

# **+ December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent +**

**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 Schedule**

**Monday through Friday, 8:00am**

**Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm**

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

## **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Advent Mondays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

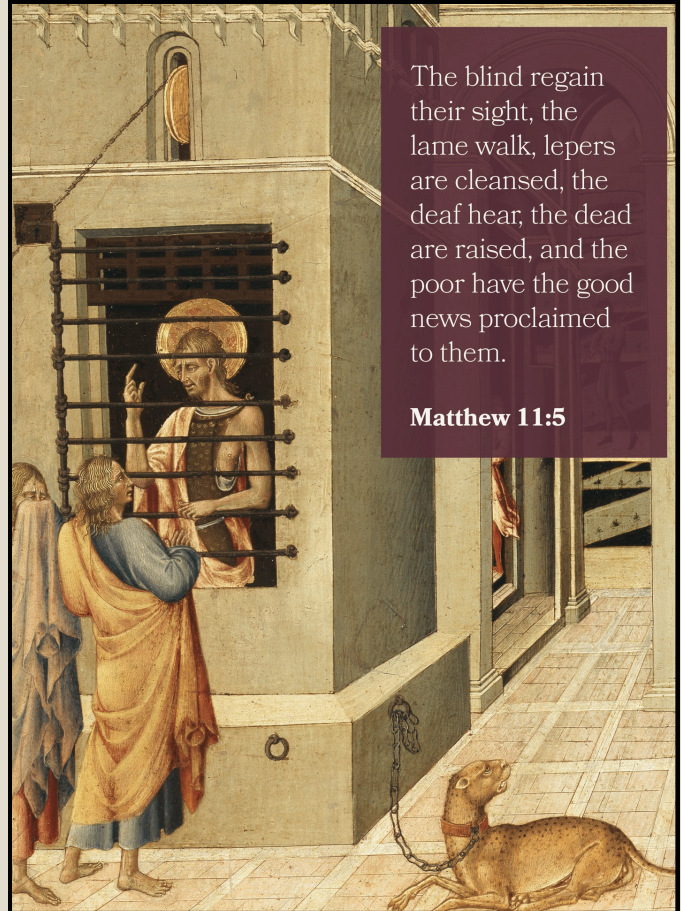
**Advent Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

## **Confession**

**Advent Mondays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Saturdays from 4:00pm - 4:30pm**

**Saturday, December 20 from  
3:30pm to 4:30pm.**



The blind regain  
their sight, the  
lame walk, lepers  
are cleansed, the  
deaf hear, the dead  
are raised, and the  
poor have the good  
news proclaimed  
to them.

**Matthew 11:5**

*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.*

## **Christmas Bake Sale**

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

**Sunday, December 14, 8:30am to 1:00pm**

**in Friendship Hall**

**Sponsored by the St. Theresa Ladies' Guild**

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### **Calendar: December 14 - 21**

#### **Sunday, December 14**

Christmas Bake Sale, Friendship Hall, 8:30pm - 1:00pm

#### **Monday, December 15**

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

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

Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00pm - 8:00pm;  
confessions from 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

#### **Tuesday, December 16**

Eucharistic Adoration, 6:00pm - 7:00pm.  
(No confessions will be heard.)

#### **Wednesday, December 17**

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

#### **Thursday, December 18**

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

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

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

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

Choir, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

#### **Friday, December 19**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Saturday, December 20**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Sunday, December 21**

No meetings or events scheduled.

### **Mass Intentions: December 14 - 21**

#### **Sunday, December 14 - Third Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Barbara Smith (William & Deborah Smith)

8:00am - Mary Lou Schlert (Shupe family)

9:30am - Marie Velez (Ray & Steph Velez)

11:00am - Bernard Kametz (Family)

#### **Monday, December 15 - Advent Weekday**

8:00am - Olimpia Sousa (Michael Brull)

#### **Tuesday, December 16 - Advent Weekday**

8:00am - Armino Pereira (Congetta Pereira)

#### **Wednesday, December 17 - Advent Weekday**

8:00am - Betty Schimminger (Mike & Celeste Behe)

#### **Thursday, December 18 - Advent Weekday**

9:00am - Frieda Fixl (Mary Beth Carey)

#### **Friday, December 19 - Advent Weekday**

8:00am - Tom Long (Sandy & Andy Rasich)

#### **Saturday, December 20 - Advent Weekday**

No 8:00am

#### **Sunday, December 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Eric Heffner (Jebitsch family)

8:00am - Arthur Bernadelli (Louise Coyle)

9:30am - Herbert Stelzer (St. Theresa Seniors)

11:00am - Donald E. Granger (Jebitsch family)



The third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday." The name comes from the opening antiphon for today's Mass: "Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again, rejoice!" from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-6) The Advent candle that we light is rose-colored instead of purple. Today we are reminded that, while we continue to prepare for Our Lord's birth, we rejoice because we do not have much longer to wait.

