

# 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 7, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

**Pastor**  
**Parochial Vicar**  
**School Principal**  
**Bereavement**  
**Faith Formation**

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Rev. Arockia Britto Prabhu+  
Sister Santa Teresa, IHM+  
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Joanna Schmidt

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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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## SECOND 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.



Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a **Holy Day of Obligation**. In Church terms, this is a fairly recent feast, proclaimed in the papal decree ***Ineffabilis Deus*** (Ineffable God) on December 8, 1854. But even more important, Pope Pius IX exercised his full authority of the pope and declared this dogma using **papal infallibility**. This concept as a whole can be difficult to explain and I hope to unpack it as clearly as I can. Let's lay down some basic ideas. First, papal infallibility DOES NOT mean that the pope can't make a mistake. Rather it involves the pope's role as chief teacher of the faith. When the pope speaks and teaches in a definitive way on faith and morals, that teaching is protected by the Holy Spirit. But it's not like the pope can say that Jesus is not God. That teaching has to be in communion with the deposit of faith. Papal infallibility allows the Holy Father to define doctrines and dogma that come into dispute and need clarification and ruling. God's law and how it is expressed in the world cannot change, but often needs to be defined and/or protected - that's where the pope's teaching authority comes into play. Another confusing aspect of the doctrine of papal infallibility is that it recognizes that there is a difference and separation between the man who occupies the papacy and office of actually being the Successor of Peter. For example, Pope Leo XIV is a Chicago White Sox fan. He could publicly say that the White Sox are the greatest baseball team that has ever lived. However that statement has nothing to do with God's plan of salvation and not considered infallible. Also, a pope can have opinions about the life of the Church and world affairs. Having an opinion and speaking on it does not mean that it's papal infallibility in action. It's the opinion of the person who occupies the office of pope. When teaching on faith and morals there are two primary levels of papal infallibility: **Extraordinary**, where a pope makes a solemn, ***ex cathedra*** definition on faith or morals, and **Ordinary**, where a pope teaches infallibly through the ordinary magisterium by upholding doctrines that are already part of the Church's constant, universal teaching. ***Ex cathedra*** statements are when the Holy Father (in this case Blessed Pius IX) speaks with full apostolic authority as the Successor of St. Peter. Since the concept of papal infallibility was defined during the 1st Vatican Council (1869-1870), there has only been two ***ex cathedra*** statements: the declarations of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Ordinary papal infallibility is grounded in the teaching authority of the Church (called the Magisterium) and usually involves already defined doctrine and dogma. When new issues develop like Artificial Intelligence, that are not expressly discussed in Sacred Scripture or in the Tradition of the Church, the Holy Father does have the ability to "trailblaze" as long as his teaching does not actively contradict what has already been established by the deposit of faith. Now there is a part of me, that as I type this, that fears that I have been as clear as mud. If you happen to have any further questions on the topic, I'd be happy to answer any questions you might have!

Don't know what to do with all that leftover corn for Thanksgiving? Try this recipe for sweet corn pie! Let me know if you make it and, more importantly, how it tastes! <https://thefrayedapron.com/corn-pie/>





DECEMBER 7, 2025

## Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

### Week of December 7

#### SATURDAY St. Nicholas

- 8:30 am +Jim Boyle req by wife, Joan (ST)  
4:30 pm +James & Lucy McCarthy req by MaryLou Venella & family,  
+Charles Mansfield req by Eileen Schmidt,  
+Colleen Hudrick req by friend, Colleen,  
+Gary Winkler req by Bill & Anne Burkeitt (ST)

#### SUNDAY Second Sunday of Advent

- 7:00 am +Walter Zubrzycki (Happy Heavenly Birthday) req by family (ST)  
9:00 am +Nicholas & Adele Bush req by The Kanopka Family (SMG)  
11:00 am +John Kennedy req by Alice & daughters,  
Healing Intentions for Mary & Dean Russell req by Patrick O'Neill,  
+Mae Davielle Liccketto req by Deacon Dave & Mrs. Harkins (ST)

#### MONDAY The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am +James & Michael Brennan req by family (ST)  
12:15 pm +Kathleen Barara req by The Heibel Family (SMG)  
7:00 pm +Sister Celeste Marie Kamble, IHM req by IHM Sisters (ST)

#### TUESDAY St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

- 8:30 am +Nazzareno Acchione, Jr. (1st Anniversary) req by Linwood & Maggie Bubar (ST)

#### WEDNESDAY Our Lady of Loreto

- 8:30 am +Rose Ruggio req by Gina Simon (ST)

#### THURSDAY St. Damasus I

- 8:30 am +John Porto req by Gina Simon (ST)

#### FRIDAY Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:30 am +Charles Flynn req by Deacon & Mrs. David Harkins (ST)

#### 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)

### Bread & Wine Memorial & Sanctuary Candles

(the week of Dec. 7-13)

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (SMG)

