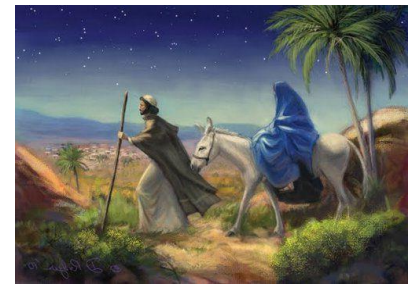




Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Roman Catholic Church Hellertown, Pa. Consecrated to Our Lady of Fatima and Mary, Mother of the Church



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

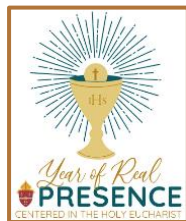
Mass Intentions for the deceased and for special intentions of the living can be requested through the Rectory Office (610-838-7045). The suggested offering for a requested Mass Intention is \$10.00.

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

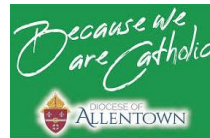
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
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CATHOLIC BISHOP ABUSE REPORTING SERVICE

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 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



DECEMBER 19, 2021 – FOURTH 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 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

Monday, December 20

- Decorating the Church, 6:30 PM
- Boy Scouts, 7:00 PM, Friendship Hall

Tuesday, December 21

- Tidy for the Almighty, 5:00 PM
- Choir Practice, 6:30 PM

Wednesday, December 22

- Saucon Valley Manor Mass, 9:30 AM, Buildings 2 & 3

Thursday, December 23

- No meetings or events scheduled

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

- No meetings or events scheduled

Saturday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- No meetings or events scheduled

Sunday, December 26 (The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph)

- No meetings or events scheduled



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 **2022-2023 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.

LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU; LET US SEE YOUR FACE AND WE SHALL BE SAVED.

THE FINANCIAL COUNCIL OF SAINT THERESA'S PARISH

Tom Callihan, Earl Hill, Christopher Roth, Gil Stauffer, Frank Zajacek

Any parishioner who has questions or concerns for a member of the Finance Council, please call the Rectory (610-838-7045).



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).

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays of Advent 6:30-7:30 PM

CONFESSIONS

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

Tuesday, December 21, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Thursday, December 23, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

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

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.



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.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 / 9:00 AM – 12:00 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.

DECEMBER 19, 2021 – FOURTH 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, 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. For additional information, please call Anita Vincent at 610-838-1020 or email prep.sttheresacj@gmail.com

Please note: Next week will be the last time the students meet before Christmas. Classes resume January 5/6. PREP MASS- January 9th.



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



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.



THE "O" ANTIPHONS OF ADVENT

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."



THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 26

Pope Leo XIII instituted this feast in 1892 to remind families of the sacredness of the family and to provide families with a model for family life. Joseph exhibited great trust in God and demonstrated intense devotion and love in caring for Mary and Jesus, protecting them from harm. Mary showed tremendous faith in God and trusted in God's love for her. As wife, she helped Joseph in his quest for holiness. As a mother, she cared for Jesus with great love and tenderness. Both Mary and Joseph created the environment which allowed Jesus to grow in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. Jesus, for His part, was obedient to Mary and Joseph and obviously loved them both very much. Sacrificial love for others is the most significant attribute of the Holy Family: a love that allows all in the family to flourish in their quest for holiness.



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. Regular office will resume on January 4th.



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!

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19 – DECEMBER 26

Sunday, December 19 –

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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



Monday, December 20 – Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 **No Mass**

Tuesday, December 21 – Late Advent Weekday

(Saint Peter Canisius, Priest, Doctor of the Church)

- 8:00 Susan Masino (Carolyn Shomper)

Wednesday, December 22 – Late Advent Weekday

- 8:00 Patricia Jean Uliny (Niece)

Thursday, December 23 – Late Advent Weekday

(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)

- 8:00 Vincent Bruno (Lou & Marla Santodonato)

Friday, December 24 – Late Advent Weekday

- **No 8:00 AM Mass**

- 5:00 PM Sister Miriam Dennis Sculley, I.H.M. (Jebitsch Family)

- 7:00 PM Phyllis Amelio (Neighbors)

- 9:00 PM John & Helen Roseman (Charles & Rita Bartolet)

Saturday, December 25 – The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00 Joseph Kach (Family)

- 11:00 People of the Parish

Sunday, December 26 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

- 8:00 Joseph Horvath (Sister, Angela Rose)

- 9:30 Edward & Helen Wodzicki (Gary & Sally Strawn)

- 11:00 Joseph & Catherine Prazko (Tom & Joanna Long)

VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021



The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week in honor of Our Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament for **Mary Stackewich** given by Family.

The **Saint Theresa Candle** burns this week for **Geraldine Pastir** given by Husband, Richard.

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** burns this week for **Abbey Soltysiak** given by Gene and Barbara Brett.

HEALTH REMINDER FOR THE HOLIDAYS.



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



2021 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

- **Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 PM**



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 at the Rectory.

\$2.00 donation per packet / \$5.00 donation for 3 packets

Each packet contains 3 Oplatki

MINISTERS OF THE ALTAR – DECEMBER 24, 25 & 26

	ALTAR SERVER(S)	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE			
5:00 PM	ROSETTA SHUPE	MARIA JONES	DENISE GOODRICH DENISE STREITMAN
7:00 PM	SMITH FAMILY	MIRIAM MARTIN	MIRIAM MARTIN
9:00 PM	EMILY PEPE	DAVID SMITH	DAVID SMITH
DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY			
9:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	LISA ALBITZ	LISA ALBITZ
11:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	DONNA OPSATNICK	JOAN DORNBLASER
DECEMBER 26 - SUNDAY			
8:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	ISABELLA LATASSA	DENISE GOODRICH
9:30 AM	MATTHEW YUSELLA	JOAN DORNBLASER	JOAN DORNBLASER
11:00 AM	VOLUNTEER	DAVID SMITH	DAVID SMITH

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the contributions for the weekend of 12/12 will be posted in the 12/26 issue.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE

December 19 (1 Collection).....	Sunday
December 25 (1 Collection)	Christmas
December 26 (1 Collection).....	Sunday and Preschool / PREP Support
January 1 (1 Collection).....	Mary, Holy Mother of God
January 2 (1 Collection).....	Sunday