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The Parish of St. Theresa Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey



The Parish of St. Theresa 450 Radio Road Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087

#### **Parish Office Business Hours**

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon & 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Closed for Lunch between 12 Noon & 1:00 PM

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#### **DAILY PRAYER**

The Main Church and the Daily Chapel are open for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7:30 am - 6:00 pm.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday - Friday:** 8:00 am (*Main Church*)

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

**Sunday:** 7:30 am, 9:00 am & 11:30 am

#### **Holy Days of Obligation**

Vigil Mass: 7:00 pm

Holy Day Mass: 8:00 am & 12:15 pm

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:45 PM

And by appointment

WELCOME We welcome you to join us as we gather to celebrate our faith and worship God. Whatever your present status in the Catholic Church, whatever your current family or marital situation, whatever your past or present religious affiliation, whatever your personal history, age, background, or race, you are a Child of God and you are welcomed, accepted, loved, and respected at the Church of St. Theresa.



#### Monday, May 19, 2025

Al Anon 7:15 PM (Faith Formation Center)

#### **Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

Scriptural Rosary 1:30 PM
(Daily Chapel)
Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM
(Church)
Bereavement Support Group 3:00 PM
(Faith Formation Center)

#### Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Scripture Study 9:15 AM (Daily Chapel) Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM (Church)

#### Thursday, May 22, 2025

No Events Scheduled

#### Friday, May 23, 2025

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 8:30-6:00 PM
Seven Sorrows Rosary 3:00 PM
(Daily Chapel)
Evening Prayer with Benediction 6:00 PM
(Daily Chapel)

#### **Saturday, May 24, 2025**

Food Bag Distribution
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale
(Gathering Space)

#### Sunday, May 25, 2025

Food Bag Distribution
Monthly 50/50 Tickets on sale
(Gathering Space)
Liturgy of the Word for Children 9:00 AM Mass
Respect Life Rosary after 11:30 AM Mass
(Church)
Family Promise

(Faith Formation Center)



#### WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who continuously suffer physically, emotionally and/or spiritually and those who tirelessly care for them. Let us especially remember those currently in need of our prayers: Ray Amato, Rose Asrican, Frank Barinski, Nancy Barnum, Tara Barrett, Nancy Baumann, Tom Baumann, Cathy Bentivenga, John Blotnik, Elizabeth Brodzik, Peter Carlisi, Kim Carroll, Rachel Carroll, Domenico Chicherico, Brittany Conclin, Charles Constantino, Kim Coyle, Vincent DeToma, Helen Driscoll, Mark Dunn, Connor Egan, Johnny Favro, Sandra Fourman, Maureen Fraszczak, Barbara Gardner, Ghigzone, Gregory Gioe III, Makenna Granquist, Gregory Holmes, Thomas Huie, Debbie Innocenti, Marilyn Kent, Margaret Kurczewski, Linda, Rose Litwin, Rachel Lucas, Rocca Macchiaverna, Justin Marchese, Catherine Marra, Ken McLaughlin, Ro McLaughlin, Art Midgley, Peter Mills, Rev. William Modlin, John Moore, James Montefusco, Carly Murray, Rita Murray, Rita O'Neill, Jim P., Joseph Paci, Josephine Paci, Patsy, Lucas Princiotti, Thomas Punzo, John Quinn, Andrew Joseph Ragusa, Matthew Raupp, Joe Rella, Marilynne Roche, Al Roth, Ashraf Sabra, Samantha Saraceno, Gerry Scalavino, Cathy Schaffer, Johnny Sebecke, Kevin Shinkunas, Thomas Smith, Nancy Snyder, Lois Somodi, Amanda Super, Nathan Super, Dino & Ashley Tobia, Christine Trapini, Elliot Truex, Sean William, John Williamson, Sharon Williamson, Mark Wurst, Ron Wurth, Mary Zurawski and Joseph Zurawski

# WE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

Heavenly Father, your harvest

needs good and faithful men to tend to its many needs. Open their minds and hearts to respond to your call to be priests of and for the Diocese of Trenton, in imitation of your Son Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of your flock. Amen. Follow us on

Instagram: TrentonMakesPriests



#### WE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Frank Consonni and Theresa Miller*. May they find eternal rest in peace with God our Father.

#### WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Please remember in your prayers all those members of our parish family and our friends who are currently deployed especially: Master Sgt. Jordan Bieda, Sr., Boatswain Gabrielle Fest, LCP1 Christopher Hansen, Airman Staff Sgt. Frank J. Kowalewski, Jr., Lt. Amanda Keller, Lt. Jennifer LaFalace, FC2 Paul R. Lund, Pvt. Anthony Mackiewicz, Jr., Staff Sgt. Robert McAllister, Pvt. Logan Mora, Cpl. John Murray, USMC, Staff Sgt. Michael Novelli, Staff Sgt. Nicholas Okoszko, Spec. Jeffrey Peterson, Jr., Nicholas Roesch, Ensign Sarah Schenk, 1st Lt. Amanda Southard, LCDR Christopher J. Worosz, USN, Lt. Matthew A. Worosz, USN. May the Lord protect them as they protect us.

<u>THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u>: Baptisms are held the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1:00 PM. Arrangements must be made in person at the Parish Office at least 2 months in advance. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class.

#### THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

Arrangements must be made at least 1 year in advance. Preparations include sessions with a member of the clergy and attendance at a Pre-Cana Conference. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

#### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:**

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. A careful judgment about the serious nature of an illness is sufficient. "Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." <sup>130</sup>

We welcome anyone who has a physical condition, is anticipating entering the hospital for surgery or tests, or under any emotional distress to avail them of this beautiful Sacrament. Please call the Parish Office to schedule the Sacrament with a priest. Please do not wait until the very last minute to call.



#### MASSES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

#### **SATURDAY-** *May 17, 2025*

4:00 PM – Maria & Joseph Cisyk/ Daughter in Law, Amy Ralph Ralston/ Peggy Madison William Lisner/ Sally & Jack Cashman Dolores & Harold Diedrich/ Angelo & Lorraine Pagano

#### SUNDAY – May 18, 2025

7:30 AM – Harold Holmes/ Wife, Beverly
Franz Isaryk/ Dad, Roman
Stephanie & Julius Bublewicz/
Daughter
(L) David South/ Wife

9:00 AM – John P. Daly/ Loretta & Steve Joe Rosiak/ Wife, Susan William Lisner/ Long Valley KofC Joseph Morella/ Karen Piche

11:30 AM – Louise Madonna/ Family
Sara DeVelasco/ Family
Frances Saparato/ Peggy & Bill
Murphy
Michael Murphy/ Peg & Bill Murphy



#### **Bread & Wine**

In Loving Memory of: Frank Reale Requested by: Vicki & John Kern Sanctuary Light

In Loving Memory of: Marianne Enea Requested by: Vicki & John Kern

#### Readings for Next Weekend May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Reading 1: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Reading II: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

Gospel: John 14:23-29

#### MASSES FOR THIS WEEK:

#### MONDAY - May 19, 2025

8:00 AM – Joseph Lutz/ The Rogers Family
David Goldbeck/ Jason, Nicolette,
Harry, & Sully Natelli

#### TUESDAY – May 20, 2025

8:00 AM – Mary Beth Arnold/ Diane Wolny John Picard/ Kathy Lombard

#### **WEDNESDAY** – *May* 21, 2025

8:00 AM – Alice Bradley/ Bob & Thom Daniel Malone/ Leslie, Kevin & Michael

#### THURSDAY - May 22, 2025

8:00 AM – Rita Zarro/ Marie Adderly James & Mary Ann Spring/ Marty & Sue Ball

#### FRIDAY – *May 23, 2025*

8:00 AM – Mary & George FitzPatrick/
Granddaughter, Maureen
Francis M. Geoghegan/ John &
Maureen Geoghegan

#### **SATURDAY-** *May* 24, 2025

4:00 PM – David O'Keefe/ Family
Sandra Gaunt/ Mary Ann Downs
Andrew Dustal/ Bill & Ann Lisner
Dorothy Duffy/ Peggy & Bill Murphy

