

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 3, 2026
Fifth 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
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STRS Advancement Director	(856) 939-1207
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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 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

“Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and decisive direction.” -Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical **Deus Caritas Est**, no. 1

During his time in the Archdiocese of Minneapolis-St. Paul, Bishop Williams began a School of Discipleship to help form "activated disciples". Unlike the multitude of diocesan-wide programs that come and go, the School of Discipleship and the formation it provides is meant to create a fundamental shift in not just what we do as disciples, parishes and as a diocese, but also the WHY - the motivation behind and the reason why we follow Jesus and why we should have a burning desire to share Him with others. Bishop Williams has brought the School of Discipleship here to the Diocese of Camden. Over the past several weeks, over a dozen of us have spent our Tuesday evenings with renowned catechist and scripture scholar, Jeff Cavins, learning the basics of discipleship, how to share our faith with courage and confidence, and how to cultivate a deeper life of prayer. This last session, Jeff laid out a plan on how to double the size of a parish in 5 years. As a pastor, my ears most certainly perked up! As a part of the plan, every parishioner would be responsible to bring **ONE PERSON** into the Church every year. Just 1! If we did that, in 5 years our parish would be transformed! It truly struck a chord with me. Do we try to make new disciples every year, or is our faith experience only for ourselves? If our faith is important and Jesus is important, wouldn't we want to share His life with others? For the reality is not that we chose Jesus to be the Lord of our lives. Rather **Christ calls us** to be with Him and our Lord uses us to call others. It's why being a true sponsor for someone coming into the Church is so essential. Sponsorship is not just relegated to those chosen to stand for someone being baptized or confirmed. Being a sponsor is the obligation out of love by the whole parish. It's why the Rite of Election and the Scrutinies are done in the midst of the community for Sunday Mass. It's not to parade our catechumens and candidates in front of everyone or to add ANOTHER thing to make Mass longer. Rather it's an opportunity for us as a community of faith to embrace and celebrate someone who is embarking on the amazing journey of following Christ. It's us, as a family, celebrating something life changing, like we would the wedding of a son or a daughter, a brother or a sister. So I make the challenge to all of you - It's your job to look for, invite and sponsor ONE PERSON into the Church at Easter next year. As of Sunday, May 3rd, you have 329 days. Start cracking!

As a part of the short videos revolving around cooking that flood my social media feed, I bumped into the favorite breakfast of King Charles III - Cheesy Baked Eggs. The recipe that I used last Sunday morning did NOT come out as intended [but was tasty]. In terms of this recipe I REFUSE TO BE DENIED! It looked so good that I can't give it up. SO, I have found another version that NEEDS to turn out better than its predecessor! So give it a shot and let me know if it turned out better than mine. You can find the recipe here: <https://www.allrecipes.com/king-charles-cheesy-baked-eggs-11797492>

MAY 3, 2026

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of May 3

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)

MONDAY Fifth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Eileen & Joe Bertolino (Happy Anniversary) req by husband, Joe (ST)

TUESDAY Fifth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Regina Schuster req by The Bakey Children (ST)

WEDNESDAY Fifth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Dylan Massey req by The Heibel Family (ST)

THURSDAY Fifth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Linda Nees req by Phillis Madgey (ST)

FRIDAY Fifth Week of Easter

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

SATURDAY Fifth Week of Easter

- 8:30 am +Francis M. Mulroy req by Eileen M. Schmidt (ST)
- 4:30 pm For All Mothers of the Parish (ST)

SUNDAY Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 7:00 am For All Mothers of the Parish (ST)
- 9:00 am For All Mothers of the Parish (SMG)
- 11:00 am For All Mothers of the Parish (ST)

**Bread & Wine
Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles**
(the week of May 3-9)

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle
burns: (ST)**
Intentions for
or the people of
Holy Child Parish

**The Saint Teresa
Candle burns: (ST)**
Intentions for
Sister Lisa~for her
Diamond Jubilee
Req by the
IHM Sisters

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle burns:
(SMG)**
In Memory of
Kevin Schnek
Req by
Pat & Michele Schenk



**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!**



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

Poor Man Supper Thank You

Our soup makers, Teens in Action, the 64 Patrons and SVdP members experienced the Living Gospel on March 27 at the Poor Man Supper. At the beginning of Lent five soup makers generously responded; however when the doors opened a multitude of soup makers graciously responded to the call. Seventeen distinct, sensational soups were provided for this annual Lenten tradition. Thank you to **EVERY-ONE** for making this year's Poor Man Supper an absolute success and for your spirit of kindness supporting our mission to serve our local community with the funds raised.

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.

Baptism

This week we welcome **Rita Carmela Phillips** 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.



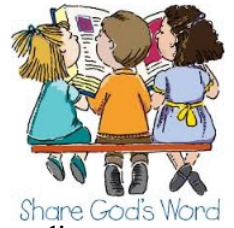


Faith Formation

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 enrolling
in Kindergarten or 1st Grade for
September 2026
School Year



Please take advantage of this early registration discount.

VBS Volunteer Information 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 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.

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 for more information on how you can be an essential part of our Family Catechesis.

Do something beautiful + for God



VBS RAINFOREST DONATIONS

Our VBS Theme this is **Exploring the Nature of God.**

HELP IS NEEDED TO CREATE OUR AMAZING RAINFOREST!

