

October 5, 2025 + Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

**St. Theresa of the Child Jesus
Roman Catholic Church**

**1408 Easton Road
Hellertown, PA 18055**

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

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.



Let the Knights of Columbus make breakfast for you!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

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

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***Have you made your reservation
for the Centennial Celebration?***

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.) _____

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

With praise and gratitude to Almighty God, the Parish of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus will honor its Patroness on Sunday, 16 November 2025, in celebration of our 100 year anniversary of the Catholic Church in Hellertown. We prayerfully ask you to consider sponsorship of this event and/or placement of a congratulatory ad in the Commemorative Program to be published for this most significant occasion.



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_____

Street address _____

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 '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.***





May the faithful departed rest in peace...

All Souls' Day, celebrated on November 2nd in our Holy Church, holds great significance as a day to remember and pray for the Faithful Departed. This solemn occasion allows us to offer prayers, Masses, and other devotions for the souls of those who have died. By praying for the Faithful Departed, we seek to alleviate the suffering of these souls and hasten their journey to eternal rest. This act of intercession reflects the Church's deep commitment to the communion of saints and the belief in the power of prayer to help those who have gone before us.



"AS WE ENTER HEAVEN, WE WILL SEE THEM, SO MANY OF THEM,
COMING TOWARDS US AND THANKING US.
WE WILL ASK WHO THEY ARE, AND THEY WILL SAY
'A POOR SOUL YOU PRAYED FOR IN PURGATORY.'"

-VEN. FULTON J. SHEEN-



Please be sure to write the names of your departed loved ones on the All Souls' Day Remembrance envelope that was included in your envelope packet. Those individuals will be remembered in Masses celebrated here at St. Theresa Parish the weekend of November 1-2.

Did you know? There is no more effective means of helping the souls in purgatory than by offering Mass and receiving Holy Communion for them.

The weekend Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday, November 1, 8:00am - Little Flower Society
 Saturday, November 1, 5:00pm - All Souls' Days Intentions
 Sunday, November 2, 8:00am - All Souls' Days Intentions
 Sunday, November 2, 9:30am - All Souls' Days Intentions
 Sunday, November 2, 11:00am - All Souls' Days Intentions



Light Candles for Your Loved Ones

Beginning November 1st, the Feast of All Souls, St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish will offer Masses for the Faithful Departed for the entire month of November. If you would like a candle or candles lit and placed in the sanctuary in memory of your departed loved one(s), please complete the form below. Include the names of those for whom you would like to have candles offered, plus a \$20 donation per candle to help cover the cost of the candles and to support the parish St. Theresa Memorial Fund.

All the members of our parish community are encouraged to participate in All Souls' Day Masses and pray for the souls of departed loved ones. Candles offered by means of the form provided will remain lit throughout all Masses the weekend of November 1-2. The candles may be taken home after the 11:00am Mass on Sunday, November 2.

"In heaven, we shall enjoy, not only the divine society of God, but also the society of Mary, of Joseph, of the Angels - especially of our Guardian Angel - of the Elect, and in particular of all those dear and near ones whom we loved on earth and who, like ourselves, persevered to the end and saved their souls. Have we ever thought how delightful it will be to gaze again on a mother's face that has long since vanished from our sight? To look once more into those eyes which were the first we looked into in this world - of which the poet has written: 'Baby has no skies but mother's eyes,' those mother's eyes that never ceased to follow us in life, through good and evil days, through the sunshine and the dark, through the tortuous paths and the straight, till they were closed in death? To see that countenance again with the motherhood of it now illumined with the vision of God? Surely this alone will be no 'little bit of heaven.' John Carr, CSSR

On the lines below, please write the names of those individuals for whom you would like candles to be offered. One name per line, please. **Be sure to print clearly. Please do not write in script.** Kindly enclose the form, plus a donation of \$20 per candle, in an envelope and drop the envelope into the Sunday collection.

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 5

KoC Pancake Breakfast, Friendship Hall, after all Masses

Monday, October 6

KoC, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm
Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm
CGS Lvl. 1, Church LL, 9:45 - 11:45

Tuesday, October 7

Seniors Group, Friendship Hall, 1:00pm
Eucharistic Adoration, Church,
6:00pm - 7:00pm; **no** confessions
Grief Support, rectory library,
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 8

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

Thursday, October 9

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
Choir practice, Church, 6:30pm - 7:00pm

Friday, October 10

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, October 11

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, October 12

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: October 5 - October 12

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 Petrino)
11:00am - Matilda and Richard Check (Patricia Check & family)

Monday, October 6 - St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:00am - Donald Whitehead (William & Deborah Smith)

Tuesday, October 7 - St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Anna Milkovitz (Gary & Jan Gushen)

Wednesday, October 8- St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - James Thompson (Wife & daughter)

Thursday, October 9 - The Holy Guardian Angels

8:00am - Dorothy and Edward Fotta (Debbie & Ron Petrino)

Friday, October 10 - Weekday

8:00am - Sr. Lorraine Holzman, I.H.M. (Very Rev. Jerome Tauber)

Saturday, October 11 - St. Francis of Assisi

No 8:00am

Sunday, October 12 - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Joseph Caron (Wife, Marie Caron)
8:00am - Gene McKee (Charles Satkofsky)
9:30am - Check family (Ginny & Ron Seaman)
11:00am - Thom, Doris, and Vicki Long (Thomas & Joanna Long)

If you have noticed the convent chapel lights on recently or the three women present on our parish campus during Holy Mass or Holy Hour, you might be wondering: "Who are they?"

