HOLY CHILD PARISH

"Two beautiful churches, one GREAT parish."

St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus

13 E. Eve<mark>sham Road</mark>

St. Maria Goretti 321 Orchard Avenue

September 14, 2025 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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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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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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.

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:

October 8, 2025

Baptism Scheduling

Baptisms are currently being held during our weekend Masses on **Saturdays and Sundays**, and may also be sched-

uled after the
11:00 AM Sunday
Mass upon request.

Please call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism or for more information.



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

We're taking a temporary departure from our parish discussion of the 6 post-conciliar (meaning flowing from the 2nd Vatican Council) principles put forth by Pope Leo XIV in order to talk about another of those special feast days that replace Sundays in Ordinary Time: the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The feast day has its origins in the 4th century, when St. Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine, discovered the relic of the True Cross while on pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Constantine had a church built on the site of the cross' discovery, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and it was dedicated on September 14, 335 AD. Originally, the Exalta-

tion of the Holy Cross was celebrated and spread in the Eastern part of the Catholic Church, centered around the city of Constantinople. The feast day entered the liturgical calendar in the West (aka the Roman Catholic Church) in the 7th century, after the cross was recovered from the Persians who absconded with it in 614 AD.



This feast day is so important because it discusses the necessity of the cross and the redemptive value of suffering. While in modern times, the cross has been turned into "a thing of beauty to be carried in procession or worn as jewelry", in Jesus' time, the cross was the most extreme form of punishment for anyone foolish enough to oppose the authority of Rome. It was a fate reserved for the most heinous acts and the worst of offenders. Crucifixion is truly a brutal way to die - a combination of exposure, exhaustion and asphyxiation. Add on top of that the indignity of carrying the means of your execution through the busy streets of Jerusalem to suffer the buffets and spitting of the jeering crowd. But Christ Himself takes this object of defeat and torture and transforms it into the symbol of our salvation. We know that the glory of Easter Sunday is impossible without the sacrifice of Good Friday. But Christ's sufferings were not just His own. Our Blessed Mother also shared in His cross. As Simeon foretold in the temple, "Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted (and you yourself a sword will pierce) so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed" (Luke 2:34-35). These swords of sorrow become the basis of our devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows which is celebrated the very next day, September the 15th, and, Mary, as the first and greatest disciple, gives us an example of what we too must do in order to follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior. The glory of the cross, and the weight of its sacrifice, is ours, too, to carry. Let us embrace the cross with trust, knowing it unites us to Christ's redeeming love. For the sign of the cross is our strength, our protection, and our constant reminder that God's love has the final word.

I finally got the chance to cook the zucchini and the eggplant that was given to me by parishioners. There is nothing like garden fresh vegetables! While PROBABLY not the most dietetic, these recipes were SO GOOD and got the Fr. Britto 'Seal of Approval'! Give them a try! https://www.dinneratthezoo.com/stuffed-zucchini-boats/ and https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/229369/baked-eggplant-parmesan/

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of September 14

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

SATURDAY St. John Chrysostom

8:30 am David A. Evans, Jr. req by Deacon David Harkins (ST)

4:30 pm Pedro Morando req by Ramona,

Dianne McBride reg by The Taylor Family,

Charles Mansfield reg by Saint Vincent dePaul Society,

Intentions for Vincent & Andrea Kanopka (45th Wedding Anniversary)

req by family (ST)

SUNDAY The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am Stephen Asbury, Jr. reg by Mother (ST)

9:00 am Sr. Marguerite, Happy belated Birthday req by Seniors (SMG)

11:00 am Ellis (Pud) Ratcliffe req by Hope Catarro,

Marysue Tarzaiski req by Jean Butler,

Healing Intentions for Lynn McCausland req by Mary & Judy,

Joseph W. Reiners Req by Eileen Schmidt (ST)

MONDAY Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 am Gail Sentman reg by husband, John & children (ST)

TUESDAY Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

8:30 am Carole Redheffer req by Gina Simon (ST)

