

November 2, 2025 + The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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



**I will not reject anyone
who comes to me.**

John 6:37

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish is 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.

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Parish Calendar

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints' Day

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, November 3

Knights of Columbus, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Boy Scouts, Parish Center, 7:00pm

CGS Lvl. 1, Church LL, 9:45 - 11:45

Tuesday, November 4

Choir practice, Church, 12:00pm - 2:00pm

Seniors Group, Friendship Hall, 1:00pm

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm. *Note: Confessions will not be heard.*

Ladies Guild, Friendship Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, November 5

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

Autumnfest food prep, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

Thursday, November 6

No Eucharistic Adoration / Confession

CGS Lvl. 1, Church LL, 9:45 - 11:45

CGS Lvl. 2, Church LL, 1:00-3:00; 4:30-6:30

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

PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:00pm

PREP 8, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Friday, November 7

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 12:00pm - 3:00pm

First Friday confessions, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Autumnfest setup, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm

Saturday, November 8

Autumnfest, Friendship Hall, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Sunday, November 9

Autumnfest, Friendship Hall, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Mass Intentions: November 2 - November 9

Sunday, November 2 - All Saints' Day

5:00pm (Sat.) - All Souls' Intentions and Armino Pereira (Congetta Pereira)

8:00am - All Souls' Intentions and Justine Tino (Denise Neff)

9:30am - - All Souls' Intentions and Ana Paula Sa (Mom & Dad)

11:00am -- All Souls' Intentions and Carson and Sean Hart (Patricia Hart)

Monday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious

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

Tuesday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00am - Jose Velez (Steph & Ray Velez)

Wednesday, November 5 - Weekday

8:00am - Debbie Wood (Celeste Behe)

Thursday, November 6 - Weekday

8:00am - George and Helen Staruch (William & Debbie Smith)

Friday, November 7 - Weekday

8:00am - Little Flower Society

Saturday, November 8 - All Saints' Day

No 8:00am

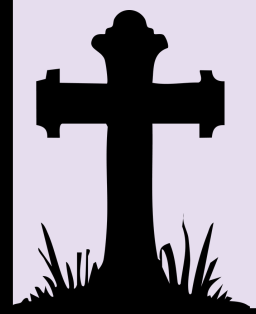
Sunday, November 9 - All Souls' Day

5:00pm (Sat.) - Frank Krakowski (Wife and family)

8:00am - Vendel and Anna Csaszar (Vendel & Vanessa Csaszar)

9:30am - Joseph Caron (Knights of Columbus)

11:00am - Marie and Bob Gori (Kettering family)



On All Souls' Day the universal Church prays for all the souls in purgatory. On this day, and during the entire month of November, we remember and honor our departed brethren by visiting their burial places, gaining indulgences for them, lighting candles, giving alms or doing charitable works in their memory, and having Masses said for their repose. On All Souls' Day, church bells are sometimes rung to remind everyone to pray for the poor souls in purgatory. Also on this day, priests are authorized to say three Masses instead of the two Masses to which they are normally limited.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule, November 8/9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Denise Goodrich	Denise Goodrich	Bill Ripper
9:30am Sunday	Jeremy Leidich	Jeremy Leidich	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave	Nikolas & Daniela Tomic

An *All Souls' Day Reflection* by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the small delights in life is to discover who the composer was for a quotation that you have liked for a long time. That happened for me as I sat down to write this reflection for this special day in the Church calendar, namely "All Souls Day."

The words I have in mind are these: "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

Beautiful thought, is it not?

I found those words years ago on the reverse side of a memorial card for someone. But that placement did not acknowledge the author. Nevertheless, I have often used them on the occasion of a funeral. Only recently was the mystery solved, when Archbishop Wenski of Miami quoted them and cited the author. They are the thoughts of no less a person than the great fourth century bishop of Milan, St. Ambrose.

St. Ambrose, as a Doctor of the Church, fought tirelessly against the Arian heresy prevalent in his time. He also was the bishop who baptized his prized pupil, St. Augustine, after having instructed his famous convert in the Faith.

I also prefer to think of St. Ambrose as the presider at many a funeral in his diocese of Milan, where he led the prayers for his people, the survivors. Not only did Ambrose hold dear the Church's teaching about life after death, but he was also a sensitive soul attuned to the situation. His words come down to us as consolation for mourners at a funeral at any time and place. They also provide motivation for such people going forward with their lives. Remembrance of their lost loved one in such a way keeps them alive in their hearts.

