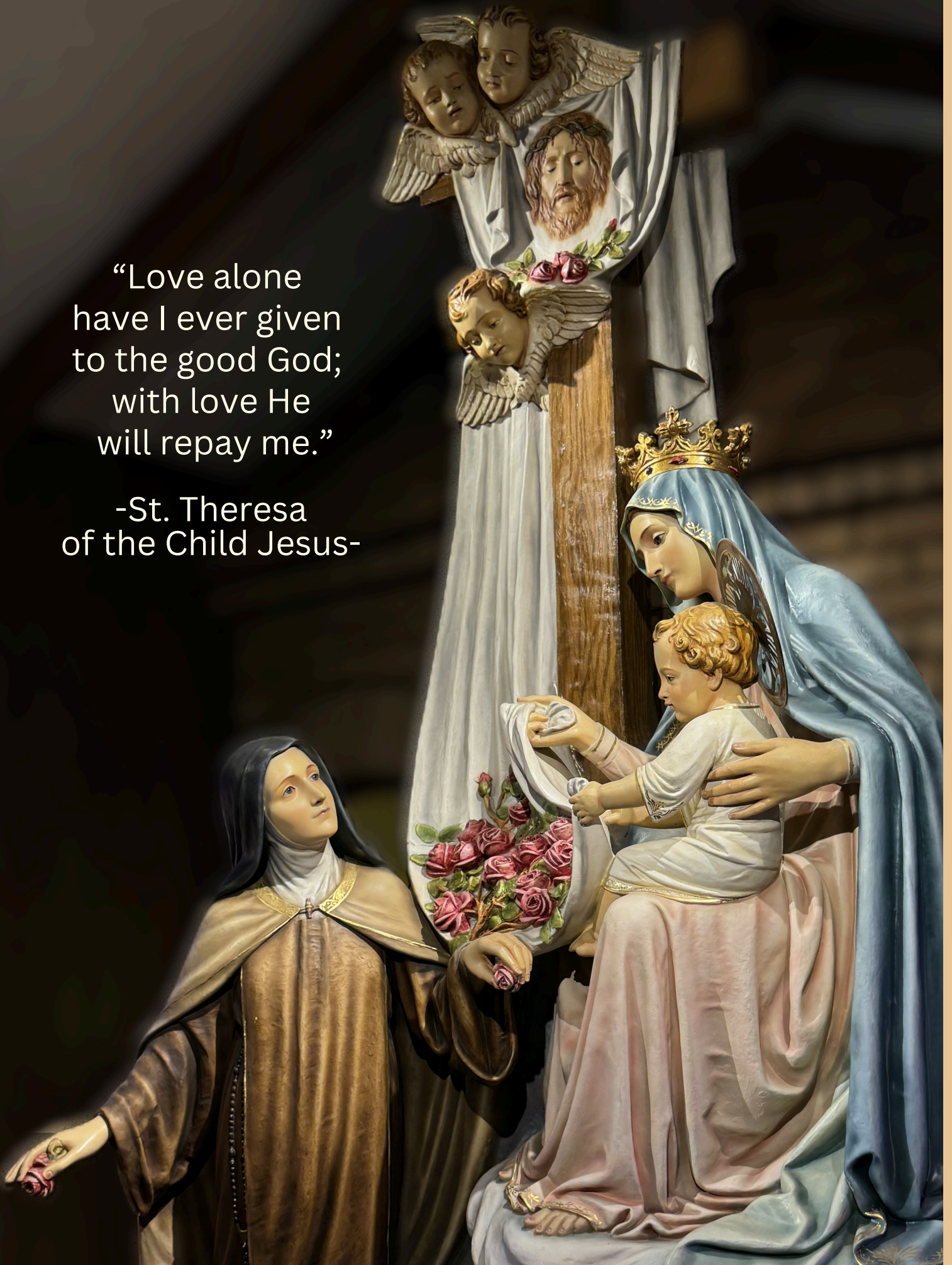


“Love alone  
have I ever given  
to the good God;  
with love He  
will repay me.”

