

# 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*

**April 26, 2026**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Pastor**  
**Parochial Vicar**  
**School Principal**  
**Bereavement**  
**Director of Parish Life**

Rev. Robert L. Sinatra, JCL+  
Rev. Arockia Britto Prabhu+  
Sister Santa Teresa, IHM+  
Sister Lisa Pasquale, IHM +  
Joanna Schmidt

**Deacon** David J. Harkins+  
**Administrative Assistant** Danielle Amerman  
**Finance Coordinator** Theresa Heibel  
**Census Coordinator** Eileen Martin

**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 EASTER

*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.



### 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:

May 13, 2026  
June 10, 2026  
July 15, 2026  
August 12, 2026

Saturday, April 25th, is the feast day of St. Mark, the evangelist. Tradition states that St. Mark was born in Cyrene in 12 AD and was one of the 70 disciples commissioned by our Lord in Luke 10:1. Just as Luke has a connection with St. Paul, Mark is attributed with accompanying St. Peter in his travels. Before he went to Rome and became the first pope, St. Peter started as bishop of Antioch and traveled through Asia Minor. According to scholars, somewhere during that journey St. Mark was used by St. Peter as an interpreter. As St. Peter preached his eyewitness testimony of Jesus' public ministry, Mark wrote down St. Peter's sermons which eventually became the basis of Mark's Gospel. In 49 AD, almost 20 years after Jesus' Ascension, Mark founded the Church of Alexandria and became its first bishop. Tradition states that St. Mark was martyred by the followers of the Egyptian god, Serapis on April 25th, 68 AD who dragged him through the streets of Alexandria until his death. In terms of his Gospel, Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four and contains the least amount of unique material. While early Church Fathers list the order of Gospels as Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, modern day Scripture scholars say that Mark's Gospel was written first around 65-70 AD (because the more times you tell a story, the longer it becomes - just like homilies 😊). At its core, Mark's Gospel asks the fundamental question, "**Who is Jesus - and what does it mean to follow Him?**" Jesus, the Messiah, is the Suffering Servant that proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand. The kingdom arrives through unexpected weakness and true understanding of the Christ means to willingly follow Him, even into that same suffering. There is an urgency to Mark's message, because following Jesus is not something that can be put off, but needs to be accepted immediately. May we accept our Lord's Gospel in the way that Mark intended it to be received, at once and at full speed! St. Mark, pray for us!

As a "Welcome Back" meal for Fr. Britto, I decided to surprise him with **Chicken Chettinad**, a southern Indian dish. Chettinad masala is a sauce/paste that can be used with meat, poultry, vegetable and fish. I was surprised about how well it came out and Fr. Britto was REALLY happy (and impressed). While flavorful, this dish was NOT overpowering spice-wise. You can find the recipe here: <https://www.indianhealthyrecipes.com/chicken-chettinad/> **A couple of important notes:** This recipe is not hard to make, but it is labor intensive. Fortunately, there isn't any cooking or preparation that happens simultaneously, which helps. Some of the ingredients are hard to find, such as stone flowers and sprigs of curry leaves. It helps when you live with someone who has them already in supply. Things like star anise and green cardamon seeds can easily be found online and I was lucky to find turmeric, coriander seeds and cumin seeds at the local supermarket. ALSO, when it comes time to make the marsala (aka paste) I started with my food processor, and then used a blender to make the paste smooth. It was FANTASTIC with sticky basmati rice! Let me know if you're adventurous enough to take the plunge!

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## Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

### Week of April 26

#### SATURDAY St. Mark

8:30 am +Gloria Rutter (Heavenly Birthday) req by Kathleen Rapanaro & Maggie Schmidt (ST)

4:30 pm +John O'Donnell req by Lenora & Frank O'Donnell,  
+Francis "Hank" O'Neill req by family,  
+Regina Schuster req by Jim & Jeanette Bakey,  
+Sharon Leitmeyer req by Eileen Angelino (ST)

#### SUNDAY Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am +Stephen Asbury, Jr. req by Mother (ST)  
9:00 am +Lynn McCausland req by Judy Costello (SMG)  
11:00 am +Joan Davis req by Altar & Rosary Society,  
+Ephraim Sosa req by Evelyn Diaz,  
+Henrietta C. Herrera req by Martiza, Jose & Carmelo Herrero (ST)

#### MONDAY Fourth Week of Easter

8:30 am +George Flem req by wife, Barbara,  
+Titus Powell req by wife & family (ST)

#### TUESDAY St. Peter Chanel, St. Louis Grignon de Montfont

8:30 am +Patricia Sigman (25th Anniversary) req by family (ST)

#### WEDNESDAY St. Catherine of Siena

8:30 am +William Zirilli req by daughter, Gina  
+Jack Dabose req by wife & children (ST)

