# 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 21, 2025 **Fourth Sunday of Advent** 

**Pastor** Parochial Vicar **School Principal** Bereavement **Faith Formation**  Rev. Robert L. Sinatra, JCL+ Rev. Arockia Britto Prabhu+ Sister Santa Teresa, IHM+ Sister Lisa Pasquale, IHM + Joanna Schmidt

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St. Teresa Convent (856) 939-5508 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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### **FOURTH 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:** 

January 14, 2026 February 4, 2026

### **Baptism Scheduling**

Baptisms are currently being held during our weekend Masses on Sundays immediately following the 11am Mass. Pease 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.

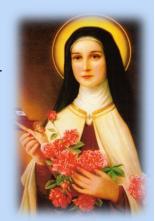




One of our two patronesses, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, speaks of the importance of her "Christmas conversion." On Christmas Eve 1886, the 13-year-old Thérèse overheard her father say that he hoped she would outgrow her childish excitement over Christmas gifts. Normally, the extremely sensitive Thérèse would have been devastated by her father's words.

But instead, she felt a sudden inner strength and emotional freedom—a profound grace she described as receiving the "gift of a heroic, charitable love." She mastered her sensitivity, responded with maturity and joy, and from that moment resolved to forget herself and focus on loving others and offering sacrifices for souls. As she wrote in her famous *Story of a Soul*: "God would have to work a little miracle to make me grow up in an instant, and this miracle He performed on that unforgettable Christmas day. On that luminous night which sheds such light on the delights of the Holy Trinity, Jesus, the gentle, little Child of only one hour, changed the night of my soul into rays of light."

The great beauty of Christmas is that one need not be an unbelievable mystic or a Doctor of the Church to have a conversion. The whole season of Advent has pointed to that very thing: the preparation of our hearts, our minds, and our very souls to be transformed by the birth of our Savior. Just as all of salvation history waited millennia for God made man, we, too, have awaited His birth. Like the words of the traditional Christmas hymn, we cry out: "Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the



earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart." The struggle that all of us face is that sometimes we confuse our longing for God with the longing for other seemingly important things and desires. No matter how strong their pull, such things can never truly satisfy our hearts, because they are finite and fleeting. Only the Christ child can bring true meaning to our lives. Only the depths of His love for us can fill the longing and emptiness that we can feel. Only the Incarnation—Jesus' presence in our midst—can help us make sense of the seemingly upside-down world in which we live.

Whether you are a "regular" here at church or, perhaps, coming to Mass on Christmas is part of your family tradition, you have come here to experience the joy and purpose that only Christ can give! For that alone, we as a parish give thanks to God! It is my hope and prayer that you have a "Christmas conversion" this year by allowing God to speak to your heart. As always, Holy Child is your spiritual home, and you are most welcome here. If there is any way that we can help you on your journey of faith, please do not hesitate to ask! On behalf of our whole parish family, I want to offer to you and your family a Blessed Christmas and a Holy and Happy New Year!

Sincerely yours in Christ, Father Rob Sinatra

**Pastor** 

### **Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions**

Week of December 21 SMG = St. Maria Goretti Church, 321 Orchard Ave. ST = St. Teresa Church, 13 E. Evesham Road

**SATURDAY Late Advent Weekday** 

+Michael C. Harkins reg by The Harkins Family (ST) 8:30 am +Arthur & Frances Baeher reg by Roe & Bill Cornwell, 4:30 pm

+Virginia & Joseph Kanopka reg by family, +John M. Iacovino req by Gloria & Rick (ST)

**SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Advent** 

+Joseph Kwiatkowski & all dec'd members of family req by family (ST) 7:00 am

9:00 am +Joan DeMarshall reg by husband & children (SMG) +Mae Davielle Liccketto reg by Larry & Sue Walton, 11:00 am

+Gary Winkler reg by Gary & Donna Jackson,

+Sr. Theresa John Talbot, IHM req by the IHM Sisters,

+Donald Johnson (3rd Anniversary) reg by wife, MaryAnn (ST)

**MONDAY** Late Advent Weekday

+Mary Simon reg by Gina Simon (ST) 8:30 am

TUESDAY St. John of Kanty

+Kyler Ferruzzi req by The Heibel Family (ST) 8:30 am

**WEDNESDAY Late Advent Weekday** 

Names held in Remembrance (SMG) 4:00 pm 5:00 pm Names held in Remembrance (ST) Names held in Remembrance (ST) Midnight **THURSDAY** The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Names held in Remembrance (SMG) 8:30 am Names held in Remembrance (ST) 10:00 am

