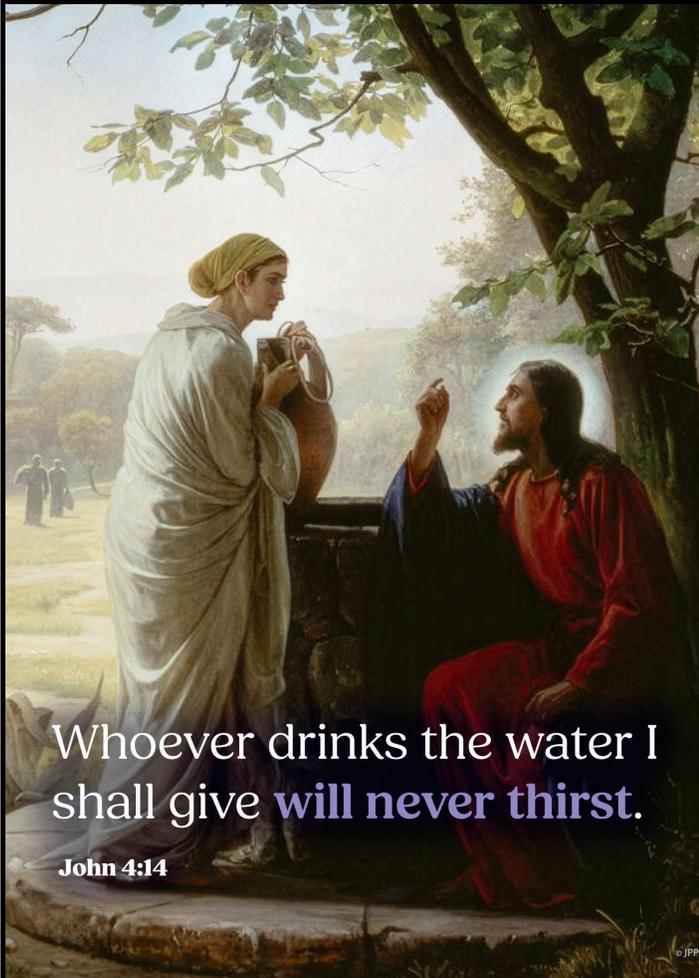


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St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church  
1408 Easton Road, Hellertown, PA 18055



Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst.

John 4:14

**Rev. John Anthony Hutta II,  
Parochial Administrator**

**Rev. Dr. John A. Krivak,  
Pastor Emeritus**

**Deacon David K. Rohner**

**Masses**

Monday - Friday, 8:00am;  
Saturday (Vigil Mass), 5:00 pm;  
Sunday, 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

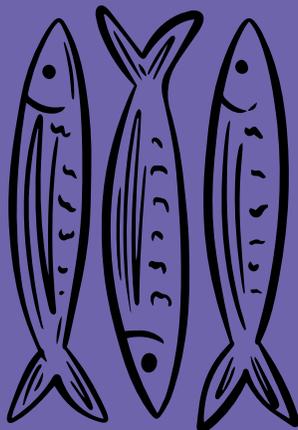
**Lenten Eucharistic Adoration**

Wednesdays, 7:00pm - 8:00pm  
Eucharistic Adoration,  
no Confession

Fridays, 12:30 - 1:30  
Eucharistic Adoration  
with Confession

**Confession**

Saturdays, 4:00pm - 4:30pm



**Knights of Columbus**

**Fish Fry**

**Friday, March 13**

**Friday, March 27**

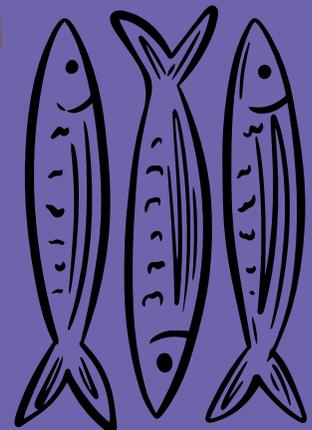
**4:30pm - 7:00pm**

**Friendship Hall**

**Menu**

**Beer Battered Fried Cod  
or Grilled Cheese Sandwich,  
Steak Fries, New England Calm Chowder,  
Coleslaw, Sundae Bar.**

**\$15 Adult; \$12 Youth (5-12); Under 5 Free  
Family of Four (2 Adult, 2 Youth): \$50**



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### Calendar, March 8 - March 15