In seeking to initiate a discernment process towards forming a new religious community, these women requested permission from the Most Reverend Alfred Schlert to live in common hile continuing to hold their ministerial positions in our Diocese. With the support of Father John Hutta, our pastor, the Bishop assigned St. Theresa's Convent as the location for their communal living experience, and they moved into the convent this past July. These women share a vision for a bilingual community of religious sisters who proclaim the Gospel, as expressed in St. John Paul II's Catechesis on Human Love, commonly known as the Theology of the Body. Understanding the human person as created in the image and likeness of God, they seek to present human sexuality and family life as God's merciful gift. They entrust themselves and this vision to Jesus in the Holy Eucharist and to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. These women also serve our Diocese by praying for priests, religious, and families, while supporting all forms of vocational discernment. By hosting a monthly discernment group meeting in the convent, they specifically support women in their vocational discernment—whether to marriage or religious life. For those women specifically feeling called to the religious life, they also offer monthly "Come-and-See" weekends. If you wish to know more or support this mission, please introduce yourself or contact them at 267-775-1222 or marianmisioneras@gmail.com.

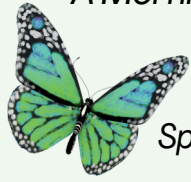
Liturgical Ministers Schedule for October 11/12 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Fran Vasko	Fran Vasko
8:00am Sunday	Denise Goodrich	Denise Goodrich	Genevieve Tabor
9:30am Sunday	Joani Dornblaser	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe & Stella Graf
11:00am Sunday	Linda Dull	Peggy Vietro	Antonio & Agustin Ponce

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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



Speaking will be Fr. Luke Fletcher, CFR, Chaplain, Blue Army Shrine;

Maggie Green, author, *The Saint Monica Club*;

and Celeste Behe, founder of the St. Monica Ministry.

NEW: Carpools available from St. Theresa's! For information, call the rectory.

Cost of **\$10** includes a continental breakfast. To register, please call/text Celeste: 484-554-2022.

Autumnfest 2025

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

Saturday, November 8, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday, November 9, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Bake Sale, Nut Rolls, Special Ticket Items

**Visit Santa Saturday and Sunday,
10:00am - 1:00pm**

Lunch on Saturday and Sunday:
Halupki, Cabbage & Noodles, BBQ,
Homemade Soup, Pizza, Hot Dogs,
and Desserts

Sunday:
Bagels, Donuts, and Lunch items

Autumnfest 2025: "It's Time for Nut Rolls"

The Ladies Guild is selling nut rolls (Kolach) in time for Autumnfest 2025. Available flavors are Walnut, Apricot, Poppyseed, Lekvar, Seedless Raspberry, and Pumpkin Cheese. Price is still \$18 per roll. To place your order, please fill out the order form and submit along with your payment by cash or check payable to St. Theresa's Ladies Guild. See separate flyer in bulletin for additional order forms. Extra flyers will be found in the vestibule. Orders may be picked up during Autumnfest hours. Questions? Call Linda Dull 484-767-7790.



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 October 7, 14, 21, and 28.



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!



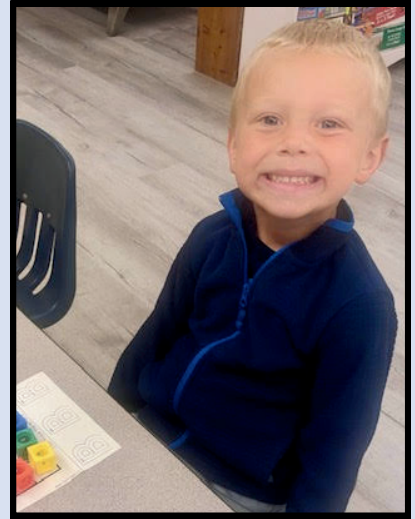
Bethlehem Catholic High School
OPEN HOUSE

Where Every Hawk Soars!

**Sunday,
November 9th
2:00 PM-4:00 PM**



IT'S HAPPENING AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL



This week, PreK-3 sorted apples by color, enjoyed apple tasting, and built the letter B with cubes.



Letter C and science fun made it a great week for our PreK-4 class!



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St. Theresa's Bus Trip to the
Christmas Show
Hunterdon Hills Playhouse
Thursday, November 20



\$130 includes bus transportation, show, and meal.
For information, call Nancy at 610-360-3738.

Devotional Candles for the Week of October 5

St. Joseph Candle

Agnes Trily
(offered by Brenda Krajci)

St. Theresa Candle

James Thompson
(offered by wife & daughter)

BVM Candle

Ruth and Richard Carl
(offered by Kettering family)

Sanctuary Candle

Dorothy and Edward Fotta
(offered by Rita & Gerry Zambelli)



The collection total for
September 27/28 is
\$9493. Thank you for
your generosity.

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?

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:

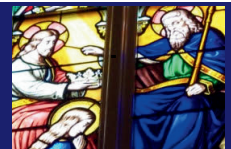
*Paper towels, napkins, juice, boxed milk, snacks,
chicken/beef broth, laundry detergent*

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

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.

SALESIAN LAY ASS'N FOR MARRIED & SINGLES (S.L.A.M.S.)



The next SLAMS Meeting is Saturday,
October 18. Our topic will be getting the
most out of our recited prayers in view of
prayerful imagination, heart, and virtue. We
will recall some recited prayers we may have
forgotten and discuss the ways each of us
benefits from them.

Our schedule is as follows:

7:00am - Optional breakfast at the
Hellertown Diner

8:00am - Holy Hour at St. Theresa's

9:00am - Activities and Discussion in
Friendship Hall

The men and women of SLAMS hope to see you there.

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. Deadline is
12:00pm on October 16.

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 SAFE ENVIRONMENT

DIOCESAN COORDINATOR: Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS

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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; 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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