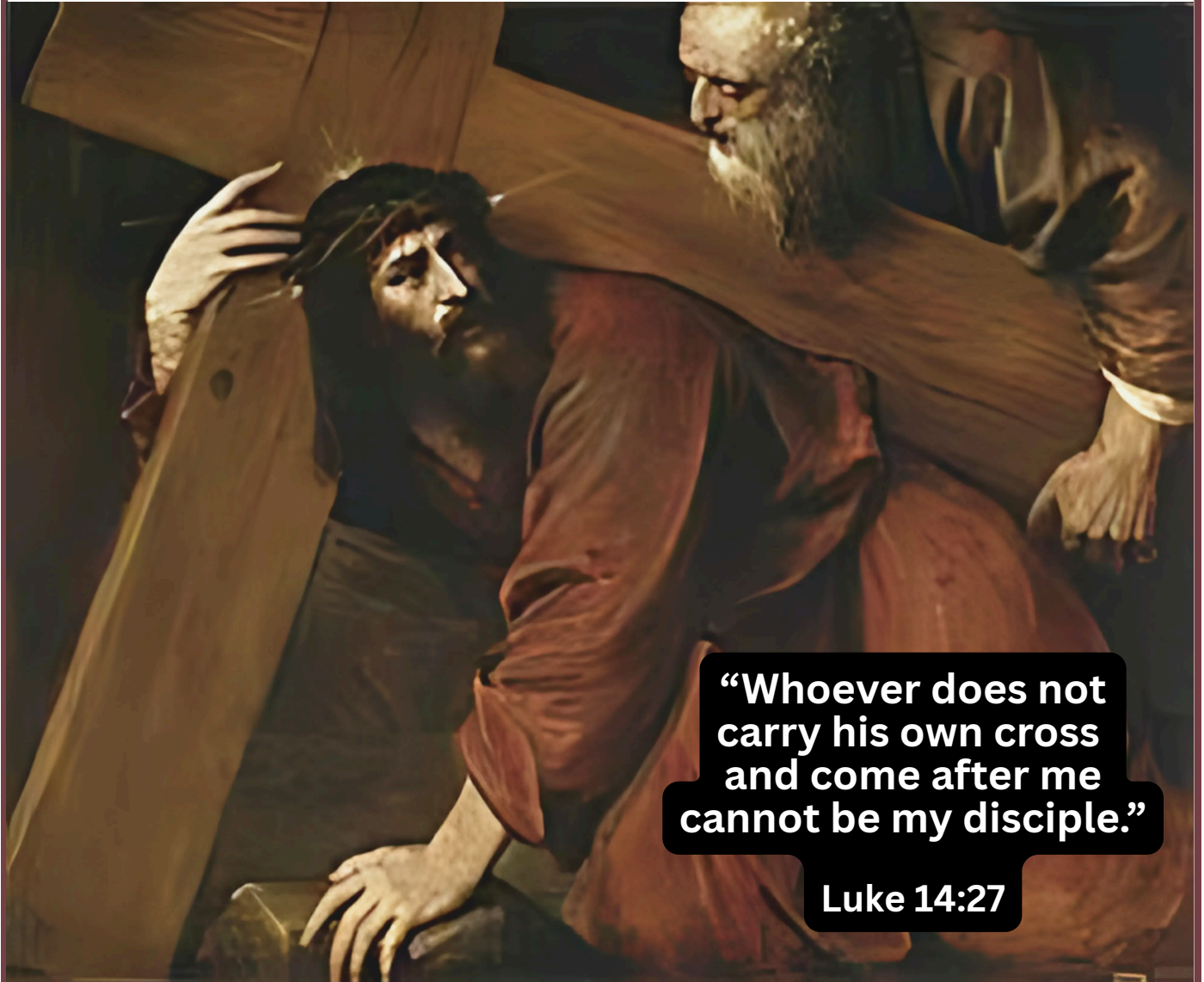


**September 7, 2025 + Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**“Whoever does not  
carry his own cross  
and come after me  
cannot be my disciple.”**

**Luke 14:27**

**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 - 7:00pm,  
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.*

**100 YEARS**

## 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 Church, with 'Centennial' in the memo line. The form and payment may also be deposited in the 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.) \_\_\_\_\_

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



**Gold Sponsor \$1,500** ~ Full-page ad in Commemorative program ~ Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin ~Media recognition

**Silver Sponsor \$1,000** ~Half-page ad in Commemorative program ~ Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin ~Media recognition

**Bronze Sponsor \$750** ~ Quarter page ad in Commemorative program ~ Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin ~ Media recognition

**Patron \$500** ~ One-eighth of a page ad in Commemorative program ~ Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin ~ Media recognition

**Shout-out \$250** - Three lines in Commemorative program. Share a memory of St. Theresa school, reminisce about a favorite priest or pastor, or describe the experience of belonging to St. Theresa Parish!