#### **Sunday, March 8**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Monday, March 9**

“Unmasking the Enemy,” Friendship Hall, 10:00am - 11:00am  
 CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am  
 CGS2, Church LL, 4:30pm - 6:30pm  
 Boy Scouts, Friendship Hall, 7:00pm

#### **Tuesday, March 10**

St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour, Church, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
 St. Monica Ministry meeting, Rectory LL, 7:15pm - 8:00pm  
 Grief Support, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 8:00pm

#### **Wednesday, March 11**

PREP 1-6, Friendship Hall, 4:30 - 5:45  
 Stations of the Cross, Church, 7:00pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 7:00pm - 8:00pm;

**no confessions heard**

#### **Thursday, March 12**

CGS1, Church LL, 9:45am - 11:45am  
 PREP 7, Friendship Hall, 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
 PREP 8, Parish Center, 6:30pm - 7:45pm  
 Choir practice, Church, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

#### **Friday, March 13**

Stations of the Cross, Church, 12:00pm - 12:30pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration, Church, 12:30pm - 1:30pm;

**confessions WILL be heard**

KoC Fish Fry, Friendship Hall, 4:30pm - 7:00pm

#### **Saturday, March 14**

No meetings or events scheduled.

#### **Sunday, March 15**

No meetings or events scheduled.

### Mass Intentions, March 8 - March 15

#### **Sunday, March 8 - Third Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Frank and Bernice Wilk (Janice McKellin)  
 8:00am - Charles Bartolet (Jack & Minga Ferencin)  
 9:30am - Anna Paula Sa (Mom & Dad Henriques)  
 11:00am - Sally Chaffier (Cheryl Morykan Hancock, Brian G. Morykan)

#### **Monday, March 9 - St. Frances of Rome, Religious**

8:00am - Ruth Ortwein (Steph & Ray)

#### **Tuesday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Tom Long (Ann Lewis)

#### **Wednesday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Rosalia Schiavone (Ann Lewis)

#### **Thursday, March 12 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Stanley Brandes (Nellie Brandes)

#### **Friday, March 13 - Lenten Weekday**

8:00am - Hope and Taylor Nason (Mom, Cecilia Christman)

#### **Saturday, March 14 - Lenten Weekday**

No 8:00am

#### **Sunday, March 15 - Fourth Sunday of Lent**

5:00pm (Sat.) - Lyndal Thomas (Smith family)  
 8:00am - Ray Boris (Bill & Terri Zakocs)  
 9:30am - Greg Lewis (Ann Lewis)  
 11:00am - Brandon Kazan and family (Mom & Dad Kazan)



## You are invited to a **Saint Joseph's Buffet Luncheon**

**Sunday, March 22**  
 12:00pm in Friendship Hall

Menu includes antipasto, Sicilian chickpea soup, salad, sausage and meatballs with peppers and onions, shrimp scampi, cheese tortellini Parmigiana, penne alla vodka, Italian desserts, wine, beer, soda, and coffee. Cost is \$20 per adult; \$15 ages 5-12; under age 5 FREE. Cost for a family of four (two adults, two youth) is \$65. Please call the rectory by March 15 to reserve your place: 610-838-7045.

### **Liturgical Ministers Schedule: March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Mass time	Lector	EEM	Altar server(s)
5:00pm Saturday	Lisa Holub	Deacon Dave	Thomas and Timmy Evans
8:00am Sunday	Isabella LaTassa	Deacon Dave	Tommy Gregorsky
9:30am Sunday	Jeremy Leidich	Deacon Dave	Helen Behe
11:00am Sunday	Matthew Kirby	Deacon Dave	Ivo Kirby



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## **Food for Thought: Living Water for the Elect — and for Us All**

On this Third Sunday of Lent, as we celebrate the First Scrutiny of the Elect, the Church places before us one of the most powerful encounters in all of Sacred Scripture: Jesus and the woman at the well (John 4). This Gospel is not accidental. It is chosen because water means life — and even more, it means eternal life. Jesus continues to offer Himself as the source of life — not merely earthly life, but divine life. He promises water that quenches thirst forever. He promises that we do not have to wander in the hot, dry deserts of our sin, confusion, or loneliness without refreshment. He offers Himself.

**Water in the Desert** - In the First Reading, the Israelites are thirsty in the wilderness. They complain. They grumble. They long for Egypt — the place of slavery — because at least there they had water. How quickly we forget our deliverance. Through Moses, God brings water from the rock. Not because the people were faithful — but precisely because they were not. God gives even when we do not deserve. God remains faithful even when we test Him. The Psalm warns us: “Harden not your hearts.” Faith is the opposite of hardness. Faith is surrender. Faith is trust that even in the desert, God can bring water from stone. St. Paul deepens this truth in Romans: “While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Before we were worthy. Before we were faithful. Before we understood. Grace comes first. God is always the initiator.