Ambrose' own priestly heart was grounded in a faith perspective of the world around him. His vigor in defending the authentic Church teaching against the prevalent heresy was also part of him as a leader. The words he wrote on the occasion of a funeral had to spring from his personal prayer life. Combined with his diligent studies and his role as a teacher, they come down to us as a practical part of his heritage.

No doubt Bishop Ambrose struggled, as we all do, to maintain our faith and equilibrium in the face of a loved one's "passing." He also knew the need to call on that faith when our hearts are broken. That is precisely because "we have loved them in life."

Allow me to close these thoughts of mine with an invitation to think along with St. Ambrose and apply his words to all the faithful departed, known and unknown: "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

God love you and give you His peace.



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The next meeting of IHM Companions is on November 11 in a new location – the Rectory Library that is located in the basement of the rectory.

Entry is from the parking lot. On the right side of the garage is a stairwell of three steps and a ramp that lead into the rectory basement. Go through the first meeting room into the second that has been designated for IHM meetings. Same time: 3:30pm to 5:00pm. Topic is Miriam of the Old Testament. If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Dole at 609-409-1509. All are welcome.

HAVE YOU SAID YOUR ROSARY TODAY?



Women's Advent Retreat

Saturday, December 13, 8:30am - 1:00pm
St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1046 W Cedar St., Allentown

The Bishop's Commission for Women invites all women of the Diocese to a peaceful day of community, prayer, and reflection. . Come, in this Jubilee Year of Hope, and rediscover your identity as a bearer of light in a world of darkness.

**GUEST SPEAKER WILL BE OUR VERY OWN
FR. JOHN ANTHONY HUTTA!**

Space is limited, so register today:

[www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/
resources-women/womens-advent-retreat-2025](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/catholic-life/resources-women/womens-advent-retreat-2025)

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Please note that there will be **no assigned seating** at the Centennial Celebration except for clergy, staff, and committee. However, individuals who have registered and would like to reserve seats for themselves and/or for friends and family may do so on Sunday, November 16 beginning at **1:15pm**. You may designate seats as "Reserved" by placing non-valuables on chairs and allowing them to remain there until the start of the event.

The Guild is seeking donations of lottery tickets. The lottery tickets will be placed on a Christmas tree to be chanced off at Autumnfest. Please deposit tickets in the collection basket or bring them to the rectory.



Parishioners! The Ladies Guild seeks donations of baked goods to be sold at Autumnfest. Please bring the goodies to the school on Friday 11/7 between 6:00pm and 8:00pm or on Saturday 11/8 between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Thank you for your support!



The Ladies Guild is chancing off theme baskets at Autumnfest. If any parishioner is interested in donating a theme basket valued at \$50, please contact MaryRose Heller at 610-704-8162. Baskets must be received by Wednesday, November 5.

If you would prefer to have a basket created on your behalf, the Guild will accept a \$50 donation and do all of the work for you! Please place your donation in an envelope marked "theme basket" and either drop it in the Sunday collection or bring it to the rectory.

*It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins
(.2 Maccabees 12:46).*

**Pray
For Our**



Deceased

Praying for the Holy Souls

All Souls' Day is a special day when we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Do you know what Purgatory is?

Eternal rest

grant unto

him, O Lord.



When people die, their souls go either to Heaven or Hell- if they loved God they will go to Heaven, and if they chose not to love God then they will go to Hell. But some people love God and still do sins. Their souls are dirty with the stain of sin, but they did not choose to reject God altogether. Those souls need to be cleaned before they can go into Heaven.



Purgatory is the place where the souls go who are not clean enough to go straight to Heaven. They have to wait until they have suffered enough to make up for their sins.

Probably most people we know who have died are in Purgatory. We should pray for them whenever we think of them- if we see a picture of them, or hear someone talking about them, or if we hear of someone who just died.

God will hear our prayers and accept the sacrifices we make for the holy souls so that they can go to Heaven sooner. Do you think they will pray for us when they get there?



Lord! Answer to the Word-Find: PURGATORY

Answer to front page puzzle: Eternal rest grant unto them, O

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The Kids' Bulletin

All Souls' Day
November 2, 2025

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What can we do for the souls suffering in Purgatory?

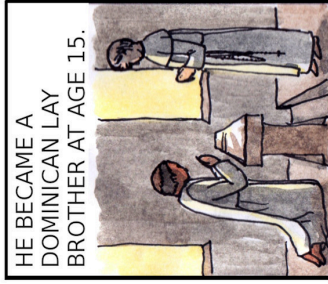
Use every other letter to fill in the blanks
and you will have a little prayer you can say for them-
every day!