**Disciple** Donation of choice - Name listed in Commemorative program

Name / Business Name (to appear in program) \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsorship Level \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone number (specify home, landline, cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete the form and drop it off at the rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Church, with '100<sup>th</sup> anniversary' in the memo line. The form and payment may also be deposited in the collection basket. Camera ready art (CMYK, pdf, tif, jpg, or png) file for ad submission may be emailed to **theresaofjesus1925@gmail.com**

Sponsorship forms, payment, and files must be received by **Friday, October 17.**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May you be well and filled with God's peace as we prepare for another exciting year of faith formation at St. Theresa's!

**We will have a parent meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 6:30pm in Friendship Hall. One parent or guardian from each family must attend.**

If you know families who may be interested in joining one of our three Religious Formation programs, please let them know that registration is still open. For families who have already registered but have not yet completed their payment, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible. The registration is conveniently available on our parish website. We will also be sharing the full year's class schedule soon, so you can plan ahead and be fully engaged in your child's faith journey.

#### Class Schedules and Locations

##### **In-Person PREP (Levels 1–6)**

Start Date:  
Wednesday, October 1

Time: 4:30pm– 5:45pm

Location: School Building

##### **Confirmation Preparation (Levels 7–8)**

Start Date:  
Thursday, October 2

Time: 6:30pm– 7:45pm

Location: Parish Center

##### **Family of Faith Meetings**

Start Date:  
Wednesday, October 1

Frequency: Monthly

Day and Time:  
Wednesdays at 6:15pm

Location: Friendship Hall (School Bldg.)

#### Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

The CGS program provides a Montessori-inspired approach to religious formation, rooted deeply in Sacred Scripture and the Liturgy. In the atrium—a sacred, hands-on space—children listen, ponder, and celebrate the central mysteries of our Faith. Our CGS catechists offer presentations on Christ as the Good Shepherd, the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, Parables of the Kingdom of God, and the Holy Sacraments. For more information or to confirm the start date, please contact Maria Jones at [marialellis@gmail.com](mailto:marialellis@gmail.com)

#### Meet Our New Leadership Team

- Sister Veronica Ekisa Odera, MCESM – Director of Catechetical Formation
- Mrs. Maria Jones – CGS Advisor
- Deacon Dave – Adult Formation and Enrichment Advisor
- One advisor for grades 1-6 and one advisor 7-8 grade
- Father John Anthony – Priest and Formation Advisor

Sister Veronica is a member of the Missionary Congregation of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary (MCESM) from Kenya. Holding both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Religious Studies and Missionary Catechesis from the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, Sister brings a wealth of experience. She has served as academic dean, lecturer, teacher, and general councilor in her congregation's programs across Kenya and Uganda.

*"What matters in life is not great deeds, but great love."– St. Thérèse of Lisieux*

It is not the size of our actions, but the love we pour into them that shapes the faith and hearts of our children.

This new school year is filled with opportunities for children and families to learn, serve, worship, and grow together in faith. May God bless you and your families abundantly as we journey together in faith, hope,, and love.



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### Parish Calendar

#### Sunday, September 7

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Monday, September 8

Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm  
Divine Mercy Cenacle, Church,  
7:00pm  
Knights of Columbus, Friendship Hall,  
7:00pm

#### Tuesday, September 9

Carmelite Formation, Parish  
Center, 2:00pm - 5:00pm  
St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour,  
Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
St. Monica Ministry meeting,  
Friendship Hall, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### Wednesday, September 10

PREP Parent meeting, Friendship  
Hall, 6:30pm

#### Thursday, September 11

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

#### Friday, September 12

Golden Sweepers, Church,  
10:00am

#### Saturday, September 13

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Sunday, September 14

Boy Scout Popcorn sale after all  
Masses.