**The Woman at the Well — A Mirror of the Soul** - Then comes the Gospel. Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at noon — alone, isolated, carrying shame. She is shocked that He speaks to her. A Jewish man. A rabbi. A holy man. She is a Samaritan. A woman. An outcast. Yet she is the one chosen for revelation. Jesus begins simply: “Give me a drink.” He invites her to respond. He engages her freedom. Then He speaks of “living water.” At first she misunderstands. She thinks practically — another well, easier access, less effort. But Jesus is speaking of the soul. He is speaking of faith. Of grace. Of the Holy Spirit. Of Baptism. When Jesus gently reveals her life — her broken relationships, her thirst for love — He does not condemn. He exposes in order to heal. He names in order to restore. He reveals in order to save. And something happens. She moves from curiosity... to recognition... to belief. She leaves behind her water jar — the symbol of her old thirst — and runs to proclaim: “Come see a man who told me everything I have done.” Her shame becomes mission. Her thirst becomes proclamation. Her encounter becomes evangelization.

**The Scrutinies — and Our Own Examination** - For our Elect, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, this Gospel is deeply personal. Through the waters of Baptism, they will receive living water. Through Confirmation, they will receive the Spirit who wells up within. Through the Eucharist, they will receive the very Heart of Christ. But this Gospel is not only for them. It is for us — the already baptized — who must ask: Have I allowed my faith to become routine? Have I returned to “Egypt” in my heart? Have I substituted other “gods” for the living God — money, comfort, reputation, pleasure? The Ten Commandments remind us that thirst is ordered correctly only when God is first.

- The First Commandment: Do I give God first place — or have I fashioned substitutes?
- The Second Commandment: Do I reverence His Holy Name — or use it carelessly?
- The Third Commandment: Do I keep holy the Lord’s Day — recognizing that Sunday is the “eighth day,” the day of Resurrection? Jesus did not say, “Play golf in memory of Me.” He said, “Do this in memory of Me.” The Eucharist is the well of living water. The Mass is where the desert blooms.

**The Sacred Heart — The Source of Our Thirst** - The woman at the well was ultimately seeking love — real love. The love of the Sacred Heart. The love that does not abandon. The love that does not exploit. The love that does not grow tired. Jesus knew her thirst better than she did. And He knows ours. Lent is the season where Christ sits beside the well of our lives and waits. He waits for conversation. He waits for honesty. He waits for surrender. He already knows everything about us. The question is: will we allow Him to love us there?

**Personal Reflection** • How have I experienced the Lord’s gift of life-giving faith? • Do I dialogue with Jesus daily — or only speak to Him when in crisis? • What “water jars” must I leave behind? • Have I shared my faith — or kept it private and contained? True faith cannot remain hidden. When we taste living water, we run to tell others.

As we accompany our Elect toward Easter, may we rediscover our own Baptism. May we soften our hearts. May we worship in Spirit and Truth. May we drink deeply. And may the living water of Christ — flowing from His pierced Sacred Heart — refresh our souls and make us proclaimers of His love.



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**Saturday, April 4  
Friendship Hall**

Doors open 6:00pm. \$25 packet includes  
15 regular games PLUS specials.  
Light refreshments will be served.

*You must be at least 18 to play.*

*For information, call Isabella at 484-241-1296.*

**A St. Monica Ministry Holy Hour of Petition and Hope**



will take place at St. Theresa's on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00pm. Presiding will be Rev. Christopher Zelonis, pastor of Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, Leighton. Please come join the St. Theresa parish community in praying for the return of those who have left the Church. Following the Holy Hour, a St. Monica Ministry meeting and book discussion will take place in the rectory meeting room. All are welcome!

**The Golden Sweepers Ministry**

The Golden Sweepers clean and care for God's house. Our humble efforts help to beautify the sacred spaces of our parish.

**We will meet Friday, March 13  
at 10:00am in the church.**

Refreshments will be served post-cleaning so that you can relax and enjoy the company of fellow Sweepers.

**Please join us!**

Call the rectory at 610-838-7045.



