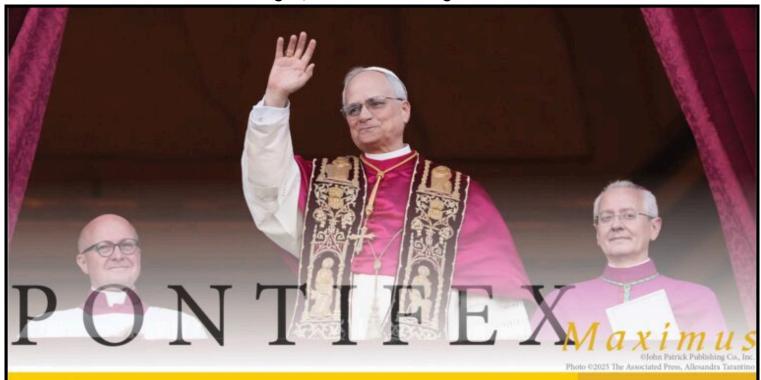
May 18, 2025 + Fifth Sunday of Easter





Pope Leo XIV, Bishop of Rome May 8, 2025

Habemus PAPAM!

"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not overcome it.

> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

> > Matthew 16:18-19



O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Pope Leo XIV, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

> Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D., J.C.L. Bishop of Allentown



I give you a new commandment: LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

John 13:34

St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church 1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055

Rev. John A. Krivak, Ph.D., Ed.D., Pastor Rev. John Anthony Hutta II, Parochial Vicar Deacon David K. Rohner

Mass Schedule

Monday through Friday, 8:00am; First Saturday of the month, 8:00am Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm; Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Our Mission Statement

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.

Are you

naturally inclined to prayer, solitude, contemplation?seeking spiritual formation and growth?wishing to share your spiritual journey with likeminded souls?

Discover the Lay Carmelites!

"Come and See" May 20, 6:30pm in Friendship Hall

For more information, call Linda Dull at 484-767-7790 . **www.laycarmelite.com**

PARISH CALENDAR / MASS INTENTIONS: MAY 18 - MAY 25

Sunday, May 18

No meetings or events scheduled.

Monday, May 19

CGS1, Convent, 10:00am CGS1, Convent, 3:30pm CGS2, Convent, 5:00pm

Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 20

Lay Carmelites meeting, Parish Center, 1:30pm Lay Carmelites "Come and See," Friendship Hall, 6:30pm

Wednesday, May 21

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession, Church, 6:00pm-7:00pm Prayer Group, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

Thursday, May 22

CGS1, Convent, 10:00am CGS2, Convent, 3:30pm CGS3, Convent, 5:00pm

Friday, May 23 Rectory closed

No meetings or events scheduled.

Saturday, May 24

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, May 25

No meetings or events scheduled.

Sunday, May 18 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm - Barbara A. Roth (Michele & David Pearson)

8:00am - Shestok and Gancarz families

9:30am - Andrew Mosko (Wife, Nancy & children)

11:00am - Anna Kametz (Family)

Monday, May 19 - Easter Weekday

8:00am - Gertrude Barron (Jim & Marie Bokeko)

Tuesday, May 20 - St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:00am - Rose Urquiza (Christina Shupe)

Wednesday, May 21 - St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

8:00am - Michael and Meri Petruno (Linda & Larry Dull)

Thursday, May 22 - St. Rita of Cascia, Religious

8:00am - George and Anna Hrubochak (Linda & Larry Dull)

Friday, May 23 - Easter Weekday

8:00am - Joseph Stofan (Family)

Saturday, May 24 - Easter Weekday

No 8:00am Mass

Sunday, May 25 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00pm - Arlene Maier (William & Deborah Smith)

8:00am - Geraldine Pastir (Husband, Richard)

9:30am - Frances Pagano (Dean & Angela Reiman)

11:00am - Cathey and Buford Jones, 60th wedding anniversary (Greg Jones family)



Financial Report

Collection total for May 11 is \$9736





In observance of
Memorial Day, the rectory
will be closed Friday,
May 23 and Monday, May 26.
The rectory will reopen
on Tuesday, May 27.

A Mass can increase sanctifying grace in someone who is living. For a deceased person, a Mass can decrease that soul's time in purgatory. **The 2025 St. Theresa Parish Mass Book is still open.** Please call the rectory to arrange for Masses to be said for your intentions.





