

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

July 26, 2026
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Bereavement
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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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17th 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.

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:

July 15, 2026
August 12, 2026
September 2, 2026
October 14, 2026

Baptism Scheduling

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

Poor Box

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



As we take refuge from the summer heat (and from last week's Canadian wildfires) we may have bumped into sales and advertising for 'Christmas in July', a clever mid-summer hallmark originating in 1930s summer camps. While not technically the halfway point to Christmas (which is either the 25th or the 29th of June depending how

you count), it is a festive reminder that Christmas, indeed, is coming. The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time marks the halfway mark until the end of the liturgical year and the beginning of Advent. However, the Church does not need a kitschy reminder that Christmas is coming. As a people of faith, we know that Christmas is already here. For every time we go to Mass, we are made re-present to this mystery and all the other mysteries of our faith. Sunday can appropriately be called "the weekly Easter" because Christ transforms it by His Resurrection to the "8th Day" - the reality that the world is indeed different, not symbolically, but actually, by the empty tomb. Liturgically, the Paschal Mystery (Jesus' Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension) take priority. Immediately next in the level of importance liturgically is the memorial of our Lord's birth. Sunday Mass is "the weekly Christmas" because we encounter, in a profound way, the Incarnation, the Word becoming flesh and dwelling among us, in the Eucharist. When the priest elevates the consecrated Host, he lifts the same Body that was born of the Virgin Mary in a cave in Bethlehem. The Incarnation makes the Eucharist possible. Emmanuel, "God with us", is not just a reminder of Advent and Christmas, it is the hallmark of the New and Eternal Covenant forged by Christ on our behalf. While we leave the Christmas and Easter seasons to enter into Ordinary Time to experience how the Gospel is manifested through Jesus' public ministry, it doesn't mean that the birth of our Lord and Savior and His salvation for us are any less present. And while these "ordinary" Sundays mark the rhythm and flow of our lives, it doesn't make them any less important or impactful because Christmas and Easter are visible through Sacred Scripture, the Creed and our prayers. So, for Catholics, Christmas isn't limited to December or July, but to every other celebration of the holy sacrifice of the Mass! *Puer natus est nobis!* A child is born to us! Merry Christmas 🥰

Satiate your fix for Christmas cookies by using this very simple cookie recipe. Using store bought sugar cookie dough and a simple homemade icing, you can turn the dog days of Summer into a festive delight! You can find the recipe here: <https://www.delish.com/cooking/recipe-ideas/recipes/a56870/sugar-cookie-trees-recipe/>



JULY 26, 2026

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of July 26

SATURDAY St. James

8:30 am Reverence for Jesus & The Blessed Sacrament (ST)
4:30 pm +Walter & Sarah Eife req by Jim & Sally (ST)

SUNDAY 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am +Sharon Leitmeyer req by The Angelino Family (ST)
9:00 am +The Costello Family req by Mary & Judy,
+Joan DeMarshall req by husband & family (SMG)
11:00 am +Joseph McWilliams, Sr. (30th Anniversary) req by family (ST)

MONDAY 17th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +George Flem req by wife, Barbara (ST)

TUESDAY 17th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am +Anna & Joe Palese req by Mary Gallagher (ST)

WEDNESDAY Sts. Martha, Mary & Lazarus

8:30 am +Hilda Maldonado req by Mary Gallagher (ST)

THURSDAY St. Peter Chrysologus

8:30 am +Regina Schuster req by husband Stephen Schuster (ST)

FRIDAY St. Ignatius of Loyola

8:30 am +Bob Cottachelo req by Wilkins Family (ST)

SATURDAY St. Alphonsus Loguori

8:30 am +Carmine Penza req by son, Pasquale (ST)
4:30 pm +Richard Lewandowski req by Holy Child Altar & Rosary Society,
+Frank Amato req by wife & children,
+Jean Kirk req by Joanne Newman (ST)

SUNDAY 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am +Joseph Kwiatkowski & all dec'd family members req by family (ST)
9:00 am +Dorothy C. Fischer req by Joann & Joe Donofrio (SMG)
11:00 am +Robert M. Ferris, Sr. req by Amy, Michael & family,
+Roy DiLiberto req by Dorothy Hunter & Catherine Falck,
+Sr. Claire Sullivan, IHM req by the IHM Sisters (ST)

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

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

**Bread & Wine
Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles**
(the week of
July 26-Aug 1)

**The Blessed Virgin
Mary Candle
burns: (ST)**
In Memory of
The members of
The Bertolino Family
Req by Joe

**The Saint Teresa
Candle burns: (ST)**
In Memory of
Anna & Joe Palese
Req by
Mary Gallagher



Mass Cards & Candle Dedications

Looking for a meaningful way to remember, honor, celebrate, or pray for a loved one? The Parish Office offers a variety of spiritual gifts, including **Memorial Mass Cards, Intention Mass Cards, Get Well Mass Cards, and Candle Dedications**. Masses may be requested for almost any intention, including the deceased, healing, thanksgiving, birthdays, anniversaries, special intentions, or those in need of prayers. We also offer candle dedications and offertory gift remembrances as a faith-filled way to honor someone special. To request please visit or contact the Parish Office Monday through Saturday.