#### SUNDAY – May 25, 2025

7:30 AM – Cheryl Isaryk/ Dad, Roman Geri Paolino/ Family Anthony Werr/ Maria & Michael Abramowicz Bruno & Irene Abramowicz/ Maria & Michael Abramowicz

9:00 AM – Jacqueline Assenza/ Family Joseph Morrella/ Karen Piche Alexander Pisarski/ Wife, Jennie, Annemarie, Tina, Grand/Great Grandkids Edward Kaminski/ Peg & Steve McDonnell

11:30 AM – Teresa Tagliaferro-Catalfumo/ Angie Meringolo Louise Madonna/ Family Joseph Moran/ Family Michael Murphy/ Nancy & Francis Murphy



#### **FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### First Reading: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas traveled to many towns and found many disciples willing to help them preach. They warned their disciples of the trials they would face. Paul and Barnabas then returned to Antioch, where their journey had begun, and told the congregation there of the progress they had made.

#### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a**

John had a vision of a new earth, and a new Jerusalem coming down from heaven. Then a voice described Jerusalem as a place where God would live among His people and comfort them. The former world had vanished, and pain, death and suffering had left the world as well.

#### Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

After Judas left the last supper, Jesus warned the other disciples that He would not be with them much longer. Jesus gave them a new commandment to love one another as He had loved them. He stated that their love for each other would distinguish them as His disciples.

#### Consider & Reflect

"After Paul and Barnabas had proclaimed the good news in that city they returned... to Antioch. They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and exhorted them to persevere in the faith, saying, 'It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God.' They appointed elders for them in each church, and with prayer and fasting, commended them to the Lord in whom they had put their faith."

The book of Acts offers us a glimpse of the early church, its growth, the missionary journeys of Paul and his companions. Cities and towns not familiar to us today readily accepted their teaching, under the influence of the Holy Spirit. That same Spirit is calling believers today to go, teach and make disciples but we are slow to respond.

We lament the loss of family and friends who have given up the faith. We allow non-Christian practices to dominate the scene as far as morality and lifestyles are concerned. The sad thing is not what has led others away, but that we have not been the Paul and Barnabas for them.

Who needs to be strengthened in my circle of friends?
Who is waiting to be invited to come
or return to our flock?

I know someone - Speak up. Speak out.



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9:00am-11:15am. The extended time means
only 2 Sundays per month. If your family
regularly attends another Mass you are not
required to change. Parents are to attend
Mass with their student.

Option 2: Monday evenings 5:30-6:45 pm. These will be combined grade classes, K/1, 2/3, 4/6, 7/8.

Please Note: This option is not available for students in the Sacrament prep catch—up class.

Volunteers are needed for both days.

Registration is available online at www.sttheresa450.org/registration or scan the QR code



For more information call Joana Schmidt at 609-296-2504 Ext. 224

or email

Joana.schmidt@sttheresa450.org



#### JUBILEE 2025

Each month, Jubilee 2025 calls us to focus on a given theme of hope ("signs of the times") as well as various Ministries and Groups.

#### The Holy See

# The Jubilee of Families, Children, Grandparents and the Elderly May 30 - June 1, 2025

The joy of love in families is rooted in hope despite the challenges and trials that life presents us. The letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians reminds us that love hopes all things (1 Cor 13:4-7). It does not despair of the future. In fact, every family is a symbol of hope for future generations. Love, especially familial love, is rooted in the abiding promise of the Christ Child who came to renew all things and bring us everlasting peace. For this reason, despite the various trials, challenges, and sufferings whether hidden or revealed, which every family experiences, Christian hope endures. Many families demonstrate a strong sense of calling to bear their crosses with decisive hope. It is a tremendous testimony to see how God can use all things for the good of those who love Him. At the same time, supporting families in their time of great need is a powerful form of Christian witness that families can offer one another. St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary (multiple feast days), the earthly parents of Jesus, who together form the Holy Family and exemplify a model of family life centered on faith, love, and obedience to God's will. St. Joseph is honored for his humility and obedience as a protector and provider, while Mary, Mother of God, is revered for her perfect discipleship and love through her acceptance of God's will.