-St. Theresa  
of the Child Jesus-





## September 28, 2025 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**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



**JUST 49 DAYS UNTIL THE  
ST. THERESA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!**  
*Have you made your reservation?*



## 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.**

100 YEARS

*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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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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](mailto:theresaofjesus1925@gmail.com)

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



# YOU can be a Catechist, Aide, or Volunteer in the St. Theresa Parish Faith Formation Program

## ***What is a catechist?***

The catechist is a teacher of the Faith. The ministry of the catechist is not only vital to our school and parish, but also to the life of the Church and to the world community. Through the catechist's words and actions, the message of Christ is brought to bear in all human affairs.

## ***Why should I be a catechist?***

As a catechist, you will

- ~ enrich your own faith
- ~ develop a deeper understanding of the teachings of the Church
- ~ grow closer to Christ
- ~ fulfill your baptismal call to share in Jesus' ministry
- ~ bring hope to youth in a broken world
- ~ answer Jesus' commission to "go and teach all nations."

## ***What does a catechist do?***

The catechist instructs our children in Scripture and Tradition, and makes Christ's teachings accessible and engaging. The catechist will also help to initiate children into the St. Theresa community of faith by introducing them to the life, the worship, and the practices of our parish family.

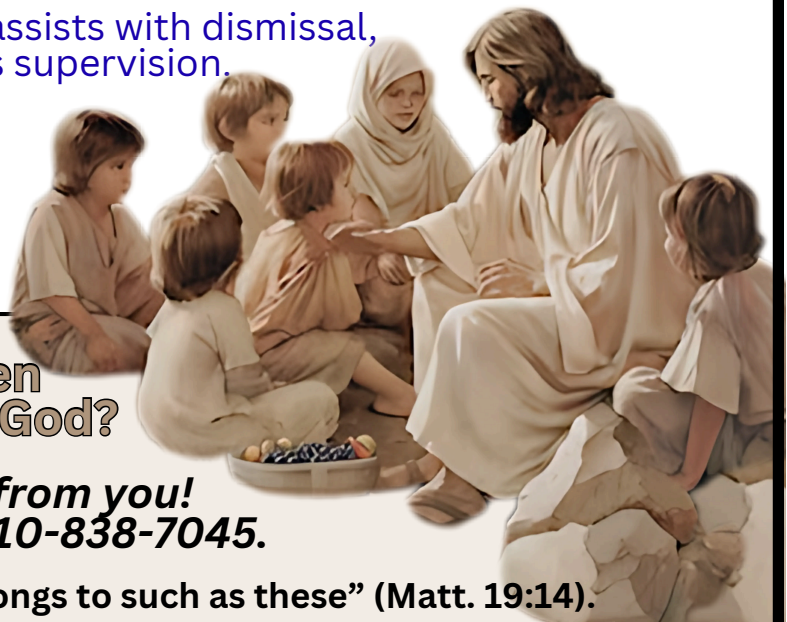
## ***What does a catechist's aide do?***

The catechist's aide reinforces lessons, assists with classroom management, helps with activities, and fulfills clerical tasks.

## ***What does a volunteer do?***

A volunteer welcomes arrivals, assists with dismissal, distributes snacks, and provides supervision.

*Aides and volunteers serve as the catechist's "helping hands." Their assistance gives the catechist the freedom to focus on students' educational and spiritual needs.*



**Will YOU help our children  
to know, love, and serve God?**

***Sr. Veronica wants to hear from you!  
Please call the rectory at 610-838-7045.***

***"...for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt. 19:14).***



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!

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, MCEM – 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 (MCEM) 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.





