

August 31, 2025 + Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

**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.*

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, August 31

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, September 1

Rectory closed

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

No KoC meeting

Tuesday, September 2

Rectory closed

Seniors Group, Friendship Hall, 1:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm - 7:00pm;
no confessions heard.

Ladies Guild, Friendship Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, September 3

Rectory reopens

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, September 4

Eucharistic Adoration 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Confession, 6:00pm - 6:45pm

Choir practice, Church, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Friday, September 5

First Friday devotions in honor of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Church,
12:00pm - 3:00pm. Devotions will include
Eucharistic adoration. Confessions will
be heard from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Saturday, September 6

Bingo, Friendship Hall, doors open 6:00pm

Sunday, September 7

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: August 31 - September 7

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

5:00pm (Sat.) - Lillian and Bill Wallitsch (Lorraine)

8:00am - Stephanie and John Marlin, 40th wedding
anniversary (Stanley & Nellie Brandes)

9:30am - Stanley Krycia (Mary Martinez)

11:00am - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak (John & Minga Ferencin)

Monday, September 1 - Weekday

8:00am Mass - Donna Teles (Husband & family)

Tuesday, September 2 - Weekday

8:00am - Diana Campbell (St. Theresa Preschool Family)

Wednesday, September 3 - St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - John Micklus (Mary Ann & Keith Micklus)

Thursday, September 4 - Weekday

8:00am - Dominic Santanasto (Joe & Maria Tallarico)

Friday, September 5 - St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin

8:00am - Little Flower Society

Saturday, September 6 - Weekday

8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, September 7 - Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak, H&W (Peggy
Heaney-Rich)

8:00am - Ann Marie Nason (Cecelia Christman)

9:30am - Joseph Holub and Raymond Yuhás (Lisa,
Brandon, & Ryan Holub)

11:00am - James and Antoinette Tallarico (Joe & Maria
Tallarico)

IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY, THE RECTORY WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 AND TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2.
THE RECTORY WILL REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 6/7 - TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Chris Roth	Deacon Dave	Isaac & Samuel Smith
9:30am Sunday	Joani Dornblaser	Carol Krakowski	Helen Behe & Stella Graf
11:00am Sunday	Linda Dull	Peggy Vietro	Antonio & Agustin Ponce

IN AND AROUND ST. THERESA PARISH



Our parish had the privilege of hosting Fr. Raymond Thomas, who works with Unbound, an extraordinary lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 17 countries. Read about Unbound and learn how YOU can make a real difference in someone's life:

www.unbound.org



Rev. Mark Searles, Director of the College Propaedeutic Program at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Ambler, presided at our August 12 St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour.



What's that platform in the church parking lot? That's where the parish's new air conditioning unit will be placed!



The Friendship Hall spruce-up effort continues. Delivered to the hall last week, just in time for the new school year, were some sleek black folding tables.



Two of our parishioners, Charlene and Rose, celebrated birthdays recently. The ladies received a surprise birthday blessing from Fr. Hutta at Mass on August 12.

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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 with your interest and relevant experience.



First Friday devotions in honor of St. Theresa will be held in the church from 12:00pm - 3:00pm on September 5th. Devotions will include Eucharistic adoration. Confessions will be heard from 12:00pm - 1:00pm.

Do we need to be quiet in church both before and after Mass?

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 the dismissal people are encouraged to remain in prayer and thanksgiving after receiving the Eucharist.

-adapted from www.catholicvirginian.org/

The **St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line** offers prayers for others' intentions. Prayer intentions may be emailed to Colleen Fitzgerald at 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 _____



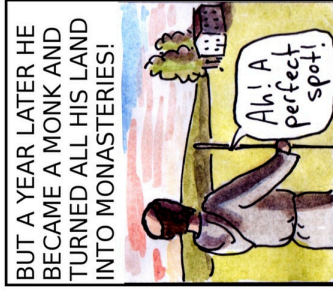
✦ **Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish ?**

✦ Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith welcomes you!

Please call 610-838-7045 for info.

Saint Gregory the Great

September 3



SAINT GREGORY SUFFERED FROM DIFFERENT SICKNESSES. HE DIED WHEN HE WAS ABOUT 64. THE CHURCH'S SPECIAL MUSIC, GREGORIAN CHANT, WAS NAMED AFTER HIM BECAUSE OF HIS WORK IN SORTING IT ALL OUT. HE IS ALSO KNOWN FOR SENDING SOME OF THE FIRST MISSIONARIES TO ENGLAND.

True or False: How to be Humble

What did Jesus say? Some of these are true and some aren't. Can you figure out which is which?