*Have you prayed your rosary today?*

**Devotional Candles, March 8- March 15**

**Sanctuary Candle**

Charlie Meyers  
*(offered by wife, Dolly)*

**St. Theresa Candle**

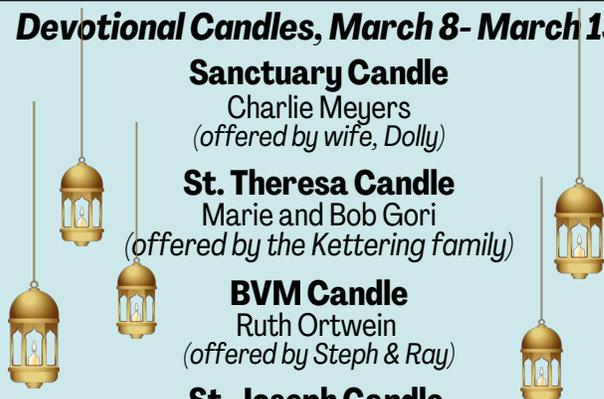
Marie and Bob Gori  
*(offered by the Kettering family)*

**BVM Candle**

Ruth Ortwein  
*(offered by Steph & Ray)*

**St. Joseph Candle**

Victor De Nino  
*(offered by daughter, Eleana Melega)*



**The 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.

*Have you been collecting the items listed on the Reverse Lent calendar?*

**Your donations make a difference!**

*If you or a family member needs pastoral care, the parish must be contacted directly. Please call the rectory at 610-838-7045. Your call allows us to care for you spiritually in times of illness and difficulty.*

**Would you like to join St. Theresa Parish ?**

*Our Family of Faith welcomes you!*

Please call 610-838-7045.

Do you have a blurb for the bulletin? Please email it to [bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com](mailto:bulletin.sttheresacj@gmail.com) ten days before the desired date of publication.

**St. Theresa Grief Support** offers educational support and emotional and spiritual healing. Each session includes prayer, information, and sharing in a confidential setting.

The Grief Support Group will meet on Tuesdays in the Parish Center. Dates are March 10, 17, and 24, and April 7 and 14.

*For more information, please contact Miriam Martin at 610-442-0947.*





 **The**   
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Vegetarian Chili Dinner**



## St. Theresa Memorial Enrollments



**Ellen and Alex**

*(enrolled by the Lentz family)*

**James Duffy**

*(enrolled by Don & Betty Musgnung)*

**George and Elizabeth Duffy**

*(enrolled by Don & Betty Musgnung)*

**Leslie and Julia Musgnung**

*(enrolled by Don & Betty Musgnung)*

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. To register, please call the rectory: 610-838-7045.



### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY IS APRIL 12, 2026**

**Did you know?** Pope Benedict XVI said Divine Mercy is the nucleus of the Gospel. The message of Divine Mercy is that God loves us, all of us no matter how great our sins are. God wants us to recognize that his mercy is greater than our sins. So that we can call upon him with trust, receive his mercy, and let it flow through us to others.

**Did you know?** Jesus promises a complete pardon that covers every sin and punishment to the person who properly celebrates the Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday), that person's soul will be made spotless as on their day of baptism.

**At all entrances of the church are blessed Divine Mercy Cards. Please help yourself!**

*It's the Ladies Guild annual  
**Easter Bake Sale**  
A St. Theresa's tradition*

Saturday, March 28, 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Sunday, March 29, 8:30am - 1:00pm

Friendship Hall

*Watch the bulletin for details.*



## **We Are Going Up to Jerusalem: Walking the Road That Changes Everything**

Lent is not simply a season on the calendar - it is a journey of the heart. Join the community at St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Parish for a powerful Lenten Day of Mercy featuring a dynamic reflection by the Very Rev. Gregory Noga of the Eparchy of Passaic. Father Noga will lead us in a stirring meditation on walking with Christ toward Jerusalem — toward surrender, sacrifice, and the saving love of the Cross.

Join the St. Theresa Parish community on

**Holy Tuesday, March 31**

*beginning with 8:00am Mass*

The day will include:

- Eucharistic Adoration
- Confessions throughout the day
- Lenten Reflection by Very Rev. Gregory Noga
- the Mystery of the Holy Anointing in the Byzantine tradition.

During this sacred time, we will rediscover how:

- Faith strengthens us to trust God when the road is steep.
- Hope opens our eyes to resurrection beyond suffering.
- Love fulfills the human heart through self-giving.

Come and sit before the Lord in Adoration.  
Come and receive His mercy in Confession.  
Come experience His healing through Anointing.

