

HOLY CHILD PARISH

"Two beautiful churches, one GREAT parish."

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus
13 E. Evesham Road

St. Maria Goretti
321 Orchard Avenue

December 14, 2025
Third Sunday of Advent

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Parochial Vicar
School Principal
Bereavement
Faith Formation

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WELCOME!

The parishioners of Holy Child Parish welcome you!

All worshipers are invited to register by calling the Parish Office at (856) 939-1681

No matter what your present status is in the Catholic Church; no matter your family or marital status; no matter where you are in the practice of the faith; no matter your personal history, age or background; no matter what your self-image may be; YOU are invited, welcomed and loved at Holy Child Parish.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sacrament of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to request a home or hospital visit.

Marriage

Arrangements are made at least one year in advance. One wedding may be scheduled on Saturday between 12:30–2:00 pm.

Confessions

Confessions are taking place on: Saturday 11AM to 12Noon & 3:45PM to 4:15PM at St. Teresa Church and Sun 8:15AM to 8:45AM at St Maria Goretti Church.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults interested in becoming Catholics and those Catholics who wish to complete their sacraments, call the parish office.

Pre-Jordan Class

The Pre-Jordan Program is a required class to prepare parents, who are having their babies baptized. These classes are only offered once a month at 7PM upstairs in the Parish Office. Please call the office to sign up.

Next sessions will be held:

December 10, 2025

January 14, 2026

February 4, 2026

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are currently being held during our weekend Masses on **Sundays immediately following the 11am Mass.** Please call the **Parish Office** to schedule a baptism or for more information.

Mass Cards & Candles

You may request a Mass for almost any intention, in the Parish Office, Monday-Saturday. We have remembrances for Masses, Candles and Offertory Gifts for your faith-filled gift to a loved one.



Happy Gaudete Sunday! While the last 2 weeks have focused on the 2nd Coming of Christ, the 3rd and 4th weeks of Advent are the more proximate preparation for the Church's celebration of the Birth of the Savior! On Friday night we celebrated 'Lessons and Carols' which originally was designed to keep people

out of pubs on Christmas Eve in the late 1800s. In its modern adaptation, the biblical 'lessons' walk us through the whole of salvation history from the Book of Genesis to the Gospels. The promise of God's covenant with His Chosen People culminates with the birth of the Christ Child - God becoming Man in order to save us from our sins. Perhaps over this week we can take some time to read through each one? You can find the prayers that accompany each reading here: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year-and-calendar/advent/festival-of-lessons-and-carols>

First Reading: Genesis 3:1-15

Second Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8

Third Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6

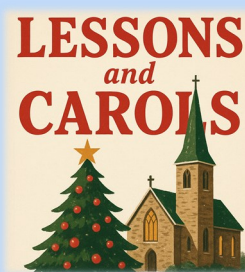
Fifth Reading: Luke 1:26-38

Sixth Reading: Luke 2:1-18

Seventh Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Eighth Reading: John 1:1-14

Ninth Reading: Matthew 28:16-20



Since we've made the liturgical turn towards Jesus' birth, I think it's time to start thinking about Christmas cookies. I LOVE cookies! One of my nicknames growing up actually was "Cookie Monster" from Sesame Street fame. So if I were to choose the Mount Rushmore of Cookies it would be the following (in no particular order, of course):

Coconut Macaroons with the obligatory candied cherry on top: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/25787/coconut-macaroons-iii/>
I'm a sucker for Snickerdoodles or any kind of sugar cookie: <https://www.modernhoney.com/the-best-snickerdoodle-cookie-recipe/>

You can't go wrong with the Nestle Toll House chocolate chip cookie recipe (my mom's chocolate chip cookies are the best): <https://cookiesfordays.com/nestle-toll-house-cookie-recipe/>

Since I have a vowel at the end of my name, how could I not include Pizzelles (Anise is better than vanilla)!: <https://www.culinaryhill.com/pizzelle-italian-cookies/>

I'm also open to new cookie possibilities. What is your favorite? Feel free to share!



If you're not up for baking, I recently discovered a local coffee shop that has some AMAZING cookies and scones! Give the Wayfarer's Café on Clements Bridge Road right here in Runnemede a try! Plus if you have a local business, I'd love to support it! Let me know and I'll swing by. Maybe you'll end up in a bulletin article!