• Sts. Joachim and Anne (feast day July 26), parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. After years of keeping a steadfast faith and trust in God amidst the trial of infertility, Sts. Joachim and Anne received an angelic prophecy of a birth of a child, Mary, Mother of God. They are the patron saints of grandparents and infertile couples.



#### <u>Next Weekend's</u> Liturgical Ministers Schedule

#### Saturday, May 24, 2025 - 4:00 PM

<u>CELEBRANT:</u> Fr. Dean Gaudio <u>READER:</u> Bernice Philhower **ALTAR SERVER:** Justin McCarthy

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY** 

<u>COMMUNION:</u> Jack Stewart, Cathy Mills, Patricia Musto, Janet Pascavitch, Lorraine Schaefer, Eileen Wertz

#### <u>Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 7:30 AM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon David

O'Connor

**READER:** Linda Sherry

ALTAR SERVER: Kim Werling

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY** 

**COMMUNION:** Marie Adderly, Ginny Biely, Arlene

Murray, Hilda Thibault

#### Sunday, May 25, 2025 - 9:00 AM

CELEBRANT: Fr. John Large, Deacon David

O'Connor

**READER:** John Sullivan

ALTAR SERVER: Jacob Schaffer

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY** 

**COMMUNION:** Ann Hummel, Diana Hummel, Todd Lund, Sr., Jayne Ziegler, Gail Buffi, David Laskowski

#### <u>Sunday – May 25, 2025 - 11:30 AM</u>

CELEBRANT: Fr. Dean Gaudio

**READER:** Carl Klotzbach

ALTAR SERVERS: Sophia DiFrancia, Bart DiFrancia

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY** 

**COMMUNION:** Mary Modlin, Carol Fine, Cora

Fernandez, Patricia Claussen, Mila Daproza, Desiree

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St. Theresa's Church 609-296-1345 Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

## **Items needed this month: TOILET PAPER**

Beefaroni, Hamburger Helper type packaged products, ravioli, rice side dishes, cake mixes and frosting, small jars of mayonnaise, ketchup, mustard, peanut butter, jelly, pancake syrup, pancake mix, apple juice, pasta, and canned soup.

Thank you.



#### **FATHER'S DAY CARDS**

Father's Day Cards, in memory of living and deceased fathers, are available in the kiosk in the Gathering Space and on the bulletin board by the Daily Chapel. The intentions will be placed on the altar on Father's Day.

Please return the envelope no later than June 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank You!



# St. Theresa's MONTHLY 50/50 Raffle

Tickets are on sale after Mass or at the Parish Office during office hours. Only 500 tickets are available! **CONGRATULATIONS** to Mike Geloso, this

month's winner of our 50/50.

The prize totaled **\$1,075.00!** 

The next drawing will be held **June 3, 2025** at **10:00 AM** at the Parish Office.

We hope you will support this fundraiser!



Congratulations to the following students who received the Eucharist for the first time on May 3, 2025:

Tristan Anderson Pasquale Barone Lorenzo Brescia Colton Brown Luca Cittadino Antonio Colandrea Elizabeth DeLisa Sarah DiPoala Sophia Dry Ramon Fabian, Jr. Jesse Gant III Victor Garcia, Jr. Sophia Hand Madison Haugh Olivia Haugh Leslie Hernandez Michelle Jurado Kristin Klein Sailor Krinev Christian LaPelusa Raelvn Lewis Oliver Linares Mason McCaffrey Eisley McCann Reese McCann John Melgar Liliana Melgar Brooklyn Merkel Zaden Ordonez Jairo Osorio Xavier Ramos Salvatore Russomanno Madison Smith Hailey Sorensen Anely Vargas Daniel Velazquez Luis Velazquez



# 9:00 AM Mass

Children between kindergarten and fourth grade are invited to share the Liturgy of the Word (readings, profession of faith, prayers of the faithful) on their own level. The children proceed to the Daily Chapel after the opening prayer and return before the Offertory during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sundays. Hope you will bring the kids!