**FRIDAY** St. Stephen

+Mike Simon reg by wife, Gina (ST) 8:30 am

SATURDAY St. John

+Michael C. Harkins req by The Harkins Family (ST) 8:30 am +Kathleen Magnotta reg by Ed & Rachel Idelson, 4:30 pm +Francis "Hank" O'Neill reg by family (ST)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

**SUNDAY** 

7:00 am Intentions for Erika Kirk & family req by The Vanderslice Family,

+Marie Leuzzi req by Pat & Donna Leuzzi (ST)

+Gary Winklet reg by Tom & Marybeth O'Neil, 9:00 am

+Sr. Virginia Assumpta, IHM req by the Sisters (SMG)

+Dorothy Bonadies reg by The Giunta Family, 11:00 am

+Don Newman (60th wedding Anniversary) reg by loving wife (ST)

Bread & Wine Memorial & Sanctuary Candles (the week of Dec. 21-27)

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (ST) In memory of

Alice & Joseph Dluoik & family

Alice Brennan reg by

family

The Blessed Virgin **Mary Candle** burns: (SMG) In memory of Margaret

McLaughlin req by family



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 Christmas Schedule

### Mass Schedule

### Christmas Eve, December 24, 2025

St. Maria Goretti Church
4 PM—Christmas Pageant
St. Teresa Church
5 PM and 12 AM (Midnight Mass)

### Christmas Day, December 25th

St. Maria Goretti Church 8:30 AM St. Teresa Church 10 AM

## Merry Christmas

On behalf of the whole parish family of Holy Child, we wish you and yours a

Merry Christmas and

a Blessed and Happy New Year!

From Father Rob, Father Britto, Deacon Dave, Deacon Len, the IHM Sisters and the Staff and Volunteers of Holy Child Parish



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!



### Sacramental Prep Updates LV1 & LV2 Candidate Sessions Postponed for January

As we prepare for the 9-Day Novena to the Infant of Prague, beginning the first week of January, we are inviting all our Confirmation Candidates and their families to join us in this beautiful devotion centered on the mystery of the Christ Child - God made flesh.

Our regular candidate sessions will resume in February.

# Sacrament of 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation Family Activity Packets Due

As our young candidates continue preparing for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, we want to remind all our families that your Family Activity Packets are due into the Parish Office before January 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Sacrament of First Reconciliation** is scheduled for Saturday, January 24 – 10AM @ St Teresa Church.

Please keep our young candidates in your prayers.



# Jubilee Year of Hope Diocesan Closing Mass Sunday, December 28 3PM at the Cathedral of Camden

Pope Francis, in his bull proclaiming the Jubilee Year 2025, Pilgrims of Hope, directed a celebration, closing the Jubilee on Sunday December 28, on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Therefore, Bishop Joseph Williams is inviting the faithful to join him for Mass on December 28<sup>th</sup> at 3PM at the Cathedral in Camden for our Diocesan closing Mass.

As Pope Francis pointed out: "In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy on another's company." (Spes non confudundit, 4). Gathering with Bishop Williams for Mass on the feast of the Holy Family reminds us the importance of taking a break from the busyness of everyday and gathering as a community.

Bishop Williams is inviting six representatives from each parish to join him. If you are able to attend and would like to represent our parish, please contact our Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592.

### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
May the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame by the
Holy Spirit, reawaken in us
the blessed hope for the
coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds
of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform within
both humanity and the whole cosmos

both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever. Amen

**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. Ephrain "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. Hathcer, 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. Rav 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 Louis & Myrtle Mascio Walker Family **Mascio Family Christy Family Lentz Family** Paigeann Mapley-Brittle Elaan Fugaro **Fugaro Family** Gellien Family **DiVietro Family** Michael Bradovich Helen Bradovich Mary O'Neill Ron & Barb Price

Lucille Troupe

Rose & Bill Germano **Dolly & Dominick Flacco** Nick & Mary Renna **Anthony Giampietro** Germano Family Ranelli Family **Nataloni Family** Flacco Family **Alister Innes** Rosemarie Innes Alice & Alexander Innes **Catherine & Peter Brusco** Nazzareno & Clara Acchione Nazzareno Acchione, Jr. Peter & Mary Leuzzi Peter Leuzzi, Jr. **Eugene Costanzo** Josiphine Costanzo Patrica Costanzo Argentina Walter Zubrzycki **Dec'd Family Members** Zubrzycki Family Joseph Osmian Frances Osmian **Ernest Rosenthal Barbara Cicalese** John Gallo Joan Gallo **Preston Pendarvis** Luigina Pendarvis Nicholas Pino **Emma Pino** Mary Blaszczyk Noreen Terpolilli Sara Terpolilli James Terpolilli Rose Amendolia **Sandie Jones Fluffy Jones Fooshy Jones Buttercup Jones** The Fossell Family The DiPaul's The Altons The Hunsbergens The Gulites The Grugan Family **Angelina Tierno** Jerry Tierno Theresa Deven

