

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

+ September 20, 2026 - 25th 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: 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

Are you envious because I am generous? Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.

MATTHEW 20:15-16



The St. Theresa Ladies Guild invites you to its

**Annual Luncheon
in Honor of St. Theresa**

**Sunday, October 4th
following the 11:00am Mass
Friendship Hall**

Luncheon menu includes Chicken Marsala, Fillet of Sole stuffed with Crabmeat, Baked Ziti, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable Salad, and Chocolate Cake. The cost is \$25.00 per person.



*Please note that reservations must be made by this Thursday, September 25. **No reservation** will be accepted after that date. To reserve your spot, please call Pat Russo at 201-412-9052.*

Food for Thought: A Distant Memory in Vietnam

A while ago, when I was riding my moped down the road in Vietnam, when I noticed a place where workers gathered, hoping to be hired for the day. They were not waiting for a ride. They were waiting for someone to give them work.

Every morning, they came hoping that a company owner, or homeowner might pull up and say, "I need a few workers today." If they were chosen, they worked. That day's wages might mean groceries, rent, medicine, or food for their children.

Now imagine standing there at six in the morning. Seven o'clock comes. Then eight. Then noon.

Other workers are chosen, but you are still standing there.

Three o'clock arrives. Still nothing.

Then, almost at the end of the day, someone finally pulls up, looks at you, and says: "I need you."

You would be grateful simply to have one hour of work. But imagine that at the end of that hour, the employer gives you an entire day's wage. You would be overwhelmed.

Now imagine being one of the workers chosen at six in the morning. You have worked all day in the heat. Your back aches. You are exhausted. Then you see the person who worked only one hour receive a full day's wage.

You begin calculating: "If he received that much for one hour, imagine what I am going to receive!"

But when your turn comes, you receive exactly what you were promised: a full day's wage. Suddenly the generosity that looked so beautiful when it was given to someone else begins to bother you. "That's not fair!"

And there is the heart of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not really teaching us about wages. He is teaching us about grace.

The workers who came early were not cheated. The shock is that the landowner chose to be extraordinarily generous to those who came late. And Jesus asks:

"Are you envious because I am generous?"

That question reaches far beyond the vineyard. How do I react when God is generous to someone else? When someone who has been away from the Church for thirty years comes back? When a person who has made terrible mistakes receives forgiveness? When someone turns to God near the end of life? Do I rejoice, or do I quietly think, "After everything I have done, that does not seem fair"?

God does not operate according to our system of scorekeeping. Isaiah tells us that the Lord is "generous in forgiving."

The Psalm tells us:

"The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness."

That is the heart of God. One of the most beautiful moments in the Gospel comes when the landowner asks those still standing around late in the day: "Why do you stand here idle all day?"

They answer: "Because no one has hired us."

They were still waiting for someone to invite them. How many people around us may be spiritually standing in that same marketplace? Maybe no one taught them how to pray. No one explained the beauty of the Eucharist.

No one told them that Confession is a place of mercy. No one personally said: "Come with me."

Perhaps that is why some of us have been in the vineyard for so long—not so we can congratulate ourselves for arriving early, but so God can send us to invite someone else.

And before we complain about God being generous with another sinner, we should remember how generous He has already been with us.

How many times has He forgiven us?

How many second chances?

How many times have we received His Body and Blood?

How many times have we wandered, only to discover that He was still waiting?

None of us earns the Kingdom of Heaven.

It is grace. It is mercy. It is gift.

So when someone comes back to God late, perhaps our response should not be: "Why should they receive so much?" Perhaps it should simply be: "Thank God they came."

Because when the workday of this life finally ends, none of us will stand before God boasting about how many hours we worked. We will simply stand amazed that He called us into His vineyard at all.

God is not less than fair. He is infinitely more than fair. He is generous. He is merciful.

And He wants every one of His children home.

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

\$85,675

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Thank you!