#### THURSDAY St. Pius V

8:30 am +Sylvia Suppa req by The LaSanta Family (ST)

#### FRIDAY St. Joseph the Worker

8:30 am +Souls in Purgatory req by Holy Child Parish (ST)

#### SATURDAY St. Athanasius

8:30 am +Sr. Eileen Dugan, IHM req by the IHM Sister (ST)  
4:30 pm +Frances Zirilli req by sister, Gina (ST)

#### SUNDAY Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:00 am +Joseph Kwiatkowski & dec'd family members req by family (ST)  
9:00 am +Joan DeMarshall req by husband and family,  
+Sylvia Suppa req by Laurie Power (SMG)  
11:00 am +William Zirilli req by daughter, Gina (ST)

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

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

### St Vincent de Paul Society

Call **856-632-1765** and leave your name and an unblocked number where you can be reached, and let us know what you need. You will have a return call within 48 hours. Help is available to any parishioner and anyone in the Parish or the Runnemed/ Glendora area, regardless of religion.

### Baptism Scheduling

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

**Bread & Wine  
Memorial  
& Sanctuary  
Candles**  
(the week of  
April 26-May 2)

**The Blessed Virgin  
Mary Candle  
burns: (ST)**  
In memory of  
Mike & Yolanda  
Migliaccio



### Baptism

This week we welcome  
**Luca William Berenato**  
to the Church and our parish  
family. May you always remember  
this day, and may God's joy, love  
and peace fill you through  
all your tomorrows.





## 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!*

## 2026-2027 Religious Education Registration Discount of \$30 Ends May 31, 2026

Attn Parents with children en-  
rolling in Kindergarten or 1st  
Grade for September 2026  
School Year



Please take advantage of this early registration dis-  
count by calling our Faith Formation Office

## VBS Volunteer Information May 11, 6:30PM – STRS Hall

We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to guide our children through this summer's faith-filled journey of fun, learning, and discovery. Whether you love working with kids, helping with crafts, leading games, or just lending a hand, there's a place for you! We are offering an information session where you can experience firsthand the activities we'll be running during VBS this summer.

We are looking for: **Adults and Young Adults as well as Junior High Aides going into 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grade for September 2026 and of course our High School Teens**

### What roles are needed to be filled our VBS?

**Crew Leader** – Work in pairs to guide your small group of 5-6 youth from station to station.

**Bible Adventures Station** - Help reenact various Bible Stories that connects to the Bible point of the day.

**Game Station** – Teams show our young how to play a variety of outdoor cooperative games with an encouraging team spirit. Each game connects to the Bible point of the day.

**Pre-Work:** Can you help cut out leaves, twist paper to make branches and limbs, transforming our school into an amazing Rainforest.

Come and be part of something meaningful. Call our Faith Formation Office to sign-up.



## Family Catechesis is Growing and in need of Volunteers!

Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel within our families, among our friends, and in our neighborhoods. So, what makes sharing our faith through our Religious Education Program so special? It is a unique opportunity to guide our children in faith and help them build a personal relationship with God.

Wonderful and dedicated volunteers are at the heart of our programs. As you may have seen we started with Family Adoration and Stations of the Cross during this past Lenten Season. As we continue, we will be developing even more opportunities such as Family Faith Night Out, Family Service Projects and a Family Rosary Group. In order to continue to grow, we will be in need of individuals AND families willing to share their time and talents in a variety of ways.

We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming part of our Family Catechesis Program. Join a truly inspiring group of people who are making a difference in the lives of our parish families. Please don't hesitate to reach out, even if you are a family with younger children. There is a place for everyone! Adults, young adults, and teens are all greatly needed.

You may be surprised by how much you receive in return. This is a deeply rewarding ministry for volunteers of all ages.

Please contact our  
Faith Formation  
Office.

Do something  
beautiful + for God





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## Last Call for Sight & Sound Joshua Wed, May 13 - 3PM Matinee - \$150

We only have 20 tickets left Sight & Sound production of 'Joshua'. You will be moved by the story of Joshua, his bold leadership, unwavering faith, and God's miraculous promise brought to life.

There are 20 tickets still available. After this week, our trip will be open to surrounding parishes. Reservations are first-paid, first-served. Cost includes coach bus, lunch buffet at Miller's, along with front row balcony seating. Please return the below to the Parish Office quickly while tickets are still available.

Registration – Sight & Sound Joshua - Make checks payable to Holy Child Parish

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Woman's Prayer Group

Tuesday, April 28 - 7PM STRS Hall

We are looking forward to our next gathering in April. In the meantime, we wanted to share with you some of the beautiful benefits of women coming together to share their faith:

**Spiritual encouragement** – praying together strengthens our personal relationship with God and reminds us we are not walking our faith journey alone.

**Growth through shared wisdom** – hearing how God is working in the lives of others often deepens our own understanding and faith.

**Strength for daily life** – gathering in prayer equips us to live out our faith more fully within our families, workplaces, and communities.

We hope you will join us as we continue to grow together in faith, prayer, and fellowship.

### Adorers Needed on Mondays

We are grateful for those who have prayerfully joined our Adorers. We are still in need of Adorers on Mondays 4PM to 7PM (one-hour sessions)

Are you able to commit to **one hour each week** in our Adoration Chapel. Your presence ensures that our Lord is never left alone and allows this beautiful devotion to continue for all who seek Him. For more information, please contact Joanna in our Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592.



### Seven Sisters Apostolate Looking for Seven Women to Pray for our Priests!

In 2010, Janette Howe, sensed a nudge to pray more frequently for her Pastor, Fr Joseph R Johnson. She began to offer an additional hour of prayer during the week, not mentioning it to her pastor, but delighting in simply offering the hour and trusting he was benefitting from the graces. During the next several weeks, Janette heard the words Seven Sisters in her heart. There was a sense that Fr. Johnson could benefit from six others, seven total, to offer one Holy Hour each day during the week. In turn, the Seven Sisters Apostolate was formed and has been growing ever since.

It is a privilege to pray for our priests! Seven Sisters Apostolate has a mission to pray for individual priests in small groups of only seven. Each woman chooses a different day of the week and offers one Holy Hour. Thus, the priest receives a Holy Hour every day. It is a blessing for the priest and the intercessor! Our first group of Seven Women will be led by Judy Baji. Our goal is to start with Seven Sisters interceding in private prayer for Fr Rob and then another Seven Sisters to intercede in private prayer for Fr Britto.

If you feel called to this Apostolate, please call our Parish Life Office at 856-939-0592.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### OCIA: Order of Catholic Initiation



5 Week  
Summer Program  
Are you up to date  
with your Sacraments?

Our OCIA Program traditionally begins in the fall and culminates with the Easter Vigil. While formal sessions will still begin in the fall, we are excited to offer a six-week Summer Program for those who are baptized Catholic and are seeking to complete their Sacraments of First Communion and/or Confirmation. We currently have three high school students and two young adults already enrolled in the Summer Program.

Sessions will take place  
**Monday from July 13 through August 10**  
6:30PM to 7:30 PM, in the Parish Office

For more information or to register, please contact  
Faith Formation Office.



**Thursday, May 7 @ 7AM**  
**Gloucester Twp Senior Center**  
**Gloucester Township Ministerium**

This year on May 7<sup>th</sup>, we will unite in prayer community leaders, pastors and residents to together pray for the nation, locate, state and federal leaders. Our theme being, "Glorify God among the nations, seeking Him in all generations." The day will begin with a proclamation and Ecumenical Prayer Service, followed by a fellowship breakfast.

**Holy Child Parish has been given 10 tickets, which are required to attend this amazing event.** Tickets will be distributed as first-come-first service. To obtain your ticket, please contact Joanna @ 856-939-0592.

### Lawn Festival Sponsorship Form 2026

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

#### **Choice of Sponsorship:**

- Mesh Signage (48" x 36") **\$350**
- Signage Renewal **\$300**
- Festival Sponsor **\$150**

Please make all checks payable to Holy Child Parish

Submit a high-resolution image or graphic  
(jpeg, gif, WEBP) to rob-  
ert.sinatra@camdendiocese.org

### Lawn Festival Volunteers Needed

June 22 through 27 - Evenings

Our annual Lawn Festival will be here before we know it, and we are once again in need of volunteers to help in various areas each evening.

We are especially in need of help running our **Game Booths**. Each booth is staffed by volunteers, and all proceeds go directly to our parish and school. **When we do not have** volunteers for a particular night, that booth must remain closed and valuable proceeds are lost.

We invite you to consider signing up for one night with your family. You might also team up with another family and run a booth together, making it both fun and easy to serve! The game booths are simple to run and include familiar carnival-style games.

For more information, please call  
Joanna Schmidt @ 856-939-0592  
or Fran Patterson @ 856-229-1657  
with any questions or to volunteer!



**SOUTH JERSEY  
CATHOLIC  
MINISTRIES  
APPEAL**

**Missionaries of Mercy  
Your Donations Matter!**

Your support of the 2026 Catholic Charities Appeal helps us carry out the mission Jesus entrusted to us:

“I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”  
(Matthew 25:40)

Through your generosity, Catholic Charities provides essential programs and services that transform the lives of individuals and families in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Camden.

The Parish Goal for Holy Child this year is: \$97,400. To date through your generosity, we have raised \$42,600.

**Congratulations**

Father Rob and Deacon Dave welcomed Leo Francis Plefka, Fairlane Marie Vennell, Nora Bridget Fiduk and Quinn Emery Hartey and their families through the waters of Baptism this past Sunday. May you always remember this day, and may God’s joy, love and peace fill you through all your tomorrows.



**Grief Support Group**

Our Grief Support Group will be starting soon, offering a safe, compassionate space for anyone experiencing the loss of a loved one. Whether your loss is recent or from years past, you are not alone. Together, we will share, listen, and find comfort in faith and community.

All are welcome to join us as we walk this journey of healing side by side. The group will begin on Monday, May 11 at 6:00 PM and will meet for six weeks. Please contact Dawn Lipomi 609-405-2745 with any questions or to just let me know you’ll be coming. No formal registration is required

**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 **May 7 & May 21**

**Attention Seniors**

Come join us for faith, food and fun as we celebrate the wearing of the red, white & blue on Thursday, May 14 at 10:30am in Saint Maria Goretti Hall. All are welcome to attend!



**LUNCH BUNCH**

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



**May 28, 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.

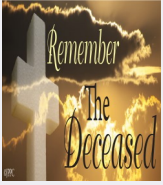


If you feel that you have a burning desire to help people get closer to Christ and to know the Truth, then perhaps you have a vocation to the priesthood. If you feel like God is calling you, call our vocations director Father Adam Cichoski at:

**856-583-2864 or email him at**  
**[adam.cichoski@camdendiocese.org](mailto:adam.cichoski@camdendiocese.org)**

# Compassionate Outreach

## Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



**Catherine Strickler,  
Ralph Greipp,  
Sr. James Elizabeth, IHM &  
Judith Anne Sobel**

## Our Active Military

Asuree Tijerina, 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



## Please Pray for our Sick:

Our updated Sick List (as of 2/15/2026) 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):  
Hank "Mr. B" Blaszbzyk, Tom Hengst, Lou Livolsi, Debbie Schnaare,  
Jessica Williams and William Eldridge**

Debbie Schnaare Daniel & David Kelley  
Geri & Denis Golinski Nola Durborow  
Greg Staino Tony Mangano  
Fran Mangano Edgardo Colon

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Saint Vincent dePaul Society is Available to Help in Many 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 pantry hours.  
Walk-Ins are welcome or call 856-632-1765.*

## Stewardship

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

- Saint Vincent dePaul—\$2,455.00
- Good Friday—\$2,581.00
- April 5—\$20,449.00
- April 12—\$8,586.50
- Star Herald—\$1,597.00
- April 19—\$8,904.00

- Second collections for April—**
- Saint Vincent dePaul-April 2**
- Holy Land—April 3**
- Catholic Star Herald—April 12**
- School Play Support—April 18/19**
- Catholic Home Mission Appeal—April 26**

**Thank you for your continued support.**

## Visitors

We welcome all visitors to our parish. Visitors wishing to register and become part of our Holy Child Parish are asked to call Danielle at 856-939-1681 or register online at [www.holychildparish.net](http://www.holychildparish.net)

## 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.

**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.



*Saint Teresa*  
REGIONAL SCHOOL

April 26, 2026

### Next week is Teacher Appreciation Week

We ask that you keep STRS teachers in your thoughts and prayers as they continue to serve God through their vocation.

During this special week, we pause to recognize and give thanks for the dedicated teachers who guide, inspire, and nurture our students each day. Their commitment goes far beyond the classroom as they help shape hearts, minds, and futures rooted in faith and knowledge.

We invite our school and parish community to join us in praying for our teachers and showing our gratitude for the many ways they make a difference in the lives of our children.

**COMING SOON**

5/10 Mother's Day

5/13 Friendly's Dine and Donate 5-8

Must present Certificate

5/15 RACE for Education

Ongoing- Gift Card Sales- \$25 Acme, ShopRite, Walmart, Target cards will be sold after Masses

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



St. Teresa Regional School

## Now Enrolling

FOR 26-27 SCHOOL YEAR



PRE-SCHOOL  
3 & 4

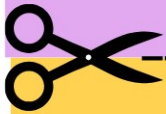


KINDERGARTEN-  
8TH GRADE



BEFORE & AFTER  
SCHOOL PROGRAM

VISIT US AT: [stteresaschool.org](http://stteresaschool.org) OR  
856-939-0333 [adestteresaschool.org](mailto:adestteresaschool.org)



**May Dine and Donate will be at Friendly's in Deptford  
Wednesday, May 13th 5-8pm Dine in Only  
Must present coupon/ voucher**

## FUNraising with

# *Friendly's*

Bring in this certificate and 20% of your check will be donated to:



*Saint Teresa*  
REGIONAL SCHOOL



Please present coupon to server when ordering. Not valid for use in conjunction with any other discount or promotional offer. Limit one coupon per party per visit. Unauthorized reproduction or resale of this coupon is prohibited, including on Internet websites. Valid only at participating Friendly's locations. Sales tax applies where required.