

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 24, 2025
21st 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!**

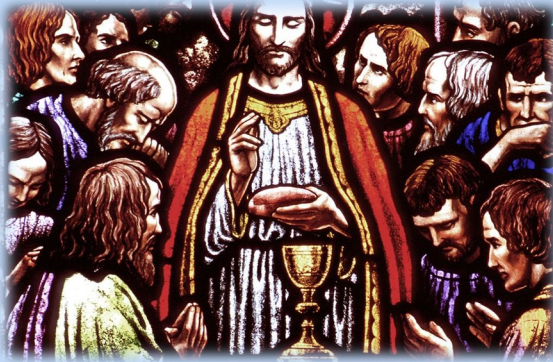
**All worshipers are invited to
register by calling the
Parish Office at
(856) 939-1681**

***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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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Exiit qui seminat - "The sower goes out to sow"



This week we're tackling the first of six principles inherent in the 2nd Vatican Council as described by Pope Leo XIV: **the return to the primacy of Christ in proclamation.** This concept was illuminated by Pope St. John Paul II in his Apostolic Exhortation, *Ecclesia in Asia*, given in November of 1999. It is the realization that Christ not only must be the focus of the preaching of the Gospel, but He is at the heart and the goal of evangelization. As St. Paul writes in his 2nd Letter to the Corinthians, "*For we do not preach ourselves but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your slaves for the sake of Jesus*" (2 Cor 4:5). Pope St. John Paul II speaks even more directly in saying that we can't evangelize without directly pointing towards our Lord: *There can*

be no true evangelization without the explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord. The Second Vatican Council and the Magisterium since then, responding to a certain confusion about the true nature of the Church's mission, have repeatedly stressed the primacy of the proclamation of Jesus Christ in all evangelizing work. Thus Pope Paul VI explicitly wrote that "there is no true evangelization if the name, the teaching, the life, the promises, the Kingdom and the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of God, are not proclaimed". This is what generations of Christians have done down the centuries. With understandable pride the Synod Fathers recalled that "many Christian communities in Asia have preserved their faith down the centuries against great odds and have clung to this spiritual heritage with heroic perseverance. For them to share this immense treasure is a matter of great joy and urgency" (Ecclesia in Asia 19). This urgency for a renewed commitment to proclaim Christ is not merely specific to the Church in a particular part of the world, but for the whole Church herself. But it is not our work alone. Pope Francis stated that we, as the Church, must offer ourselves generously to the work of evangelization and, at the same time, recognize that evangelization is first and foremost the Lord's work: In every activity of evangelization, the primacy always belongs to God, who has called us to co-operate with him and who leads us on by the power of his Spirit (Evangelii gaudium 12).

So what are the practical applications for us in returning to the primacy of Christ in proclamation? **First**, all of us are called to evangelize and give witness. While there is a private component to faith, our light is not meant to be kept under a bushel basket. We don't have to be "*preachy*" (writes the guy who preaches all the time) but live and love like Christ asks us to do. We should not be afraid to share our faith story and journey. You'd be amazed about how the Lord has touched the lives of those who see on a frequent basis. (*If you want to share your story, I'd love to give you a way in which to do it. Come see me!*) **Second**, the goal and center of everything that we do HAS to be Jesus, because it's His mission and plan anyway! We often can get distracted by other important motivations, many of which are related. *We need more people to come to church!* Nope. It has to be about Jesus. *We want to see children and lots of young people and have a full school!* Nope. It has to be about Jesus. *We need to raise and make money!* Important, but no. It has to be about Jesus. If we can shift our focus ever so slightly we can avoid the trap of confusing the activity, means and vehicle of evangelization with its true author and end, God Himself.

As we fulfill the mission entrusted to our care as members of Holy Child Parish, may we never lose sight that Christ is the center of our message, the source of our hope and the foundation of our faith. All we say and do must point to Him, for it is only in Christ that the world finds her salvation.

Some parishioners gave me some fresh vegetables from their garden, so I made some stuffed peppers and they were SO good!!!! Here's the recipe: https://feastandfarm.com/wprm_print/classic-stuffed-peppers
A couple of notes with the recipe: I used ground turkey instead of ground beef. Also when it says 1 cup of cooked rice, cook the rice first and take a cup of it. Don't do like I did and measure out a cup of uncooked rice, cook it, and then put it in the recipe. It was too much rice. Use whatever sauce you like (I used *arrabiata*) and I put a piece of *scamorza* (smoked mozzarella) on the top of each pepper before I put it in the oven. Enjoy!!!!