St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments

Rocky Ferrante Anne Ferrante

(enrolled by the Monticola family



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 24/25					
MASS TIME	CELEBRANT	LECTOR	EEM	ALTAR SERVÉR	
5:00pm Saturday	Fr. John Rhivak	Janice Sodemann	Janice Sodemann	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
8:00am Sunday	Fr. John Kriak	Isabella LaTassa	Deacon Dave	Genevieve Tabor	
9:30am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Carol Krakowski	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
11:00am Sunday	Fr. John Hutta	Linda Dull	Peggy Vietro	Amelia & Alexa Holden	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF ASCENSION OF THE LORD, MAY 28/29 MASS TIME CELEBRANT LECTOR EEM ALTAR SERVER

7:00pm Vigil, Wednesday, May 28 Fr. John Hutta Denise Goodrich Deacon Dave Isabella La Tassa 7:00pm Thursday, May 29 Fr. John Hutta, Fr. Krivak Dave Smith Deacon Dave Bill Ripper

The St. Theresa Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a

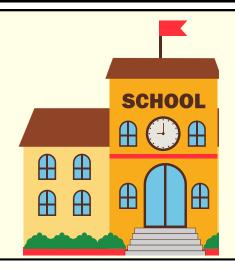
Baby Bottle campaign

to benefit the Cay Galgon Life House in Bethlehem.

The Life House helps new and expectant mothers who are facing homelessness and other life crises. Baby bottles are available in the vestibule of St. Theresa's. Please take home a baby bottle or two to fill with spare change, bills, and/or checks (made out to the Cay Galgon Life House). Filled baby bottles may be returned by Father's Day to the basket in the vestibule.

Visit **www.caygalgonlifehouse.org**Donations to the Life House may be made online.

Remember that your spare change can change a life!

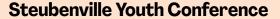


Mother of Hope Hybrid Academy

Mother of Hope Hybrid Academy is a Catholic, Classical hybrid academy opening in the Lehigh Valley this fall. The Academy offers a Pre-K through Kindergarten Montessori program and a Classical curriculum for students in 1st grade through 5th grade. Students attend on-campus classes two days a week and learn at home the remaining days with guidance and support. Enrollment for Fall 2025 is now open. For more information, visit www.motherofhopehybridacademy.org or email Thea Aclo, Executive Director, at admin@motherofhopehybridacademy.org

Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., will be on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The Diocesan Pilgrimage tradition to Mary's House is typically held every four years. St. Theresa Parish will be sponsoring a bus for parishioners who would like to take part in the pilgrimage. Please watch the bulletin for details.





Calling all high schoolers! In our ever-changing world, Jesus is the answer to the longing of our hearts. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at the Steubenville Youth Conference at the Franciscan University of Steubenville on June 27th through 29th and be transformed by the love of Christ. Rising high school freshmen through rising college freshmen are invited to attend. St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Orefield is sponsoring a charter bus to this event. Cost of conference is \$265; cost of transportation is \$100. Learn more about the trip by contacting Annaleigh Gidosh at (484)330-6380 or

youthminister@stjwchurch.org

+ Food for Thought on the Fifth Sunday of Easter +

"Behold, I Make All Things New"

There is a powerful current of transition pulsing through this Sunday's readings—a holy momentum from the "what has been" into the "what is becoming." From Paul and Barnabas completing their missionary journey and entrusting the young Church to local presbyters, to the voice of God in Revelation proclaiming, "Behold, I make all things new," to Jesus' "new commandment" at the Last Supper, we are being swept into the divine work of renewal.

The Church Is Always in Mission Mode

Paul and Barnabas don't settle down in comfort after a fruitful journey. Instead, they strengthen the disciples by reminding them: "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." That's not a sales pitch for an easy life—it's a truth born from the Cross. As they appoint leaders and entrust the faith to others, they model what every parish, every believer, must do: plant seeds of faith, speak hard truths in love, and hand on the mission with courage.

Revelation Offers the Final Word: Renewal

The Second Reading today gives us the only words spoken directly by God the Father in the entire Book of Revelation: "Behold, I make all things new." This isn't just a poetic sentiment. It's the promise of a Creator who doesn't give up on His people, who enters into the mess of history and sin, and who restores, redeems, and re-creates from within. This divine newness isn't just for "someday." It begins now, in hearts made open by love.

The New Commandment: Agape in Action

At the Last Supper, Jesus doesn't simply say, "Love one another." He commands: "Love one another as I have loved you." And how has He loved us? Not with a shallow affection, but with a self-emptying, foot-washing, cross-carrying, death-defying love. This agape is not a nice feeling—it is divine action. It is God's breath (ruah), the Spirit, blowing through the stale air of sin and self-preservation.

A Fresh Wind in a Stuffy Room

We've all experienced it: sitting in a space that feels tight, heavy, hot. Then someone opens a door, and a breeze flows in. The soul inhales. That's what the Holy Spirit does when we let God's Word and commandment of love enter our lives. The mission of the Church is to fling open those doors—through truth, witness, and sacrificial love—so others can breathe again. We do not hide the Cross; we proclaim its power.

Hardship is Not a Barrier—It's the Doorway

Graham Greene's quote resounds here: "People are attracted to the Church where there's danger." Maybe what keeps vocations and conversions away is not that we've made the Church too hard—but too easy. A Church without the Cross is a Church without Christ. The path to the "new heaven and new earth" is the path of the Cross, of laying down our lives, of choosing love even when it hurts. Pope Benedict XVI said it simply: "We were not made for comfort, but for greatness." Greatness is nothing other than holiness, a life fully surrendered to God's renewing love. And holiness demands everything.