**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

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Ever Consider being an Emmaus Ambassador Information Session, Wednesday, August 12 7PM in the Parish Office

Often, it is not the big, dramatic moments that shape our faith the most, but the small, consistent acts of love, service, and faithfulness. It is in these everyday moments that Christ is revealed, and our parish family grows stronger.

We are blessed with many opportunities to walk with one another in faith. Through simple acts of hospitality, encouragement, and friendship, we can help others encounter Christ while strengthening the bonds that unite us as a parish community.

We invite you and your family to prayerfully consider becoming an **Emmaus Ambassador** or **Emmaus Family Ambassador**. Inspired by the disciples on the road to Emmaus, ambassadors accompany others on their faith journey by offering a welcoming presence, building relationships, and fostering a spirit of belonging within our parish. There is a place for everyone...children, teens, adults, seniors, individuals, and families. Whether you can offer a few hours each month or become involved in a particular parish event, your gifts can make a meaningful difference. Below is a glimpse of the many opportunities available to share your time, talents, and faith while helping our parish family continue to grow.

Join us on **Tuesday, August 12**, to learn more about becoming an Emmaus Ambassador or Emmaus Family Ambassador. **All ages are welcome!** Please RSVP by contacting the Parish Life Office at 856-939-0592.

Faith Family Night Out

- Saints & S'mores Bonfire
- Family Game Night
- Faith & Fitness Walk
- Outside Movie Nights

Service Events

- Build Utensil Packets for Cathedral Kitchen
- Goodie Packets for Families residing at Ronald McDonald House
- Blessing Bags for those in Need

Family Adoration

- Visit Jesus for 15-minutes
1st Saturday morning of each
Month @ 9:30AM

Rosary Group

- Meeting every other month



Is God calling you to be a volunteer for our Religious Education Program?

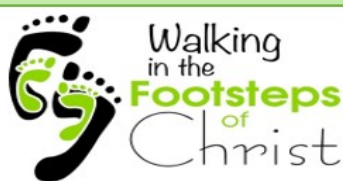
Meet our Catechesis in an Information Session Wednesday, August 19, 7PM St Teresa School Hall

Wonderful and dedicated volunteers are at the heart of parish life. As we continue to grow in leaps and bounds, we are always in need of volunteers who are willing to walk with our youth as they journey toward a deeper and more intimate relationship with our Lord.

With my schedule, I am afraid to commit. We understand everyone has a busy schedule and we want to work around your availability. Our goal is to gather first and then distribute according to needs and availability. How do you know until you come see for yourself?

But there is NO WAY I'm qualified. Don't forget there were so many of Jesus' disciples who felt the same way, most of all Peter! God works with you and your gifts and so do we. Just like the twelve were sent out two-by-two, we take small and easy steps, pairing you with a mentor that walks this journey with you. You'll never be alone!

What's my next step? We are asking you to prayerfully consider joining a wonderful group of people. One guarantee is, you will get so much more out of it than you ever thought. It is a very rewarding ministry for our volunteers as well as our youth. Please consider joining us on August 19 for an information session, giving you a chance to meet volunteers and see how you can be an essential part of our program.



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!

Religious Education for Special Needs for All Ages Embrace - Engage - Empower

We are blessed to be accompanying several families with children with special needs, ranging in age from 6 to 14 years old, as they continue their faith journey.

Our Religious Education program has been thoughtfully adapting our curriculum to meet the unique needs and learning styles of each child. For some students, a parent joins them during class to provide support. For others, a dedicated aide works alongside the child, helping them participate in lessons and activities at a pace that best meets their individual needs.

The presence of these children, their families, and our compassionate volunteers enriches our parish community. Together, they are a beautiful sign of God's unconditional love and a reminder that every person has a valued place in the Body of Christ.

We are grateful for the opportunity to help each child grow in faith, experience God's love, and fully participate in the life of our parish.

If you have a child with special needs and are interested in giving us the opportunity to help prepare them for the Sacraments or enroll in our Religious Education program, we encourage you to contact the Faith Formation Office.

We would be blessed to work with your family to help your child grow in faith and experience God's love within our parish community.

Time is Running Out! Are you signed up for our Fall Religious Ed Sessions

If you haven't sent in your re-registration for our Fall sessions, we ask that you do so quickly as we need to start working on our classroom Rosters and supply orders.



Attention New 1st Grade Parents Important Sacramental Information regarding 1st Communion

Why talk about sacraments now? Because the Diocese mandates that each sacrament carry with it a 2-year preparation program. Meaning, if you want your child to receive 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion in 2nd grade, they have to complete First Grade preparation through Religious Ed Sessions or through Catholic School.



Attention New Kindergarten Parents

Did you know our Religious Ed program begins in kindergarten? For the past 6 years we have offered an amazing Kindergarten Class. Our young parishioners are just beginning their spiritual journey.

During their Religious Education sessions, they become aware of all of God's creation as well as Jesus' great love for them as the Good Shepherd. They are introduced to aspects of faith through stories, songs and crafts that help them see God's love and desire for personal relationship with each of us, and how we can respond to God's invitation.

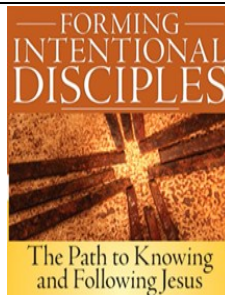


Is Your Child Up to Date with Sacraments? Order of Christian Initiation for Children

Does your child need to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation?

If you have a child in 1st through 8th grade who has not yet received one or more of these sacraments, we are here to help. Whether your family is just beginning your journey in the Catholic Church, returning to the practice of the faith, or your child's sacramental preparation has been delayed, we warmly welcome you. Our Order of Christian Initiation for Children (OCIC) classes are integrated into our Sunday morning Religious Education program, which begins in September. This allows children to prepare for the sacraments while learning and growing in faith alongside their peers. For more information, please contact the Parish Faith Formation Office.

**The Kingdom is a Treasure,
What Will You Do with It?
Four-Week Book Club
This Fall Thurs Evenings
The Path to Knowing and
Following Jesus**



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus compares the Kingdom of Heaven to a treasure hidden in a field. When a man discovers it, he is filled with such joy that he sells everything he owns to purchase the field and claim the treasure. His discovery changes the course of his life because he recognizes that nothing else compares to the value of what he has found.

Each Sunday, we too encounter this treasure as we gather around the altar to celebrate the Eucharist. We hear God's Word proclaimed, receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and experience His living presence among us. Yet the challenge is not simply discovering the treasure but how we choose to respond to it.

What do we do with this incredible gift after we leave Mass? Does our encounter with Jesus shape the way we live, pray, serve, forgive, and love others throughout the week? Are we willing to reorder our priorities so that Christ truly becomes the center of our lives?

These are the questions at the heart of our **Forming Intentional Disciples** Book Club. Discipleship is about more than attending Mass or knowing the teachings of the Church. It is about developing a personal relationship with Jesus, growing in trust, listening to His voice, and allowing Him to transform every aspect of our lives.

Whether you have been active in your faith for many years or are simply looking to deepen your relationship with the Lord, we invite you to join us this fall. The Kingdom of Heaven is the greatest treasure we will ever find. May we have the courage to seek it wholeheartedly and the joy to share it with others.

We are excited to have several parishioners already signed up for this fall. For more information or to register, please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592 or email @holychildfaithformation@gmail.com.



**Book Club Dates:
Thursday Evenings
7PM to 8PM
Parish Office
October 8, 15, 22 & 29**

**Spend an Hour
with Jesus in Our
Divine Mercy
Eucharistic
Adoration Chapel**



Since its inception, our Divine Mercy Eucharistic Adoration Chapel has been a tremendous blessing to our parish community. Spending time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is one of the greatest treasures of our Catholic faith. In the quiet presence of Our Lord, we are invited into deeper prayer, thanksgiving, and a more intimate relationship with Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Because the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, the chapel must never be left unattended. We are prayerfully asking members of our parish family to consider offering just **one hour each week** with the Lord.

We are currently in need of:
Regular Adorers Especially on **Monday and Wednesdays @ 4:00PM**. Regular adorers commit to the same one-hour time each week. If you are unavailable on a particular week, we will gladly arrange for a substitute.

Substitute Adorers – If you cannot commit to a weekly hour but are willing to fill in occasionally, we would be grateful to add you to our substitute list. Substitute adorers are contacted only when a scheduled adorer is unable to attend.

Chapel Hours
Mondays & Wednesdays:
4PM–7 PM
Tuesdays & Thursdays:
9AM–1 PM

Whether you are new to Eucharistic Adoration or have been an adorer for many years, we invite you to experience the peace, grace, and countless blessings that come from spending time in the presence of Jesus.

For more information on becoming a regular or substitute adorer, please contact our Parish Life Office at **856-939-0592**.

