

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

May 17, 2026
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Pastor	Rev. Robert L. Sinatra, JCL+	Deacon	David J. Harkins+
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Arockia Britto Prabhu+	Administrative Assistant	Danielle Amerman
School Principal	Sister Santa Teresa, IHM+	Finance Coordinator	Theresa Heibel
Bereavement	Sister Lisa Pasquale, IHM +	Census Coordinator	Eileen Martin
Director of Parish Life	Joanna Schmidt		

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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SEVENTH 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:

June 10, 2026

July 15, 2026

August 12, 2026

At 10:30 AM on Saturday morning, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in downtown Camden, Nickolas Naticchione became the newest priest of the Diocese of Camden. It can be a time of nostalgia for most priests in South Jersey because so many of us were ordained around the late Spring and early Summer. I can remember my own feelings of both nervousness and excitement about being ordained a priest. I can remember processing into St. Agnes Church in Blackwood on Saturday, May 29, 2004 and seeing all of my family and friends in attendance and how overwhelmed with emotion I became. I can remember lying prostrate on the floor during the Litany of Saints (and getting a painful cramp in my back in the middle of it). It was such an unbelievable and surreal experience celebrating Mass for the very first time that next day in my home parish. Looking out at the congregation and praying the prayers out loud that I had only heard, I can remember thinking to myself, "What the heck am I doing here?!?" I can remember my first homily on that Monday morning at daily Mass at St. Peter's in Merchantville and remarking to the people that today was really the first day of being a priest - that the extraordinary events of the previous two days lead to this moment and all the days ahead. It is these things and more that await the new Fr. Naticchione: all of the joy, all of the excitement, all of the expectations of what priesthood awaits, the surprises of the everyday that each priest faces. That's what makes priesthood so endearing. It's a great "gig" working for God. He's an unbelievable employer and the benefits are out of this world! But along with all of these positive and uplifting things, the early life of a priest is a very fragile time. The last thing the Devil wants is a happy and holy priest! There are a lot of pressures and struggles that come with being a priest. In addition, with the shortages in priests, even greater demands are being placed on younger clergy. Instead of nurturing a budding vocation, we tend to throw "the young guys" in the deep end of the pool because "necessity meets youthful zeal" is extremely tempting proposition. I am grateful that my first pastor was a man this community knew very well, Msgr. Joseph Pokusa. Not only did he "show me the ropes", Msgr. guided and corrected me with a gentle hand. I pray that Fr. Naticchione will have the same type of mentor as he begins an incredible life serving God and His people. So pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life and the permanent diaconate! Pray for the seminarians for the Diocese of Camden that they are able to accurately discern God's will for their lives and, most importantly, pray for the Rev. Nicholas Naticchione and the priesthood of Jesus Christ that all of us unworthily share! *Ad multos annos!*

For Mother's Day, I was charged with making desserts for my family. I am not the most experienced baker. One of them was a Coconut Poke Cake. It is DELICIOUS! You can find the recipe here: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/7994/coconut-poke-cake/>

A couple of lessons that I learned. After you poke the cake **DO NOT** take it out of the pan (13x9x3) you bake it in! Pour the can of cream of coconut/condensed milk mixture on top while it is still hot. Also, put the whipped topping and flaked coconut on while it's still in the pan. I moved this cake about 3 times as I learned my lesson. While frustrating to yours truly (and many ... colorful metaphors were exclaimed in the rectory), the results were well worth the consternation. Give it a try!