Healing Intentions for  
Buddy Binck  
Req by  
Pat & Michelle Schenk

#### The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (ST)

In Memory of  
Chris Chiaro  
Heavenly Birthday  
Req by  
Pat & Michelle Schenk

#### The Sanctuary Candle burns: (ST)

In Memory of  
Nazzareno Acchione, Jr.  
Req by  
Pat & Donna Leuzzi



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



### Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th we will be celebrating the  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.  
Masses will be celebrated:

Monday, December 8th

8:30 AM St. Teresa Church

12:15 PM St. Maria Goretti Church

7:00 PM St. Teresa Church

## *His Peace Guards our Hearts and our Minds*



As we enter the Second Week of Advent, we light the candle of Peace. This week invites us to slow down and let God's peace take root in our hearts. In a season that often becomes busy and rushed, the Lord gently calls us to quiet our minds, soften our hearts, and make room for His presence. As we continue our Advent journey, may we carry this peace into our hearts and homes.

## *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.*



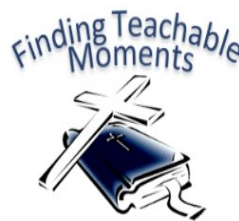
### *Advent Holy Hour for Liturgical Ministers Sat. December 13 9:30AM St Teresa Church*

The longing of the Advent season is not only our longing for God, but God's longing for us. It is the love that led to the

Incarnation, the Passion, and ultimately to the altar, a foretaste of His desire for eternal communion with us.

We invite all our Lectors, Sacristans, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Cantors, Altar Servers, and their families to join us for a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration.

Come and rest in His presence. Spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament as we prepare our hearts for the coming of our Lord during this sacred season of Advent.



### **Teachable Moments Parish Office @ 7PMTues/Wed Evenings**

**December 10, Prayer & Public Worship  
(Wed Evening) Presenter: Joanna Schmidt**

A traditional Catholic definition of prayer is "the lifting of one's mind and heart to God." A popular description would be prayer is a "loving conversation with God." However we choose to define prayer, it always begins with turning to God and becoming aware of his presence.

**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.

# Holy Child Christmas Pageant

Christmas Eve Mass, December 24, 4:00 PM @ SMG



We invite all youth from 1st through 8th grade to participate in this year's Christmas Pageant! We are looking for participants to fill the roles of Mary, Joseph, the Three Kings, Innkeeper, Shepherds, Angels, Donkey, various Stable Animals, and of course, the Christmas Star! No need to worry about memorizing lines — our narrator will handle all the speaking parts. We hope your child will join us in bringing the Nativity story to life!

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**There will be two rehearsals: Both will be held in St Maria Goretti Church**  
December 19th and then a dress rehearsal Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> both starting at 6:30PM

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**TEEN HELP NEEDED:** Can you help with the younger children during the pageant.  
Service hours will be provided for church/school.

**Parental help is also needed.** If you can help in even the smallest way, please let us know

## Christmas Pageant Volunteer Form 2025

Send back through Religious Ed/STRS or drop off @ our Parish Office.  
For more information, please call Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teen or Adult Volunteer: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



DECEMBER 7, 2025

# LESSONS IN CAROLS

TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY THROUGH  
SCRIPTURE, REFLECTIONS & CAROLS

The Festival of Lessons in Carols is a beautiful service of Scripture and song dating back to the late 19th century.

Please join us for a night of reflection as we listen to Scripture passages that recount the promise of a Messiah, the wonder of the Incarnation, and the Great Commission to share the Good News. Each lesson will be followed by a carol or hymn that echoes its message, along with a brief prayer.

Please mark your calendar now for our Advent Teachable Moment, a time to slow down, reflect, and enter more deeply into the grace of the season.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE FOR THE EVENT\*\***  
**Friday, December 12 ~ 7PM @ St Teresa Church**

## Women's Prayer Group Special Night Let Every Heart Prepare Him Room

**Tues, December 16**  
**7PM STRS Hall**

What if Jesus needed a place to stay and ended up knocking on your door this Christmas Eve? Would you have a spare room ready, maybe a sofa with a warm blanket? Or would you be so embarrassed apologizing, 'sorry, Lord, my place is a mess, and I am really not ready for you to stay with me.' This holy season is about making room for Jesus and flinging open the doors of our hearts, no matter what state we may be in. Please join us for our Christmas celebration. All are welcome!

Let  
every heart  
prepare Him  
room.



## 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



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

\*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.