Albert Deven Barbara Hinchcliffe Barbara Cremean **Mark Powell Barabara** Lankford Stanislawa Lempicka Stanislaw Lempicki Jan Bielaszka Viktoria Bielaszka Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Patruskey Sr. Mr. & Mrs. Walter J. Patruskev Jr. Pauline & Walter Wolfinger Josephine & Wallace Kempczynski Frances & Michael Dumala **Bertha & Richard Gimbel** Thomas Jakeman John Garrison Jack & Rosalvn Auer Birdj & Alice Kalustyan Gloria & David Lieberman Msgr. Joseph W. Pokusa Michael Patruskev **Catherine Stem Maryann Patruskey** John Patruskev Keith N. Patruskey **Lukas Patruskey** Walter J. Patruskey IV **Austin Patruskey** Melissa Paszk Kimberly & Jordan Patruskey Madison, Layla, Colten & Declan Patruskey Barbara & Jack Garrison Carol & Gary Kalustyan Nicholas Patruskev **Heather Patruskey** Grace M. Kaiser **Marie Lennox** The Mazzone Family The Kwasny Family The Smith Family Salvatore Dellapolla Anglea "Cookie" Laino Joyce & Gabriel DeMarco Mrs. Mary Nichols Thomas McGurk

Elizabeth Brookes **Edward Brookes** Emma Miller Robert Miller Charles Sullivan Donald & Erminia Kersznowski William Schultz Kathleen Schultz **Edward Orsatti** Marco & Anna Lalli Rich & Carol Lalli Anna & Sam Orsatti **Charles Beck** Stella Avdt Mary & Charles Jarvis Rose & Bernie Corr Felix & Agnes Zaleski Bertha Maier Rocco & Anna Marie Gigante Edward "Thad" Harvey **Roxanne Gigante Mohnacs** Rocco & Esther Gigante **George & Theresa Petito** The Liss Family Mr. & Mrs. Frank & Laura Rvbacki **Marie Gross** Dec'd Members of Pacana Family Dec'd Members of Rybacki **Family** Florie Cubler **Emily Casey** Ronald C. Durst Eleanor IaQuinta

\*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.

**James IaQuinta** 

Dec'd Members of Short Family



# 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



### Teachable Moments will resume on Wed, Jan 21

With the upcoming Christmas and New Year holidays, Teachable Moments will be postponed for the month of December.

As we prepare for the 9-Day Novena to the Infant of Prague, beginning the first week of January, we invite you to join us in this beautiful devotion centered on the mystery of the Christ Child - God made flesh.

Teachable Moments will resume on Wed, January 21. We look forward to gathering with you again in the new year!

### Parish Council Meeting Moved to Tues, Feb 3 - 7PM STRS Hall

With the upcoming Infant of Prague Novena starting Jan 5, we are moving our Parish Council meeting to February 3rd.

Agenda items will be listed in our next bulletin.

### 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.

### Emmaus Women's Retreat April 24-26 in Stone Harbor

Our Women's Prayer Group will be headed to Stone Harbor to participate in the South Jersey Women's Emmaus Retreat. This retreat is designed for women who would like to explore the question, 'How should God's existence affect my life?' It's a chance to step back and allow your hearts to be touched by God. More details to follow.

### **Compassionate Outreach**

### Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Sister Miriam Scully, IHM, Johanna Davis, Mary Rose Simpson & Filippo Pettinicahio

### **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): Edgardo Colon, Anna Bohley & 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:	d by:	
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Phone#	Date	

### **Online Giving**

Did you know you can now give your parish giving online? Simply visit holychildparish.net and on the home page on top right hand side there is a link that says give in blue. Once on the parish giving page click sign up now and follow the steps. If anyone needs phone assistance you can call 866-307-7140 Monday-Friday for help.

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.

December 7—\$8,318.00 Retirement Religious—\$2,525.00 Immaculate Conception—\$1,845.00

Second collections for December—
December 7—Retired Religious
December 8—Immaculate Conception

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



Thank you to Fr. Britto, Sister Santa and all of the friends and family of STRS that came out for our tree blessing and lighting ceremony! It was a beautiful event and we were proud to see so much support from our recent graduates!









**Deptford Location 4p-8p** 

Join us on **Spirit Night** for a dine and donate opportunity!

January 13th, 2026

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to St. Teresa Regional School



Be sure to present this flyer or mention St. Teresa Regional School when ordering!



Thank you so much to all who were able to make a donation to our iGiveCatholic Campaign. With your help we were able to raise \$1,255.00 toward our playground upgrade!



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 and New YEAR!