WEDNESDAY St. Robert Bellarmine; St. Hildegard of Bingen

8:30 am Doris Kavanagh req by Michael McWilliams & Donna Hale (ST)

THURSDAY 24th Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Mom, Dad & Johnny req by Loving Family,

Kathleen Saeger req by Hugh & Kathleen McCurley (ST)

FRIDAY St. Januarius

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

SATURDAY Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

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

4:30 pm John M. Iacovino req by Gloria & Rick (ST)

SUNDAY 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am Joseph Kwiatkowski & all dec'd members of family req by family (ST)

9:00 am Ed Orsatti req by Henni & family,

Louis Heck req by Cathy & Bob Bush (SMG)

11:00 am Susan DiMaulo req by Debbie Angelastro (ST)

Mass Book

The Mass Book for the year 2026 will open on September 15, 2025.

During the first two weeks, Mass intentions will be taken by appointment only. Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at 856-939-1681.

Thank you, and God bless!

Baptism

This week we welcome

Rocco Pasquale Valerio & Franco Kenneth Amendolia

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.



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

Bread &
Wine Memorial
& Sanctuary
Candles
(the week of
September 14-20)

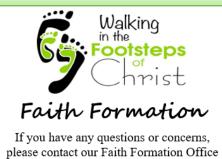
Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (ST)

In memory of Sue Tarzaiski req by Peg

The Saint Teresa Candle burns: (ST)

Healing
Intentions for
Maggie Schmidt
req by
Sister





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Walking together in faith!

Sacramental Event Updates

LV1 Confirmation Mandatory Parent Meeting, Sept 29 7PM – STRS Hall – At least one parent must be in attendance

Level 1 Candidate Inscription Retreat & Mass, Oct 18 Begins @ 12:30PM - STRS Hall ending with 4:30PM Mass

Level 2 Candidate Session, Monday, October 6 Sessions begin @ 6:30PM - STRS Hall. Doors open at 6:15PM

First Reconciliation Parent Session, Tues, Oct 27 7PM – STRS Hall – At least one parent must be in attendance.

SHOUT ... SHINE ... SHARE!

"Always be ready to give an explanation, for a reason for your hope."

This year's Catechetical theme 'Shout, Shine, Share', challenges us to empower our youth to become active and confident evangelists. As Christians, we are called to boldly proclaim our faith, live out our beliefs in visible ways, and share the Gospel message with those around us. But the question remains, how do we do this?



We will be focusing on three core elements:

SHOUT

We want our youth to discover and strengthen their *faith voice*. This means encouraging them to be bold and confident in speaking about what they believe. Shouting is not about volume, but about courage, moving beyond a quiet voice, building confidence that encourages our young believers to speak up and shout out.

SHINE

Inspired by Jesus' words, "Let your light shine" (Mt 5:16), we will focus on how actions and character make God's love visible. Shining means living in such a way that others can see Christ reflected in us. Good deeds, compassion, honesty, and integrity all become a light that guides others closer to God.

SHARE

As missionary disciples, we are called to share our faith personally and authentically. Sharing involves both words and action: telling our own faith stories, serving others, and creating moments where the love of Christ is made real.

Throughout this school year, we will explore three guiding questions together:

- Why should we share our faith?
- What message are we called to communicate?

How can I share that message with others?

These three elements ... Shout, Shine, and Share ... will guide our journey as we help our young people grow into joyful witnesses of Christ. Throughout the year, we will engage not only in classroom learning but also in Family Events designed for all ages. Together, these opportunities will strengthen both faith and community. We look forward to an amazing year ahead and can't wait to get started!

OCIA - Order of Catholic Initiation New Sessions Begin in October

Are you, or someone you know, thinking about becoming Catholic?

Are you a baptized Catholic who still needs to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation?

We know that taking the first step to approach a priest or deacon can feel a little daunting. But we invite you to take that step with us!

Why? Because OCIA is more than just a program—it's a journey of conversion and faith, helping us deepen our roots and remain firmly grounded in Christ.

