

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

February 8, 2026
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Parochial Vicar
School Principal
Bereavement
Director of Parish Life

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Rev. Arockia Britto Prabhu+
Sister Santa Teresa, IHM+
Sister Lisa Pasquale, IHM +
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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to Holy Child Parish

Parish Office Hours are:

Monday -Thursday:

9:00 am—2:30 pm

Friday: 9:00 am—12:00 noon

Saturday: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

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 SMG 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.

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.



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.



In the life of the early Church, the Church in Rome survived under constant turmoil. Christians were viewed with suspicion for their refusal to worship the Roman gods or the emperor. This mistrust erupted into persecution under emperors such as Nero, who blamed Christians for the Great Fire of Rome, Domitian, who enforced loyalty to the imperial cult, and Decius, whose empire-wide edicts demanded public sacrifice. These waves of persecution tested the faith of Roman Christians and forged a Church defined by martyrdom, resilience, and a deep abiding sense of faith. We cannot fail to recognize the impact of the martyrdom of Christians on the life of those early believers. The early Roman Martyrs were the first recognized saints due to their witness and the shedding of their blood. Their sacrifice became the foundation and lifeblood of the Church herself. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, *"Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die."* A Christian willing to die for their Lord and Savior showed that early Christianity wasn't a fleeting ideology or temporary movement, but an enduring faith. A seminal figure among those early martyrs is St. Agatha, whose feast day was celebrated on February 5th. Martyred under the persecution of the Emperor Decius in 251 AD, St. Agatha was one of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity. As the story goes, Agatha, coming from an affluent and influential family, rejected the advances of a Roman official. Knowing that she was a Christian, the official threatened to expose Agatha to torture and possible death unless she relented to his demands. In spite of the fate that awaited her, Agatha prayed to God for strength: *"Jesus Christ, Lord of all, you see my heart, you know my desires. Possess all that I am. I am your sheep: make me worthy to overcome the devil."* Stymied angered by Agatha's unwavering belief, the Roman official handed her over to be tortured and killed. While the precise details of her martyrdom are unknown, devotion to St. Agatha became widespread fairly quickly and her name is mentioned in the 1st Eucharistic Prayer at Mass. Her holiness wasn't flashy—it was steadfast. We see in St. Agatha a reminder that sainthood isn't about power or status, but about faithfulness where you are. Her witness points to Christ—especially Christ who suffers, resists injustice, and remains faithful unto death. Let us pray that Christ may always be the center of our lives and that we constantly give witness to the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior in both ordinary and extraordinary ways.

Every February, there is a several day festival in honor of St. Agatha in Catania in Sicily. The sweet of choice is the *Minne di sant'Agata*, a pastry filled with ricotta, marzipan and powdered sugar, topped with a candied cherry. Making these treats is probably not for the faint of heart. But if you are courageous in the kitchen, give them a shot! <https://www.lacucinaitaliana.com/italian-food/italian-dishes/minne-sant-agata-authentic-sicilian-recipe>



FEBRUARY 8, 2026

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of February 8

SATURDAY Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am +Henrietta & Forest Johnstonbough req by Kathleen Rapanaro (ST)
4:30 pm +Deceased members of Pawlowski Family req by The Kanopka Family (ST)

SUNDAY Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am +Stanislawa Lempicka req by Bielaszka family & children (ST)
9:00 am + Helen Bala req by Jeff & Dee Dee Locantore,
+Joan Davis req by Holy Child Seniors (SMG)
11:00 am + Lynn McCausland req by Diane Querubin & Joseph Bertolino (ST)

MONDAY Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am +Sr. Janice Marie Fern, IHM req by the IHM Sisters (ST)

TUESDAY St. Scholastica

- 8:30 am +Mike Simon req by loving wife, Gina (ST)

WEDNESDAY Our Lady of Lourdes

- 8:30 am + Mae & Jack Close req by Jack Close (ST)