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of December 14

SMG = St. Maria Goretti Church, 321 Orchard Ave.
ST = St. Teresa Church, 13 E. Evesham Road

SATURDAY St. Lucy

- 8:30 am +Frank Russo req by Gina Simon (ST)
4:30 pm +Joseph & Stella Biasi req by The Kanopka Family (ST)

SUNDAY Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 am +Nazzareno Acchione, Jr. req by Pat & Donna Leuzzi,
+Charlie Kirk req by Vanderslice Family,
+Sr. Margaret Peter, IHM req by IHM Sisters (ST)
9:00 am +John Mingle (Birthday Remembrance) req by wife & family,
Intentions for Judy Costello (90th Birthday) req by Mary (SMG)
11:00 am +Charles Mansfield req by Michael McWilliams & Donna Hale (ST)

MONDAY Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Robert Heckmann, Jr. req by Karen & Bob Locantore (ST)

TUESDAY Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Trish Hagan req by Margie Annuzzi (ST)

WEDNESDAY Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Michael Springer, Sr. req by Rose Porcellini (ST)

THURSDAY Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Sr. Marita Rose Donnelly, IHM req by the IHM Sisters (ST)

FRIDAY Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Than Lam req by Hue (ST)

SATURDAY Late Advent Weekday

- 8:30 am +Michael C. Harkins req by The Harkins Family (ST)
4:30 pm +Arthur & Frances Baehner req by Roe & Bill Cornwell,
+Virginia & Joseph Kanopka req by family,
+John M. Iacovino req by Gloria & Rick (ST)

SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 am +Joseph Kwiatkowski & all dec'd members of family req by family (ST)
9:00 am +Joan DeMarshall req by husband & children (SMG)
11:00 am +Mae Davielle Liccketto req by Larry & Sue Walton,
+Gary Winkler req by Gary & Donna Jackson,
+Sr. Theresa John Talbot, IHM req by the IHM Sisters,
+Donald Johnson (3rd Anniversary) req by wife, MaryAnn (ST)

**Bread &
Wine Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles**
(the week of
Dec. 14-20)

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle
burns: (ST)**
Healing
Intentions for
Maggie Schmidt
Req by
Kathleen
Rapanaro

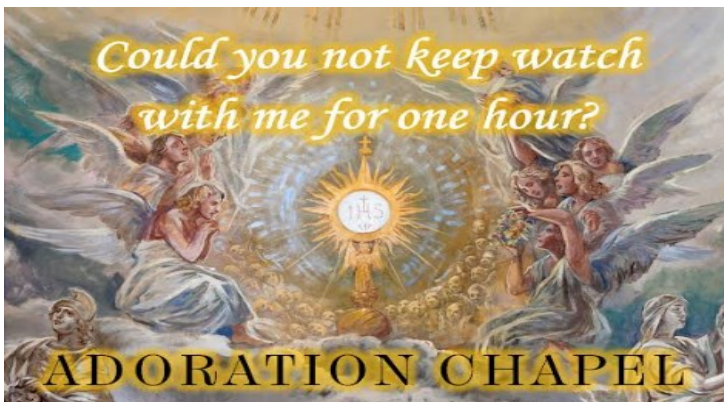


Father Rob has kindly given the Parish Staff off for the Christmas Holidays.

Holiday changes in Normal Office Schedule are as follows:

Office Closes Thursday, December 18 at 12:30 pm

Office closes Friday, December 19 at 2:30pm and will
reopen January 5th normal business hours.



Holy Child Parish offers Eucharistic Adoration at St. Teresa's Church every **Monday through Friday**. Consider spending time with our Lord and let His love radiate through your heart!

Adoration Schedule:

- Monday—4 to 7 PM
- Tuesday—9 AM to 12 PM
- Wednesday—4 to 7 PM
- Thursday—9 AM to 12 PM
- Friday "Date Night with Jesus"—7 to 9 PM

HOLY CHILD PARISH, RUNNEMEDE, NJ



Blood Drive **Holy Child Parish** **St. Maria Goretti Church**

Hall
321 Orchard Avenue
Runnemede, NJ 08078
Friday, December 19, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



Schedule your blood donation appointment today!
Please feel free to come to the office & we can help
you set up an appointment. 1-800-RED CROSS



Faith Formation

If you have any questions or concerns,
please contact our Faith Formation Office
856-939- 0592

holychildfaithformation@gmail.com

Walking together in faith!

Religious Education **Holiday Schedule** **No Sessions December 21 and 28**

Please mark your calendars for the above Religious Education Holiday Schedule. May this season fill your homes with peace, hope, and anticipation!