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule, December 21/22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EEM</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>
5:00pm Saturday	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
8:00am Sunday	Joel Silverthorn	Deacon Dave	Isabella LaTassa
9:30am Sunday	Jeremy Leidich	Jeremy Leidich	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Margot Teleki	Peggy Vietro	Ponce Brothers

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule, Christmas Eve / Christmas Day**

<u>MASS TIME</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>EEM</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVER</u>
4:00pm Wednesday	Margot Teleki	Deacon Dave / Chris Roth	Alexa Holden
7:00pm Wednesday	Lisa Holub	Fran Vasko	Jebitsch children
10:00pm Wednesday	Mary Francis Schurtz-Leon	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Lay brothers
8:00am Thursday	David Smith	Isabella LaTassa	Bill Ripper
9:30am Thursday	Lisa Albitz	Deacon Dave / Denise Goodrich	Helen Behe
11:00am Thursday	Joani Dornblaser	Joani Dornblaser	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>





Motorcoach departs St. Jane's Church, 4049 Hartley Ave, Easton. Departure 7:30am, return approximately 8:30pm. Passenger donation \$20. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Andrew Azan: **andrewazan3rd@rcn.com** or (484) 259-7740.

## HAVE YOU PRAYED THE ROSARY TODAY?

### Divorce Recovery Program

Give yourself the gift of encouragement for the new year. Register for Divorce Recovery, a national program created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage.

The ten-week program runs from January 12, 2026 through March 16, 2026. Meetings take place Mondays, 6:15 – 7:15pm, at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, 618 Fullerton Ave. Whitehall 18052. To register for this free program, contact Jane Zingelman: **jtzing@gmail.com**



## Rectory Hours for the Christmas and New Year Holidays

In observance of the **Christmas** holiday, the rectory will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 23.

The rectory will be *closed* on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 24  
Thursday, December 25  
Friday, December 26

In observance of the **New Year** holiday, the rectory will close at 12:00pm on Tuesday, December 30 and will remain closed through Friday, January 2. The rectory will reopen on Monday, January 5.

## The O Antiphons of Advent

The Church has been praying the "**O Antiphons**" since at least the eighth century. The O Antiphons are recited (or chanted) from December 17-23 during Vespers of the Liturgy of the Hours. Each antiphon highlights a title for the Messiah, and alludes to a prophecy from Isaiah that refers to the coming of the Messiah. The recitation of the O Antiphons used to be so widespread in monastic communities that the phrase "Keep your O" was in common use. Why not pray the O Antiphons as part of your spiritual preparation for Christmas?

### December 17

O Wisdom (*O Sapientia*) of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: Come to teach us the path of knowledge.

### December 18

O Leader (*O Adonai*) of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: Come to rescue us with your mighty power.

### December 19

O Root of Jesse's (*O Radix Jesse*) stem, sign of God's love for all his people: Come to save us without delay.

### December 20

O Key of David (*O Clavis David*), opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: Come and free the prisoners of darkness.

### December 21

O Radiant Dawn (*O Oriens*), splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### December 22

O King of all nations (*O Rex Gentium*) and keystone of the Church: Come and save man, whom you formed from the dust.

### December 23

O Emmanuel (*O Emmanuel*), our King and Giver of Law: Come to save us, Lord our God.



The **Divine Mercy Cenacle** meets monthly for prayer, reflection, and discussion on the writings of St. Maria Faustina. We will gather on **Monday, December 15 at 7:00pm** in the Reconciliation Room inside the Church. For information, call Felicia Wallach at 610-442-2247.

## **Gaudete Sunday, Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice! The Lord is Near!**

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

*Gaudete! Rejoice!* On this Third Sunday of Advent, the Church interrupts the purples of waiting with the rose-colored glow of joy.

*Why?* Because the Lord is close, and joyful anticipation is part of the Christian life. As we await His coming again in glory, may that same hope move us to proclaim the Good News boldly, joyfully, and lovingly to all those around us.