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



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: **\$85,675**



REMAINING: **\$79,325**



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



The Parish Community of
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
joyfully invites you to the



Installation Mass

of our new Pastor,
Reverend John Anthony Hutta II



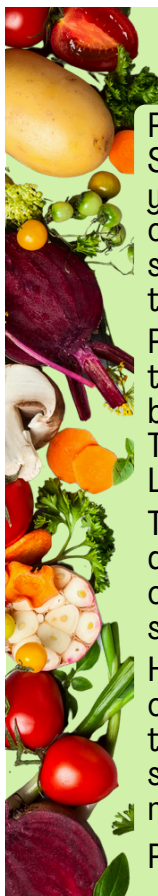
Sunday, October 11, 2026
~ 3:00pm ~

Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert
Bishop of the Diocese of Allentown,
Celebrant

*A reception will immediately follow the
Mass. Please RSVP to the Rectory before
October 4th: 610-838-7045*

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Church
1408 Easton Road
Hellertown, PA 18055





STILL TIME TO ORDER SOUP FROM FRONTIER SOUPS!

Please use the colorful flyer from Frontier Soups to place your order or you may also check the vestibule for extra order sheets. When ordering, please make sure to enclose cash or check along with the order sheet for your selections.

Please return the completed order form to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket. Payment by cash or check to St. Theresa Church. Any questions please call Linda Dull at 484-767-7790.

This church fundraiser will be used to defray the cost of the air conditioning for our beautiful church. All profit will be used specifically for this project.

Help to boost the profit by placing an order by September 30th. The goal for this fundraiser is \$1000. Every packet of soup helps. (Approximately 225 packets need to be ordered by YOU!)

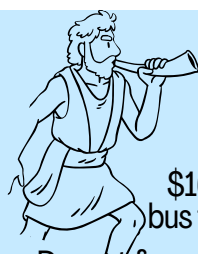
PLEASE ORDER NOW! THANK YOU!

The Ladies Guild is seeking Theme Basket donations for its annual Autumnfest Basket Raffle. Theme suggestions include Christmas, autumn, children, sports, car, pets, and baking.

Be creative and come up with your own imaginative theme! A minimum \$50 value per basket is appreciated. More Autumnfest information is forthcoming. Watch the bulletin for updates!



Support St. Theresa parish while receiving possible financial and tax benefits! 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**.



Join the St. Theresa Seniors at Sight & Sound Theater
"Joshua"

Tuesday, November 10

\$169 per person includes 11:00am show, bus transportation, and family-style meal.

Depart from St. Theresa parking lot at 8:00am. (Please arrive by 7:45am.) Return to St. Theresa parking lot approximately 6:00pm. For information, please call Nancy (610-360-3738) or Isabella (610-838-7045) or email **stheresacj@gmail.com**

Have you prayed your rosary today?

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



Weekly Collection Report

The September 6 total is \$6596. Thank you!

There will be two collections next week. The first is the regular Sunday collection, and the second is for the Church in Latin America.



Would you like to become a member of St. Theresa Parish?

Our Roman Catholic Family of Faith welcomes you!

Please call 610-838-7045 for info.



FOLLOW Jesus!
And could you also follow us on social media?



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Devotional Candles, September 20 - September 27

Holy Family Candle

Bob Brett (offered by Gene & Barbara Brett)

Sacred Heart

Fr. John Anthony (offered by Pat & Mike)

Sanctuary Candle

Special Intention (offered by Steph & Ray)

St. Theresa Candle

Amelia Laslo (offered by Israel family)

BVM Candle

Mary Peters (offered by Israel family)

St. Joseph Candle

John Ulincy (offered by Loretta Ulincy)



Blessing of Pets

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast we celebrate on October 4, a blessing of pets and animals will be offered on Saturday, October 3 at 10:00am. The blessing will take place in the St. Theresa Garden. For the safety of all, please be sure that your pets are either leashed or in cages.



St. Theresa Preschool CLOTHING DRIVE

Monday, October 5 - Thursday, October 8

Items are to be secured in heavy duty plastic bags, tied closed. Bags may be dropped off in front of the old convent garage on Ruch Alley. Drop off times are Monday through Thursday from 8:00am to 8:30am, and from 2:45pm to 3:15pm except on Thursday, October 8, when donations will be accepted only until 12:00pm.

If you are unable to come at designated drop off times, please place bags on the side porch of 220 Leonard Street at any time of day.