Christmas Pageant Rehearsals **Walk-Ins Welcome!**

THIS Friday, Dec 19 &
Monday, Dec 22 - 6:30PM
SMG Church

Don't worry — there is still time to join our Christmas Pageant! Walk-ins are welcome, as we are still looking for a few more youth from Pre-K through 8th grade to help round out our cast. No need to worry about memorizing lines as our narrator will handle all the speaking parts. Please join us this Friday at St. Goretti Church for costume fittings and our first rehearsal. We look forward to seeing you there!



Advent Parish Reconciliation Service

December 15 · 7pm St Teresa Church

Keynote Speaker: Fr. Carlo Santa Teresa

Please join us for a Reflective homily, followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Keep us alert, as we wait for the arrival of your Son, so that when He comes,

He may find us watchful in prayer and exultant in His praise.



INFANT OF PRAGUE NOVENA

*January 5 to 13 Novena · January 14 Feast Mass
St Teresa Church · 7pm*

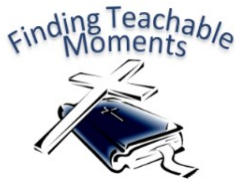
The Novena to the Infant of Prague is a cherished devotion centered on the mystery of the Christ Child, God made flesh. The tradition of nine days of prayer comes from the Apostles and the Blessed Mother, who spent nine days in prayer between the Ascension and Pentecost (Acts 1:12-14). This became the model for Christian novenas throughout history.

The devotion to the Infant Jesus highlights the humility of the Incarnation, God choosing to come among us as a child and recalls the Gospel scenes of Jesus' childhood found in Matthew and Luke.

The crowned Infant holding a globe symbolizes Christ's kingship and His loving care over the world. In turn, the Novena to the Infant of Prague invites the faithful to come before the Christ Child with childlike confidence, entrusting our needs to the One who said: "Ask and you shall receive." Through this devotion, we remember that even in His infancy, Jesus is our King, our Provider, and our ever-present source of hope.

Scriptural Reflections by Fr Rob Sinatra

HOLY CHILD PARISH, RUNNEMDE, NJ



Teachable Moments Parish Office @ 7PM Tues/Wed Evenings

December 17, Sacrament of Baptism (Wed Evening)

Presenter: Deacon Dave Harkins

Join us as we come to understand what baptism symbolizes, such as new life, purification, and being welcomed into the Church.

December 24 & 31 – Off for the Holidays

January 7, Marian Doctrines - The Rosary (Wed Evening)

Presenter: Deacon Dave Harkins

Do you know what the Doctrine of Mary is? What a great time to come and explore main Marian doctrines of the Catholic Church: Mary as Mother of God, the Immaculate Conception, Mary's Perpetual Virginity, and Mary's Assumption into Heaven.

Women's Prayer Group

Tues, Jan 25 - 7PM STRS Hall

As we continue to prepare our hearts and minds during this Advent season, we are excited to offer a monthly opportunity to delve more deeply into the women matriarchs of our faith. Their stories will guide us as we explore new ways to cultivate a more consistent and meaningful prayer life. Together, our prayers carry both purpose and power.

We hope that you will join us as we connect, grow and support one another in faith. This is open to ALL women of all ages. You don't need to be a parishioner to join us. Family and friends are always welcome!

Charles Mansfield *Lucky Day* Raffle

The Charles Mansfield Memorial Raffle aka "2026 Lucky Day Raffle" is still available for sale. K of C will be selling tickets in the back of church. Please send in your donation of \$20 and we will send back your calendar number. NEW this year you can use the QR attached, you can buy online. Good Luck!



LUNCH BUNCH

We are starting our monthly Lunch Bunch Gathering back up. We can not wait to see you all soon.

January 29, 12:30 pm
Passariello's Pizzeria
111 Laurel Oak Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043



Contact Diana Querubin at 609-707-6357, if you'd like to join the LUNCH BUNCH. Everyone is welcome! You will have your own check and only pay for what you eat.



**The 13th
week of
Football Mania
winners is.....**

Week 13

Dennis Deal (3785-5A023) \$20

**Congratulations Dennis
and thanks for playing.**

Thank you for supporting Football Mania.

Joy

Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I shall say it
again: rejoice!

Philippians 4:4

Gaudete Sunday – Rejoice in the Lord

As Advent continues to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, this Third Sunday of Advent invites us to rejoice. *Gaudete*, meaning "Rejoice," reminds us that Christian joy is rooted in the nearness of our Savior.

Today's readings focus on John the Baptist, whose mission is central to the Advent season. He calls us to readiness, repentance, and hopeful expectation, preparing the way for the Lord who is already in our midst. May this holy season renew our joy as we continue our journey toward Christmas.