MAY 17, 2026

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of May 17

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

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

SATURDAY Sixth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Robert Lodge req by Cathy Schmidt (ST)
4:30 pm +Nina Twisdale req by Eileen Martin (ST)

SUNDAY Seventh Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 am +Walter Zubrzycki req by wife & children (ST)
9:00 am +Anthony Mancini & Emilo Constantino req by family,
Healing Intentions for Rylan Beardsley req by The Heibel Family,
+Milt Lickfeld req by Mary & family (SMG)
11:00 am Joann & Joseph Donofrio (10th Wedding Anniversary)
req by family (ST)

MONDAY St. John I

- 8:30 am +Lenny Ventura req by The Getting's Family (ST)

TUESDAY Seventh Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Margaret McLaughlin (Wedding Anniversary) req by husband (ST)

WEDNESDAY St. Bernardine of Siena

- 8:30 am +Souls in Purgatory (ST)

THURSDAY St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions

- 8:30 am +Lenny Ventura req by Jeanne Sigman (ST)

FRIDAY St. Rita of Cascia

- 8:30 am +Msgr. Martin Mannion req by Michael McWilliams &
Donna Hale (ST)

SATURDAY Seventh Week of Easter

- 8:30 am Healing Intentions for Jeanne Sigman req by Kathleen Rapanaro (ST)
4:30 pm +Bob White req by Eileen Martin,
+Jimmy Skalamera Mom & Dad,
+Regina Schuster req by John & Anna Maria Calianno,
Healing Intentions for Maria Murphy The Heibel Family (ST)

SUNDAY Pentecost Sunday

- 7:00 am +Stephen Asbury, Jr. req by Mother (ST)
9:00 am +Mary Blaszyk req by family (SMG)
11:00 am +Rita Caliva req by The Catarro Family,
+Alejandro Mejia (27th Heavenly Birthday) req by Mom, Nancy,
+Berndette Iannelli req by brother & sister in law Salvatore &
Natalie (ST)

**Bread & Wine
Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles**
(the week of May 17-23)

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle
burns: (ST)**
In Memory of
Jimmy Skalamera
Req by
Mom, Dad & family

**The Sanctuary
Candle burns: (ST)**
In Memory of
Sam & Lena Chiaro
Req by
The O'Neill Family

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle burns:
(SMG)**
In Memory of
Claire Schnek
Req by
Pat & Michelle Schnek



Altar and Rosary Society

Monthly Meetings
Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month
Starts at 7:00 PM
Location: SMG Hall
All women are welcome to come see!



**Mother's Day envelopes will be
on the altars at both Churches
for the entire month of May to
honor your loved ones.
Happy Mother's Day!**

Need Your Help

We are looking for volunteers who could help with Bingo on Tuesday Mornings and Thursday Nights at Saint Maria Goretti. There are several jobs needed please call Mary 856-939-5969 to sign up. Thank you in advance for your help!

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.

BLESS OUR NEW FIRST COMMUNICANTS



Rhae Bryson
Giancarlo Bundesmann
Elena Byars
Ryan Casillas
Vincent Cattanea
Gabriel Charles
Dominic Copes
Cecilia Correa
Brett Fletcher

Santino Ho
Taylor Hynes
Nolan Jones
Lilyana Martino
Avarie Mulgrew
Juliet Neville
Jake Ribchinsky
Logan Ruberti
Kevin Savage

Kalani Sozerman
Wolfgang Thomas
Jacqueline Thompson
Giavanna Wright

May the Miracle that has taken place
on the altar this day,
Reveal to you, the miracles that
God performs in your life every day
And may this miracle of today
draw you to His altar
Every Sunday of your Life!





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!

VBS Volunteer Information

THIS Monday, May 18

7PM – 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 simply lending a hand, there's a place for you in our VBS family.

We will be offering an Information Session where you can experience firsthand the activities we'll be running during VBS this summer.

We Are Looking For: Adults, Young Adults, High School Teens and Junior High Aides entering 6th–8th grade in September 2026

Volunteer Roles Needed

Crew Leaders: Work in pairs to guide a small group of 5–6 children from station to station throughout the day.

Bible Adventures Station: Help reenact exciting Bible stories that connect to the daily Bible point and bring Scripture to life for our children.