Today's Gospel gives us a striking moment. John the Baptist, now imprisoned, sends his disciples to Jesus with a question: "Are you the One who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Some say this reveals doubt, but a deeper, more beautiful interpretation emerges: John is not confused. John is completing his mission. John is handing his disciples over to Christ. The precursor—the one who ran ahead—has reached the point where he must stop running and let Jesus continue the race. It is like the role of a precursor in the Winter Olympics: a skilled skier racing ahead of the athletes to prepare the course, to ensure it is ready for the real competition. Once their work was finished, they step aside, invisible but indispensable.

This is John. He prepared the way. Now he fades into the background so Christ may take center stage. What humility! What obedience! What love!

Advent always lives within a holy tension. Already—and not yet. Isaiah promises: deserts will bloom, the lame will leap, the blind will see, the poor will hear Good News.

St. James urges us to be patient—like a farmer who plants seed, trusting unseen growth. And Jesus Himself tells John's disciples that these promises are already being fulfilled: "Go and tell John what you hear and see..." The Kingdom of God is breaking in. But its fullness is still on the horizon.

We feel that tension, don't we? We already sense Jesus' nearness, and yet we long for the day when every tear is wiped away.

*This is Advent.* The world wants Christmas now. Hallmark movies, advertisements, music, and lights proclaim it long before December 25. But the Church, in her maternal wisdom, invites us to breathe, to wait, to prepare, to make room. Advent is not an inconvenience; it is a gift. Think of small children in December: the countdowns, the joyful waiting, the wide-eyed expectation. Christmas Day is not the end of the journey for them—it is the glorious beginning. But for many adults, Christmas feels like the finish line of exhaustion.

*Why?* Because without Advent, the soul never prepares, and Christmas becomes an event rather than an encounter. St. Paul says the life of faith is like a race. Anyone who has run long distances knows: the middle miles are the hardest. When the temptation to quit is strongest, encouragement becomes oxygen for the soul. As one runner recently shared in Philadelphia—the crowds along a 10-mile Turkey Trot were the wind at his back—reminding him that the finish line was worth the pain.

Advent is like that race. We grow tired. We are tempted to rush or give up the inner work. We may wonder, like John, "Is this worth it?"

On Gaudete Sunday, the Church stands on the sidelines with rose-colored banners and cheers: "Yes! Keep going! The Lord is near! The finishing line is worth every step!" Jesus honors John as the greatest born of woman—yet He says even the least in the Kingdom is greater than John.

*Why?* Because we get to experience the Reign of God from the inside. We are not merely pointing toward the Promised Land. We have entered into it through Baptism. John prepared the way. Now the prophetic role belongs to us. Not predicting the future—but proclaiming God's presence. Not shouting on desert roads—but witnessing through love, compassion, mercy, generosity.

As St. Francis said: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." Every act of kindness. Every moment of patience. Every time we lift up the lowly. Every time we forgive. Every time we serve: We proclaim Emmanuel: God-with-us. Rejoice—because Christ is already here. Be patient—because the fullness of His Kingdom is still coming. Prepare—because our hearts must become Bethlehem again. Proclaim—because the world is starving for Good News.

Do I look forward to the Second Coming of Jesus with the same joy and anticipation I feel before Christmas?

And...What can I do during the last days of Advent to help others focus on the real reason for this season:

Jesus Christ, who comes to save us? Maybe it is simple: Write a note of encouragement, visit someone lonely, pray with someone struggling, give generously, make quiet space for God, forgive someone who hurt you, invite someone to Mass.

Run the race, encourage others along the way, and remember—the finish line is worth it.

So, rejoice! The Lord is near. Already present. Not yet fully revealed. And He is coming—**for you.**

May your joyful anticipation bear fruit in a radiant witness to Christ, so that through you, others may come to know and love the One whom John prepared the world to receive Jesus Christ, our Lord, our joy, and our coming King.