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Christmas Flowers

Stephen Lee Spencer
My Parents & Brother
My Family & Friends
Our Troops & Veterans
Living & Dec'd IHM Sisters
World Peace
Arthur & Frances Baehr
Wilbur & Angela Cornwell
Bill & Ro Cornwell, Jr.
Anna Graff
Bill Graff
Joan Naphys
Fred Naphys
Nicolas S. Angelastro
Lillian Morse Marks
Joseph Morse
Betha S. Flencer
Dolores & Jack Beck
Gloria & Salvatore Previtera
Joseph Beck, Sr.
Fr. Brain O'Neill
Dominic Scola, Sr.
Carmela Scola
Capocci Family
Gangemi Family
D'Orio Family
Iacuzio Family
Doris M. Wilson
Gerry E. Donley
Frank J. Wilson
Marie Wilson
Theresa Duff
Kenny Duff
Nin Pigna
Barbieri Family
Iapalucci Family
Frassetto Family
Radogna Family
Bohachevski Family
Burleigh Family
Irene Bowers
John Mingle, Sr.
Ephraim "Kookie" Sosa
Carmen Sosa
Juan Sosa
Carroll Families
Heck Families
Gloria & Charles Rutter
Mario Rapanaro
Maggie & Greg Schmidt
All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

John & Elaine Averson
Margaret & George Loscalzo
Mike, Connie & Michael Alullo
Donna & Joseph Alullo
Frank & Fayette Hopkins
Re Hopkins
Dwyer Family
Giordano Family
Elizabeth Arnold
William Arnold
M. & C. Youngkin
James Youngkin
George McNelia & Family
Mgt & Ed Crammer
Kelly Family
Clem P. Murray
Katie Murray
Diana P. Crew
Elizabeth & Daniel Meschini
Clement J. & Mary Murray
Vincent Serio
Angelina Serio
Frank Serio
Rose M. Klose
Evan Klose
Sheekey-Guaracino Family
Mary & James Mangano
Ella & Jim Ambrico
Barbara Mangano
Jerald Matricardi
Joseph Ambrico
William G. Hunter, Sr.
John J. Corrigan, Sr.
James R. Corrigan
Fran Baehr
Jacob & Mary Schmidt
Stephen & Theresa Corbett
Thomas M. Concannon, Sr.
Patricia A. Concannon
Patricia Reynolds
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Mary Ray
Mr. & Mrs. James & Esttel Artis
Desiree M. Ray
Sarah & Angelo Goffredo
Mary & Frank LaGreca
Kathleen Magnotta
Anna Magnotta
Katherine Marks
Lott Family
Shute Family
Rocco & Rose Porcellini

Porcellini Family
Giordano Family
Frank K. Amato
Frank DiCerbo
Agnes DiCerbo
Carl-DiCerbo
Basil DiCerbo
Siciliano Family
Cathy Uebele
Mr. & Mrs. Kaufman
Mr. & Mrs. Uebele
Mr. & Mrs. Paul & Eleanor Panko
Mr. & Mrs. Felix & Katherino Paprzycki
Mr. & Mrs. Stephen & Faniie Panko
Kenneth Panko
Mrs. Eileen Watson
Meridith Loughery
Sandra McGovern
Thomas McGovern
Uncle Blane Amerman
Uncle Jack Bishop
Uncle Kevin Sides
Amerman Family
McGovern Family
Albert & Christine Huber
Albert F. Huber, III
Alfred & Joan Ingenito
Sal Santangelo
Philip & Marie Calabrese
James & Rose Santangelo

***Christmas flowers will be added as they come into the office. Reminder bulletins are completed early during holiday season so we will add names all month. Please try to print names on all envelopes so that we can get your loved ones names correct. Thank you for understanding.**

DECEMBER 14, 2025

MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP OF NJ, INC.

P. O. Box 118

Stratford, NJ 08084

www.themilitarysupportgroupofNJ.com

P: 856-783-1953, C: 609-206-2015

Email: KarenJJennings@aol.com

November 17, 2025

Attn: Danielle
Holy Child Parish
13 E. Evesham Rd
Runnemede, NJ 08078

Dear Danielle, Mary Lickfield and Parish Members,

Thank you SO very much for your very Generous donation of **Goods and \$50.00** given to the Military Support Group of NJ Inc. *WE are SO very appreciative of your many years of Love and Support!!*

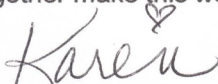
We've packed & mailed **532 care packages** so far in 2025, going to Deployed Troops in Poland, Jordan, Iraq, Germany, Turkey, Kosovo, and many ships at sea. And, we've sent **11 Truckloads** of Groceries and Handmade Blankets & Baby Items to the Military Families at Joint Base McGuire/ Dix/ Lakehurst. (The Cherry Hill Armory **Military Police** are Deployed right now!!)

Our Active Duty Deployed Military men and women & their Families are always very grateful for the Care Boxes that are sent to them. A recent email -

Ms. Jennings, I wanted to thank you & the Team for sending multiple care packages out to me. It was a genuinely nice & selfless gesture, and I apologize for not reaching out sooner. Each box was a pleasant surprise, & I was able to share many things with the Soldiers who are stationed out here on the peninsula. Your kind actions have helped boost morale & provided a sense of comfort from home. Thank you so much!!! Respectfully, Daniel N.

The Military Support Group of NJ Inc. is *extremely* thankful for your SUPPORT, as ALL of us working Together make this work Possible! Thank You!!

Sincerely,



Ms. Karen Jennings, Director & Marine Mom

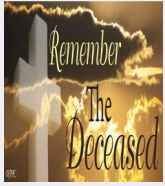
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Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Linda Ann Penni

Please Pray for our Sick:

Our updated Sick List (as of 12/7/2025) is now available at all church entrances and in the Adoration Chapel. Please note: **The bulletin is reserved for new names only.** Thank you for your cooperation and prayers. Please call the Parish Office to remove a name when your loved one is healed.

Adorers can pray for the sick (newly added):
Nola Durborow

PRAYER LIST When names are put on the list, they will remain on the list for three months unless otherwise requested. If you would like to have a name on the list, please fill-out this form and return to the parish office or call the office at 856-939-1681. Thank you and God bless!

I would like to have the following name (s) entered on the Prayer List:

Requested by: _____

Phone# _____ Date _____

Hats for the Homeless

We are once again collecting warm hats, gloves and scarves for the Homeless. (New only please) Boxes will be in the back of both churches. Collection until December 2025. Donations are handed out at the Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. Questions please call Joann 609-381-9435.



REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE An independent, toll-free number has been established by the Diocese of Camden to help callers report cases of sexual abuse by priests, deacons, religious, employees and/or volunteers. Calls are handled by a licensed clinical social worker. In accord with state law, cases of child sexual abuse are reported to the N.J. Division of Child Protection and Permanency and law enforcement. For information or to inquire about counseling and support services, call 1-800-964-6588.

Our Active Military

Jim Boyle, Tabatha Baur,
Justin Warrender, Gianna Bowne,
Nicholas Liberatore, Taylor Naphys,
Lou Sampolski, Tyler Thomas, T.J.
Swanson, Nicholas Cristinzio
Justin Nairn & Nicholas LoCantore



Stewardship

Our weekly expenses are \$9,561.75 and
our monthly expenses are \$38,247.

November 2—\$8,913.00

November 9—\$8,615.00

Archdiocese Military Services—\$670.00

November 16—\$8,052.00

Campaign for Human Develop—\$1,743.00

November 23—\$7,710.79

November 30—\$8,372.00

Second collections for November—
November 9—Archdiocese of Military Services
November 16—Campaign for Human
Development
Thank you for your continued support.

Telephone Prayer Chain Line

Please call with prayer intention requests to Theresa
856-939-4132 or Joan 856-939-4679 anytime.
The telephone prayer chain line will activate for
your loved one.

Prayer Quilt Ministry

Anyone can request a prayer quilt for someone in need of prayers. Call Eileen Martin 856-870-9228 or Diane 856-994-2734. A great gift of caring.



If you feel that you have a burning desire to help people get closer to Christ and to know the Truth, then perhaps you have a vocation to the priesthood. If you feel like God is calling you, call our vocations director Father Adam Cichoski at:

856-583-2864 or email him at
adam.cichoski@camdendiocese.org



Saint Teresa
REGIONAL SCHOOL
December 14, 2025

STRS would like to say "Thank You!" once again to the Samulis Family for donating a tree for our school and parish! We look on with great pride and remembrance at this tree as we light it for the season.



Please continue to support our student service project to save and collect soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. These tabs are redeemed for cash to help support families traveling a distance for their children's medical needs. Your donation helps families feel at home. Even when they can't be.

Tabs can be dropped off at church, SMG Hall, or school



**COMING
SOON**

12/19 half day-begin Christmas Break

1/5/26 school resumes-full day

Ongoing- Gift card sales- \$25 Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target cards will be sold after masses

(4:30p, 9a & 11a)

St Teresa School would like to wish you all a safe, happy, and blessed Christmas Season!