

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.

JUST 35 DAYS UNTIL THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

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What is the Serra Club? The purpose of the Serra Club is to foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Today, there are more than 700 Serra Clubs around the world in 40 countries, with a total membership of more than 18,000. Here in the Allentown Diocese, the Serra Club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at the St. Anne Parish rectory in Bethlehem from 6:00pm - 8:30pm. Please contact Gus Heidecker at (610) 730-0807 or email Pat Fielding at pfielding2012@gmail.com

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 while 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.

Have you made your reservation for the Centennial Celebration?

Hurry! Deadline is October 24.

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.

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 \sim Half-page ad in Commemorative program \sim Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin \sim \sim 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 \sim One-eighth of a page ad in Commemorative program \sim Personal ad or business logo on our website and bulletin \sim 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!

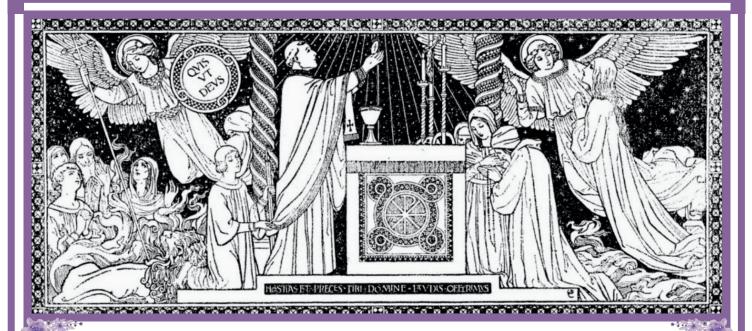
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Please complete the form and drop it off at the rectory, along with a check made payable to St. Theresa Church, with '100th anniversary'" in the memo line. The form and payment may also be deposited in the collection basket. Camera ready art (CMYK, 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



-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 offering of Masses for the dead belongs to the corporal work of mercy we call "burying the dead." The donation given for a Mass to be offered for a loved one is not only a sign of one's love but also has practical effects, since the donation helps provide for the needs of the parish. All these offerings are united to the offering of Christ in the Mass: Our love is joined to His and is made powerful because it is offered in Him.



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.

Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 12

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, October 13

Rectory closed

CGS Lvl. 1, Church LL, 9:45 - 11:45 OCIA, Rectory Library, 7:00pm

Tuesday, October 14

Rectory reopens

IHM Companions, Rectory Library, 3:30pm - 4:45pm Ladies Guild, Friendship Hall, 6:30pm St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, Church, 6:00pm St. Monica Ministry meeting, Rectory Library, 7:00pm - 8:30pm Grief Support, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Wednesday, October 15

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

Thursday, October 16

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 - 7:30pm

Friday, October 17

Preschool fundraiser, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, October 18

SLAMS, Friendship Hall, 9:00am

Sunday, October 19

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: October 12 - October 19

Sunday, October 12 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, October 13 - Weekday

8:00am - Joseph Canevari (William & Deborah Smith)

Tuesday, October 14 - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr

8:00am - Juan Valdivia (Daughter, Jovana)

Wednesday, October 15 - St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:00am - Special Intention (Eleana Melega)

Thursday, October 16 - St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin

8:00am - Joe Hehn (Friends of Mr. Hehn)

Friday, October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

8:00am - Margaret Thompson (Family)

Saturday, October 18 - St. Luke, Evangelist No 8:00am

Sunday, October 19 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00pm (Sat.) - Charlotte Roman (Brother, Richard)

8:00am - Edward Boris (Terri Zakocs)

9:30am - Frank Walsh (Peggy Laubach)

11:00am - Hilda Glovas, 90th birthday (Family)

The 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. Our next meeting will be Monday, October 20 at 7:00pm. For more information, please call Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.



St. Theresa Little Flower Society Enrollments

John Sopko (enrolled by Lori & Ralph)

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



Liturgical Ministers Schedule for October 18/19 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Dave Smith	Deacon Dave	VOLUNTEER NEEDED Bill Ripper Lay Brothers Amelia & Alexa Holden
8:00am Sunday	Chris Roth	Deacon Dave	
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave	

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

Theme Basket Raffle 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, Pizza, Homemade Soup, Hot Dogs, Desserts

Sunday: Bagels, Donuts, and Lunch items



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.



The next meeting of IHM Companions is on October 14th in a new location – the Rectory Library that is located in the lower level of the rectory. Entry is from the parking lot. On the right side of the garage is a stairwell of 3 steps and ramp that leads into the rectory's lower level. Go through the first meeting room into the second that has been designated for IHM meetings. Same time 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Topic: Miriam of the Old Testament. Any questions call Priscilla Dole at 609-409-1509. All are welcome.

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope

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Our St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour for October will take place at St. Theresa Church on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Aaron Scheidel, Parochial Vicar at the Cathedral Parish of St. Catharine of Siena. Please come join in praying for loved ones who are away from the sacraments.

The St. Monica Ministry is a support community and prayer network for Catholics whose loved ones have left the Church. To learn more, please email Celeste at StMonicaMinistry27@gmail.com



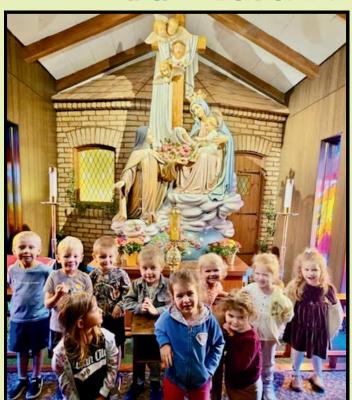
St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish is seeking a part-time parish custodian to assist with the general upkeep and maintenance of buildings and grounds.

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.

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL



WE HONORED ST. THERESA ON HER FEAST DAY AND FILLED OUR WEEK WITH CREATIVITY IN ART AND ENERGY IN GYM!



















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

Devotional Candles for the Week of October 12

St. Joseph Candle

Richard Fenner (offered by Ellie Fenner)

St. Theresa Candle

Dorothy Hudock (offered by family)

BVM Candle

Anthony Filo (offered by Ed & Anita Michaylira)

Sanctuary Candle

Amy Reinert (offered by Erika & Earl Hill)



The collection total for October 4/5 is \$9208.

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.

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. Call Miriam at 610-442-0947.
Meeting dates are October 14, 21, and 28.

Healing and Deliverance Service,

Tuesday, November 11, 6:00pm-9:00pm at St. Thomas More Church, Allentown. Leading the service will be Fr. Dominic Valanmanal, a world-renowned priest with the charisms of healing and deliverance. Admission is free. Call 610-433-7413.

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 is selling Boscov'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!



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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 rosaru recitation followed bu 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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LAY CARMELITES, PROVINCE OF ST. ELIAS -

Linda Dull (Linda.s.dull@gmail.com), Deacon Maurice Kelly **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.