#### THE PARISH OF SAINT THERESA



#### SUNDAY, MAY 18<sup>th</sup>

Youth Night: 5:00 – 7:00 PM We will be gathering for dinner, an outdoor prayer experience & games.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 1st

Sunday Mass & Service: 11:00 – 2:00 PM Join us for 11:30 AM Mass, followed by sorting of food donations, then for a year end celebration with games & BBQ lunch.

For more information, visit our website <u>WWW.STTHERESA450.ORG/YOUTH-</u> <u>MINISTRY</u>

#### **Family Promise**



Hello All,
My name is Sandi Johnson, the
coordinator for St. Theresa's parish
for our Family Promise of the
Jersey Shore mission. We have

been hosting families by providing shelter and meals for several years, before and after Covid. The parish will be hosting once again this year for the weeks of May 25th and June 1st. We have simplified the process of providing breakfast, lunch and dinner to suit their needs, while providing a safe shelter for the families to sleep. In order to meet this challenge, we are asking for donations of gift cards to Walmart, Acme and Dollar Tree and to any of our local restaurants. The gift cards will be used to purchase the items needed while they are with us and the restaurant gift cards can allow the families to enjoy having a meal out at a restaurant or get take out while we are hosting them. If you would like to donate, you can drop them off in an envelope marked Family Promise, to the parish office, any time prior to May 25th. In the past, many of our parishioners have prepared dinner for the families. As we get closer to the dates of our host weeks, we will be contacting those that have prepared dinner for our families and those who have contacted me recently. If you are interested in preparing a meal, please let me know.

Members of our wonderful parish have stayed overnight (in their own room) with the families in our Faith Formation Center. A few more people are needed to stay overnight. It is required by the church, to ensure that the children are safe while they stay with us, that they take an online course called VIRTUS and be finger printed prior to hosting. This will be arranged through St. Theresa Church. For those that have stayed overnight before, please check your card to verify the expiration date, you may have to be recertified. Thank you to the many people who have helped in the past. If you wish to help again this year, join us in any way or have any questions, you can contact me is via email, <a href="mailto:sandij49@msn.com">sandij49@msn.com</a>. If you would rather call me, my number is 609 432-5064.

You can read about Family Promise of the Jersey Shore online. It is a great organization that we are so happy to be working with. Thank You.



#### 2025 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Fan the Flame of Hope through the Annual Catholic Appeal!

Thank you to all who have donated so far!

Our gift summary for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal as of May 10, 2025 is as follows:

Goal: \$48,000.00

Pledged: \$43,406.00 (90% of goal) Paid: \$39,157.00 (82% of goal) Total Donors: 255 Average Gift: \$154.47

PLEASE NOTE: 100% of the collected funds above our goal of \$48,000.00 goes back to our parish for our needs.

Please be sure to honor your pledge. If you haven't sent in your pledge card yet, please send it as soon as possible

Together, let us Fan the Flame by supporting those in ministry with a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Please be as generous as possible!



#### **AL-ANON**

**AL-Anon** is a mutual support group of peers who share their experience in applying the AL-Anon principles to problems related to the effects of a problem drinker in their lives. Al-Anon meets **every Monday** at **7:15 PM** in the Faith Formation Center.

Please visit www.al-anon.org for more information.



# ST. THERESA'S RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY Spiritual Adoption

Thank you to all those who "Spiritually Adopted" a baby.

Please continue to pray for your baby each day: "Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of [baby's name] the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion."

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen



#### **Respect Life Ministry Meeting**

An open invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us this

Sunday, May 18, 2025
1:00 PM in the Faith Formation Center
"Life is a Gift from God –
what we do with our Life is our Gift to God"
We hope you will join us
in this very important ministry.

# OUR PROMISE TO PROTECT DIOCESE OF TRENTON

Office of Child and Youth Protection

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors.

If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church, or if you know someone who was, you can report that abuse through the diocesan Abuse Hotline: 1-888-296-2965 or via email at <a href="mailto:abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org">abuseline@dioceseoftrenton.org</a>.

The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to local law enforcement authorities.





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