

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

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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School Principal
Bereavement
Faith Formation

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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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20TH 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 St Maria Goretti 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.

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are currently being held during our weekend Masses on **Saturdays and Sundays**, and may also be scheduled **after the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass upon request**. Please **call the Parish Office** to schedule a baptism or for more information.

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.

Sessions will be held:

August 20, 2025

September 10, 2025

October 8, 2025

Exiit qui seminat - The sower goes out to sow

It's really amazing to think that it's already been over a year since I was assigned as pastor of Holy Child. It seems like it's passed in the blink of an eye filled with packing and (STILL) unpacking and shepherding this portion of God's People entrusted to my care. I've made new bonds and rekindled old ones, all the while entrenched in the work of ministry and spiritual growth. All in all, I am quite enjoying my return to the towns and places near where I grew up. There is someone else in the life of the Church that is in the throws of an even bigger transition: Pope Leo XIV. Cindy Wooden*, a writer for Catholic News Service, recently wrote an article unpacking the immense whirlwind that accompanies becoming the 267th successor of St. Peter. In that article, Wooden, Pope Leo stated 6 principles inherent to the mission of the Church since the 2nd Vatican Council: *"the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation; the missionary conversion of the entire Christian community; growth in collegiality and synodality; attention to the 'sensus fidei' (the people of God's sense of the faith), especially in its most authentic and inclusive forms, such as popular piety; loving care for the least and the rejected; (and) courageous and trusting dialogue with the contemporary world in its various components and realities."*

Over the next 6 weeks, we'll try to unpack each of these principles and speak to how they impact us as Catholic Christians and as a parish. It is my hope and prayer that these principals can be a blueprint for spiritual renewal for ourselves and the communities in which we live. Let us continue to pray for Pope Leo XIV, Bishop Williams, our diocese and our parish that we may live out the mandate given to us by Christ to proclaim the Gospel to the whole world!

During my vacation, there was a lot of great food that was made and, of course, eaten. One of the highlights was this recipe for grilled peaches and burrata. It was SO easy to make and very delicious. You can make your own crostini if you'd like, but I would encourage you to keep an eye on your bread in the oven (*you might burn it like I did and have to start ALL over again*). Give it a try!!! <https://www.mccormick.com/blogs/recipes/grilled-peach-and-burrata-crostini>

*The article about Pope Leo XIV's first 100 days can be found here: <https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/pope-leos-first-100-days-leaning-his-new-role>



August 17, 2025

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of August 17

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

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

SATURDAY St. Stephen of Hungary

8:30 am Sr. Marie Noel Nguyen, IHM req by the Sisters (ST)
4:30 pm Mark Powell req by Michael McWilliams & Donna Hale,
Theresa Pigna req by loving family,
Special Intentions req by Kathleen Rapanaro (ST)

SUNDAY 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Henry & Margaret Whelan req by Jeanne Sigman (ST)
9:00 am Joan DeMarshall req by husband & children (SMG)
11:00 am Victoria Massi req by Paul & Barbara Buletza,
Kathleen O'Keefe req by Michael McWilliams,
Raymond Gramenzi req by Gene, Joe, Rosemaria, Gia & Juliano
Avelluto (ST)

MONDAY 20th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Louis Bagnato, Sr. req by Gina Simon (ST)

TUESDAY St. John Eudes

8:30 am Sr. Patricia Ann Cabrey, IHM req by the Sisters (ST)

WEDNESDAY St. Bernard

8:30 am Mom-Mom McGovern (Heavenly Birthday) req by family (ST)

THURSDAY St. Pius X

8:30 am Sr. Loretta Regina Achuff, IHM req by the Sisters (ST)

FRIDAY The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 am Michael C. Harkins req by The Harkins Family (ST)

SATURDAY St. Rose of Lima

8:30 am Aunt Bea Mazzola req by Anna Gurchick (ST)
4:30 pm Michael Anthony Laurito, III req by Mom, sister & brothers (ST)
SUNDAY 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:00 am Charles Mansfield req by Karen & Hank Ferris,
Joseph Kwiatkowski & all dec'd members of family req by family (ST)
9:00 am Charles Mansfield req by Rose Porcellini (SMG)
11:00 am Baush McHale req by Rosemary Auge,
Michael Anthony Laurito, 3rd req by family (ST)

A Faith That Divides



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.



NEW~ Get Well Mass cards are available.

Bread & Wine Memorial & Sanctuary Candles (the week of August 11-23)

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (ST)

In memory
of
Michael
Querubin
req by
Wife & daughters

The Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (SMG)

In memory
of
Lisa Marie
Wasuita
req by
Pat & Michelle Schenk



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday
4PM to 7PM

Tuesday & Thursday
9AM to Noon



Teachable Moments – OCIA



**Summer Program Ends
This Tuesday Evening
August 19 @ 7PM
in the Parish Office**

Precepts of the Church Are you a BIG ‘C’ or a little ‘c’

Commandments and precepts, while both serving as guides for behavior and thought, hold distinct positions within the frameworks of our Catholic Faith. Come to find out how the Precepts can be seen as helping us to live out the principles of the Commandments in our daily lives, providing practical guidance for ethical behavior and spiritual growth.



**Save the Date:
St Theresa of Li-
sieux Novena
Starting September 22**
*“I will spend my Heaven doing
good on Earth!”*

St. Theresa loved nature. She felt she was like the simple wildflowers in the forest, blooming where God had planted her. She saw the world as God’s garden and each person as representing a different kind of flower, each having the ability to enhance the world around them. St Theresa never saw herself as a rose but as a simple wildflower.

So, what did she mean by ‘shower of roses?’ She loved roses and as a child, she would toss rose petals towards the Blessed Sacrament. When she was dying, she was able to look out the window at the rose bushes that were blooming. She believed her mission what just the beginning and explained, “After my death, I will let fall, a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth. I will raise up a mighty host of little saints. My mission is to make God loved.”

**Unable to make all nine-days,
no worries!**

We will have each day’s Novena prayer on the home page of our website. We will also be offering a link that will give you the option to download and print out the prayers at home as well.

Women’s Prayer Group Starts back up Tues, Sept 23 7PM - STRS Library

Our Women’s prayer group is gearing up for another amazing season. Our group has grown by leaps and bounds aging from 23 to 84 years old. What are the benefits of women sharing their faith together:

Fellowship and Support

In just one year, we have built a strong sense of community and belonging—allowing women to share at their own pace and comfort level, while offering encouragement and companionship along the way.

Spiritual Growth

Praying together opens the door to deepening our faith, offering opportunities to learn, reflect, and cultivate a more consistent prayer life.

Increasing Faith

Witnessing God’s work in the lives of others through prayer strengthens our own faith and inspires greater trust in His love, mercy, and forgiveness.

Intercession

Praying together allows us to be intercessors for a wider community—lifting up specific needs and concerns to God in unity.

Finding Strength in Numbers

“When two or more are gathered in My name...” reminds us that we have the opportunity to not only impact individual prayer but also experience a shared sense of purpose and strength.

Learning from Others

Our prayer group offers a space to learn from one another’s experiences and insights, deepening our understanding of faith and prayer.

Over time, we have fostered unity and connection among women, creating a network of support and encouragement. The only thing missing is YOU! We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.



Bereavement Starting

Dear Friends,

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the past members of our grief support groups. Your courage in sharing your stories and trusting me, and others, with your emotions, has been both humbling and inspiring. It has been an honor to walk alongside you through such personal and meaningful moments.



Grief Support

To those considering joining future groups, welcome! This is a space where you are not alone—where every feeling is valid, and every story is met with compassion. I look forward to supporting you on your journey with care, respect, and an open heart.

I will be holding another 6-week group, starting back up on Monday, Aug. 25th. We meet at the Parish Office Bldg., at 6pm and will run for 6 weeks.

Lastly, if you are a member of one of my past groups, we would love to have you drop in to say hello, and let us know how you are doing!

With gratitude,
Dawn Lipomi
609-405-2745

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.

Rosary Reminders

The Rosary is being recited Daily Monday-Friday at 8am and Saturdays at 9am at Saint Teresa's Church. Also the first Wednesday of every month at Saint Maria Goretti at 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend the Rosary.



Online Giving



Did you know you can now give your parish giving online? Simply visit holy-childparish.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.

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: _____

Who are my Faith Supporters

Meet our 2025 Confirmation Candidates

The people in my life that I would consider my strongest faith supporters and Catholic examples are my Mom, Elisa Erman and Eileen Ambrico. My Mom is the person who introduced me to God. She had me baptized when I was 3 months old, she started teaching me prayers as soon as I could talk and she began bringing me to church when I was only a baby and couldn't even understand. They have ALL helped to support and guide me in many ways. By reminding me to lean on God, hope and my faith, when I've struggled in the past. I also know that anytime I need to talk to someone, I can talk to any one of them. They have all helped me to see God in every day moments. One example is my Mom constantly stressing the importance of saying our Daily Prayers and making sure to always start our prayers by thanking God for all he has done for me and given us all. She also references God's Divine Intervention as being the reason for many instances over the years.



Elisa Erman is my Confirmation Sponsor. I chose her because she's truly an amazing example of a good Catholic! She's also my best friend's Mom, so I see her very often. She attends Mass every Sunday, says Grace before every meal and prays regularly. She is such a good person and has God in her heart and on her mind at all times. I truly feel very blessed to have Elisa as my sponsor!

I think I have a good relationship with God. But I have also been working on my relationship with him, since learning how much it can improve during our LV2 Confirmation classes. As for how my faith supporters support me in my faith, other than what I've already said, my Mom is constantly telling me to spend more time with God, whether in church, prayers, or acts of service. Elisa always reminds me to talk to God, to ask for help and guidance, when I'm feeling down or need help with anything. Eileen assists my Mom with teaching CCD to the Kindergarten class, she prays regularly, attends mass every Sunday, volunteers every week at our church rectory, she purchases jackets and backpacks for kids in need every year and is just an overall excellent example for a true servant of God. These are just some of the ways that they ALL help me to know God a little more than I did before.

Daniel Lerro



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!

Faith Formation for Special Needs Youth of ALL Ages



Embrace – Engage - Empower

Throughout the past three years, we have been working with several families who have children with special needs, ranging from ages 6 to 14. We have been adapting our religious education curriculum to meet each child's unique needs. At times, a parent joins their child in class; in other cases, we provide an aide who works one-on-one with the student, helping them engage with activities at their own level.

Special Needs Teachers and Resources

We are excited to welcome two new aides who are also Special Needs Teachers. In addition, we have a new parishioner who is also available as a valuable resource for ongoing support in various areas of need.

Sacramental Preparation

All baptized children are entitled to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. If your child needs to complete the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, First Communion, or Confirmation, please contact us. We would be honored to work with you to ensure your child is fully supported on their faith journey.

Please call our Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0952 for more information on how we can help you!

Religious Education Sessions Begin Sept 14 Are you Registered?

We are still missing registrations for the upcoming 2025/2026 Religious Education Sessions.

If we do not receive your

**New or Re-Registration Forms by August 25th
there will be a \$50 late charge applied.**

Please call Joanna @ 856-261-4864 for more details.

Attention New 1st Grade Parents Important Sacramental Information regarding the Sacrament of 1st Communion

Why talk about sacraments now? Mainly 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 completed 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? 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.



We hope that you will take advantage of such a great opportunity to start our Earlier Learners on their path to discovery all that God is and has to offer us.

The Life of Stewardship: A Call to Discipleship



The life of Christian stewardship mirrors the life of Jesus Himself. Though it can be difficult to add “one more thing” to our already full schedules, those who embrace the call to stewardship often discover a deeper truth: “*We know that all things work for good for those who love God.*” (Romans 8:28)

Jesus didn’t just call people to follow Him ... He formed them, taught them, and sent them out as His disciples. In the same way, stewardship is not simply about giving, *it’s about becoming*. It’s about recognizing that everything we have, our time, our talents, and our treasure is a gift from God, given not for ourselves alone, but to help build up His Kingdom.

Stewardship invites us to share a portion of these gifts so that others may come to know and experience God’s love, mercy, and forgiveness more fully. It’s a response of gratitude and trust, rooted in the belief that what we give will bear fruit in the lives of others.

Here at Holy Child Parish, there are many ways to share in the mission of the Church. Beyond nurturing our own gifts, good stewards also encourage and help others to discover and grow within their own gifts. This is our personal invitation to prayerfully reflect on the unique gifts God has entrusted to you, and to consider how you might offer those gifts in joyful service to His Church.

Each week, we’ll be sharing a variety of opportunities where your time and talents can make a real difference. We’ve thoughtfully broken these tasks into smaller, more manageable pieces, making it easier for everyone to get involved and have a meaningful impact. In turn, we invite you to take time to prayerfully reflect on how you might be called to serve.

To learn more or to sign up for any of these opportunities, please contact Joanna Schmidt in the Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592 or email holychildfaithformation@gmail.com.



Art & Environment Volunteers Needed Seasonal decorating

We are blessed with an amazing team of Art & Environment volunteers who work diligently

to enhance our worship spaces with beautiful, seasonal decorations. This ministry plays a vital role in creating a prayerful and inspiring atmosphere that reflects the liturgical seasons and special feast days throughout the year.