*The collection total for February 22 is \$7955.  
The collection total for March 1 will be published next week. Thank you for your generosity!*

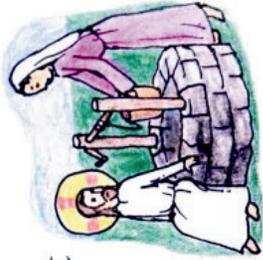
### **CYO Track & Field**

St. Theresa parish members in grades 2nd through 8<sup>th</sup> are invited to join **CYO Track & Field**. Events include running, jumping, and throwing. Practices start in mid-March. Meets are on Saturdays at Notre Dame High School, starting in early April and ending in mid-May. Please email Coach Tony Karwacki at **tgkarun@aol.com**

# Water...



In today's first reading, the Israelites in the desert are thirsty and ask Moses for water. So God tells him to strike a big rock with his staff and water comes out. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that He can give her living water so that she will never be thirsty.



Water is a symbol of life. In the first story the people in the desert would have died if they didn't get water. Now Jesus gives us His life, which is grace. We receive it especially in Holy Communion. This is the living water that He is talking about. Our souls need His grace to stay alive.

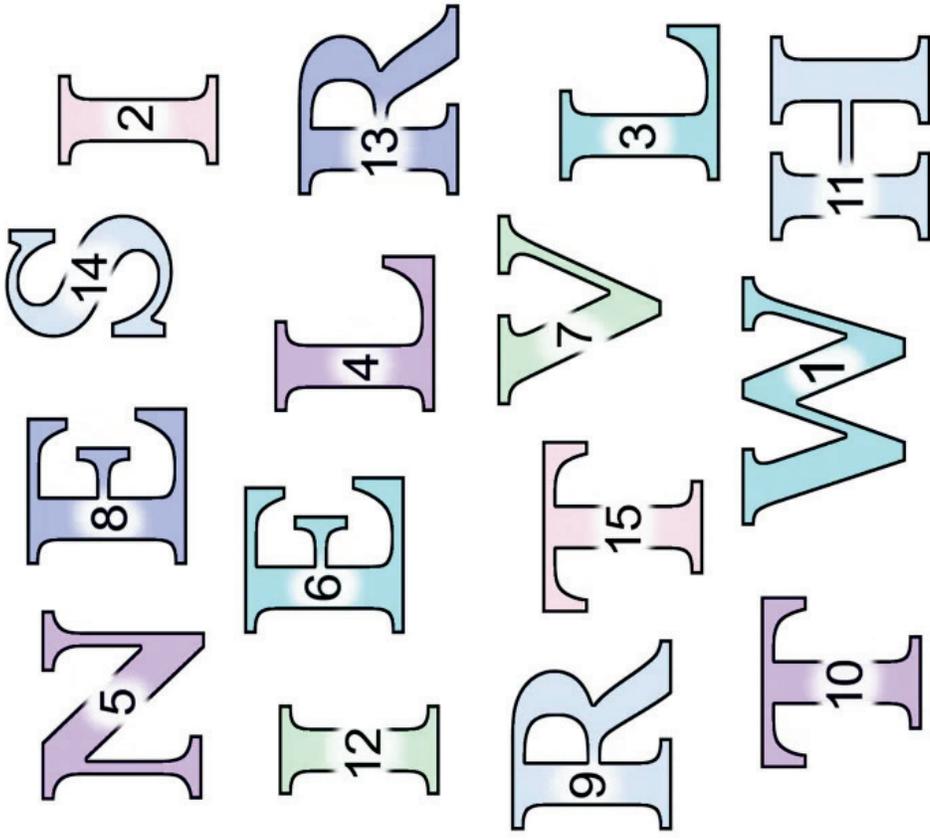
When you have a drink of water, think about how your body needs water to stay alive, and how your soul needs God's grace. Saying a prayer is kind of like giving your soul a little drink!



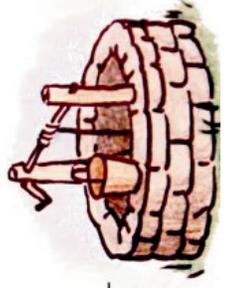
Answer to puzzle on front will never thirst  
'difficultly, might, courage, God, "Christ died!"  
'Spirit, given, still, time

# The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 8th, 2026



*Jesus says that if we drink  
His living water, we*



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Mrs. Dunlevy from St. Theresa Preschool shared a beautiful lesson on Baptism with our students.



The youth of our parish took part in special Lenten activities on the Second Sunday of Lent.



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If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please visit [www.ReportBishopAbuse.org](http://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](mailto: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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