



**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.

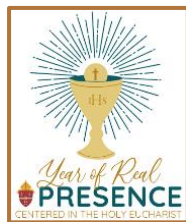
**MASS SCHEDULE:**  
Saturday – 5:00 PM and Sunday – 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM  
**Mass Intentions** for the deceased and for special intentions of the living can be requested through the Rectory Office (610-838-7045). The suggested offering for a requested Mass Intention is \$10.00.

**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**

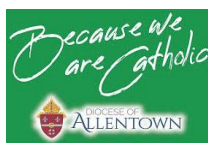
Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC  
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**DIOCESAN SAFE ENVIRONMENT COORDINATOR**

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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](http://www.BecauseWeAreCatholic.org).

# DECEMBER 26, 2021 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



**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 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](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.



## 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](mailto:colleenfitz0@gmail.com) or call Fred Giordano at 610-838-6490. All prayer intentions are kept confidential.

## 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).



## 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

## 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 MASS**

## 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](http://virtusonline.org/virtus/reglist.cfm?theme=0).



**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 26 through Sunday, January 2**

- 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.



**The HNS has a Mass for its members on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 AM.** The next Mass will be on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. The Society is in need of members to help them with ideas for fundraisers and events. If you are interested in joining, call Tom Wiley (610-838-0328).

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

## DECEMBER 26, 2021 – THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH



### 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 aging 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 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.

**“HOW CAN I FEAR A GOD WHO IS NOTHING BUT  
MERCY AND LOVE?”**

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*Saint Therese of Lisieux*



#### RECTORY HOURS FOR THE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

So that our Rectory staff can enjoy New Year with their families, the Rectory Office will be open **ONLY ON THESE DAYS:**

December 28, and 29. Regular office will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>.



#### 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! Our lucky winner for the November raffle is **Pat Russo - \$58.50** Maybe you can be our lucky **December** winner!



#### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O Holy Spirit, Spirit of Wisdom and Divine Love, impart your knowledge, understanding, and counsel to youth that they may know the vocation wherein they can best serve God.

Give them courage and strength to follow

God's Holy Will. Guide their uncertain steps, strengthen their resolutions, shield their chastity, fashion their minds, conquer their hearts, and lead them to the vineyards where they will labor in God's holy service. Amen.



The Faith Community of St. Theresa's welcomes its newest members through the **Sacrament of Baptism:**

**BROOKS WILLIAM LYNCH**  
**LOUIS JOHN SABLER**

Congratulations to the Parents and Godparents on this happy occasion.



We ask Saint Theresa's women Parishioners, old, new and those considering to be a member to join the rest of the loyal group on **Tuesday,**

**January 4, 6:30 PM in Friendship Hall.** We will discuss future plans and end the meeting with some coffee and dessert. Join us!



#### I.H.M. COMPANIONS

**NO GATHERING IN JANUARY OR  
FEBRUARY due to weather concerns.**

The next Meeting will be held in Saint Theresa Convent on Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

Arrival at 3:30 PM, opening prayer, 3:45 PM, closing prayer 5:00 PM.  
**Our theme for the year: Types of Prayer and Fruits of the Holy Spirit.**

**BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO FEAR THE LORD,  
AND WALK IN HIS WAYS.**

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26 – JANUARY 2

### 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)



### Monday, December 27 – Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:00 **No Mass**

### Tuesday, December 28 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 8:00 **No Mass**

### Wednesday, December 29 – Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr)

- 8:00 Salvation of the Cecilia Christman Family

### Thursday, December 30 – Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

- 8:00 Elizabeth Raub (Mother, Salli)

### Friday, December 31 – Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord (Saint Sylvester I, Pope)

- 8:00 **No Mass**
- 5:00 PM Vigil Margaret Daltwas (Sister Marlene)

### Saturday, January 1 – The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 9:30 Agnes Trily (Health & Welfare, Susan Lazansky)
- 11:00 People of the Parish
- 5:00 PM **No Mass**

### Sunday, January 2 – The Epiphany of the Lord

- 8:00 Memorial Fund
- 9:30 Andrew Mosko (Wife Nancy & Family)
- 11:00 People of the Parish

## VOTIVE CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

The **Sanctuary Candle** burns this week in honor of Our Lord's Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament for *Jose Velez given by Steph and Ray.*

The **Saint Theresa Candle** burns this week for *Alice Freeh given by Deacon Maurice and Judy Kelly.*

The **Blessed Virgin Mary Candle** burns this week for *Richard Staffieri given by Mary and Dalton Lorah.*

### SAINT THERESA MEMORIAL FUND

*Rollin Stralo given by John and Judy Davco*

**2021 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament  
Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30PM



## OPLATEK – THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

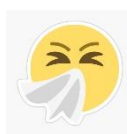
An especially popular custom on Christmas Eve is the sharing of

“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***

	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER
<b>NEW YEAR'S EVE – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2021</b>		
5:00 PM	Denise Streitman	Denise Streitman
<b>NEW YEAR'S DAY – SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 2022</b>		
9:30	Linda Dull	Priscilla Dole
11:00	Maria Jones	David Smith
<b>THERE IS NO 5:00 PM MASS ON SATURDAY, NEW YEAR'S DAY</b> *****		
<b>SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022</b>		
8:00	Lisa Albitz	Lisa Albitz
9:30	Maria Jones	Paula Olexa
11:00	Joan Dornblaser	Priscilla Dole



## HEALTH REMINDER FOR ATTENDING MASS

For the health and safety of your fellow parishioners, please do not attend Mass if you are feeling sick.

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Sunday Collection for 12-12-21.....\$9,041

### COLLECTION SCHEDULE

**December 26** (1 Collection).....Sunday and  
Preschool / PREP Support

**January 1** (1 Collection).....Mary, Holy Mother of God

**January 2** (1 Collection).....Sunday

*\*Due to the early transmission of this bulletin, the contributions for the weekend of December 18 and 19 will be posted in the next issue.*

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## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD / JANUARY 2, 2022

1) **FIRST READING** - Isaiah 60:1-6

**PSALM** - 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

2) **SECOND READING** - Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 2:1-12