THURSDAY Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am Intentions for Rosemary Flaherty req by Nancy & Leah (ST)

FRIDAY Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am +Martha Podgurski req by The Heibel Family (ST)

SATURDAY Sts. Cyril & Methodius

- 8:30 am +Anna Close req by husband, Jack (ST)
4:30 pm +Jimmy Skalamera req by Mom & Dad,
+Mike Simon req by loving wife, Gina,
+Angelo & Sarah Goffredo req by daughters (ST)

SUNDAY Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:00 am +Dorothy Fisher req by Mr. & Mrs. Hans & Theresa Berg (ST)
9:00 am + Rocco & Rose Porcellini req by daughter (SMG)
11:00 am + Theresa Gordon req by Eileen & Desiree,
+Michael Denisi req by Mom & Dad (ST)



SMG = St. Maria Goretti Church, 321 Orchard Ave.

ST = St. Teresa Church, 13 E. Evesham Road

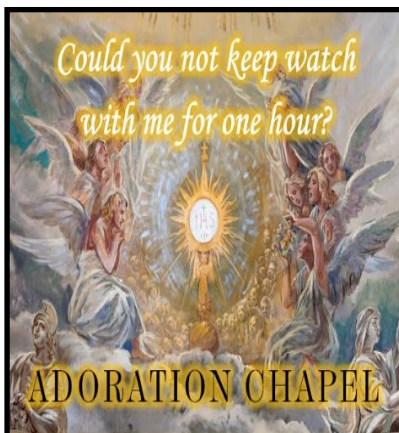
Pre-Jordan Class

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:

March 18, 2026

April 15, 2026



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

ST Chapel hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday

4PM to 7PM

Tuesday & Thursday

9AM to Noon

Friday (Date Night with Jesus)

7PM



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!

Sacramental Prep Reminders

LV1 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE SESSION

Monday, Feb 9 – STRS Hall @ 6:30PM

This session candidates will be reflecting on how a virtuous person does not only *try* to be good but also *looks* for what is good and *chooses* to act in a good way.

First Communion Parent Meeting

Monday, Feb 16 – STRS Hall @ 7PM

At least one parent is required to attend. We will review sacramental requirements.

One-Day Family Event, Paul and the Underground Church

During Lent, we will be exploring first-hand the culture of Paul's world after Jesus' death and resurrection. This one-day event will allow families to experience the tastes, smells, and sounds from Old World towns and the people we've read about in the Scriptures. God's Word comes alive as families walk through a bustling marketplace, meet Paul and hear about his journey, and experience Bible times and what life was like in ancient Rome. Help is needed to create our 'Underground Church.' If you are interested, please contact our Faith Formation Office.

Family Rosary Group Monday or Thursday Evening



Join us as we begin a new journey, exploring the Rosary in small, manageable segments. Each month, we'll focus on a different decade, learning it in ways that are age-appropriate and engaging for the whole family! Sessions are designed to start as 30-minute increments and gradually build up within time. Rosary booklets for

families and children will be provided.

We are looking at either Monday or Thursday evenings, but we need to hear from you. If your family is interested in participating, can you please let us know which night, Monday or Tuesday would work best for your family. We understand that not everyone will be available on the same day, but our goal is to choose a date and time that works best for the majority of our families.

Please contact the Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592 or email us at holychildfaithformation@gmail.com.



Family Adoration Valentine Day with God Saturday, February 14 10AM, St Teresa Church

We are very excited about the responses we have received so far regarding our Family Adoration with God. Several families have already signed up with children ranging from 6 to 12 years old. We've created a **family-friendly Adoration experience** where children of all ages are welcome to come and spend time with Jesus, even when toddlers squirm and children whisper.

We'll begin with **15-minute sessions**, gradually building up over time, so everyone can encounter Jesus at their own pace. It's okay if children fidget or whisper as this is a learning experience rooted in love and reverence.

Each session will include a simple explanation paired with age-appropriate activity and coloring sheets, to help children engage in a meaningful way.

Understanding the Mass 10 Minute Mini-Talks Prior to each Weekend Mass

Our 10-minute mini-talks continue to help deepen our understanding of what takes place during the Holy Mass.

Feb 14 & 15: The Rite of Communion

Dismissal and the Concluding Details the Our Father, Rite of Peace, Fraction, Anguses Dei, Communion Procession and Song, and how to properly receive the Eucharist and Precious Blood.

Feb 21 & 22: The Dismissal Rite

Details the Prayer after Communion, the Concluding Rites, the Final Blessing, the Procession, as well as the importance of sacred music, liturgical colors and incense.

We invite you to join us prior to any weekend Mass and take advantage of this opportunity to grow in faith and understanding.

Adorers Needed for our Adoration Chapel Both Regulars & Substitutes Needed



Since its inception, our Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has brought many blessings to our parish community. Visiting the Blessed Sacrament is a great treasure of our faith. It nourishes social love and offers opportunities for adoration and thanksgiving, inviting adorers into a deeply spiritual communion with Christ in His Real Presence.

Because the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, it cannot be left unattended. For this reason, it is essential to maintain a consistent schedule of adorers who generously offer just one hour of their time with the Lord, receiving the many graces that flow from this sacred practice. Recently, it has become increasingly difficult to fill certain hours.

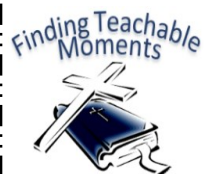
As Lent approaches, we are reaching out to the members of our parish to assist us with this important blessed ministry. We are in need of two types of adorers:

REGULAR ADORERS, especially on **Wednesdays from 4:00–7:00 PM**. Parishioners who can commit to the *same one-hour time slot each week*. If there is a certain day you are unavailable, please let us know so a substitute can be called in to cover your time.

SUBSTITUTE ADORERS are you able to fill in occasionally when a regularly scheduled adorer may be unavailable. Substitute adorers will be contacted as needed and asked to cover a specific hour.

Our Adoration Chapel Hours are as follows:
Mondays & Wednesdays: 4:00–7:00 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM

We are confident that you will find this to be a spiritually enriching and grace-filled experience. For more information, please contact Joanna in the Parish Life Office at 856-939-0592.



Teachable Moments

Parish Office @ 7PM
Tues/Wed Evenings

Feb 11, Lenten Practices & Holy Week (Wed Evening) Presenter: Joanna Schmidt

Lent is a season of conversion, drawing us closer to God through prayer and fasting. Come learn about the origins of our Lenten practices, which emerged in the 1st century and were more formally established by the 4th century.

Lenten Parish Mission

Feb 23, 24 & 25 with Fr Rob
7PM St Teresa Church

As we prepare to enter the sacred season of Lent, we invite all parishioners to take part in our Lenten Parish Mission.



Through inspiring talks and prayer, please join us for a special opportunity of reflection and spiritual renewal.

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

TICKETS ON SALE

Holy Child Parish Annual Designer Bag Bingo

Join us

Tickets are \$35 in advance
(available to purchase at the Parish Office)
\$45 at the door

Tables can be reserved for groups of 8 or more

BASKET AUCTION &
50/50

MARCH 14, 2026

DOORS OPEN AT 5PM BINGO STARTS AT 7PM

Call or stop in the Parish Office for tickets
ask for Danielle 856-939-1681 or email
holychildparish@comcast.net

321 ORCHARD AVE/ST. MARIA GORETTI HALL

HELP AND SUPPORT

Our Ministries

Designer Bag Sponsors

Back by popular demand and great success we are going to host our **4th annual Designer Bag Bingo** here at Holy Child.

Our goal is to have all the bags sponsored so the profits made from this event are 100% going to our Ministries here at Holy Child Parish.