### 2025 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### CONFESSIONS

##### ST. TERESA'S CHURCH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025  
9:00 AM AND 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2025  
11:00 AM AND 3:15 PM

##### ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2025  
8:45 AM

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### CHRISTMAS EVE, DECEMBER 24, 2025

ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH  
4:00 PM ~ CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

##### ST. TERESA CHURCH

5:00 PM  
MIDNIGHT MASS

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

ST. MARIA GORETTI CHURCH ~ 8:30 AM  
ST. TERESA CHURCH ~ 10:00 AM



## Blood Drive

### Holy Child Parish St. Maria Gorretti Church

Hall  
321 Orchard Avenue  
Runnemede, NJ 08078

Friday, December 19, 2025  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



American  
Red Cross

Schedule your blood donation appointment today!  
1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org



DECEMBER 7, 2025

**St. Vincent dePaul Society  
Christmas Gift Cards:  
*LAST WEEKEND TO GET  
GIFTCARDS IN***

As Christmas is fast approaching, we again are collecting \$10.00 gift cards from Walmart and Target to help needy families with children provide gifts for their children. Gift cards can be placed in the collection basket, Poor Boxes or dropped off at the Parish Office. Gift cards are needed by 12/6/25. We are so grateful for your support of our SVdP Society allowing us the privilege to serve the poor and needy. Thank you and a blessed Christmas Season to all.

**Senior Annual Christmas Party**

Holy Child Seniors will meet Thursday, December 11!



**Time: 10:30AM  
When: December 11  
Where: Saint Maria Goretti Hall  
Cost: \$22**

Call Eileen Martin 856-870-9228 before December 3rd to reserve your seat. Come join in the fun, food and festivities! Merry Christmas and all seniors welcome!



**The 12th  
week of  
Football Mania  
winners are.....**

**Week 12**

**Dolores Kisielewski (3381-5A023) \$20 &  
Shelia Buckley (292-5A023) \$20**

Congratulations Dolores & Shelia  
and thanks for playing.

**Thank you for supporting Football Mania.**

**LUNCH BUNCH**

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

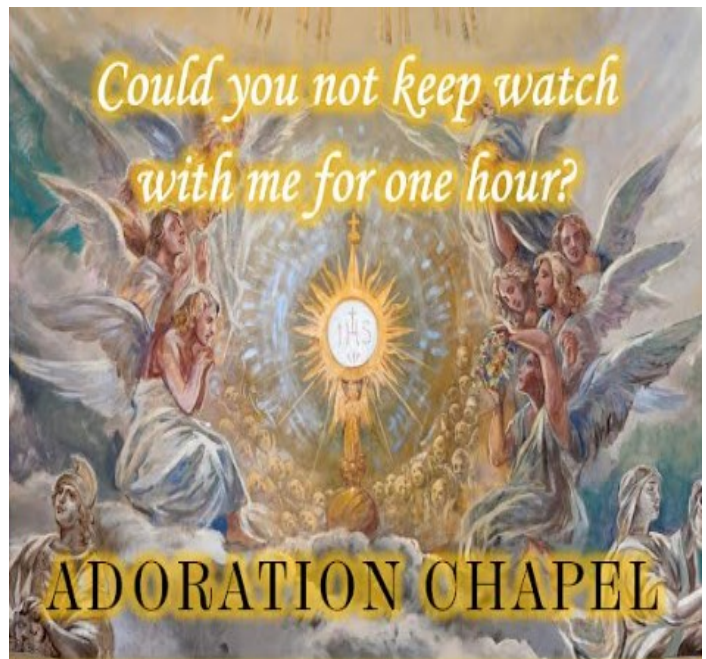
**January 29, 12:30 pm  
Passariello's Pizzeria  
111 Laurel Oak Road  
Voorhees, NJ 08043**



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.

**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!



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!

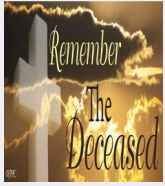
**Adoration Schedule:**

- 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



## Compassionate Outreach

### Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



**John Matera,  
Sister Margaret Peter, IHM and  
John Toscani**

### 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

**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](mailto:adam.cichoski@camdendiocese.org)**





*Saint Teresa*  
REGIONAL SCHOOL  
December 7, 2025



**We have so much to be proud of !**



**Student Council  
Thanksgiving  
Food Drive was  
successful!**

**Students were proud to  
receive response letters  
from their prayer partners  
at Camilla Hall**



**Our 1<sup>st</sup> NERFS battle  
was a fun success!  
Students earned an  
invitation to the event  
by maintaining good  
behavior and grades  
during the first  
quarter. We're proud  
to invite so many.**



**We were on 6abc news for  
our Balloons over  
Broadway Thanksgiving  
Day Parade!**



**Our virtue of  
the month  
award for  
patience**

**Why cook when you can  
enjoy lunch or dinner out  
with friends to support our  
school?**

ST. TERESA REGIONAL SCHOOL

**DINE & DONATE**

**IRISH  
HILL  
TAVERN**

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 8TH!**

**810 E. CLEMENTS BRIDGE  
RD. RUNNEMEDE N.J.  
08078**

**FUNDRAISER RUNS ALL  
DAY!**

**COMING  
SOON**

**12/8 Irish Hill Tavern Dine & Donate-ALL DAY**

**12/10 Student Christmas Program**

**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**

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