## September 28, 2025 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Calendar

#### Sunday, September 28

Communion luncheon in honor of St. Theresa, Heintzelman's Carriage House, after 11:00am Mass

#### Monday, September 29

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### Tuesday, September 30

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

Grief Support, rectory library, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

#### Wednesday, October 1

PREP 1-6, School, 4:30pm- 5:45pm

#### Thursday, October 2

**No Eucharistic Adoration / Confession**

PREP 7-8, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 7:45pm  
CGS Lvl. 2, Church LL, 1:00-3:00; 4:30-6:30  
CGS Lvl. 1, Church LL, 9:45 - 11:45

#### Friday, October 3

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### Saturday, October 4

Bingo, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

#### Sunday, October 5

KoC Pancake Breakfast, Friendship Hall, after all Masses

### Mass Intentions: September 28 - October 5

#### Sunday, September 28 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Renee Verzino (Jebitsch family)  
8:00am - Lydia Towarnycki (Denise Neff)  
9:30am - John and Irene Ulincy (Family)  
11:00am - Mass in honor of St. Therese (Ladies Guild)

#### Monday, September 29 - Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:00am - Matthew and Rachel Dull, Anniversay (Linda & Larry Dull)

#### Tuesday, September 30 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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

#### Wednesday, October 1 - St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Mason and Martin families (Miriam Martin)

#### Thursday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am - Charlie Meyers (Wife, Dolly)

#### Friday, October 3 - Weekday

8:00am - Little Flower Society

#### Saturday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, October 5 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Frank Krakowski (Wife Carol and family)  
8:00am - Ethel and William Wilhelm (Vanessa Csaszar & family)  
9:30am - Rita Zambelli (Debbie & Ron Petrano)  
11:00am - Matilda and Richard Check (Patricia Check & family)



St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish is seeking a **part-time parish 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).

### Liturgical Ministers Schedule for October 4/5 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
8:00am Sunday	Isabella LaTassa	Deacon Dave	Chris Roth
9:30am Sunday	Joe Kazan	Carol Krakowski	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Maria Jones	Maria Jones	Greg Jones



## September 28, 2025 + Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Walking with Mary and Monica:

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

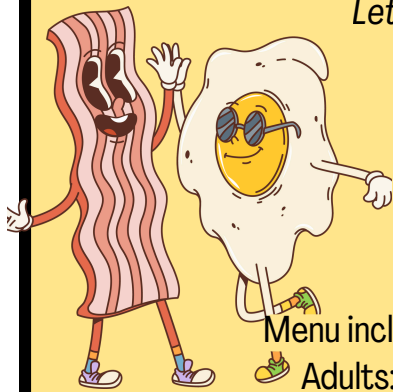
**Saturday, October 11, 9:00am to 12:00pm**

Sacred Heart Parish, 1817 1st Street, Bethlehem

Featuring talks by

Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR, Chaplain, Blue Army Shrine; Maggie Green, author, *The Saint Monica Club*; and Celeste Behe, founder of the St. Monica Ministry. Cost of **\$10** includes a continental breakfast. To register, please email **StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com**

## 49 DAYS UNTIL THE ST. THERESA CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION! R.S.V.P. BY OCTOBER 24.

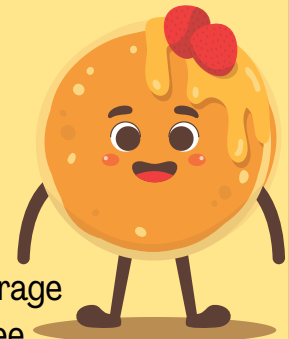


*Let the Knights of Columbus make breakfast for you!  
No need to cook or go to the diner!*

### Pancake Breakfast

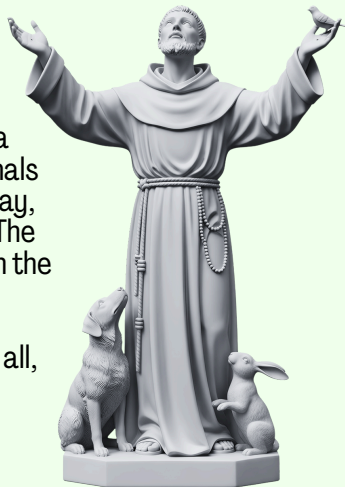
Sunday, October 5  
in Friendship Hall after the  
8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:00am Masses

Menu includes Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, Fruit Cup, and Beverage  
Adults: \$9.00; Youth (6-18): \$7.00; Children (5 and under): Free



### 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 4 at 10:00am. The blessing will take place on the church grounds, near the statue of Our Lady of Fatima. For the safety of all, please be sure that your pets are either leashed or in cages.