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Saint Martin De Porres

November 3



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Word-Find

Wisdom 3:1-6

Find the words from today's first reading that are in CAPITALS in the puzzle.

Use the leftover letters to fill in the blanks:

Today's feast day is a special day of prayer for the souls in

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T D O R F U R N A C E Y

The souls of the JUST are in the hand of God, and no TORMENT shall TOUCH them. They seemed, in the VIEW of the FOOLISH, to be DEAD; and their PASSING AWAY was thought an AFFLICTION and their GOING forth from us, utter DESTRUCTION. But they are in PEACE. For if before MEN, indeed, they be PUNISHED, yet is their HOPE full of IMMORTALITY; CHASTISED a little, they shall be greatly BLESSED, because God TRIED them and found them WORTHY of himself. As GOLD in the FURNACE, he proved them, and as sacrificial OFFERINGS he TOOK them to himself.

THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESA PREP



**+ EXPLORING THE ALTAR, SACRED VESSELS, +
+ AND SACRED VESTMENTS +**



St. Theresa Church and Preschool Gift Card Fundraiser

Earn cash for your parish church and preschool simply by purchasing gift cards for your favorite retailers. No selling, no taking orders, no sales pitches!

Fill out the form below and bring it with payment to the rectory between 9:00am and 2:30pm or deposit form and payment into the Sunday collection basket. You will be notified when your order is ready.

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

I understand that neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.

Merchant	Gift Card Denomination	# of Cards Desired	Total Cost
Amazon (1.70% rebate)	\$100		
Amazon (1.70% rebate)	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Barnes & Noble (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 25		
Bath & Body Works (12% rebate)	\$ 10		
Chipotle (10% rebate)	\$ 10		
CVS Pharmacy (6% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dick's Sporting Goods (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Dunkin (3.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Five Below (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Fresh Grocer (Valley Farm) (5% rebate)	\$100		
Fresh Grocer (Valley Farm) (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$100		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
Giant (5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Home Depot (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Lowes (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
McDonald's (2% rebate)	\$ 10		
Old Navy (14% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Panera Bread (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
Red Robin (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
Rite Aid (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Sheetz (3% rebate)	\$ 25		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$100		
Shop Rite (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Starbucks (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Subway (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Target (2.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
TJ Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods (7% rebate)	\$ 25		
Walmart (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
Wawa (1% rebate)	\$ 25		

Total number of gift cards: _____

Total amount due: _____

PLEASE NOTE: Gift cards are available ONLY for the merchants whose names appear on this form. Please do not request a gift card for any merchant not listed.

Please make checks payable to St. Theresa Church. Please handle your gift cards as you would cash!

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In His appearances to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Our Lord designated the first Friday of each month as a day to honor His Sacred Heart and to make reparation for past and present offenses. Please join the parish community in its First Friday devotions on November 7 at 7:30am.

Devotional Candles for the Week of November 2.



St. Theresa Candle
Carson and Sean Hart
(offered by Patricia Hart)

BVM Candle
Erika Groegler
(offered by Erika & Earl Hill)

St. Joseph Candle
Jose Velez
(offered by Steph and Ray Velez)



The collection total for October 25/26 is \$6495. Thank you for your generosity.

Eucharistic Adoration

"Will you not watch one hour with Me?"

Tuesday, November 4
6:00pm - 7:00pm

Please note that confessions will not be heard.



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.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT

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

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

Diocesan Youth Rally for Grades 7 through 12

Saturday, November 22
10:00am-5:00pm
Bethlehem Catholic High School
2133 Madison Ave., Bethlehem

Featured will be Paul J. Kim, a highly sought-after speaker known for his beatboxing, comedy, and inspirational talks. Closing Mass at 4:00pm will be celebrated by Bishop Schlert. Families are invited to join. \$10 registration includes lunch. To register or for more information, email zhodgskin@allentowndiocese.org



Do you have an announcement for the parish bulletin?

Please email your publication-ready blurb to bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com at least ten days before the desired date of publication.



Bethlehem Catholic High School invites you to come follow the antics of a retired nanny and her houseful of colorful characters in our fall production,
Every Little Crook & Nanny.

Join us Nov. 14 & 15 at 7:00pm, Nov 16 at 3:00pm.
Tickets at the door or bit.ly/becatheater.



Our church is meant to be a place of prayer and recollection. Please refrain from conversation while you are inside the church building. Thank you for respecting God's House.

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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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