### Mass Intentions: September 7 - September 14

#### 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 Yugas (Lisa, Brandon,  
& Ryan Holub)  
11:00am - James and Antoinette Tallarico (Joe & Maria  
Tallarico)

#### Monday, September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am - Sr. Miriam Dennis Sculley, I.H.M. (Very Rev.  
Jerome Tauber)

#### Tuesday, September 9 - St. Peter Claver, Priest

8:00am - Patricia Ann Standiford (Behe family)

#### Wednesday, September 10 - Weekday

8:00am - Living and deceased members of the Gehris and  
Yugas families (Martha Gehris)

#### Thursday, September 11 - Weekday

8:00am - Mary Ann and Nelson Chegezy, 50<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary (John & Stephanie Marlin)

#### Friday, September 12 - The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:00am - Sr. Mary Elijah, O. Carm. (Linda Dull)

#### Saturday, September 13 - St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

No 8:00am

#### Sunday, September 14 - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

5:00pm (Sat.) - Julia Ozakuski (Sally & Gary Strawn)  
8:00am - Sr. E. Therese Paull, I.H.M. (Very Rev. Jerome  
Tauber)  
9:30am - Janina Ostrowska (Family)  
11:00am - Donna Teles (Husband & family)

## SEPTEMBER: THE MONTH OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 13/14 - THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Fran Vasko	Fran Vasko
8:00am Sunday	Isabella LaTassa	Isabella LaTassa	Genevieve Tabor
9:30am Sunday	Priscilla Dole	Deacon Dave	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Greg Jones

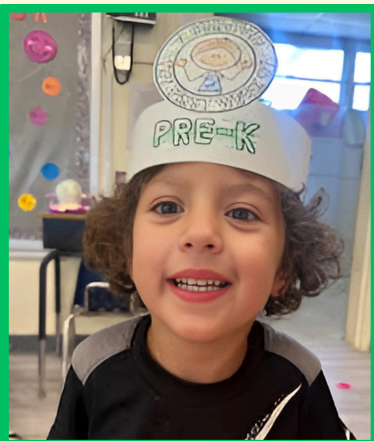
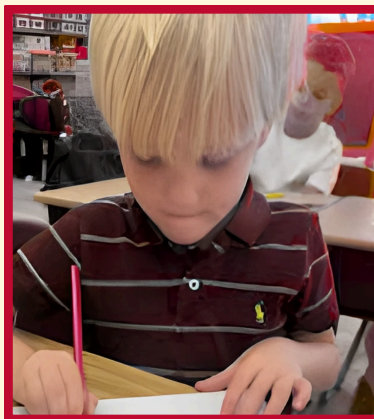


# BACK TO SCHOOL AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL



**At St. Theresa Preschool,  
we had a wonderful  
first week of school!**

Thank you to our parents for  
raising such kind and joyful  
children—it's a blessing to share  
in their learning and growth.



# Family and Friends or God?

**YES, I AM A CHRISTIAN.**



In today's Gospel reading Jesus says, "If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."

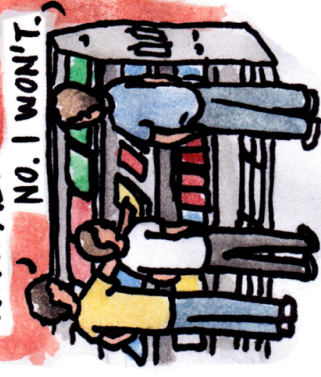
You probably thought that God doesn't want us to hate anyone, right? Well He doesn't! What Jesus was saying was that we should love God more than we love the people closest to us. He means that we should be ready to do what God wants even if that means losing our family or best friends.

Normally God wants us to stay close to the people we love, but what if you had to choose between doing the right thing or keeping your friends? Are you ready to give up anything or anyone that would stop you from loving God?

Answer to Word-Find:  
We ask God for His mercy.

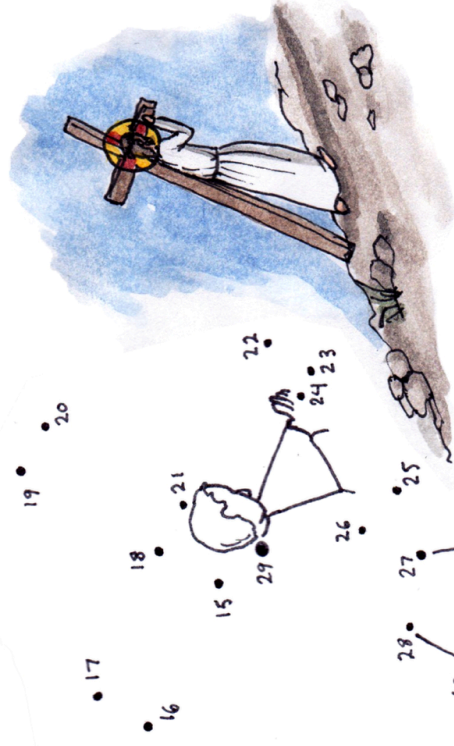
[www.thekidsbulletin.com](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com)

**STEAL THAT IF  
YOU WANT TO  
STAY FRIENDS  
WITH ME.**



# The Kids' Bulletin

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Luke 14.25-33

What do you  
have to do to be  
Jesus' disciple?

