

November 23, 2025
+ Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe +



**AMEN, I SAY TO YOU, TODAY YOU WILL
BE WITH ME IN PARADISE**

LUKE 23:43

**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, 8:00am Mass

Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm

**Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:00am**

Confessions on Saturdays from

**4:00pm - 4:30pm, and on First Fridays
from 12:00pm - 1:00pm**

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Calendar: November 23 - November 30

Sunday, November 23

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

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

Wednesday, November 26

Rectory closed
No PREP

Thursday, November 27

Rectory closed
No PREP
No CGS

Friday, November 28

Rectory closed

Saturday, November 29

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, November 30

No meetings or events scheduled.

Mass Intentions: November 23 - November 30

Sunday, November 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

5:00pm (Sat.) - Judith Mijocevic (Family)
8:00am - Tom Long (Jamann family)
9:30am - Lidia D'Agostino (Flora Monticola)
11:00am - Bill Check, H&W (Seaman family)

Monday, November 24 - St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - Herb Stelzer (Linda & Larry Dull)

Tuesday, November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

8:00am - Lidia D'Agostino (Gemma & Jackson)

Wednesday, November 26 - Weekday

8:00am - Nancy Monticola (Gemma & Jackson)

Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day

9:00am - Margaret Thompson (Family)

Friday, November 28 - Weekday

No 8:00am

Saturday, November 29 - Weekday

No 8:00am

Sunday, November 30 - First Sunday of Advent

5:00pm (Sat.) - Rod Eckenrode (Wife & the Karlheim family)
8:00am - Sr. Marlene Daltwas, I.H.M. (Very Rev. Jerome A. Tauber)
9:30am - Edward Fotta (Debbie & Ron Petrino)
11:00am - Mary Fischer (Family)

A Thanksgiving Day Prayer for Compassion

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry;
When I have work, help me to remember the jobless;
When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all;
When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer,
And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency;
bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help;
By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

— Samuel F. Pugh

Liturgical Ministers Schedule, November 29 / 30 - First Sunday of Advent

MASS TIME	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVER
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	VOLUNTEER NEEDED
8:00am Sunday	Isabella LaTassa	Isabella LaTassa	Isaac & Samuel Smith
9:30am Sunday	Paula Olexa	Deacon Dave	Lay Brothers
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Peggy Vietro	Amelia & Alexa Holden

HOMILY FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS PARISH
HELLERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

DELIVERED BY THE MOST REVEREND ALFRED A. SCHLERT, BISHOP OF ALLENTOWN
SUNDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 2025

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is a great joy to be with you today as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish. What a remarkable milestone: one hundred years of faith, worship, and community in the heart of Hellertown.

I offer heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Hutta, to all who serve this parish today, and to all who have gone before us in faith. We remember in a special way the founding and deceased parishioners. We gratefully recall the pastors who have served over the years: Fr. Check, Monsignor Daday, Monsignor Merman, Fr. Tauber, and Fr. Krivak. Many diocesan priests served St. Theresa's as Assistant Pastors, and along with the School Sisters of St Francis and the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, provided excellent pastoral care to the Parish and School.

This anniversary is a moment of gratitude - gratitude, of course, to God for His unfailing grace, and gratitude to the generations of parishioners, priests, and religious who have built and sustained this community over a century. We think with affection of the early families who gathered here when resources were few but faith was strong. Through their sacrifices, they left a living legacy - a parish that has become a spiritual home for countless souls.

A parish, as we know, is not defined merely by its buildings or its programs. It is the living Body of Christ in a particular place - a community gathered for the Word, the Sacraments, and the Mission of the Church. Within these walls, over the course of 100 years, God's grace has been poured out in abundance. Children have been baptized into new life; couples have vowed their love before God's altar; sins have been forgiven; and loved ones have been commended to eternal rest. Every prayer uttered here, every candle lit, every quiet act of service - all of these are threads in the beautiful tapestry of faith that make up this parish's history.

How fitting it is that our patron is St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the "Little Flower." Though she lived a short and hidden life, her example has filled the entire Church with the fragrance of holiness. St. Therese teaches us her "Little Way" - the path of holiness through small, simple acts done with great love. She reminds us that sanctity is not reserved for the extraordinary few but is the vocation of all who love Jesus with a pure heart.

In many ways, this parish has lived out her Little Way for a century. The faithfulness of those who clean the church, teach our children, visit the sick, serve at the altar, sing in the choir, or quietly pray before the Blessed Sacrament - these small acts of love are what make a parish truly alive. Each of you, in your own way, continues the legacy of St. Therese: doing the ordinary things of parish life with extraordinary love.

St. Therese also had a missionary heart. Though she never left her Carmelite convent, she longed to bring souls to Christ. That same missionary spirit must animate all of our parishes today. We must be missionary disciples. The world around us often grows indifferent, even hostile, to faith. yet we are called - just as your forebears were in 1925 - to make Christ known and loved in our families, schools, and communities. The witness of your faith here in Hellertown is itself a quiet but powerful proclamation of the Gospel.

