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

September 28, 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastor
Parochial Vicar
School Principal
Bereavement
Faith Formation

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The parishioners of Holy Child Parish welcome you! All worshipers are invited to register by calling the

WELCOME!

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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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 November 12, 2025

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.

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

This week we're delving deeper into the 5th principle of the 2nd Vatican Council as stated by Pope Leo XIV: loving care for the least and the rejected. It's the essential quality of the Christian life to demonstrate Gospel charity and missionary zeal. We can't be the Church without it, because it's how we tangibly express our faith and the Lord's Gospel in our everyday lives, as well as enter into His divine mystery. As Pope Francis wrote in *Evangelii Gaudium* ("The Joy of the Gospel") in 2013, "Jesus' whole life, his way of dealing with the poor, his actions, his integrity, his simple daily acts of generosity, and finally his complete self-giving, is precious and reveals the mystery of his divine life. Whenever we encounter this anew, we become convinced that it is exactly what others need, even though they may not recognize it: 'What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you' (Acts 17:23). Sometimes we lose our enthusiasm for mission because we forget that the Gospel responds to our deepest needs, since we were created for what the Gospel offers us: friendship with Jesus and love of our brothers and sisters" (no. 265). Christian charity and care for our brothers and sisters in need is not complicated. By paying attention to what is right in front of us, by being attentive to the world around us, we can see and hear what is lacking in the lives of others and give them that which they need, not just to survive but to thrive. For example, if we have a family member or a friend that we know fairly well and spend quality time with them, we can easily discern what is lacking in their lives and what could really help them. On a much broader level, true Christian love is also shown most clearly, not in how we treat the powerful or influential, but in how we serve and stand beside those whom the world considers "least," unwanted, or expendable. As our Lord says clearly in Matthew 25: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." Living in a world that is fueled by concerns regarding immigration and the poor, in addition to the marginalized among us, we are called to recognize that each and every one of us has dignity and worth in the eyes of God. "Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality in society and between peoples are reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are accused of violence, yet without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode. When a society – whether local, national or global – is willing to leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political programmes or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility. This is not the case simply because inequality provokes a violent reaction from those excluded from the system, but because the socioeconomic system is unjust at its root. Just as goodness tends to spread, the toleration of evil, which is injustice, tends to expand its baneful influence and quietly to undermine any political and social system, no matter how solid it may appear" (Evangelii Gaudium no. 59). It is our obligation as Catholic Christians to spread the goodness of the Gospel, to care for our brothers and sisters and to speak out against the evils of our age. With all this in mind, what are the needs of those around us? How can we help them without enabling them or preventing them from growth? On a macro level, how can we pray and act for those poor souls who are exploited and threatened in our community, our country and our world? Let us continue to pray to Christ the Good Shepherd for His intervention that just as He laid down His life for His sheep, we are able to do the same.

Putting a twist on our theme, I found a recipe for a Poor Man's Meal. As you may be aware, 'poor man's' recipes are quick and easy meals made affordable ingredients or making best use of some of the things that you have lying around. I have not personally tried this yet, but let me know what you think: https://theskinnyishdish.com/poor-mans-meal/

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of September 28

SATURDAY St. Vincent de Paul ~ Novena to St. Therese

4:30 am +Michael C. Harkins req by The Harkins Family (ST) +Stephen Baker req by Deacon Len & Pat Carlucci, +Charles Mansfield req by Bob & Nancy Basara,

+Marysue Tarzaiski req by Helena Perla (ST)

SUNDAY 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Novena to St. Therese

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

9:00 am +Edwin Miller (4th Anniversary) req by friend, Barb Barbieri (SMG)

11:00 am + Charles Mansfield req by The Garbarino Family,

+Donald C. Newman req by Deacon & Mrs. David Harkins,

+Joseph W. Reiners req by Cathy Schmidt (ST)

MONDAY Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael~ Novena to St. Therese

8:30 am +Donald Newman req by Barbara Powell (ST)

TUESDAY St. Jerome ~ Novena to St. Therese

8:30 am + Charles Mansfield req by Clare McLaughlin & family (ST) **WEDNESDAY St. Theresa of the Child Jesus** ~ **Novena to St. Therese**