Anyone or any business who would like to sponsor a bag (s) please contact Danielle in the Parish Office for details. **We only have 3 bags that need sponsorship.** Please consider one of them. Thank you in advance for all your generosity. We are also taking basket donations and gift cards if you feel you would like to help in this way.



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

Congratulations

We welcomed Landon Ronald DeMuro, Brenton Anthony Johnson and Travis Michael Johnson and their family into our Parish Family through the waters of Baptism this past weekend. May you always remember this day, and may God's joy, love, and peace fill you through all your tomorrows.



Encounter Christ

Does Lent feel like you're just going through the motions instead of growing closer to Jesus? It's frustrating when Easter arrives and you are no closer to Jesus than when Lent began. The Diocese of Camden created Journal Through Lent to help you grow closer to Jesus with short daily videos to help you go from repeating the same old Lent to experiencing a Lent that prepares your heart for Easter. Sign up free today at camdendiocese.org/lent if you want a Lent that draws you closer to Jesus.

ENCOUNTER CHRIST

DON'T LET ANOTHER LENT PASS BY WITHOUT GROWING ANY CLOSER TO JESUS THAN YOU ARE RIGHT NOW!

Most Catholics settle for giving up something small and spend Lent going through the motions. Journal Through Lent gives you a short daily video and one reflection question that helps you encounter Jesus every day and prepare your heart for Easter.



Sign-up for free:
CamdenDiocese.org/Lent

Tax Contribution Statement

I would like a report of 2025 contributions to Holy Child Parish. Please allow 14 days for this to be completed. If you are using ParishGiving you may get your 2025 donations from their website: www:ParishGiving.org

Name _____

Address _____

Town & Zip _____

Phone _____

Envelope Number: _____

_____ I will pick it up at the Parish Office.
_____ Please mail.

February

Calendar Winners

	FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	FEB \$
31	Carol	Roehr	100
70	Rev Arockia	Britto Prabhu	100
145	ED	O'Donnell III	100
147	Rosemarie	Gwaltney	100
180	John	Carullo	100
279	Mona	Bennett	100
350	Mary	McCrevy	100
376	Kenneth	Schoudt	100
456	Josh	Hochstetler	100
474	Rod	Miller	100
519	Ashley	Bryson	100
534	Ben	Schiavone	100
538	Debra	Smolak	100
539	Diane	Hatcher	100
586	Enrica	Stefano	100
595	Mary Beth	O'Neil	100
602	Diane	Hatcher	100
607	Susan	Mogelinski	100
615	Tom	Dunne	100
653	Elizabeth	Miller	100
682	Frank J	Minalga	100
685	Robert	Winters	100
715	Lisa	Williams	100
736	Jennifer	Podosek	100
779	Mike	Addezio	100
835	Tom	McMullen	100
901	Pat	Marioni	100
893	Joseph	Venuto	400

Calls of JOY!

A friendly voice and caring connection

What is Calls of JOY?

Calls of JOY is an uplifting start to your week. This free program brings meaningful conversations, compassionate listening, and social connection right to you over the phone. Every call is confidential with the intent to brighten your day

To start your week with connection, care, and conversation:

- ♥ Call us at 856-583-6123
- ♥ Scan the QR code to the right
- ♥ Or, visit: vitality.camdendiocese.org/calls-of-joy-program/



JOY is just a phone call away!



PB&J Outreach

We gather to make sandwiches the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 10:30am at SMGH. For those that make sandwiches at home, drop offs between 11-12:00 noon at SMGH. Please place the uncut sandwiches in individual zip lock bags before placing them back in the original bread sleeve. Thank you for your generosity to the needy. All are invited to join in this wonderful ministry.



Next PB&J will be February 5 and February 19

LUNCH BUNCH

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

February 19, 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.

Parish Sign Refresh Project

Recently, one of our parishioners generously chose to honor the memory of a loved one by revamping the front sign at the Parish Office. This beautiful gesture has inspired further improvements across our campus.