While we are grateful for our dedicated volunteers, the responsibility of decorating **two churches**—especially during Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and other major feast days—means that a few extra helping hands would be a true blessing.

No experience needed, just a simple willingness to help, we would love to have you join us in this meaningful ministry!

Bingo Volunteers Needed for Tuesday Morning & Thursday Evenings

The saying for St. Teresa Regional School is “*Small but Mighty*” ... and that’s exactly what we’re looking for: small but mighty acts of service to support our Tuesday and Thursday Bingo events, which help fund both our parish and school.

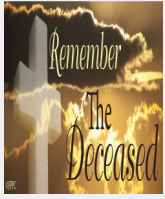
We could use a few extra hands in the following areas: Selling Pull Tabs; Assisting on the floor; Helping in the kitchen; as well as other small but mighty tasks!

No experience is necessary, just a willing heart and a desire to help. You don’t need to commit every week. We’re hoping to form two rotating teams, making it easier for volunteers to participate.

If you're ready to be part of something mighty (even in a small way), we’d love to have you on board!

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Mary Albertson

Please Pray for our Sick:

Our updated sick list (8/3/2025) is at all the entrances to our churches, and in the Adoration Chapel.

**Adorers can pray for the sick (newly added):
Angela Giordano, George Rollins, Maryann
Eaton, Jennifer Jones,
Maggie Schmidt and Anthony Weiner**

Lynn McClausland
Baby Lily
Weezie
Michael Grecco
Danny & Julia Byrnes
Barb Farnsworth
Michelle Kettel

Virginia Venturo
Norm McConchie
Joe Gordon
Michael Bonnette
Len Venturo
Edwin Hopkins

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 _____

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.

Our Active Military

Jim Boyle, Tabatha Baur,
Justin Warrender, Gianna Bowne,
Nicholas Liberatore, Taylor Naphys,
Lou Sampolski, Tyler Thomas, T.J.
Swanson, Nicholas Cristinzio
Justin Nairn & Nicholas LoCantore



Stewardship

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

August 3—\$9,227.10
August 10—\$6,721.00

Second collections for August—
School Support—August 24, 2025

Thank you for your continued support.

Poor Box

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



Prayer Quilt Ministry

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

Saint Vincent dePaul Society is Available to Help in Various Ways

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

SVDP HOTLINE:

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

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Saint Teresa
REGIONAL SCHOOL

With
Little Flower's
Pre-K 3 and Pre-K 4

Saint Teresa Regional School

St. Teresa School offers
+PRE-K3 3&5 day & PRE-K4 5 day,
+Kindergarten-8 full day
Before-care beginning at 6:30 AM.
After-care until 5:30 PM.

Tuition assistance is available.
Please call (856) 939-0333 or
Email AD@stteresaschool.org
for information.

Visit us online at www.stteresaschool.org

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Can YOU be a STRS Designer Bag Sponsor?



As we prepare for the upcoming Designer Bag Bingo on **OCTOBER 11th**, we are asking for bag donations and sponsors. If you or your business is able to donate a bag or cash, or if you have any questions, please contact:

Drea Pierce -Call or text (239)-321-1997
Thank You!



Is your STRS student having a fun summer traveling, learning or playing? Send us pics of your student having summer fun to post on our socials.

email: jdorris@stteresaschool.org

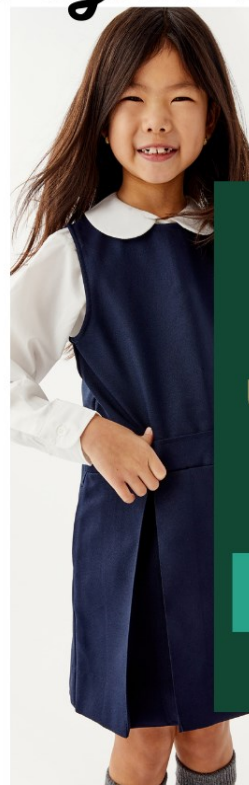


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STRS just by doing your regular
grocery shopping. Have You
tried the Box Tops App?**

**DON'T HAVE THE BOX TOPS
APP YET? DOWNLOAD IT NOW:**



Flynn & O'Hara



Have you started your
school shopping?

**Sign Up for
Uniform Updates!**

First things first: opt-into St. Teresa School's uniform newsletter to stay in-the-loop on important information and promotions. Make sure to enter your school code listed below to ensure you only receive information relevant to your school!

a portion of all sales are donated to the school

SCHOOL CODE: **NJ336**

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