AUGUST 24, 2025

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of August 24

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)

MONDAY St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanaz

8:30 am Adeline Cilurso req by Phy Mudgey (ST)

TUESDAY 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Healing Intentions for Maggie Schmidt req by Kathleen Rapanaro (ST)

WEDNESDAY St. Monica

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

THURSDAY St. Augustine

8:30 am James Commons req by Kathleen Rapanaro (ST)

FRIDAY The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30 am Intentions for Father Rob, Father Paul, Father Britto and Deacon Dave
req by Mr. B. Nose (ST)

SATURDAY 21st Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am James & Camilla Sigman req by Jeanne Sigman (ST)
4:30 pm Mario Rapanaro, Gloria Rutter & Charles Rutter
req by Kathleen Rapanaro,
John M. Iacovino req by Gloria & Rick (ST)

SUNDAY 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Stephen Asbury, Jr. req by Mother (ST)
9:00 am Will Costello (25th Anniversary) req by wife, Judy & family (SMG)
11:00 am Peggy Floro req by husband, Dean & grandsons, Cody & Larry,
Steven Baker req by Dolores Davis,
Charles Mansfield req by Michael McWilliams & Donna Hale,
Joe DeRosa req by Sal & Natalie Ruggieri (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
August 24-30)

**Blessed Virgin Mary
Candle burns: (ST)**
In memory of
Margaret
McLaughlin
req by
Family

**The Saint Teresa
Candle burns: (ST)**
In memory of
Joe DeRosa
Req by
Sal & Natalie
Ruggieri

**The Sanctuary
Candle burns: (ST)**
In memory of
Thomas
McCrossan
req by
family



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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Chapel hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday
4PM to 7PM

Tuesday & Thursday
9AM to Noon



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 Sessions Beginning Sunday, Sept 14

All our registered families should have already received our Welcoming Newsletters with the school calendar as well as all of our Fall upcoming events.

If you have a child starting public school 1st Grade and you still have not registered, please contact Joanna in our Faith Formation Office to have a Registration Form sent out to you right away. There is still time to join us!

Catechetical Sunday Sept 21 during the 11AM Mass

Celebrating our Catechists' role in Faith Formation for our Parish

"Always be ready to give an explanation... for a reason for your hope." (1 Pet 3:15).

This year's National Catechetical theme reminds us of our calling to be witnesses of the faith and of the hope we have in Christ. Responding to this call, our catechists and aides have generously offered their time, talents, and hearts in service to our parish communities.

A Catechist is more than a teacher of the faith—they are someone who allows the Word of God to echo through their life. By example, they reflect the footprints of Jesus, sharing their faith and guiding students to live out the lessons of the Gospel each week.

We invite all parishioners to join us at the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 21, as we recognize and celebrate our Religious Education Catechists, Aides, STRS Teachers, Children's Ministry leaders, Vacation Bible School team, and Middle School volunteers.

Together, let us give thanks for their faithful service and pray for God's continued blessing upon them.



Preparing to Share the basis of our faith, the Lord and the Hope He provides

If we look at Jesus' life with his disciples, we see that He called twelve men simply to walk with Him—and in turn, He poured His life into theirs. Jesus taught not just by words, but by example. Daily life became their classroom, and ordinary experiences became powerful lessons. His actions deeply shaped the spiritual growth and values of His disciples.



In the same way, everyone who shares the Catholic faith is a catechist. Parents, most especially, are their children's first catechists. Just as Jesus showed His disciples how to live, parents teach their children how to live the faith—through example, love, prayer, and daily witness. As St. John Paul II reminds us: *"Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and mission. We are called to be Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ."*

This year's theme ... *"Always be ready to give an explanation ... for a reason for your hope"* (1 Peter 3:15) ... reminds us of the importance of sharing our faith and our hope in Christ with others.

On Catechetical Sunday, we honor all who teach the faith, but especially parents, whose role in forming their children is the most vital of all.

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

Senior Meeting Resuming

As a Church focused on the Eucharist, this year our first senior meeting will honor Mary under the title "**Tabernacle of the Lord.**" All seniors in our parish are warmly invited to join us for sharing in faith, fellowship, and fun.



When: Thursday, September 11, 2025
Where: Saint Maria Goretti Hall
Time: 10:30am

**Seniors meet every 2nd Thursday of the month*

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 September 4
and September 18**



ARE YOU READY?

Football Mania!

a CharityMania!® Fundraiser

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.)

TICKET SALES END TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2!!!!!!

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: _____

AUGUST 24, 2025

Join us August 30 & 31
at all Masses

Blessing of the Backpacks

God's got your back

As summer ends and the school year begins, bring your school backpack to Mass for a special blessing to start the year off right.

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me - Philippians 4:13



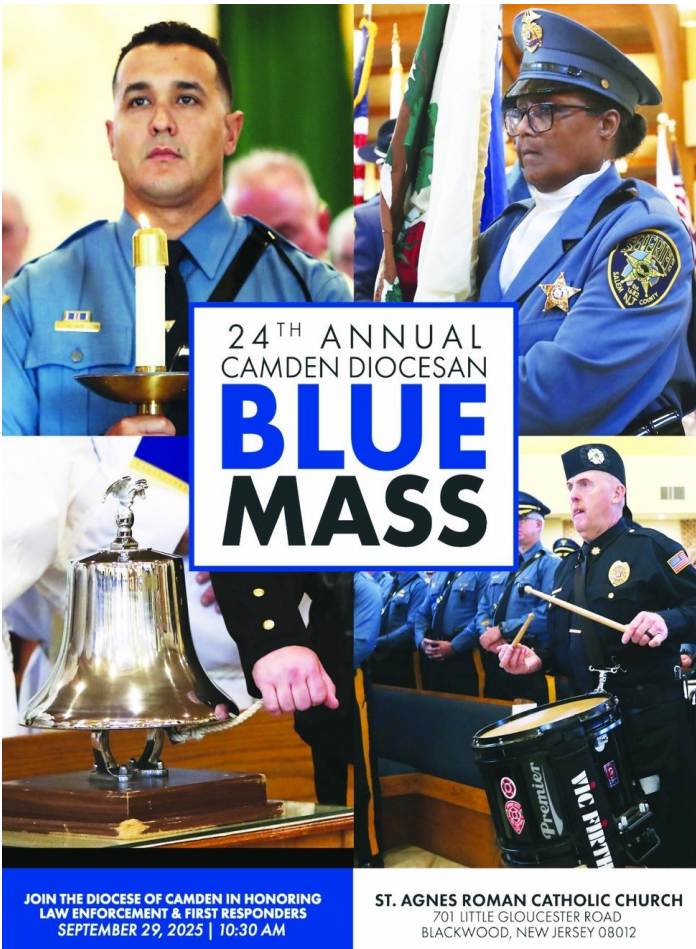
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NEVER FORGET

FIRE, POLICE, & FIRST RESPONDERS
PLEASE ACCEPT A FREE SANDWICH ON 9/11
as a small gesture of our thanks
for all you do to Protect, Serve & Save.

Join us at Noon for our live National Anthem.

MISSION BBQ 
The American Way.



24TH ANNUAL
CAMDEN DIOCESAN
**BLUE
MASS**

JOIN THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN IN HONORING
LAW ENFORCEMENT & FIRST RESPONDERS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2025 | 10:30 AM

ST. AGNES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
701 LITTLE GLOUCESTER ROAD
BLACKWOOD, NEW JERSEY 08012



MEN'S SPIRITUALITY CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Join Us For This One-Day Life Changing Event!
"We Are Called To Be Men Of Faith and Pilgrims Of Hope"



Most Rev. Dennis Sullivan
Bishop Emeritus of Camden NJ



Chris Stefanick
Author, Speaker, TV Host



Most Rev. Joseph Williams
Ninth Bishop of Camden NJ



Tom Kendzia
OCP Musician, Composer, Author



Deacon Steve Javie
Former NBA Referee



Eddie Morris
A Man Of Faith, Hope, and Action

Registration and Breakfast Begin at 7:30 Conference Ends at 3:30

Amazing speakers, opportunities for confession, adoration, inspiring music, spiritual reflection, exhibitors, breakfast, lunch, and more

PAUL VI High School
901 Hopkins Rd.
Haddonfield, NJ

Tickets and Information
WWW.MANUPSOUTHJERSEY.COM

Event Sponsor




St Teresa of Lisieux 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 was 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."