This centennial celebration is not only a look backward in gratitude; it is also a moment to look forward in hope. The same Lord who has guided this parish through the past hundred years now calls you to write the next chapter of its story. The torch of faith, handed to you by those who came before, must be carried forward with courage and fidelity. I especially urge our young families and young adults to see this parish as their spiritual home - a place where they can deepen their relationship with Christ, raise their children in faith, and serve others in charity. The future of the Church depends on your presence, your prayer, and your commitment to parish life.

We can find great inspiration in the friendship between St. Therese and the Blessed Mother. Therese saw Mary not as distant or majestic, but as a tender, approachable mother who helps us live our daily faith with love and trust. May this parish, too, reflect that Marian spirit - humble, faithful, and joyful in serving God's will.

As we stand on this holy ground we give thanks for what God has done here over the past century. But we also recommit ourselves to what He is asking of us now: to be a "Roman Catholic family of faith, centered in the Holy Eucharist, faithful to the Church's teachings, bringing the light of Christ to each other and to our community."

My dear friends, what began 100 years ago as a small seed of faith has grown into a flourishing garden of grace. Today, we rejoice in all that has been planted and nourished by the love of Christ. And with the intercession of St. Therese and Our Lady, we look to the future with trust, confident that the same God who has blessed this parish for a century will continue to bless it for generations to come.

May St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, continue to shower her roses of grace upon this parish and upon all who call it home. Amen.

**Devotional Candles
for the Week of November 23**



Sanctuary Candle

Rosalia Schiavone
(offered by Ellie Fenner)

St. Theresa Candle

Rosalia Schiavone
(offered by Gene & Barbara Brett)

BVM Candle

Mary Fischer
(offered by Terri Zokocs)

St. Joseph Candle

Tom Long
(offered by Ellie Fenner)



The **Good Samaritan Society** offers short-term help to those in need. If help is needed, 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.



The next meeting of the **IHM Companions** will take place Tuesday, December 9, from 3:30pm to 4:45pm in the Rectory Library.

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. Topic is "Ruth - God's Kingdom has room for all of us." If you have any questions, please call Priscilla Dole at 609-409-1509. All are welcome.



St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Thomas Long

(enrolled by Stephen & Frances Roseman)

Rosalia Schiavone

(enrolled by Stephen & Frances Roseman)

Rita Zambelli

(enrolled by Christine Naeyaert)

Charles Bartolet

(enrolled by Dan & Bonnie Stohl)

Charles Bartolet

(enrolled by Anthony & Joann Casciano)

Charles Bartolet

(enrolled by Edward & Karen Holtzman)

St. Theresa Preschool Inclement Weather Alerts - If inclement weather should necessitate a school closing or delayed opening, you will receive a recorded message on your phone plus a text and an email through the St. Theresa Preschool Option C Alerts. *It is important that you inform the the main school office of a change of phone number or email address.*

In the event of a two-hour delay, arrival time is 10:00-10:45am. Classes will begin at 11:00am. The half-day students will dismiss at 12:30pm, while the full-day students will dismiss at the usual 3:00pm. Half-day and full-day children should bring a lunch and a drink. Morning extended care services will be available from 9:15-10:00am. If you have any questions, please reach out to the school office.

**CHRISTMAS NEWS BREAK:
NUT ROLL SALE REMINDER ORDER FORM**

Name: _____ Phone: _____

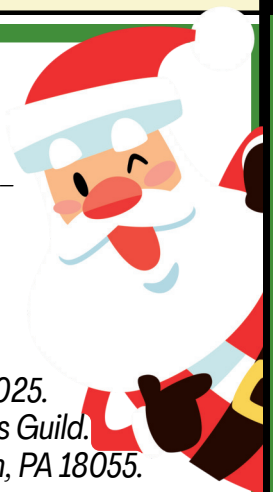
Walnut _____ Poppyseed _____ Lekvar _____
Seedless Raspberry _____ Apricot _____ Pumpkin Cheese _____

Total # of rolls _____ x \$18 = \$ _____

Order form and payment must be received at the rectory by **DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

CASH OR CHECKS accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Theresa's Ladies Guild.

Drop off order or send to St. Theresa Church Rectory, 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055.



The St. Andrew Novena

Begin the novena on the feast of St. Andrew (November 30) and conclude on Christmas Eve. Tradition holds that the novena prayer (below) be recited 15 times daily for a particular intention.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.



Calling all bakers

The St. Theresa Ladies Guild invites you to bake up treats for its Christmas Bake Sale. Please bring your goodies to Friendship Hall on Saturday, December 13 from 9:00am - 11:00 and/or from 4:00pm - 6:00pm.



Our Lady has asked that we recite the rosary every day. Have YOU prayed the rosary today?

Christmas Bake Sale

Saturday, December 13,
4:00pm to 6:00pm
and

Sunday, December 14
8:30am to 1:00pm
in Friendship Hall.

