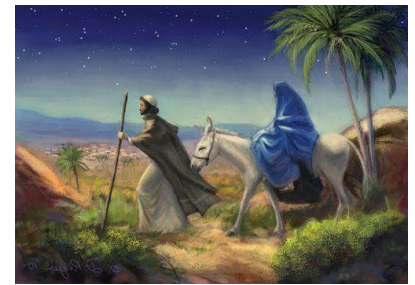




**Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus
Roman Catholic Church
Hellertown, Pa.
Consecrated to
Our Lady of Fatima
and Mary, Mother of the Church**



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

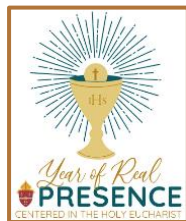
Mass Intentions for the deceased and for special intentions of the living can be requested through the Rectory Office (610-838-7045). The suggested offering for a requested Mass Intention is \$10.00.

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

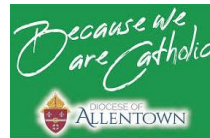
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
Direct Telephone Number: 1-800-791-9209
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Pamela J. Russo, MSW, MS
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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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 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 12, 2021 – THIRD 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 12 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 13

- No meetings or events

Tuesday, December 14

- I.H.M. Companions, Convent, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 15

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

Thursday, December 16

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

Friday, December 17

- No meetings or events scheduled

Saturday, December 18

- SLAM, School Classroom
- Choir Practice, 9:00 AM
- Confessions, 3:30-4:30 PM
- Ladies' Guild Bake Sale and Raffle, drop-off, 9:00 – 11:00 AM
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM, Friendship Hall

Sunday, December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- Ladies' Guild Bake Sale and Raffle, 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM, Friendship Hall, drop-off no later than 8:00 AM



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.

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.

HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS!

We are in need of volunteers, especially young adults, to help decorate the Church for the Christmas Season on **Monday, December 20th** beginning at 6:30 PM. For more information or questions call the Rectory Office (610-838-7045).



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, 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



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

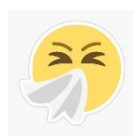


OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

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**



HEALTH REMINDER FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

With increased attendance due to the upcoming holidays, please do not attend Mass if you are feeling sick.

DECEMBER 12, 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



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

If you have forgotten to order rolls, there will be some extra at the bake sale!

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

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

----- CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS -----

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Drop off your baked goods Saturday, December 18, 9:00-11:00 AM or 4:00-6:00 PM; Sunday, December 19, no later than 8:00 AM, Friendship Hall.



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."



Sunday, January 9, 2022 LADIES' GUILD SOUP SALE Friendship Hall

The Ladies' Guild is blasting off the New Year with its annual **FROZEN SOUP SALE** after all Masses on Sunday only!

The choices of soups are: Chicken Rice, Chicken Vegetable, Broccoli Cheddar, Tortellini, Sausage & Black Bean, Vegetable Beef, New England Clam Chowder, Navy Bean, Potato Soup, Stuffed Pepper. Cost per quart: \$10.00

Along with the soup there will be **FREE** coffee, donuts, and assorted breakfast cakes. You can't beat that! Join us as we celebrate the New Year with family and fellow parishioners.



RECTORY HOURS FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

So that our Rectory staff can enjoy Christmas and New Year with their families, the Rectory Office will be open **ONLY ON THESE DAYS:** December 20, 21, 28, and 29. The Office will reopen January 4.



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 **December** winner!

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – DECEMBER 18 & 19

	ALTAR SERVER(S)	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
SATURDAY 5:00 PM	VOLUNTEER	JOAN DORNBLASER	COLLEEN WEISS
SUNDAY 8:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	TOM CALLIHAN	CHRIS ROTH
9:30 AM	ISAAC & SAMUEL SMITH	JEREMY LEIDICH	JEREMY LEIDICH
11:00 AM	ISABELLA CAVATAIO	DONNA OPSATNICK	PEGGY VIETRO

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection for 11/28/21.....\$5,942
Sunday Collection for 12/05/21..... \$9,335

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

December 12 (2 Collections).....Sunday and Retirement Fund for Religious
December 19 (1 Collection).....Sunday
December 25 (1 Collection)Christmas
December 26 (1 Collection).....Sunday and Preschool / PREP Support

DECEMBER 12, 2021 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12 – DECEMBER 19

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)



3rd SUNDAY of Advent

Monday, December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr

- 8:00 No Mass

Tuesday, December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- 8:00 Joaquim T. DaSilva (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

- 8:00 Steven Kaulfuss
(USCG Auxiliary Landsdale Flotilla 053-21-03)

Thursday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

8:00 Armindo Pereira (Wife Congetta & Family)

Friday, December 17 – Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 Herman Standiford (Lou & Marla Santodonato)

Saturday, December 18 – Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 No Mass

Sunday, December 19 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 5:00 PM (Sat.) People of the Parish
- 8:00 John Purnell (Dick Pastir)
- 9:30 Bernard Kametz (Family)
- 11:00 Tommaso Cavataio (Russo Family)

2021 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

LITTLE FLOWER SOCIETY ENROLLMENT

Louis John Sabler given by Curt and Colleen Fitzgerald

MEMORIAL FUND ENROLLMENTS

Richard Staffieri given by Diane Knoble

Irene Falatek given by the Fartel Family

Sister Lorraine Holzman, I.H.M. given by the Fartel Family

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given by Deacon Gerald and Linda Schmidt

Alice Freeh given by the Patrick Glovas Family

Alice Freeh given by the Reger Family



The members of the IHM Companions will gather on Tuesday, December 14, at 3:30 p.m. in the Convent. We will have an Advent prayer service followed by The Courts of the King tradition.



VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12, 2021

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week for
Bernard Kametz given by Family.

The **Saint Theresa Candle** burns this week
for **Bob and Marie Gori** given by Family.

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

CRY OUT WITH JOY AND GLADNESS; FOR AMONG YOU IS THE GREAT AND HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL.