Catholics of all ages for a day of Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, vendors, and worship music. Learn more and buy tickets at **[theabbeyfest.com](http://theabbeyfest.com)**

### **Theology on Tap with Bishop Schlert**

Thursday, September 11, 6:30pm-8:30pm  
Willow Haven General Store, 8150 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville

**Young adults 18 - 35 are invited!** Drinks and appetizers included.  
Register at **[allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/219347](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/219347)**

### **Grace and Hope in Parenthood**

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00pm - 8:30pm  
Notre Dame High School, 3417 Church Rd, Easton, PA

John Beaulieu, Catholic missionary evangelist and ministry renewal leader, will share uplifting insights to help you embrace the beauty and challenges of parenthood. Be reminded that you are not alone - God sees you, supports you, and offers you the grace you need each day.

Register at **[allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/220468](http://allentowndiocese.flocknote.com/signup/220468)**

### **Veneration of Padre Pio's Relics**

Sunday, August 31  
Annunciation Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua

8:00am Mass will be followed by a talk by Nicholas Salkowski, Director of Communications of the National Centre for Padre Pio. After noon rosary recitation, Mr. Salkowski will give a second presentation, and at 1:00pm, Fr. Tolentino will offer the Anointing of the Sick. St. Pio's relics will be available for public veneration from 9:00am to 2:00pm. For information, call 610-264-0332.

### **Women's Retreat Weekend**

Friday, September 12 - Sunday, September 14  
Malvern Retreat House, 315 S Warren Avenue, Malvern

This women's retreat weekend offers an opportunity to learn, reflect, refresh, "dump your stuff," and increase your personal communion with the Lord.  
Contact Anthony Scarselletti at 610-393-4671 or email **[OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com](mailto:OLPH.ascarselletti@gmail.com)**

### **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**

Sunday, September 14, 3:00pm  
Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, 1825 West Turner St., Allentown

Married couples from across the Diocese are invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage at a Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert.

Register at **[www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass)**



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### St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Theresa Reichard  
(enrolled by Rita & Keith)

Theresa Reichard  
(enrolled by Dan & Sharon Travisano)

## HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

### Devotional Candles for the Week of August 24

#### St. Joseph Candle

Joseph Holub  
(offered by Terri & Bill Zakocs)

#### St. Theresa Candle

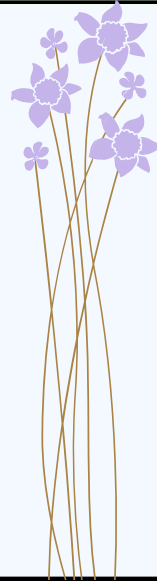
Bishop Alfred A. Schlert  
(offered by Deacon Maurice & Judy Kelly)

#### Sanctuary Candle

Gene Brett  
(offered by family)

#### BVM Candle

Robert and Joanna Munshaur  
(offered by Ed & Anita Michaylira)



### We the Living:

#### There is Healing and Hope

The St. Theresa Grief Support Group meets on Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Our group consists of those who are grieving the death of a loved one and those who wish to support them in their grieving. Each session includes prayer, information, and sharing. We offer educational support and emotional and spiritual healing. Groups are confidential. If you are interested or have questions, please call Miriam at 610-442-0947.

Meeting dates are September 23 and 30, and October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

**BUSY BAGS** for children are located in the vestibule to take into Mass and help keep young ones occupied. Each bag contains crayons, a coloring book, and a fidget for little fingers. Three volunteers are needed, one each week for 15-20 minutes, to inspect and refurbish broken crayons and replace filled coloring books. Join me, Jill Long: 610 625-5105



The collection total for August 16/17 is \$7265.  
*Thank you for your generosity.*

**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.



## BINGO NIGHT!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 6:00PM

ST. THERESA PARISH  
FRIENDSHIP HALL  
(LOWER LEVEL OF SCHOOL)

\$25 PACKET INCLUDES 15  
REGULAR GAMES AND 5 SPECIALS.

YOU MUST BE AT LEAST 18 TO PLAY.

Join the Seniors Group at Hunterdon Hills Playhouse!



**2025 Christmas Show**  
Thursday, November 20



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

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secretary@stsprekhellertown.com

**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Ms. Wendy Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC

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EMAIL: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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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, 4:00pm - 4:30pm; Thursdays, 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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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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Linda Dull (Linda.s.dull@gmail.com), Deacon Maurice Kelly

**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.