8:30 am +Jane Perry req by daughter (ST)

7:00 pm +Nicholas Jude Clements & Nicholas Joseph Clements req by

Kevin Clements (ST)

THURSDAY The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 am +Lois Infante req by Michele Stein (ST)

FRIDAY 26th Week in Ordinary Time +Mike Simon req by wife, Gina,

+Michael Querubin req by wife & daughters (ST)

SATURDAY St. Francis of Assisi

8:30 am +Vincent DeSantis req by Deacon & Mrs. David Harkins (ST)

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

SUNDAY 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am +The dec'd members of the Zubrzycki & Osmian Families req by family,

+Clara Acchione req by Pat & Donna Leuzzi (ST)

9:00 am +Stephen M. Verica req by The Giunta Family,

+Michael Denisi req by Vincent & Mary Denisi (SMG)

11:00 am +Rev. Msgr. Thomas Sharkey reg by Rosemary Auge (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 Sept. 28-Oct. 4)

Blessed Virgin Mary

Candle burns: (ST)

In memory of
Michael
Querubin
Req by
wife & daughters

The Sanctuary
Candle burns: (ST)

In memory of
Clara
Acchione
req by
Pat & Donna Leuzzi

The Saint Teresa Candle burns: (ST)

For the People of Holy Child Parish req by Jeanne Sigman



Mass Book

The Mass Book for the year 2026 is open!

Appointments can be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at **856-939-1681**.

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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

ST Chapel hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday

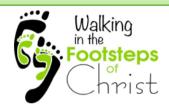
4PM to 7PM

Tuesday & Thursday

9AM to Noon

Friday (Date Night with Jesus)

7PM



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!

Sacramental Parent Meeting For our LV1 Confirmation Prep

THIS Monday, Sept 29
7PM @ St Teresa School Hall

As parents, you play the most important role in your child's sacramental preparation. You are their first and most influential teachers in the faith, guiding them as they grow closer to Christ. Your active interest and involvement help shape how your son or daughter understands both the sacrament and the Christian life itself, making this a truly meaningful and fruitful experience. This is a mandatory parent meeting. At least one parent needs to be in attendance.

LV2 Confirmation Candidate Session

Monday, October 6, 6:30PM @ STRS Hall

Doors open at 6:15PM

Sessions run from 6:30 to 7:30PM



UNO ATTACH
LIFE SIZZE CONNECT FOUR

BOARD GAMES

LIFE SIZZE CHECKERS UZZEL PUZZELS

Doors open at 6:30PM

Come and join other families enjoying vintage favorites, board games, and much more.

Feel free to bring your own favorite family game to share.

No Cost. We only ask that you bring SNACKS to share.

Drinks will be provided. Call Faith Formation Office
for more details @ 856-939-0592

LV1 Inscription Retreat Saturday, October 18 12:30PM @ STRS Hall Ending with 4:30PM Mass

Inscription Retreat offers new Confirmation candidates a meaning-ful opportunity to step away from their busy routines and focus on God's personal invitation to them. Throughout the retreat, candidates will be guided to reflect on important questions such as: Where is God in my life? How can I become a more active member of the Catholic Church?

Through engaging activities, candidates will begin to deepen their understanding of the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and discover the true meaning of being confirmed in the faith.

Mass of Inscription

The Mass of Inscription is a special ceremony that prepares our young people and their families for the steps leading to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

During this celebration, the candidates are formally presented to the pastor and to the parish community as willing participants, publicly saying "yes" to taking the next steps in their journey of initiation and growth in faith.



Welcoming L
Hospitality Ministry
Gathering
Monday, October 13
7PM in the
Parish Office

This ministry is dedicated to creating a warm and inclusive environment that builds up the Body of Christ. We do this by helping every parishioner discover that they are an important part of Christ's living Church. Our goal is to connect both new and current parishioners more deeply with our parish family—spiritually and personally. How??

Personal Outreach: Would you be willing to make welcome calls to new parishioners? Could you also help by sending notes or cards of encouragement to our First Communion, Confirmation, and OCIA candidates? Your simple gesture can mean so much.