Would you like a safe, welcoming space to ask questions, explore your faith, and discover answers without pressure?

Please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856 -939-0592 for more details on how we can better support you.





St Teresa of Lisieux Novena

Starting September 23
"I will spend my Heaven doing good on Earth!"

Schedule of Events During the week you have 2 options

September 23-26, Tuesday 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 our morning Masses

September 29-30, Monday and Tuesday Novena recited at the end of 8:30AM Mass

October 1, Wednesday Feast Day of St Teresa 7PM Mass Celebrating Feast Day, St Teresa Church

Novena and Reflection at 7PM, St Teresa Church

Women's Prayer Group Next Gathering Tues, Sept 23 7PM - STRS Library



Our Women's Group resumes in just two weeks. Some things you will find with our group ...

Fellowship and Support that offers a welcoming space to share at your own pace and comfort level, while receiving encouragement and companionship along the way.

Praying together opens the door to *Spiritual Growth*, offering opportunities to learn, reflect, and cultivate a more consistent prayer life.

Most importantly, you will *Find Strength in Numbers*, "When two or more are gathered in My name, there am I in the midst of them," (Matthew 18:20). Together, our prayers carry both purpose and power.

We hope that you will join us as we reconnect, grow and support one another in faith. This is open to ALL women of all ages. You don't need to be a parishioner to join us. Family and friends are always welcome!



CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Come and grow your faith, serve your community and build lasting friendships.

Become an Altar Server!



Altar Servers are an important part of the Mass, enhancing the reverence of our liturgical celebrations by assisting the priest during Mass and other special liturgies.

Becoming an altar server is also a wonderful opportunity to deepen your understanding of the Mass while taking an active role in our Church family. What a great way to grow your faith, serve your community, and build lasting friendships!

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Any young parishioner in 3rd grade or higher, who recieved the Sacrmanet of First Communion is eligible. We will be conducting Altar Server Training at the end of September.

Please fill this out the below Registration Form and return it to either the Parish Office or through, Religious Education or STRS. For more information please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592.

ALTAR SERVER MINISRY REGISTRATION FORM

Name:		Height:
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
School:		Grade:
Mother's Name:	Cell Phone:	
Fatherr's Name:	Cell Phone:	
Email Address:		
PREFERRED MASS TO SERVE		ADDITIONAL:
PLEASE LIST 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE	I WOULD LIKE	TO ALSO SERVE THE FOLLOWING AS NEEDED
Saturday, 4:30PM Mass (St Teresa) Sunday, 7:00AM Mass (St Teresa) 9:00AM Mass (St Maria Goretti) 11:00AM Mass (St Teresa)	Wedding	Masses gs Massses
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Bereavement Starting Dear Friends.

Thank you to all who have been part of our grief support groups. Your willingness to share your stories and trust me—and one another—with



Grief Support

your thoughts and emotions continues to be both humbling and inspiring. It has truly been an honor to walk beside you on your healing journey.

Our current 6-week group has begun and meets Mondays at 6:00 PM at the Parish Office Building. Even though the group is in session, the door remains open each week for anyone who may feel ready to join. Whether you're returning or coming for the first time, you are welcome here.

If you're a past participant, we'd love for you to stop by, say hello, and share how you've been. You're always part of this community.

With gratitude,

Dawn Lipomi

6 609-405-2745

Senior Meeting

Bring your sing along voices and dancing shoes as we celebrate All Hallows Eve for a great time with "Star Band", provided by Camden County. All seniors in our parish are warmly invited to join us for sharing in faith, fellowship, and fun.

When: Thursday, October 9, 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 September 18 and October 2

Poor Box

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





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IN-STORE & ONLINE

Donate \$5 and Enjoy:
•25% OFF DISCOUNT SHOPPING PASS

Come into the Parish Office starting Tuesday, September 17 and purchase your shopping pass or they will be sold after all Masses on the weekend of October 11 & 12 to aid the Holy Child Outreach ministry while supplies last. Purchase one for you and your friends.