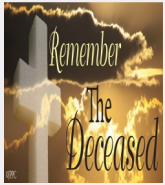
After walking the parish grounds, Father has determined that it is time to refresh three additional signs on our property: ~~the St. Teresa Church Address/ Location sign~~, the Information sign in front of St. Teresa's (BHP side), the Goretti Church Address/ Location sign & the Information sign in front of St. Maria Goretti.

If you are interested in sponsoring one of these signs or dedicating it *in memory of a loved one*, please contact Danielle in the Parish Office. Sponsorships will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thank you for your continued support and for helping us care for and beautify our parish community.

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



**Theresa Reynolds,
Joseph McConaghy,
Emilia Post &
Sr. Margaret McMahon, IHM**

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):
Daniel & David Kelley, Geri & Denis Golinski,
Lenny Venturo, Greg Staino, Tony Mangano,
Fran Mangano, 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: _____

Phone# _____ Date _____

Poor Box

If you pass the poor boxes could you possibly throw some change for the SVdP Society. God Bless.

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.

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.

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.

January 4—\$8,966
Star Herald—\$1,492.50
January 11—\$9,236.00
January 18—\$5,545.00
January 25—\$5,315.71
Church in Latin America—\$656.00
February 1—\$7,079.00
School Support—\$2,105.00

**Second collections for January—
School Support—February 1
Church in Central & Europe—February 18
Catholic Mission among Black & Native
Americans—February 22
Thank you for your continued support.**

Saint Vincent dePaul Society is Available to Help in Various Ways

**Food Pantry Open @ SMG Hall
* 2nd & 4th Wed of every Month 9AM to 10AM
If you are in need of food of any type, please stop
by SMG Hall during the above pantry hours.
Walk-Ins are welcome!**

SVDP HOTLINE:

If you are in need of additional assistance, please call 856-632-1765 and leave a detailed message including town, needs and phone number. A SVDP member will return your call within 48 hours.

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.



Now enrolling 2026-2027 School Year

St Teresa Regional School Presents “Sponsor a Student Program”

Help a Child Reach Their Full Potential in the Catholic Tradition



Make a Difference That Lasts a Lifetime

Every child deserves the chance to learn, grow, and thrive in a faith-filled environment. Your sponsorship helps provide a Catholic education that nurtures both mind and spirit.



How You Can Help

- Full Year Tuition Sponsorship (\$7600)
- Half Year Tuition Sponsorship (\$3800)
- Quarter Year Tuition Sponsorship (\$1900)



Your Gift Provides

- Strong academics rooted in faith
- Opportunities for service and leadership
- Lifelong discipleship and success

Be the Reason a Child Believes in Their Future

Your generosity helps a student experience the joy of learning and growing in faith.

To learn more or become a sponsor:

ad@stteresaschool.org

856-939-0333

or visit our website:

www.stteresaschool.org/fundraising

All sponsorships directly support tuition assistance for St. Teresa Regional School students.

Can you help a student receive a quality education in a safe and nurturing environment?

St. Teresa Regional School is seeking student sponsors for the upcoming school year. Through our *Sponsor a Student* program, your generosity helps children receive an excellent, faith-filled education in a nurturing Catholic environment. Our students receive traditional and hands-on learning in small class sizes with individual attention. They experience classes in art, music, physical education, and Spanish along with a competitive academic curriculum.

Sponsorships are appreciated at full, half, or quarter tuition levels and directly impact a deserving student and their family.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this meaningful ministry of education and faith formation.

Donations can be made through the school office, collection basket, or online @ stteresaschool.org

Tax deductible form available upon request

COMING SOON

2/16-President's Day-School Closed

2/18-Ash Wednesday

2/22-Wish 8th grade luck on their Spelling Bee!

Ongoing- Gift Card Sales- \$25 Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target cards will be sold after Masses (4:30p, 9a & 11a)

Thank You

With your help we raised \$1255 for our new playground equipment. Stay tuned for installation this spring!



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