Game Station: Lead fun outdoor cooperative games while encouraging teamwork and positive spirit. Each game connects to the Bible point of the day.

Pre-Work Volunteers Needed: Help us transform our school into an amazing Rainforest! Volunteers are needed to help cut out leaves, twist paper to create branches and vines.

Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and faith with our parish children. We can't wait to journey through the rainforest together this summer!

Am I Using my
Gifts & Talents Fully.
in the Service of
the Lord and Others?

Often, it is not the big, dramatic moments that shape our faith the most, but the small, consistent acts of love, service, and faithfulness. Each of us is called to be a witness to the Gospel within our families, among our friends, and throughout our neighborhoods.

As a parish family, we are blessed with many opportunities to grow together in faith and support one another in building up the Church. We invite you to prayerfully consider becoming an intentional disciple in small but meaningful ways. Below are several opportunities to get involved and help strengthen our parish community.

FAMILY CATECHESIS

Help support and encourage families through opportunities such as:

- Family Faith Night Out
- Family Service Projects
- Family Adoration
- Family Rosary Group
- Faith Around the Table
- And so much more!

Each event provides a unique opportunity to guide families of all ages in faith while helping them build a personal relationship with God.

Family Ambassadors

We are blessed to have so many new families joining our parish community. Would you and your family consider becoming an Emmaus Family and help welcome these new families into parish life, offering a personal touch?

As an Emmaus Family, you would help accompany our families through unique parish opportunities, helping to build fellowship, and grow together in faith. Through simple acts of hospitality, friendship, and encouragement, we can share our time, faith, and gifts with one another while helping families feel at home in our parish family.

FAMILY
Ambassador
IN FAITH

SPECIAL Woman's Prayer Group This Tuesday, May 19 7PM STRS Hall

Some of the most life-giving moments happen around a table. There is something sacred about pulling up a chair, sharing a meal, and making space for one another. Around the table, hearts are nourished as much as bodies.

We are blessed to gather women of all ages, from 27 to 86, who come together in a beautiful and inspiring space to connect and grow. Here, we listen to the stories of faith filled women who came before us, finding encouragement, understanding, and unconditional acceptance. Together, we reflect on how God has worked through the lives of these women, and how He continues to call each of us to step out in faith.

We cordially invite you to join us for a special evening of food, fellowship, and prayer as we "Come and Gather at the Table."

Whether you are just beginning your journey with Jesus or have been walking with Him for many years, you are warmly invited to come and discover what God may be inviting you into next.

Come be nourished in faith, strengthened in community, and inspired by the witness of these remarkable women.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24 Wear your Red for Mass!



Pentecost Sunday is one of the most meaningful days in the Christian calendar. Celebrated 50 days after Easter, it marks the moment when the Holy Spirit descended

upon the followers of Jesus, empowering them to share His message with the world.

In the biblical account, the disciples experienced a sound like a rushing wind, and "tongues of fire" appeared above them. Filled with the Holy Spirit, they began speaking in different languages, allowing people from many nations to understand them. This powerful moment is often recognized as the birth of the Church and a symbol of unity across cultures.

Join us in celebrating Pentecost by wearing red as a sign of the Spirit's power and presence among us as we continue forming intentional disciples.

Why wear red?

Red represents the fire of the Holy Spirit, the presence of God, and the courage given to the disciples to boldly live out their faith.

LAWN Festival
IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS!

We are accepting donations of
CASES OF WATER, PEPSI AND COKE PRODUCTS.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT STRS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
Fran Patterson
856-229-1657

Lawn Festival Volunteers Still Needed June 22 through 27 - Evenings

We invite you to please consider signing up for just one night with your family to help run one of our Game Booths. Each night, we have five booths that need to be staffed and as of today, we are still in need of help for each night.

