

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, and on First Fridays from 12:00pm - 1:00pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: UPDATED SCHEDULE

BEGINNING THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY NIGHTS ONLY FROM 6:00PM TO 7:00PM. NO CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD ON TUESDAYS. PLEASE NOTE THAT THURSDAY EVENING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSION IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE; HOWEVER, CONFESSIONS WILL STILL BE HEARD ON FIRST FRIDAYS FROM 12:00 TO 1:00PM, AND ON SATURDAYS FROM 4:00PM TO 4:30PM.

Have you made your reservation for the Centennial Dinner?

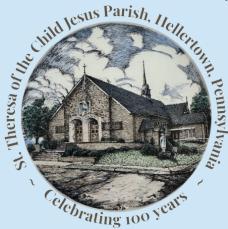
Tickets for the November 16 Centennial Dinner are \$50 per person. To reserve your ticket, please fill out the form below and drop it off at the rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Church, with 'Centennial' in the memo line. The form and payment may also be deposited in the collection basket.

Deadline is October 24.

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.)	

90 YEARS

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 Na	me (to appear in program	1)	
Sponsorship Level_			
Street address			
City	State	Zip Code	
Phone number (spec	cify 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 '100th 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**

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.



Parish Calendar

Sunday, September 14

Boy Scout Popcorn Sale after all Masses

Monday, September 15

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, September 16

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

Prayer Group, School Bldg., 7:00pm

Wednesday, September 17

No meetings or events scheduled.

Thursday, September 18 No Eucharistic Adoration and

No Eucharistic Adoration and Confession

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

Friday, September 19

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, September 20

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, September 21

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: September 14 - September 21

Sunday, September 14 - 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)

Monday, September 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

8:00am - Hannah Karanink (Tom & Chin-Chin Moulder)

Tuesday, September 16 - Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:00am - Patricia Ann Standiford (Rectory staff)

Wednesday, September 17 - St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Barbara Bartholomew (Friends at 8:00am Mass)

Thursday, September 18 - Weekday

8:00am - Carmelite Nuns of the Ancient Observance [Carmel of St. Therese OTCJ] (Linda Dull)

Friday, September 19 - Weekday

8:00am - James and Helen Mindock (Estate)

Saturday, September 20 -Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
No 8:00am

Sunday, September 21 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Rita Zambelli (Debbie & Ron Petruno)

8:00am - Elaine Callaghan (Carol Callaghan)

9:30am - Andrew P. Glovas (Patrick Glovas family)

11:00am - Helena Rebisz (Tom & Joanna Long)





+ St. Carlo Acutis + + St. Pier Giorgio Frassati + Pray for us!





LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 20/21 - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Denise Goodrich	Deacon Dave	Bill Ripper
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Lisa Albitz
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave	Amelia & Alexa Holden



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 **sttheresacjagmail.com** with relevant experience.

Walking with Mary and Monica:

A Morning of Reflection for those whose loved ones have left the Faith

Saturday, October 11, 9:00am to 12:00pm Sacred Heart Parish, 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem

Featuring talks by

Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR, Chaplain at the Blue Army Shrine Maggie Green, author of <u>The Saint Monica Club</u> Celeste Behe, founder of the St. Monica Ministry.

Cost of \$15 includes a continental breakfast.

To register, please email **StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com**

Sponsored by the St. Monica Ministry of the Diocese of Allentown.





The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14)

When Moses lifted up the bronze serpent over the people, it was a foreshadowing of the salvation won for us by Jesus when He was lifted up on the Cross. The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrates the redemptive transformation of the cross as an instrument of torture into a divine "tree of life" that brings hope to mankind. That is why the liturgy of the Cross is a triumphant liturgy.

We make the Sign of the Cross before prayer to help to fix our minds on God. After prayer we make the Sign of the Cross to keep close to Him. During trials and temptations, our strength and protection is the Sign of the Cross.

"Let the sign of the cross be continually made on the heart, on the mouth, on the forehead, at table, at the bath, in bed, coming in and going out, in joy and sadness, sitting, standing, speaking, walking. In short, in all our actions. Let us make it on our breasts and all our members, that we may be entirely covered with this invincible armor of Christians." -St. Gaudentius



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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 14

St. Joseph Candle

Donna Teles (offered by husband & family)



St. Theresa Candle

Jumper family (offered by Dee & family)

Sanctuary Candle

Arthur Bernadelli

BVM Candle

Anthony De Angelis (offered by Ed & Anita Michaylira)



The collection total for September 7 will be published in next week's bulletin.

Thank you.

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. laundru detergent

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

IT'S BACK: THE BOY SCOUT POPCORN SALE

The Boy Scouts will be selling their famous popcorn TODAY after all Masses. Don't miss out!

Men Alive in Christ Full Day Annual Conference: Pilgrims Anchored in the Hope of Christ

October 11 at the Delta Marriott in Breinigsville

Embrace your mission to live virtuous masculinity, and deepen your relationship with God through a powerful day of men's fellowship, sacraments, talks from three acclaimed speakers, and Mass with Bishop Schlert. A full lunch is included.

Contact Mark McDevitt: markmcd@outlook.com OR (610) 334-0330

Register at www.menaliveinchrist.org/events/

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.





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



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

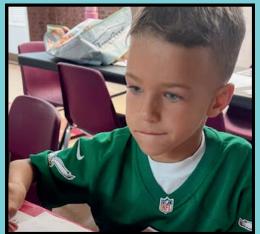








celebrating
the colors
of God's
ereation
through art
and play at
St. Theresa
Preschool









Jur Lady of Sorrows September 15









THE WAY OF THE CROSS 4TH SORROW







ARE HURT. OUR LADY LOVED JESUS MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE EVER LADY TO HELP US TO LOVE OUR LORD, EVEN IF WE HAVE TO SUFFER WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE SOMEONE YOU WILL FEEL SAD WHEN THEY COULD, AND SHE ALSO SUFFERED MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE. BUT SHE WAS HAPPY TO SUFFER FOR JESUS. WE SHOULD PRAY TO OUR

thekidsbulletin@gmail.com

Word-find: The Holy Cross

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fill in the blanks at the end. Use the leftover letters to CAPITALS in the puzzle. Find all the words in

LOVED us so much that He OFFERED His life to God the SAVIOUR who would FREE us from the punishment we deserved in HELL. JESUS, Who was the Son of GOD After ADAM and Eve sinned, the world needed a FATHER as a SACRIFICE for our SINS.

wooden cross was placed on His shoulders. He was forced to CARRY it to the top of the HILL. EVERY step was TORTURE. He FELL several times, and met His holy When the TIME came for Jesus to die, the HEAVY mother MARY along the way.

Finally He came to CALVARY, also called the PLACE of for THREE hours. Finally He DIED. His soul went to God lifted it up. The SKY became DARK as Jesus hung there the Skull. The soldiers NAILED Him to the CROSS and and He opened the GATES of HEAVEN

had been buried for 300 years? Who found Jesus' cross after it

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PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (PREP)

EMAIL: PREPsttheresacj@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

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS TELEPHONE: 610-871-5200, ext. 2204 EMAIL: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

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; 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: 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, 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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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.