This Week's Spiritual Challenge

- Where is God calling you to bring the breeze of His renewing Spirit?
- · Who in your life needs a fresh encounter with Christ through your loving sacrifice?
- · Where are you avoiding the Cross instead of embracing it?

Let us ask ourselves daily: "How can I bring the newness of GOD's life and love into this moment?" And let us remember the promise: His reign is for all ages; His dominion endures through all generations.

Recommended Spiritual Reading

Looking for a bold and beautiful summer read? Try Graham Greene's The Power and the Glory. It's not a sanitized story, but one that faces the raw, messy beauty of faith and failure, in a world where holiness looks like weakness—but is in fact glory.

Final Thought

"You can have control, or you can have growth, but you can't have both." (Fr. William Campion)

Let go. Open the door. Let the Spirit blow in.



St. Theresa Preschool...

...offers full-day and half-day programs for 3 and 4+ year-olds. Our Early Childhood programs are based on our Catholic Faith, guidelines of the Diocese of Allentown, and PA Education Standards to ensure that we meet the needs of all Pre-K students.

We are currently taking registrations for the 2025-2026 school year.

Please contact the preschool at secretary astsprekhellertown.com or call 610-838-8161.

Join the Hellertown American Legion and the Boy Scouts in honoring our fallen heroes.
On May 25 following 9:30am Mass, a short service will be held in front of St. Theresa Church. Please come and pay tribute to those who have died in the service of our country.

Bishop Alfred Schlert will celebrate
Mass at Holy Savior Cemetery, Bethlehem
on **Saturday**, **May 24 at 10:00am**,
in commemoration of Memorial Day.
The new diocesan mausoleum will also be
blessed at this time. All are invited to attend
and pray for deceased relatives and all who
have sacrificed their lives for our country.

Burial in a Catholic cemetery allows the deceased to be surrounded by members of the Church, even in death. Contact Holy Savior Cemetery at (610)866-2372.

BINGO Saturday, June 7 in Friendship Hall

Doors open 6:00pm

\$25 packet includes 15 regular games PLUS specials





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

Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish?

Our Roman Catholic family of faith welcomes you! Please call 610-838-7045 for information.



The Knights of Columbus wishes to thank all who helped to make its **Mother's Day Carnation Sale** a success!

Parents who desire the **Sacrament of Baptism** for their child(ren) must attend a Baptism preparation session, offered on the first Monday of every month at 7:00pm. Advance registration is required. Please call Dr. Anita Vincent 610-838-1020.

OCIA is a program that introduces prospective converts to Catholic beliefs and practices. For more information, contact Dr. Anita Vincent:: 610-838-1020 or email **prep.sttheresacj@gmail.com**

Devotional Candles for the Week of May 18

BVM Candle

Anna Kametz (offered by family)

Sanctuary Candle

Andrew Mosko (offered by wife and children)

St. Theresa Candle

Terri Zakocs (offered by Lisa Holub)

Have you said your rosary today?

The St. Theresa Good Samaritan Society

offers short-term help to those in need. Call 610-509-5863 for confidential assistance.

Monetary contributions and grocery donations are both gratefully accepted.

Join us and make a difference!

The Good Samaritan Society meets the first Thursday of each month at 6:00pm in the Parish Center.

We are currently in need of snacks, cereal, chicken/beef broth, cake/brownie mixes, icing, baked beans

Collection boxes are located in the stairwells flanking the church vestibule. No expired goods, please. Please make checks payable to St Theresa Church, with "FBO Good Samaritan Society" in the memo line.

The New Commandment

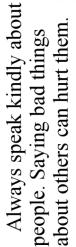
In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they followers a new one, something different than any of Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His should live and what they should and shouldn't do.

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

charity. It means doing what is best for a person. The love that Jesus was talking about is called Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. thing bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them. Even when you know some-





Always act kindly toward others. Show that you are a follower of Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. lesus by how you love others! like some of

Sure!

Would you

Answer to front page: If you love one another. Answer to Word-Find: Jesus comes again

www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019



What did Jesus tell His disciples Use the code below to find out! in today's Gospel reading?

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THIS WEEK AT ST. THERESA PRESCHOOL







-- THE LETTER "Z"--



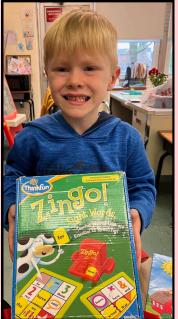






- CINCO DE MAYO--









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 drop form and payment into the Sunday collection basket. You will receive a phone call when you order is ready for pickup.

I understand that neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen gift cards.				
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Checks should be made payable to St. Theresa Church. Please handle your gift cards as you would cash! Neither St. Theresa Church nor St. Theresa Preschool is responsible for lost or stolen cards.

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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

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.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: 6:00pm - 7:00pm every Wednesday. Confessions are also heard at that time.

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 (OCIA)

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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 Gman 3700 @ 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 contact Dr. Anita Vincent: 610-838-1020.