St Teresa Novena – Schedule of Events During the week you have 2 options

September 22-26, Monday thru Friday

Novena recited at the end of 8:30AM Mass
Novena and Reflection at 7PM, St Teresa Church

September 27, Saturday

Novena recited at the end of 8:30AM Mass
4:30PM Mass

September 28, Sunday

Novena recited during each of our
morning Masses

September 29-30, Monday and Tuesday

Novena recited at the end of 8:30AM Mass
Novena and Reflection at 7PM, St Teresa Church

October 1, Wednesday

Feast Day of St Teresa

7PM Mass Celebrating Feast Day, St Teresa
Church

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 Beings on Tues, Sept 23 7PM - STRS Library

Come and meet twelve extraordinary women of the Bible. In their own time, each was seen as ordinary and common. Yet, through their encounters with God, they received extraordinary grace and influence—transforming them into women who stood out in ways uncommon for their era. With courage and faith, they stepped beyond the limits placed on them, leaving a lasting impact that continues to inspire women of faith today.

Please come and join us as we talk about how the choices and struggles of Eve; Sarah hoping against hope; Hannah known as the portrait of 'Feminine Grace'; as well as Lydia's teaching us how to open up to a hospitable heart.

Our group has grown by leaps and bounds aging from 23 to 84 years old. 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.



Parish Leadership Committee Next Gathering, Tuesday, Sept 2 7PM @ SMG Hall

Please join us for our next Parish Council Meeting as we welcome in the new Fall season for our parish. Some of our topics of discussion will be:

Welcoming & Hospitality

Return of Hospitality Sunday
New Parishioner Sunday Blessing
Wellness Checks

Evangelization

Where are we as a Church

Family Catechesis

Holy Child selected to participate within two National pilot programs: Children & Catholic Worship and Children & Catholic Prayer.

The Life of Stewardship: A Call to Discipleship

Below are a variety of opportunities where your time and talents can make a real difference. To learn more on how you can get involved please contact our Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592 or email us at 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!

Hospitality Committee Staying Connected by Lifting Spirits

Scripture reminds us that we are called to be a welcoming Body of Christ—embracing every person who crosses our threshold and working together to build a loving community of believers.

When we think of a Hospitality Team, the first image that often comes to mind is something simple yet powerful: a friendly smile, a kind word, or the gentle assurance that someone has been thinking of and praying for you. These small but meaningful acts of kindness reflect the love of Christ and make every person feel at home in our parish family.

Our Hospitality Committee is seeking caring hearts and willing hands to help us extend this warmth and welcome. If you feel called to share the love of Christ in simple yet powerful ways, we would love for you to join us.



SOUTH JERSEY
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

2025 APPEAL “Our Journey United in Hope”

THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who have supported and contributed to the South Jersey Ministry Appeal for 2025.

Your support of the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal Ensures the vitality of essential Diocesan ministries and programs that bring Hope to those sustained by the Church and its ministries.

If you have not already given, please return your completed pledge card to the Parish of give online at www.camdendiocese.org/sjcma.



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

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.

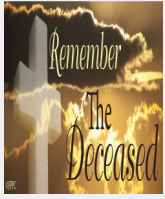
Knights of Columbus



The K of C are having a hoagie sale on November 30th in front of St. Teresa's Church from 10am until sellout. Hoagie options that will be offered are Italian and American and they will be \$5 each. Thank you

Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Loretta Simon &
Richard W. Boskey

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
August 18—\$6,689.00
Assumption—\$2,624.00

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.



Saint Teresa
REGIONAL SCHOOL

**St. Teresa Regional School
Dine & Donate
September 11, 2025**



6:00pm-9:00pm :)



**123 W. Clements Bridge Road, JMD Plaza
Unit 113A, Runnemede, NJ 08078**

**HELP GROW
THE EARNINGS**

at our school



**YOU can help raise money for
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:**



SAVE THE DATE

**St. Teresa's Regional School
Mum Sale!**



Fall is around the corner. STRS will be having our annual mum sale. Order forms will be available next week and will be due 9/19, with a delivery date of 9/26 (alternative pick up date 9/27). Please spread the word to friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues. Any questions, call or text Nicole Cunningham at 856-449-9449.

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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