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Who are my Faith Supporters

Meet our 2026 Confirmation Candidates

Through my journey in faith there have been many people helping me along the way. My parents of course have been taking me to church since birth. They also enrolled me in CCD classes. They have always wanted me to see God in all things and follow faith. My parents supported and guided me through faith. Also, My grandmother has guided me and taught me my whole life about the bible and always answers any questions I had about faith. Last, I would say Mrs. Dawn, my mom's best friend, who has helped shape my faith because we go to CCD and church with her family every week.

I chose my aunt as my sponsor because ever since I was young, she has been supportive of me and my faith. She supports me by always encouraging me to give back to the community by doing community service work. She also helps me by making sure I understand my faith and what I believe in. My aunt supports my choices, teaching and guiding me along the way. That is what inspired me to choose my Aunt Angie as my sponsor.

I think my relationship with God comes from the help of everyone and is growing. Over the years, my supporters in faith have helped me see the light of God and to see His greatness too. They showed me how to act in the ways of Jesus even when I might not want to. Sometimes when I struggle with what I believe in, they have always reassured me and answered my questions. That is how my sponsor, my parents, my grandmother, Mrs. Dawn, and everyone in my life guide me to God instead of away.

Autumn Bishop



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American
Red Cross



Love Your
Neighbor...
Give Blood!



CRITICAL BLOOD SHORTAGE

The Red Cross needs our help — and patients can't wait!

Every donation helps people right here in our community, including:



Accident
Victims



Cancer
Patients



Expectant
Mothers



Children
Needing
Surgery

One Blood Donation Can Save Up to 3 Lives!

Blood Drive

**Holy Child Parish
St. Maria Goretti Church**

 321 Orchard Avenue, Runnemede, NJ 08078



**Monday,
August 3, 2026**



**9:00 a.m. –
2:00 p.m.**



*Schedule Your
Appointment Today!*



Call 1-800-RED CROSS
(1-800-733-2767)



Visit RedCrossBlood.org
Enter Sponsor Code:
Holy Child Parish



Streamline your donation experience!

Save 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass
to complete your pre-donation reading and health history
questions on the day of your appointment.

Donate in August
and receive a

\$20

**Amazon
Gift Card
by email!**



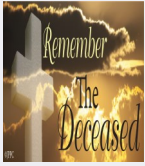
"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

— John 15:13

Thank You!
Together, we save lives!

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Sr. Mary Suzanne, IHM

Please Pray for our Sick:

PRAYER LIST When names are put on the list, they will remain on the list for three months unless otherwise requested.

- Vincent DiLorenzo
- Marie Orlando

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 _____

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.

July 6—\$6,828.00
July 12—\$8,686.00
Pastoral Solidarity Fund—\$1,485.00

Second collections for July:
Pastoral Solidarity Fund—July 12
Catholic Star Herald—July 26

Thank you for your continued support.

WIN \$1,000s!

Support Holy Child Parish.

Have a blast playing this exciting sweepstakes based on professional football! Get your game cards and WIN!

Special Offer:
Buy five (5) cards and get one (1) free.
(All six cards must be purchased by the same individual; offer cannot be split among multiple buyers.)

Number of Tickets:	Donation	Total Amount
	X \$20.00	

Name going on the ticket:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____



Saint Teresa
REGIONAL SCHOOL
July 26, 2026

Volunteering Together as a Family

This summer we would like to highlight examples of our families serving together.

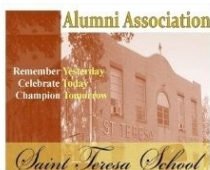
Will you share how your family grows in faith and serves together??email: ad@stteresaschool.org

The Pettis Family

Volunteering and Community involvement is very important to the Pettis family. Kevin and Christina have always found ways to fit service into their busy schedules by focusing on the things that their children are involved in. You can find them on the sidelines coaching STRS Track and XC or serving on boards for the HSA and the Sports Committee. The Pettis family volunteers at and organizes events such as our Easter Bunny Breakfast, Trunk-Or--Treat, Christmas Tree Lighting, Super Bingo, and so much more!



Thank you to the Pettis family for faithfully serving your parish, school, and community together. Your commitment to putting your faith into action is an inspiration to those around you and demonstrates the lasting impact that even the smallest acts of kindness and generosity can have.



Join our Alumni Association so we can get together this Fall to celebrate our school community

Will you join our Alumni Association? We are looking for both members and those interested in joining a committee to plan our events. Please spread the word with your fellow alumni and return the form in the collection basket OR mail: 27 E Evesham Rd., Runnemede, NJ 08078, OR email: ad@stteresaschool.org

Name: _____

Class of: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

☐ Add me to the alumni list ☐ I'd like to join a committee