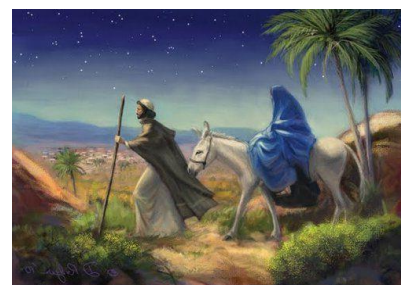




Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus
Roman Catholic Church
Hellertown, Pa.
Consecrated to
Our Lady of Fatima
and Mary, Mother of the Church



Parish Mission Statement – 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.

PASTOR: Father John A. Krivak, Ph.D., Ed.D.
PERMANENT DEACON: Deacon Gerald R. Schmidt
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR: Mrs. Dolores Fartel, M.Ed.
DIR. OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Ms. Anita Vincent, M.S., M.A.P.S.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday – 5:00 PM and Sunday – 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM

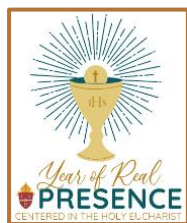
Mass Intentions for the deceased and for special intentions of the living can be requested through the Rectory Office (610-838-7045). The suggested offering for a requested Mass Intention is \$10.00.

Daily Masses: 8:00 AM – Tuesdays through Fridays
Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 PM
(No Friday Confessions or Adoration)

Saturday Confessions: 4:00 - 4:30 PM

NOTE: Confessions during the Pandemic will be heard in the Reconciliation Room with Social Distancing strictly being observed.

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DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

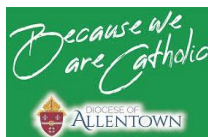
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209
Direct Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
1515 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538
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Email: prusso@allentowndiocese.org

CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

If you have an allegation of abuse against a bishop, please contact the Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service at ReportBishopAbuse.org or by calling 800-276-1562.

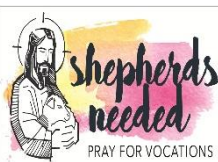


2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL

The *Because We are Catholic Annual Appeal* takes place as part of the *Holy Year of the Real Presence*. This Year is a special opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to Christ’s Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. Because we are Catholic, we rejoice in Christ’s presence through the gift of the Holy Eucharist. We also celebrate the presence of Christ in the assembly of people gathered for prayer and worship.

Because we are Catholic, we are called – in Faith, Hope, and Charity – to “Go in Peace glorifying the Lord by your life”.

For more information on the 2021 Appeal or to make a gift, please visit www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org.



Holy Hour for Vocations... Every First Friday through May 2022, there will be a Holy Hour for Vocations from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM at Holy Ghost Church at 417 Carlton Avenue, Bethlehem. Silence, scripture, meditations, and hymns will be part of the hour. In addition, all will pray the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus asking God to grow humble and holy Vocations in our Diocese of Allentown.

All are welcome to join us in prayer!



SAINT THERESA PRAYER LINE

If you would like to join us in praying for others’ intentions **OR** if you have a prayer intention, please contact Colleen Fitzgerald at colleenfitz0@gmail.com or call Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490. All prayer intentions are kept confidential.



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need help or know someone who does?

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Saint Theresa’s Church serves their Parish family as well as individuals living in the Hellertown/Lower Saucon Area. The Society provides food and financial assistance to those experiencing emergency situations. If you, or someone you know, needs assistance, please contact the Society at 610-509-5863.

Thank you to all who donate to our **FOOD BANK**. Baskets for the items are located at the side vestibules of the Church. Please check expiration dates before donating items

TO YOU, O LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL.



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Note: Group Meetings and / or Social Fundraising Gatherings may take place, but Diocesan Pandemic Guidelines must be followed: social distancing and masks for attendees who are not fully vaccinated for Covid-19, sanitization procedures before and after the meeting, etc. *(Please call the Rectory Office to make arrangements for Communion Calls).*

Sunday, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

- No meetings or events scheduled

Monday, November 29

- First Aid and CPR Evaluation, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Friendship Hall

Tuesday, November 30

- Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 1

- PREP Class, Level 1-6, 4:30-5:45 PM, School

Thursday, December 2

- PREP Class, Level 8, 6:30 – 7:45 PM, Church

Friday, December 3

- Sacred Heart Devotions, 7:30 AM, Church
- 8:00 AM Mass with Confessions immediately following

Saturday, December 4

- Recitation of the Rosary, 7:30 AM, Church
- 8:00 AM Mass with Confessions immediately following
- Confessions, 4:00-4:30 PM

Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

- PREP Mass, 9:30 AM

The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. and
The Women's Society of Giving

warmly invite you to
A Special Morning for Women
Peace, Joy... Advent

Rediscovering the peace and joy of Advent that so often gets lost in
Christmas to do lists.