Connect the dots to find out,  
starting at the star beside the number 1.  
Then you can colour the picture in.

*This Thursday is Our Lady's Birthday!  
What can your family do to  
celebrate Mary's Birthday?*

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A St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope will take place here at St. Theresa's on Tuesday, September 9 at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Keith Mathur, Director of the Diocesan Office for Divine Worship. Please come and join the parish community in praying for those who have left the Faith.

### The Golden Sweepers Ministry

The Golden Sweepers clean and care for God's house. Our humble efforts help to beautify the sacred spaces of our parish.

**We will meet Friday, September 12 at 10:00am in the church.**

Refreshments will be served post-cleaning.

**Please join us!**

Call the rectory at 610-838-7045.

### 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 buildings and grounds.

Responsibilities include general repairs / light maintenance of parish buildings, plus routine upkeep; seasonal grounds work, occasional coordination with contractors and vendors, assisting with parish event setup and occasional custodial support

Qualifications include experience in building maintenance and repair; ability to work independently and with others; must be 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 relevant experience.

*Dear Parishioners of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, on behalf of Unbound, thank you for welcoming us to your parish. Our hearts are full of gratitude for the generosity you have shown to the children, youth, and elders in our sponsorship program. Through your willingness to partner with Unbound, your parish community has taken steps toward a closer walk with Jesus in the name of the poor. We pray that members of your parish community who answered the call to sponsorship will be richly blessed by the experience.*



*Fr. Raymond Thomas*



All who went on the **SLAMS Summer Retreat** at Our Mother of Consolation two weeks ago had a wonderful time. Now we are ready to begin a year of "Always considering what God is doing and what we are doing." Beginning on Sat., September 13, we will delve into deepening our prayerful relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit with shared activities to spark deeper conversations and more nuanced understandings of prayer. Those who attended our SLAMS summer retreat tested some of these shared exercises and truly enjoyed them which led to many insightful discussions on prayer.

*The Lehigh Valley SLAMS meeting will be on Saturday, September 13.  
7:00am - Optional Breakfast at the Hellertown Diner  
8:00am - Holy Hour and opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation  
9:00am - Small Group Discussion in Friendship Hall*



## 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**

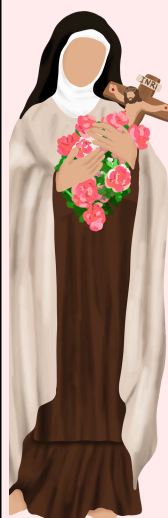
## *Communion Luncheon in honor of St. Theresa* *Sunday, September 28, following the 11:00am Mass* *Heintzelman's Carriage House, 326 Main Street Rear, Hellertown*

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! Please join us for fellowship and a luncheon of spring salad, roast beef, roast turkey, baked ziti, mashed potatoes, stuffing, and mixed vegetables, plus carrot cake and delicacies.

Celeste Behe will give a lighthearted talk on "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.***



## **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 St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish, will serve as Spiritual Director.

Register at [www.padrepio.org/events/](http://www.padrepio.org/events/)

**love-your-littleness-time-out-with-saint-therese-of-lisieux/**

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*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.

### **HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?**

#### **Devotional Candles for the Week of September 7**

##### **St. Joseph Candle**

Special Intention  
(offered by Frank and Linda Wilk)

##### **St. Theresa Candle**

Sandi Bruno  
(offered by Jenni Israel)

##### **Sanctuary Candle**

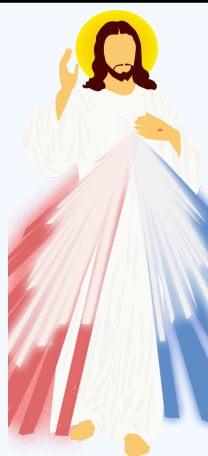
Special Intention  
(offered by Jim Altimare)

##### **BVM Candle**

Marie and Bob Gori  
(offered by Kettering family)

### **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, please call Miriam at 610-442-0947. Meeting dates are September 23 and 30, and October 7, 14, 21, and 28.



The **St. Theresa Parish Divine Mercy Cenacle** meets regularly for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the writings of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to whom Our Lord revealed His Merciful Heart. We gather in the church on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00pm. Our next meeting will be September 8. For more information, please call Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.

The collection total  
for August 31 is \$6499

*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.

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, observed on September 15, focuses on the Seven Sorrows that Mary experienced as the mother of Jesus.

Mary's Seven Sorrows are (1) The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35); (2) The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21); (3) The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50); (4) The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17); (5) The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30); (6) Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40); and (7) Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)



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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: Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm;  
Thursdays, 5:00pm - 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, 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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