LUNCH BUNCH

We are starting our monthly Lunch Bunch Gathering back up. Hope everyone had a relaxing & wonderful summer. We can not wait to see you all soon.

September 25, 2025 at 1:00 pm Passariello's Pizzeria 111 Laurel Oak Road Voorhees, NJ 08043

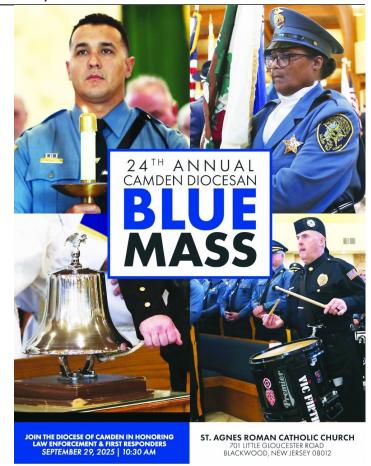


Contact Diana Querubin at 609-707-6357, if you'd like to join the LUNCH BUNCH. Everyone is welcome! You will have your own check and only pay for what you eat.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025



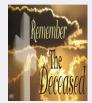






Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Barbara Anna Kelley, Bill Brinkman, Catherine Valinte, Theresa Beatrice, Luke Zappile, Jr., Daniel Rudolph, Richard Wilson, June Pateman and Joseph Szczurowski

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): Dolores Gibbins, Caroline & Pat Rocco, Riley Crowder, Fran Lafferty, Angela Giordano, George Rollins, Maryann Eaton and Jennifer Jones

Lynn McClausland Baby Lily Weezie Michael Grecco Danny & Julia Byrnes Barb Farnsworth Michelle Kettel Anthony Weiner Virginia Venturo Norm McConchie Joe Gordon Michael Bonnette Len Venturo Edwin Hopkins Maggie Schmidt

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 August 24—\$7,741.86 School Support—\$2,615.00 August 31—\$7,110.00 September 7—\$7,895.00 Cath. Univ.of America—\$1,405.00

Second collections for September— September 7—Cath. Univ. of America September 21—Utilities (Heat)

Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.



September 14, 2025



IT'S SUPER BINGO TIME!!!!!!!!!!

WHEN: Saturday October 18, 2025
WHERE: St Maria Goretti Hall
Doors at 11am, bingo begins at 1pm
WE ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS
-\$30 admission at the door
Tickets can be purchased
@ Tue/Thur bingo or parish office

WE ALSO NEED HELP IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
PULL TABS 50/50 Sales CASHIER
BACK ROOM/FLOOR CLEAN UP
PLEASE EMAIL OR TEXT if you can help

JAYNA DORRIS or NICOLE CUNNINGHAM jaynadorris1@gmail.com nicolecunningham526@yahoo.com (732) 309-4591 (856) 449-9449

Thank You & Our Apologies
We recently discovered that an email account connected to our school donations had not been monitored for the past few years. We sincerely apologize if your messages or generous contributions went unacknowledged during that time. Please know how deeply grateful we are for your support, which has continued to bless our Catholic school and students. Your generosity makes a lasting impact. We're now back on track and invite you to continue supporting our mission. Thank you for walking this journey with us!

All mum orders due by Friday!



St. Teresa Regional School Mum Sale order form



9 Inch Pot \$13 ea.

12 Inch Pot \$23 ea.

Colors are Red, White, Yellow, Bronze and Purple (substitution may be necessary)

ORDERS DUE BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

PICK UP DATE September 26th, 2025 2:30pm-4pm or September 27th 12pm to 2pm

Questions? Call or text Nicole Cunningham 856-449-9449

**PLEASE RETURN ORDER FORM & PAYMENT TO

** Please write how many you would like next to the color you would like. Cash, check (St. Teresa Regional School), Venmo @nicole-cunningham-72, or Paypal (nicolecunningham526@yahoo.com) are accepted. If paying electronically, please make sure to list your selections in the payment note section.