Saturday, December 11, 2021

St. Mary's Church

14833 Kutztown Road, Kutztown, PA 19530

9:00-10:45 AM / Peace, Joy...Advent presented by Maggie Riggins

11:00 AM - Mass celebrated by Bishop Schlert

Kindly respond by emailing stewardship@allentowndiocese.org,
or by calling the Office of Stewardship and Development
(800) 831-4443 by December 8th.



SAINT THERESA PRESCHOOL

is now taking **registrations** for Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4 Students for the **2021-2022 School Year**.

Call 610-838-8161 Monday through Friday
between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM

or Email secretary@sttheresaotcj.org.

Our 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 Pennsylvania Education Standards to ensure that we meet the needs of all Pre-K students.



SAVEAROUND

for Saint Theresa Preschool

Saint Theresa Preschool is sponsoring a "SaveAround" campaign to raise funds for our STEM supplies. SaveAround is a coupon book that provides hundreds of unique discounts and offers. Users of this book quickly discover that it pays for itself after 2-3 uses. The cost of one book is \$25 and will be sold until December 1. We earn 50% profit on every book sold! They also make great Christmas gifts!

If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book, contact Jennifer at the School (610-838-8161) or email secretary@sttheresaotcj.net.



SAINT THERESA PRESCHOOL SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS

Saint Theresa Preschool is in need of substitute teachers, teachers' aides, and extended care monitors.

Please call 610-838-8161 or email secretary@sttheresaotcj.org for more information. Thank you.



"LITTLE BLUE BOOKS"

Six-Minute Daily Reflections for Advent and Christmas

Copies of this Advent and Christmas Spiritual Companion Book are available at the entrances of the Church. Parishioners can use this book to take "six minutes" each day to welcome Jesus more fully into their hearts. It is a pocket size book so you can carry it with you anywhere. If you let Jesus speak to you through these words, you'll be surprised by what He has to say. The reflections begin today, November 28th.



Please call the Parish Secretary, Mrs. Marla Santodonato, at 610-838-7045 to register. If your phone number or address has changed, please check with the secretary as well so she can update your records.



SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Vigil Mass – Tuesday, December 7th - 5:00 PM

Holy Day Masses – Wednesday, December 8th
8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM

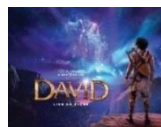
Note: The Immaculate Conception is the Catholic doctrine which says that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was conceived in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne, without original sin. ... The Immaculate Conception does not mean the conception of Jesus in the womb of his mother Mary.

BUS TRIP – "DAVID" / Wednesday, April 6, 2022 SIGHT AND SOUND THEATRE, LANCASTER

Saint Theresa Seniors, Parishioners,
and Parish Friends.

Dinner (Hershey Farms) – Show – Bus / \$119

Contact Nancy Mosko at 610-360-3738 for reservations.



NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



MS. ANITA VINCENT / Director
Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Parents who desire the Sacrament of Baptism for their child(ren) must attend a Baptism preparation session. Baptism preparation will be offered on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 PM. December 6, January 10, February 7, March 7, April 4, and May 2.

Note: You must sign up for a session at least two weeks prior to the date of the offered session.

Please call Marla Santodonato at the Parish office to register for Baptism.

PREP CLASSES: Religious Education starts in 1st Grade.

For Sacrament Classes, students need to have two years religious education prior to the Sacrament in order to properly prepare. New and Re-registration forms for the 2021-2022 school year can be found on the parish website. For additional information, please call Anita Vincent at 610-838-1020 or email prep.sttheresacj@gmail.com



POINSETTIA, CHRISTMAS WREATH AND CEMETERY ARRANGEMENTS

Pickup in Friendship Hall on December 11 from 10:00 – 12:00 PM. Make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council #14990. Thank you for your support.



SCRIP GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE

Scrip gift cards are the **same gift cards** you can purchase from the retailer only that Saint Theresa Parish and Preschool receive a percentage. Choose from Giant, Valley Farm, Wegmans,

ShopRite, Dunkin', Starbucks, Wawa, Target, Amazon, Walmart, etc. Call Rectory Office at 610-838-7045.



MONTHLY 50 / 50 RAFFLE

\$1 per Chance / Winner Every Month

You can participate in the Raffle by using an envelope marked **"Monthly 50/50"**

OR through online giving. You get a

"ticket" for every dollar you put in the envelope!

Maybe you can be our lucky November winner!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "WASH & ROLL" CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

UniMart Exxon / 3655 Route 378, Bethlehem
Charitable support to the Parish and Community
Enter fundraiser code at the car wash pay station and get \$1.00 off any package, while earning \$3.00 per wash for the **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**.

Valid only at location listed above during the month of November. The Code number is **18018 printed on the blue card at the entrances of the Church.

"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!"

-----Pope Francis



LADIES' GUILD NUT ROLL AND BAKE SALE ARE BACK DECEMBER 18 AND 19

The Ladies' Guild is currently taking orders for nut rolls for the **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY!**

If you missed the Thanksgiving order, you can have your second chance now!

Choices: Apple, Apricot, Coconut, Lekvar (Prune), Poppy Seed, Pumpkin, Raspberry, Walnut. Cost per roll: \$16.00.