1. If you know that you are an important guest then you should sit in the place of honour. True or False?
2. If you go to a wedding feast and sit in a place of honour, someone more important might come and you will have to move to a lower place. True or False?
3. If you sit in a lower place, then the one who invited you will tell you to sit in a more important place and you will be honoured. True or False?
4. Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted. True or False?
5. When you have a dinner, you should invite the most important people so that they will invite you back. True or False?
6. If you are having a banquet or dinner, you should invite the poor and crippled people who can't invite you back. True or False?
7. If you invite the poor and crippled people to your dinner, you will never be repaid. True or False?





Join Our Team at St. Theresa Preschool!

Looking to earn some extra cash while making a difference?
We are hiring **part-time extended care staff** to help supervise preschool children (ages 3–5).

■ Come be part of our warm and welcoming school family! ■

■ Position Details ■

Schedule:	Monday–Friday afternoons, 2:30–5:00 PM
Training:	Provided
Clearances:	Guidance offered to obtain required clearances
Teamwork:	Work alongside our caring preschool staff

■ Interested? Call **Jen at St. Theresa Preschool** for more information : (610) 838-8161

Communion Luncheon in honor of St. Theresa

*Sunday, September 28, following the 11:00am Mass
Heintzelman's Carriage House, 326 Main Street Rear, Hellertown*

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!

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 RSVP, please call Steph at 610-248-8690 or Isabella at the rectory: 610-838-7045.

***Please note that no reservations will be accepted
after Monday, September 22.***



Sponsorship Opportunities Are Still Available



In honor of the centennial of St. Theresa Parish, we ask you to prayerfully consider placing a congratulatory ad in the Commemorative Program to be published for this most significant occasion. There are sponsorship levels to suit all supporters! Please pick up a "Sponsorship Opportunities" flyer in the vestibule of the church. The deadline for submission of ads is Wednesday, October 29.

Love Your Littleness: Time Out with Saint Therese

Wednesday, Oct 1, 9:30 am - 3:15 pm

National Centre for Padre Pio

111 Barto Road, Barto PA

This year we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the canonization of Saint Therese of Lisieux. Did you know that Padre Pio had such a fervent devotion to her that he bilocated to attend her canonization? In her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, the beloved Little Flower reveals her secret to holiness: "the way of spiritual childhood, the way of trust and absolute surrender."

Take "time out" from the busyness of life as we learn to love our littleness becoming instruments of God's love in the spirit of Saint Therese. Father Jerome Tauber, former pastor of Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, will serve as Spiritual Director.

There is no cost to attend this program; however, registration is required.

9:30am - Welcome and Opening Prayer

9:45am - Conference with Father Jerome Tauber

10:30am Mass concelebrated by Bishop Alfred Schlert and Father Jerome Tauber

11:30am - Rosary with Veneration of the Relics of Padre Pio and Saint Therese, Confessions, lunch (bring your own), and free time

12:00pm - Film viewing: "Prayer: A Surge of the Heart"

1:00pm - Stations of the Cross with Our Sister Saint Therese

Register at

[www.padrepio.org/events/
love-your-littleness-time-out-with-saint-therese-of-lisieux/](http://www.padrepio.org/events/love-your-littleness-time-out-with-saint-therese-of-lisieux/)

Have you made your reservation for the St. Theresa Parish Centennial Dinner?

Tickets are \$50 per person. To reserve yours, please fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Church.

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.

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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**

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**

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**

August is National Make-A-Will Month

The Diocese of Allentown is offering a free will-writing tool to help steward your family, finances, and faith. Estate planning is an act of faithfulness that acknowledges the blessings you've received from God.

Consider making a will that includes a legacy gift for St. Theresa Parish, in honor of its centennial.

Visit **FreeWill.com/allentowndiocese**

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**

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**

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Bishop Schlert will be celebrating weekday Masses at local parishes. All are invited to attend.

8:00am, Wednesday, September 3

St. Joseph Church, 5050 St. Joseph Rd., Coopersburg

8:00am, Thursday, September 4

Holy Family Church, 410 W. Center St, Nazareth

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

Devotional Candles for the Week of August 24

St. Joseph Candle

Herb Stelzer
(offered by Pat & Tom Wiley)

St. Theresa Candle

St. Theresa Preschool families
(offered by St. Theresa Preschool staff)

Sanctuary Candle

Al Fischer
(offered by Terri Zakocs)

BVM Candle

Jennifer Sell
(offered by Steph & Ray Velez)

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

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.

The collection total
for August 24 is \$6768.

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:

Paper towels, napkins, juice, boxed milk, snacks, chicken/beef broth, laundry detergent

Checks may be made payable to St. Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" in the memo line.



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.

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

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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

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.

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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