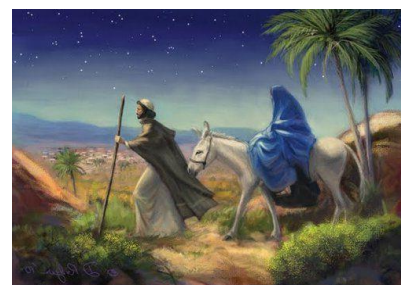




**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus  
Roman Catholic Church  
Hellertown, Pa.  
Consecrated to  
Our Lady of Fatima  
and Mary, Mother of the Church**



**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

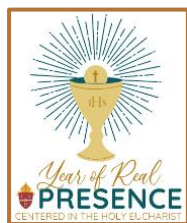
**Mass Intentions** for the deceased and for special intentions of the living can be requested through the Rectory Office (610-838-7045). The suggested offering for a requested Mass Intention is \$10.00.

**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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**PHONE:** 610-838-7045  
**FAX:** 610-838-0932  
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**WEB SITE:** www.sttheresaotcj.org  
**PRESCHOOL:** 610-838-8161  
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**DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

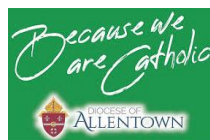
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209  
Direct Email: [victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS  
1515 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive  
PO Box F, Allentown, PA 18105-1538  
Phone: 610-871-5200, ext. 2204 Fax: 610-871-5211  
Email: [prusso@allentowndiocese.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 [colleenfz0@gmail.com](mailto:colleenfz0@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



## DECEMBER 5, 2021 – SECOND 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, December 5 – Second Sunday of Advent

- PREP Mass, 9:30 AM

#### Monday, December 6

- Baptism Prep Class, 7:00 PM, Convent
- Knights of Columbus, 7:00 PM, Friendship Hall

#### Tuesday, December 7

- Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

#### Wednesday, December 8

- Saucon Valley Manor Mass, 9:30 AM, Main Building
- PREP Class, Level 1-6, 4:30-5:45 PM, School
- Catechists Meeting, 6:00-7:00 PM, Friendship Hall

#### Thursday, December 9

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

#### Friday, December 10

- No meetings or events scheduled

#### Saturday, December 11

- Baptism, 11:00 AM
- Confessions, 4:00-4:30 PM

#### Sunday, December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

- Seniors' Christmas Party, 2:00 PM, Friendship Hall

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](mailto:stewardship@allentowndiocese.org),  
or by calling the Office of Stewardship and Development  
(800) 831-4443 by December 8<sup>th</sup>.



### "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.



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.



### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:prep.sttheresacj@gmail.com)



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

**Vigil Mass** – Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM

**Holy Day Masses** – Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>  
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.



### 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.

## DECEMBER 5, 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**SAINT FRANCIS CENTER FOR RENEWAL**  
 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem, 18017  
**GROWING IN WISDOM, AGE & GRACE:**  
**A SERIES FOR THE SEASONS OF OUR LIVES**  
**Thursday, January 20, 2022 – 10:00 to 11:30 AM**

How do we face the challenges life provides and grow from them as we grow older? How do we live with the physical diminishment so natural in the aging process? Where are the joys of ageing we hear about? These and other questions of our human development will be in *Growing in Wisdom, Age & Grace: A Series for the Seasons of Our Lives*, an ongoing contemplative exploration of a "third cycle of life."

This series will be conducted entirely online through Zoom. You may attend any or all sessions. Participation in previous sessions is not necessary.

**Facilitator:** Patricia Herbst

**Suggested Registration Offering:** \$20 per person per session



### OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

An especially popular custom on Christmas Eve is the sharing of "Oplatek" or the Christmas Wafer, also known as Angel Bread. Oplatek is a flat piece of unleavened wheat bread embossed with a Christmas scene. The sharing of Oplatek

is a sign of unity and solidarity. Family and friends gather around the dinner table before the Christmas Eve meal, say a prayer of blessing, and break off pieces of the Oplatek and share it with one another. During the exchange, wishes for God's blessings in the coming year are expressed. Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) are available in the main vestibule of the Church and also during the Ladies' Guild Bake Sale and Mini Raffle, December 18 and 19.

**\$2.00 donation per packet / \$5.00 donation for 3 packets**  
*(Each packet contains 3 Oplatki)*

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### LADIES' GUILD NUT ROLL AND BAKE SALE IS 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). The second deadline for ordering nut rolls is December 10.