### St. Theresa Preschool is selling Bosco's "Friends Helping Friends" 25% off Shopping Passes

Passes cost \$5 each and are available at both the preschool and the rectory. The shopping event will take place Tuesday, October 22 from 8:00am to 11:00pm. *Thank you!*



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, September 30  
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**NOTE: No confessions will be heard.**

### We the Living: There is Healing and Hope

The St. Theresa Grief Support Group meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm in the rectory library. Our group consists of those who are grieving the death of a loved one and those who wish to support others who are grieving. Each session includes prayer, information, and sharing. We offer educational support and emotional and spiritual healing. Groups are confidential. Please call Miriam at 610-442-0947. Meeting dates are September 30 and October 7, 14, 21, and 28.

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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.



### Devotional Candles for the Week of September 28

#### St. Joseph Candle

Donna Teles  
(offered by family)

#### St. Theresa Candle

Sr. E. Therese Paull, I.H.M.  
(offered by Gary & Sally Strawn)

#### BVM Candle

Mercedes Azar  
(offered by Ed & Anita Michaylira)

#### Sanctuary Candle

Arthur Bernadelli



The collection total for September 20/21  
is \$7095. Thank you for your generosity.

Would you like to become a member  
of St. Theresa Parish?  
Please call 610-838-7045 for information.

### 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.

## BINGO

Saturday, October 4

Friendship Hall

Doors open 6:00pm

\$25 packet includes 15 regular  
games PLUS specials

**You must be at least 18 to play.**

**Questions? Call Isabella at 484-241-1296.**



## HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

### St. Theresa Preschool CLOTHING DRIVE October 13 - 16

Please drop off your used items Monday through  
Thursday from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Please secure  
items in *heavy duty* plastic bags, *tied closed*. Place  
bags in front of the old convent garage on Ruch  
Alley. 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.  
Please note that donations will be accepted  
only until 12:00pm on October 16.

*WE ACCEPT* wearable clothing for men, women  
and children, shoes placed in separate bags, belts,  
hats, scarves, handbags, gloves, towels, sheets,  
pillowcases, stuffed animals, bikes, strollers, and  
small toys measuring no larger than 24 inches.

*WE DO NOT ACCEPT* quilts, comforters, pillows,  
blankets, sport equipment, board games, books,  
puzzles, pots and pans, car seats, electrical  
devices, glass, large toys, highchairs, baby cribs,  
scooters, VCR tapes, furniture, outdoor playsets,  
picture frames, school supplies, phone cases,  
candles, cosmetics, greeting cards, plastic cups,  
food containers, baking accessories, home and  
holiday decorations, pet accessories.

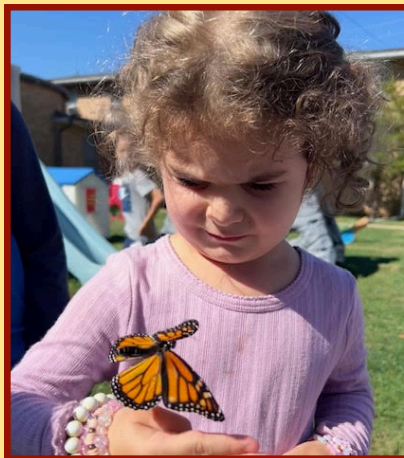
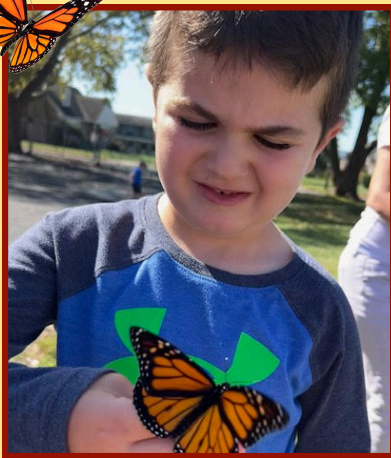
**Items in GOOD CONDITION  
are used and distributed.**



# LAST WEEK AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL...



... we learned about the letter B and the number 1.  
We also had our first Spanish class and ended the week  
with lots of smiles, butterflies, and bubble fun!





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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; 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, 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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