**Items in GOOD CONDITION
are used and distributed.**

Knights of Columbus present De-Clutter for a Cause

Knights of Columbus will be collecting Yard Sale donations on the following dates:

**Saturday, September 26
Saturday, October 3**

Collections will take place from
8:00am to 10:00am in the church parking lot.
If you would like to arrange for pickup or would like more information, please contact Terry Coffey:
859-333-4476 or email **TFCoffey@gmail.com**

*Items for our weekly bulletin are always welcome.
Please submit your information ten days before
the desired date of publication. Thank you!*

The Knights of Columbus wish to thank the parishioners of St. Theresa's for their support of the Brian McKenna Baby Bottle Campaign. Over \$3200 was raised for the Cay Galgon Life House, which assists new and expectant mothers who are facing homelessness and other life crises. God bless you for your generosity.



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS)

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to forming the hearts of children in the Catholic faith. Children will encounter

1) Christ the Good Shepherd, who knows and loves them personally, 2) the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist; 3) the Parables of the Kingdom of God; 4) the beauty of the Sacraments.

Program Offerings

Level I (Ages 3-6)

Wednesdays or Thursdays, 9:45am - 11:45am

Level II (Ages 6-9)

Sundays, 12:30pm - 2:30pm

CGS is Seeking Assistants

*We need Assistants for each of our CGS sessions. Looking for individuals who can help lead, guide and listen to God with the children. Clearances needed. Training will be provided. Please contact Maria Jones at **marialellis@gmail.com** if you are interested in enrolling your child in CGS or if you are available to assist.*

Mass in Honor of St. Therese

Sunday, October 4, 2:00pm
Carmelite Chapel of St. Therese
3551 Lanark Road, Coopersburg

*Come to the Carmel of Allentown to honor
St. Therese of the Child Jesus!*

~ Blessing of roses in the name of St. Therese ~
~ Distribution of 1,000 blessed roses ~
~ Refreshments following devotions ~

The **St. Theresa Parish Prayer Line** offers prayers for others' intentions. Prayer intentions may be sent to Colleen at colleenfitz0@gmail.com or called in to Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490. Intentions are 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	_____

Our Transitional Kindergarten class participated in the first Mass of the school year !

Our TK students celebrated their first Mass with Fr. Hutta this week. We are so proud of them as they begin their faith journey!



Saint Thomas of Villanova

September 22



PEOPLE CRITICIZED ST. THOMAS BECAUSE HE WOULD GIVE TO ANYONE WHO ASKED, AND BECAUSE HE WAS GENTLE WITH SINNERS. BUT HE KNEW THAT HE COULD WIN MORE SOULS TO GOD BY BEING GENEROUS AND KIND. WE CAN IMITATE ST. THOMAS' GENEROSITY BY SHARING OUR GOOD THINGS.

Fill in the blanks:

Saint Paul tries to decide if it is better to live or die!

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks, and then put the letters from the boxes into the spaces at the bottom.



Brothers and _____⁵_____, Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me life is Christ, and _____²_____ is gain. If I go on living in the flesh, that means _____⁴_____ labour for me. And I do not know which I shall _____¹_____. I am caught _____⁶_____ the two. I long to depart this life and be with Christ, for that is far better. Yet that I remain in the flesh is more necessary for _____³_____ benefit.

between
death
sisters
your
fruitful
choose

Like Saint Paul, we
should be ready to
either live or die for

_____.
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RECTORY OFFICE: 610-838-7045

EMAIL: sttheresacj@gmail.com

WEBSITE: www.sttheresaotcj.org

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 / PARISH SAFE ENVIRONMENT

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

TELEPHONE: 610-871-5200, ext. 2204

EMAIL: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

PARISH COORDINATOR: Lisa Albitz

TELEPHONE: 973-722-1326

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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, 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.

LAY MINISTERS

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Dr. Francis J. Vasko (vasko@emeriti.kutztown.edu)

William Ripper (wjripper@gmail.com)

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Curt Fitzgerald

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SENIORS GROUP - Isabella LaTassa

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GRIEF SUPPORT - Miriam Martin (610-442-0947),

Ellie Fenner

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Maria Jones (marialellis@gmail.com)

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