Call Linda (610-838-6102) or Cindy (610-838-8330). To guarantee our discount we must have an order of 100 by December 3.

RAFFLE NOTE: We will have a small raffle, however, the prizes and prices of the tickets have not yet been determined. Check next week's bulletin for details.



The **Ladies' Guild** would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's Autumnfest 2021 making it a great success and a "talked about" event. The baskets were lovely, attendance was great and they know they couldn't do it without you, the Parishioners!

The winners of the top prizes are:

RING DOORBELL – SUSAN FREEH

LOTTERY TREE – LAURIE ANDREAS

MICHAEL KORS LUGGAGE – DONNA RUSSO

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COOLER – BETTY SHERER

Congratulations to the Theme Basket winners.

We hope you are enjoying your prize!



THE HELLERTOWN LIONS CLUB

The Hellertown Lions Club has again scheduled their sixth annual Holiday Dinner to be conducted on December 12th. The Lions are inviting all Saucon Valley Area Seniors to participate in this free event.

Because of Covid, they will be preparing takeout dinners again this year. The dinners will be packed at Heintzelman's Carriage House and providing a curbside pickup at the facility starting at 2:30 PM on December 12th.

If you are interested in obtaining a Holiday Dinner, there is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Vestibule. The deadline to sign up for it is December 3rd.



PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

ON-LINE WORKSHOP - Any adult volunteers who work with children and youth on behalf of our Diocese, Parishes, and Schools including all supervisors and directors of programs / clubs / activities for children and youth are **REQUIRED** to complete this Workshop.

Monday, December 13, 2021 / 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

You must have a computer, Internet, free Zoom program and email access. Limited to 30 attendees.

Register at: virtusonline.org/virtus/reglist.cfm?theme=0.



I.H.M. COMPANIONS

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 14, at 3:30 – 5:00 PM in the Convent.

Our theme for the year:

Types of Prayer and Fruits of the Holy Spirit

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28 – DECEMBER 5



Sunday, November 28 – First Sunday of Advent

- **5:00 PM (Sat.)** Eugene & Steve Guenot (Michelle Guenot)
- **8:00** People of the Parish
- **9:30** Mary Fischer (Family)
- **11:00** Antoinette & Dominic LaTassa (Joe LaTassa)

Monday, November 29 – Advent Weekday

8:00 No Mass

Tuesday, November 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:00 Margaret Falatek (Estate)

Wednesday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

- **8:00** Walter Rasich (Andy & Sandy Rasich)

Thursday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

- **8:00** Ron Minotti (Wife Charlene & Family)

Friday, December 3 – First Friday (Saint Francis Xavier, Priest)

- **8:00** Little Flower Society

Saturday, December 4 – First Saturday (Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church)

- **8:00** Anna Csaszar (Vendal Csaszar)

Sunday, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

- **5:00 PM (Sat.)** People of the Parish
- **8:00** Memorial Fund
- **9:30** Dorothy Hudock
- **11:00** James Straka (Heidi Kelly)

2021 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM**

VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 28, 2021



The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week for **Irene Falatek** given by Anita and Ed Michaylira.

The **Saint Theresa Candle** burns this week for **Richard Schneider** given by Mary Parrish, Ann Shankar and the Henderson Family.

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** burns this week for **William Bristow** given by Mary Parrish, Ann Shankar and the Henderson Family.



THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you unbaptized or do you belong to another denomination/religion and are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith? This is the time to explore and develop your faith enough so you can make an informed *initial* decision about entering the Catholic Church.

For additional information, please call Ms. Anita Vincent at 610-838-1020 or email prep.sttheresacj@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays of Advent 6:30-7:30 PM

PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

No Penance Service

CONFESSIONS

(In addition to our regularly scheduled Confessions, please take note of these added times for the Advent Season).

Thursday, December 16, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, December 21, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Saturdays of Advent, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

December 4, December 11, and December 18

No Confessions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 24 - 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

Christmas Concert – 8:00 PM

No Midnight Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY

Saturday, December 25 - 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

No 8:00 AM

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of Families after Masses

Sunday, December 26 - 8:00 AM, 9:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

NEW YEAR'S EVE - Friday, December 31, 2021 - 5:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Saturday, January 1, 2022 - 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM

NO 8:00 AM

***Dates and times are subject to change due to COVID restrictions.*

Please check the website for updates.

www.sttheresaotcj.org.

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR SCHEDULE / DECEMBER 4 & 5

	ALTAR SERVER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
SATURDAY 5:00 PM	VOLUNTEER	ZACHARY NEFF	CAROL KRAKOWSKY
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	TOM CALLIHAN	CHRIS ROTH
9:30 AM	VOLUNTEER	JOE KAZAN	PAULA OLEXA
11:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	DAVID SMITH	DAVID SMITH

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the contributions for the weekend of November 20-21 will be posted in the December 5th issue.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

November 28 (1 Collection)School and PREP Support