These booths are especially important, as all proceeds go directly to support our parish and school. When we don't have enough volunteers, a booth must remain closed and proceeds are lost. The game booths are simple to run and feature familiar carnival-style games, making it a great opportunity for all ages to get involved.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support, we truly couldn't do this without you! For more information, please call Joanna Schmidt @ 856-939-0592 or Fran Patterson @ 856-229-1657 to volunteer!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Why Do We Crown Mary in May?



While Mary the Mother of God is revered and celebrated all year long, May is a special month to celebrate the "Queen of Heaven."

Crowning Mary has been a popular devotion since Medieval times. Mary appeared to many saints and children within the month of May.



In turn, the May crowning has been a longstanding tradition in the Catholic Church, when those receiving the Sacrament of First Communion presented Mary with spring's first flowers and crown her with a small wreath of blossoms.

Why a wreath of blossoms? Because Mary is considered the crown of creation, being the most important woman of our faith. What a beautiful way to honor our Lady in her special month of May!

Oh, Loving Mary,
Help us to model
our lives after yours;
To become loving, to be closer
to you, to have great trust,
to become caring
and serving
to all those we affect.





Missionaries of Mercy

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their pledge cards. We are still in need of support, and your continued generosity is greatly appreciated. Even the smallest donation can make a meaningful difference in helping to change lives, by providing essential programs and services, transforming the lives of individuals and families in need across all eight counties of the Diocese of Camden.

If you need a pledge card or have any questions, please contact our Parish Life Office at 856-939-0592.



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



Baptism

This week we welcome **Elliana Rae Schiavo** to the Church and our parish family. May you always remember this day, and may God's joy, love and peace fill you through

Congratulations

Father Rob and Deacon Dave welcomed Rita Carmela Phillips and her family 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.

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.

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 21.**

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

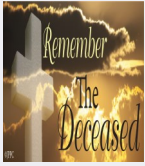
Contact Diana Querubin at 609-707-6357, if you'd like to join the LUNCH BUNCH. Everyone is welcome! You will have your own check and only pay for what you eat.

Please Donate

Spring is here and just in time to refresh your home & closets. As you refresh your home think about donating old clothes into the POD located in STRS parking lot across the street from the school. All donations make a difference. Thank you.

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Donia Eichfeld,
+Sr. Thomasine Hall, IHM,
+Sr. Clare Sullivan, IHM &
Louella DiDio

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):
Thomas Condo, Joseph Auletto, Kathleen Com-
mack, Nanci Fallon, 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
Anna Bohley

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.

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



Stewardship

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

May 3—\$7,906.17

Utilities Fund—\$2,598.00

May 10—\$9,618.00

Race for Education STRS—\$559.00

Second collections for May—
Utilities (Air)—May 3
Race for Education—May 10
Ascension—May 14
Catholic Communications—May 17

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

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

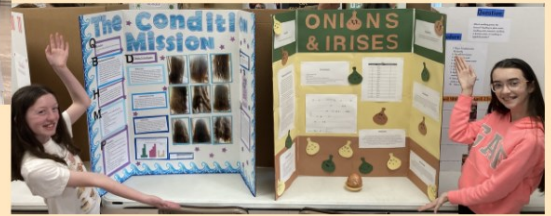
Anyone can request a prayer quilt for someone in need of prayers. Call Eileen Martin 856-870-9228 or Diane 856-994-2734. A great gift of caring.

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
May 17, 2026

Congratulations to the winners of the Science Fair and to all of the students who worked so hard with the scientific method. We are proud of your thoroughness and presentations!



With joyful hearts, we congratulate our students who received their First Holy Communion. May this special day be the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith, love, and closeness to Jesus. We are proud of the reverence, preparation, and joy they shared as they received the Eucharist for the very first time.



During this beautiful month of May, may Mary be with them as she was with her Son, guiding them with her love, faith, and gentle care. May God continue to bless these children and their families as they grow in His grace and love.

COMING SOON

5/25 Memorial Day

5/30 Sports Banquet

6/22-6/27 Lawn Festival

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