Let the skilled bakers of St. Theresa Parish do the baking for you! Come and shop for holiday goodies made with love.



Please note that there will be no 8:00am Mass on Friday, November 28th.

Join us for the final Bingo of 2025!

BINGO

**Saturday, December 6
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: 484-241-1296

**There will be no Bingo in January and February.
Monthly Bingo will resume in March, 2026.**

15th Annual Mass of Remembrance



Saturday, December 6, 12:45pm
St. Ann Church, 415 S. 6th St., Emmaus



Join us to celebrate the lives of your departed loved ones. The Remembrance Mass will be followed by a light reception. To have your loved ones remembered by name, enroll them at www.churchstann.org/mass-of-remembrance



"Will you not watch one hour with Me?"

Eucharistic Adoration

**Tuesday, November 25
6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Note: Confessions will not be heard.



The collection total for November 15/16 is \$8128.
Thank you for your unfailing generosity.

Women's Advent Retreat

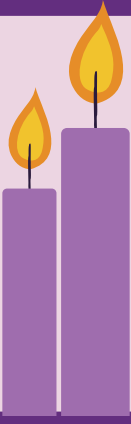
Saturday, December 13
8:30am - 1:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi Parish
1046 W Cedar St., Allentown

As Advent Women, we are called, like Mary Our Mother, to be bearers of Hope to our families and communities. Come and rediscover your identity as a bearer of light in a world of darkness.

Keynote speaker is our very own Fr. John 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)



Reverse Advent Calendar



For the past one hundred years, God has showered St. Theresa Parish with His blessings. Let's share our blessings with those less fortunate through a special Good Samaritan Society Advent season food drive. Each day of December, add the listed item to a box or bag. On Saturday, December 29 or Sunday, December 30, deposit the filled box or bag in the Good Samaritan collection boxes near the St. Theresa Church stairwells. Community members who are most in need will benefit from your generosity.

December 2025

1 Pudding snack packs	2 Granola bars	3 Pringles	4 Juice	5 Cookies	6 Beef stew	7 Spaghetti sauce
8 Tuna	9 Juice	10 Sugar	11 Mayo	12 Cereal	13 Coffee (regular)	14 Canned milk
15 Macaroni & Cheese	16 Cream of chicken soup	17 Juice	18 Vegetable soup	19 Chicken noodle soup	20 Canned vegetables	21 Toilet paper
22 Laundry detergent	23 Tissues	24 Napkins	<i>“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).</i>			

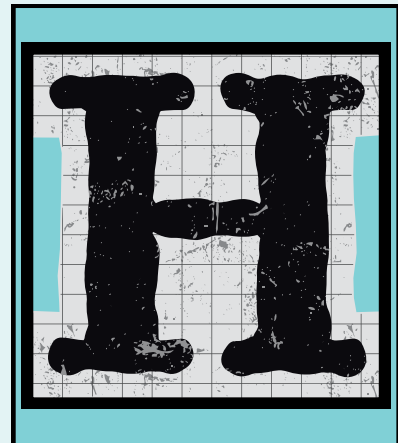
The St. Andrew Novena, begun on November 30 and concluding on Christmas Eve, is a meditation on the Incarnation and a powerful way to prepare one's heart for the birth of Christ. In this Centennial Year of St. Theresa Parish, let's resolve to pray this novena together, especially for the poor. At His birth, the Infant Jesus Himself was vulnerable! Let us care for others as we see Christ in them. Please consider praying the St. Andrew Novena Prayer as you collect food items for those who are in need.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL

This week at St Theresa Preschool, we learned about the letter **Hh**. From **h**ats to **h**ouses to **h**amsters, we had a wonderful time discovering new words beginning with **H**. In our Spanish class, we learned the names of colors and we sang a fun song.





Fundraising While You Shop!

Purchase gift cards at St. Theresa Church for America's top retailers and use them for your everyday purchases. St. Theresa Church earns money with every gift card purchase. Support St. Theresa Church by buying gift cards for birthdays, showers, graduations, or any special events. Plan ahead and use gift cards for groceries, home improvement, clothing, or even Black Friday and Christmas shopping! The more families participating, the **BIGGER** the earnings for our Church!

HOW TO ORDER:

Rectory Office Limited Inventory (please call office to order 610-838-7045)

Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Chipotle, CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods, Dunkin', Five Below, Giant, Home Depot, LL Bean, Lowes, McDonald's, Old Navy, Panera, Scheetz, Shop-Rite, Starbucks, Target, TJ Maxx/Home Goods/Marshalls, Fresh Grocer (Valley Farm), Walmart, Wawa, Wegman's

Special Order Dates (full list of retailers available for these orders)

Below are the special-order dates and order forms are enclosed. Please keep for your reference. Each special order will be an insert in the bulletin prior to the deadline date with detailed instructions on placing these orders.

Order Deadline Dates	
11/6 for pickup by 11/14	3/19 for pickup by 3/27
12/5 for pickup by 12/15	5/7 for pickup by 5/15

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

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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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