- POOL NOODLES
- ARTIFICIAL FERNS AND/OR GREEN PLANTS
- WHITE PAPER CUPS
- DIFFERENT COLOR GREEN LARGE PLASTIC CUPS
- VARIOUS SIZE HULA HOOPS
- LARGE CHEAP UMBRELLAS

Thank you for your support! DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

HOLY CHILD PARISH, RUNNEMDE, NJ



Holy Child Parish Vacation Bible School

July 27 to July 31, 2026, 9am to 12:30pm

St Theresa School, 13 E. Evesham Ave,

Runnemede, NJ 08078

DEADLINE: July 13

Parent/Guardian: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Cell: _____ Relationship: _____

Newly Enrolled Kindergarten through Newly Enrolled 5th graders

Child Name	M/F	Age	Grade based on 2026 School Year	Youth T-shirt Size (S, M, L)

Special considerations (Please list child's name and any allergies, medical concerns)

I understand that reasonable precautions will be taken to safeguard the health and well-being of the participants in this VBS and that I will be notified as soon as possible in the event of an emergency. In the case of sickness or an accident, I authorize and consent the VBS Team, or other associated volunteers of the VBS program to obtain medical care from a licensed physician, hospital, or medical clinic for my son/daughter in the event that I or other legal guardian(s) cannot be reached. I hereby do release and forever discharge this Diocese and Parish from all manners of actions, claims which I or the children named above shall or may have for any reason, arising during my child's attendance of VBS. Unless other written instruction is submitted, I also consent my child's image to be recorded, either by photograph or video, and used during VBS week or for further advertisement of Parish VBS programs. Any other use will require your further consent.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Registration Cost: \$45 per child, \$125 max per family

T-Shirt Cost: \$8 extra per person (please list sizes above only if you are purchasing a T-Shirt)

Make checks payable to Holy Child Parish

Amount Enclosed Amount: _____

**Deadline: Return form by July 13, 2026 to our Parish Office.
Holy Child Parish - 13 E Evesham Ave, Runnemede, NJ 08078 -
Attn: Joanna - VBS**



**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



**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.

**Parish
PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

HOSTED BY
KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS

MAY 17

AFTER 7AM & 11AM MASS
IN STRS HALL

AFTER 9AM MASS
IN SMG HALL

Come and join us for
some an amazing
BREAKFAST
and FELLOWSHIP.

Free Will
offer.

All are invited!

**Woman's Prayer Group
Tuesday, May 19 - 7PM STRS Hall**

This season our Prayer Group journeyed through the lives of Eve, Sarah, Leah and Rachel. All ordinary women whom God called for a specific purpose. A purpose that wasn't always clear in the moment and often unfolded through both struggle and grace.

Each of these women reminds us that God works through ordinary lives in extraordinary ways. Eve shows us the reality of human choice and the beginning of our need for God's mercy. Sarah teaches us about waiting and trusting in God's promises, even when they seem impossible. Leah reveals how God sees and blesses the overlooked, while Rachel reflects the deep longing of the human heart and the journey toward fulfillment in God.

Their stories are not perfect. They are real and messy. Yet through it all, God remained faithful, calling each of them into His plan in ways they could not have imagined. And the same is true for us. God continues to call each of us, right where we are, in our everyday lives.

Join us for our next Women's Gathering! This special time is open to ALL women of ALL ages. Whether you've joined us before or are coming for the first time, you are warmly welcomed.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 robert.sinatra@camdendiocese.org

Lawn Festival

Volunteers Still Needed

June 22 through 27 - Evenings

We are so grateful for those who have already signed up to help with our Lawn Festival!

At this time, we are still in need of volunteers to help run our Game Booths. Each night, we have five booths that need to be staffed. 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.

We invite you to consider signing up for just one night with your family. You might even partner with another family to run a booth together making it both fun and easy to serve!

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!

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**



SOUTH JERSEY CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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.

MAY 3, 2026

Saint Teresa
REGIONAL SCHOOL



RACE FOR EDUCATION 2026



Dear Parishioner,

St. Teresa Regional School's annual Race for Education is Friday, May 15! Students, teachers, and staff will walk to raise funds to help our school continue the tradition of quality education with affordable tuition.

We hope you will consider sponsoring a participant or making a general donation to St. Teresa Regional School.

Please indicate your choice below and send to 27 E Evesham Rd., Runnemede, NJ 08078 or simply drop your envelope marked 'Race for Education' in Sunday's collection. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sister Santa Teresa, IHM
Principal



SPONSOR'S REPLY

Sponsor's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Student's Name (If Applicable) _____ Grade _____

I am enclosing a gift of:

_____ \$10.00 _____ \$15.00 _____ \$20.00 _____ \$25.00
_____ \$50.00 _____ Other

Please note that your cancelled check will be your receipt for your contribution to St. Teresa School. Thank you.

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE

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.

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!

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**

LUNCH BUNCH

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

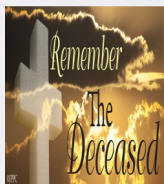


May 28, 12:30 pm
Passariello's Pizzeria
111 Laurel Oak Road
Voorhees, NJ 08043

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.

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



**Kathleen Braun,
+Sr. Thomas Vincent Hagan, IHM,
Arnold Itara &
John Jacoby, Sr.**

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.

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.

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
April 26—\$7,426.00
Cath Home Mission Appeal—

**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

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.



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STRS Drama Club would like to say THANK YOU” to all of the parishioners who supported our show last week! We were blessed by their generous donations and again by their wonderful cheering on show night and kind words to our actors. Thank you for always supporting us!

We also want to give a shout out to our Cast and Crew who ran in the Penn Relays on Friday. These student athletes are amazing!



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:



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)

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.