# Advent / Christmas Schedule

## Eucharistic Adoration

**Advent Mondays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Advent Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**

## Confession

**Advent Mondays, 6:00pm - 7:00pm**  
and on

**Saturday, December 20**  
**from 3:30pm to 4:30pm.**

*No confessions heard Christmas Eve  
or Christmas Day.*



## Mass Schedule - The Nativity of the Lord

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Vigil Christmas Eve Masses**  
**Wednesday, December 24**

4:00pm - Children's Mass with St. Nicholas  
7:00pm - Vigil Mass for the Nativity of Our Lord  
10:00pm - Mass by Candlelight

**Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Masses are at 8:00am, 9:30am,  
and 11:00am**



**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**

**(Holy Day of Obligation)**

**Vigil Mass, Wednesday, December 31, 4:00pm**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God**  
**Thursday, January 1**

**Mass 9:00am**

## **Devotional Candles for the Week of December 14**

### **Sanctuary Candle**

Bernard Kametz  
(offered by family)

### **St. Theresa Candle**

Mary Lou Schlert  
(offered by Terri & Bill Zakocs)

### **BVM Candle**

Marie Velez  
(offered by Steph & Ray Velez)

### **St. Joseph Candle**

Robert Elicott  
(offered by Rosemary Benner & family)

## *Little Flower Society Enrollment*



David and Maria Smith  
(30th wedding anniversary)



## **St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments**



Charles Bartolet  
(enrolled by Anita Kotoris)

Sally Chaffier  
(enrolled by Gregory Latsko)

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(enrolled by Richard & Deloris Chaffier)

Ensure a lasting spiritual remembrance of a deceased loved one with a **St. Theresa Memorial Enrollment**. A monthly Mass is offered for enrollees. A donation of \$25.00 is requested.

Commemorate a special occasion with an enrollment in the **Little Flower Society**, whose members are remembered in a monthly Mass. A minimum donation of \$15.00 is requested.

Memorialize a deceased loved one or present a special intention with the lighting of the **Sanctuary, St. Joseph, Blessed Virgin Mary, or St. Theresa candle**. Suggested offering is \$10.

Please call the rectory to arrange for enrollments and candle offerings.

Get involved in your Community



Catholic Gentlemen

YOU can  
Become a Knight  
Before Christmas!

[kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join)  
**Council #14990**

One Year Free Membership  
Promo Code: BLESSEDMCGIVNEY



### The Good Samaritan Society Advent season food drive is underway!

Please pick up a Reverse Advent calendar in the church vestibule, and help the Good Samaritan Society to assist those in our community who are in need.

We are in particular need of breakfast items, snack foods, canned/boxed potatoes, soup, coffee/cocoa, mustard, ketchup, salad dressing, and baking supplies.

The St. Theresa Good Samaritan Society offers short term assistance to residents of Hellertown and Lower Saucon Township. If you or someone you know needs help, the society can be reached confidentially at 610-509-5863. We are grateful for both monetary and food donations.

### Oplatki: A Christmas Tradition

An Eastern European tradition, oplatki are white wafers imprinted with Nativity scenes. The sharing of the oplatki is an expression of unconditional love and forgiveness.

*Oplatki may be purchased at the rectory. One package of three wafers is \$3.00. Two packages of three wafers are \$5.00.*



### Collection totals:

November 22/23 - \$7284

November 29/30 - \$9785

December 6/7 - \$8532

**Thank you for your generosity!**



### *Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope*

*Sunday, December 28, 2:00pm  
Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena  
1825 W Turner St, Allentown*

*The program will include a presentation of Vivaldi's "Gloria" and a narrative tour of the Cathedral Church. Confessions will be heard from 2:00pm to 3:00pm, and will be followed by a closing Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert.*

### The St. Theresa Parish Advent Giving Tree

Your help is needed by women in the Diocese of Allentown who are facing crisis pregnancies.

Just remove a tag from the Giving Tree in the vestibule of the church. You may either (1) purchase the designated gift card at the rectory, or (2) place your payment and gift tag in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and drop it in the collection basket. Your purchase will not only aid the needy but will also help St. Theresa's, since the parish will receive a percentage.

**Please note that gift cards must be purchased through the parish in order to benefit St. Theresa's.**



*"Will you not watch one hour with Me?"*

**Monday, December 15**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**Tuesday, December 16**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Confessions will be heard on  
Monday from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.  
No confessions will be heard on Tuesday.



### A Christmas Open House

will be held at the Rectory  
on Sunday, December 28  
after all Masses.



# Advent Joy at St. Theresa's



*"St. Nicholas was here!"*



Young parishioners enjoy crafts and cookies in Friendship Hall during the December 7 PREP Advent activity.







*Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; for he has come to his people and set them free. Luke 1:67*

<b>November 30</b> ...the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light... Romans 13:12 <b>Pick a good habit to work on for Advent!</b>	<b>December 1</b> I rejoiced when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1 <b>What can you do to make your house ready for Jesus?</b>	<b>2</b> A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse... Isaiah 11:1 <b>Thank God for your parents!</b>	<b>3</b> The Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces. Isaiah 25:8 <b>Who can you cheer up today?</b>	<b>4</b> Trust in the LORD forever! For the LORD is an eternal Rock. Isaiah 26:4 <b>Pray: Jesus, I trust in You!</b>	<b>5</b> Out of gloom and darkness, the eyes of the blind shall see. Isaiah 29:18 <b>Draw a Christmas picture for someone!</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Feast of Saint Nicholas</b> "The giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic God's giving..." St. Nicholas of Myra
<b>7</b> A voice of one crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" Matt 3:3 <b>Tell the Christmas story to a friend!</b>	<b>8</b> Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception <b>Say a Hail Mary to Our Blessed Mother!</b>	<b>9</b> Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Isaiah 40:1 <b>Remind someone who is sad that God loves them!</b>	<b>10</b> Lift up your eyes on high and see who has created these things... Isaiah 40:26 <b>Look at the sky and thank God for the sun, moon and stars!</b>	<b>11</b> Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD. Psalm 145:10 <b>Go outside and thank God for nature!</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe</b> <b>Thank Mary for being our mother!</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Feast of Saint Lucy</b> <b>Thank God for the Christmas decorations you see!</b>
<b>14</b> Be strong, fear not! Here is your God... Isaiah 35:4 <b>What are you afraid of? Trust in God to protect you!</b>	<b>15</b> A star shall advance from Jacob, and a scepter shall rise from Israel... Numbers 24:17 <b>Pray for the leaders of your country!</b>	<b>16</b> I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Psalm 34:2 <b>Sing an Advent hymn!</b>	<b>17</b> O Wisdom of our God Most High, guiding creation with power and love: come to teach us the path of knowledge! <b>Consider the order of the universe God has created!</b>	<b>18</b> O Leader of the House of Israel, giver of the Law to Moses on Sinai: come to rescue us with your mighty power! <b>Read or recite God's Ten Commandments.</b>	<b>19</b> O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay! <b>Thank Jesus for coming to save us!</b>	<b>20</b> O Key of David, opening the gates of God's eternal Kingdom: come and free the prisoners of darkness! <b>Read the story of David and Goliath!</b>
<b>21</b> O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death. <b>Jesus' coming is like the dawn after a dark cold night.</b>	<b>22</b> O King of all nations and keystone of the Church: come and save man, whom you formed from the dust! <b>Jesus is the kindest king. Serve Him with joy!</b>	<b>23</b> O Emmanuel, our King and Giver of Law: come to save us, Lord our God! <b>Emmanuel means God is with us. His birthday is in two more days!</b>	<b>24</b> The dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness... Luke 1:78-79 <b>One more day to prepare your heart and home for Jesus!</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day!</b> <b>Glory to God in the highest!</b>		





# 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
<b>Amazon</b> (1.70% rebate)	\$100		
<b>Amazon</b> (1.70% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Barnes &amp; Noble</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Barnes &amp; Noble</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Bath &amp; Body Works</b> (12% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Bath &amp; Body Works</b> (12% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Chipotle</b> (10% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>CVS Pharmacy</b> (6% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Dick's Sporting Goods</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Dunkin</b> (3.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Five Below</b> (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Fresh Grocer</b> (Valley Farm) (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
<b>Giant</b> (5% rebate)	\$100		
<b>Giant</b> (5% rebate)	\$ 50		
<b>Giant</b> (5% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Home Depot</b> (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Lowes</b> (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>McDonald's</b> (2% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Old Navy</b> (14% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Panera Bread</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Panera Bread</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Red Robin</b> (8% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Rite Aid</b> (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Sheetz</b> (3% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Shop Rite</b> (4% rebate)	\$100		
<b>Shop Rite</b> (4% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Starbucks</b> (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Starbucks</b> (4.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Subway</b> (4.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>Target</b> (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Target</b> (2.5% rebate)	\$ 10		
<b>TJ Maxx/Marshall's/HomeGoods</b> (7% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Walmart</b> (2.5% rebate)	\$ 25		
<b>Wawa</b> (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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EMAIL: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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**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.

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