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### THE PRIZES OF THE MINI RAFFLE ARE:

1. Coach, Pebble Leather Crossbody / Pink Petal  
Retail Value: \$323 / Sponsored by Patricia Russo
2. Kate Spade, Leather Satchel, Cherrywood  
Retail Value: \$329 / Sponsored by Barbara Brett, Carol Fritch
3. Michael Kors, Leather Carry All Tote / Pearl Grey  
Retail Value: \$298 / Sponsored by Janice McKellin,  
Mary Neher, and Denise Streitman
4. Saucon Valley Spirit Basket
5. Gift Card Wreath / Value: \$200+

**Tickets: 1 Sheet (25) - \$15, 2 Sheets (50) - \$20**

**Call Isabella ahead of time to make it easier for you!**  
**484-241-1296**



### THE "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

**Dec. 17:** "O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come and show your people the way to salvation."

**Dec. 18:** "O sacred Lord of ancient Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush, who gave him the

holy law on Sinai mountain: come, stretch out your mighty hand to set us free."

**Dec. 19:** "O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you. Come, let nothing keep you from coming to our aid."

**Dec. 20:** "O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel controlling at your will the gate of heaven: come, break down the prison walls of death for those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death; and lead your captive people into freedom."

**Dec. 21:** "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death."

**Dec. 22:** "O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come, and save the creature you fashioned from the dust."

**Dec. 23:** "O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God."

### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - DECEMBER 7

	ALTAR SERVER(S)	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
<b>TUESDAY</b> 5:00 PM	VOLUNTEER	DENISE STREITMAN	DENISE STREITMAN

### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - DECEMBER 8

	ALTAR SERVER(S)	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 8:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	ISABELLA LATASSA	DENISE GOODRICH
<b>7:00 PM</b>	VOLUNTEER	MIRIAM MARTIN	MIRIAM MARTIN

### MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR - DECEMBER 11 & 12

	ALTAR SERVER(S)	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
<b>SATURDAY</b> 5:00 PM	VOLUNTEER	MIRIAM MARTIN	MIRIAM MARTIN
<b>SUNDAY</b> 8:00 AM	ISAAC & SAMUEL SMITH	ISABELLA LATASSA	CURT FITZGERALD
<b>9:30 AM</b>	VOLUNTEER	JOE KAZAN	JEREMY LEIDICH
<b>11:00 AM</b>	VOLUNTEER	LINDA DULL	FRAN VASKO

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**Sunday Collection for 11/21/21.....\$6,978**

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE

December 5 (1 Collection).....Sunday  
 December 8 (1 Collection).....Immaculate Conception  
 December 12 (2 Collections).....Sunday and  
 Retirement Fund for Religious  
 December 19 (1 Collection).....Sunday  
 December 25 (1 Collection).....Christmas

# DECEMBER 5, 2021 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5 – DECEMBER 12

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)



Monday, December 6 – Advent Weekday (Saint Nicholas, Bishop)

- 8:00 Jack Militech (David, Carmen, Nicholas & Natalia Michaylira)

Tuesday, December 7 – Saint Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 **No Mass**
- 5:00 PM Yohana & Yessica Hidalgo (Ana Hidalgo)

Wednesday, December 8 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:00 People of the Parish
- 7:00 PM Phyllis Amelio (Friends & Neighbors)

Thursday, December 9 – Advent Weekday  
(Saint Juan Cuauhtlatotzin)

- 8:00 Donald Hartman (Holy Name Society)

Friday, December 10 – Advent Weekday

- 8:00 Marie Velez (Steph & Ray)

Saturday, December 11 – Advent Weekday (Saint Damasus I, Pope)

- 8:00 **No Mass**

Sunday, December 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 PM (Sat.) Francis & Margaret Thompson (Family)
- 8:00 Mary A. Smith (Sister Bernard Agnes)
- 9:30 People of the Parish
- 11:00 Stanley Glosan (Wife, Angela Rose)

### 2021 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

### LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY ENROLLMENT

*Crystal Standiford given by Lou and Marla Santodonato*

### VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 5, 2021



The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week for **Marie Velez** given by Steph and Ray.

The **Saint Theresa Candle** burns this week for a **Special Intention** given by Janice McKellin.

The **Blessed Virgin Candle** burns this week for a **Special Intention** given by Jim Altimare.



**THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US;  
WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.**

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

### EUCCHARISTIC 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](http://www.sttheresaotcj.org)



### 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.



### 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!