Community Building: Are you available on the 1st Sunday of the month to help foster connections between new and long-time parishioners? By being present and extending a warm welcome, you can help new members recognize that they are an important part of our parish family and that their gifts and contributions are truly valued.

Wellness Check: Our goal is to stay closely connected as a parish community. If we notice that someone has not been at Mass for a while or hear that a parishioner may be ill, we are looking for volunteers who can reach out with a caring phone call to see how they are doing.

These are just a few of the initiatives we will be bringing to fruition over the next few months. If you would like to help in any way, please join us at our next gathering. For any questions, feel free to contact the Faith Formation Office at 856-939-0592.



If you feel that you have a burn ing 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



St Teresa of Lisieux
Novena Starts
Concludes this Week!

"I will spend my Heaven doing good on Earth!"

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

Women's Prayer Group Next Gathering October 28 7PM in St Teresa School Hall



Thank you for your understanding as we needed to postpone our Women's Prayer Group until October. We are especially excited to welcome many new members when we begin!

This season, we will be taking a walk with the *Brave and Beloved* women of the Bible. God uses women from all walks of life to accomplish His work in the world. In their stories, we discover that God's design for womanhood is not one-size-fits-all, but beautifully diverse. Their courage, faith, and accomplishments inspire us to trust in God's goodness no matter where our roads may lead.

Our gathering is open to all women of every age. You do not need to be a parishioner to join us—family and friends are always welcome!

Bulletin Announcement?

E-mail: <u>holychildparish@comcast.net</u> with details of the information you would like in along with any photos.

HOLY CHILD PARISH, RUNNEMDE, NJ



OCIA Sessions Begin in 3 weeks 7PM in our Parish Office Adult Sessions held on Wed Evenings High School Teen Sessions held Thurs Evenings

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized in the Catholic faith and seeking to complete the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation, our OCIA sessions offer a guided, grace-filled journey of transformation.

Our **Adult Sessions** are held on Wednesday evenings, and our **High School Teen Sessions** are held on Thursday evenings. We currently have **five adults** and **three high school teens** signed up.

Some may feel hesitant to take that first step—please take it with us! Why? Because OCIA is a process of conversion that helps all of us grow strong and well-rooted in our faith, just like a tree. Faith gives us anchorage!

If you or anyone in your family would like to take part in this summer program, please contact Joanna in our Faith Formation Office at **856-939-0592** to learn more and find out how we can best support you.

Calling All Women

The Altar & Rosary Society would like to invite all women of the parish to join us for our annual Communion Breakfast on Sunday, October 19th. We will gather for the for 9AM Mass at St. Maria Goretti Church followed by breakfast, reflection and fellowship downstairs in the Parish Hall. Come see what we're all about. Please RSVP to Marjee Barel @ 609-417-2992.

Altar and Rosary Society Monthly Meetings Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month Starts at 7:00 PM

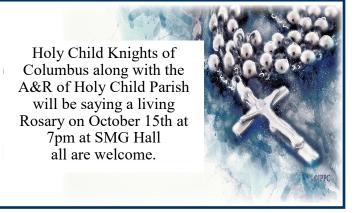
Location: SMG Hall

All ladies are invited to join us for prayer, the Rosary, and a time of fellowship.

Be part of something great—become a member today!

Online Giving

Did you know you can now give your parish giving online? Simply visit holychildparish.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.





Paint Teresa REGIONAL SCHOOL

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME

October 2nd, 2025 10 am to 11 am

Please join us for Story time!
All prospective pre-school students are welcome to come enjoy a story, craft, and snack in our library.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Registration is requested to ensure that we have enough craft supplies and snacks. You can register by emailing or calling Mrs. Bayer at sbayer@stteresaschool.org or calling 856-939-1207.

We hope to see you!

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 be October 2 & October 16

Poor Box

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





HELP SUPPORT
HOLY CHILD
SENIOR OUTREACH
ONE DAY ONLY WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 22, 2025
SHOP 8AM - 11PM
BACK BY POPULAR
DEMAND IS SHOP
IN-STORE & ONLINE

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

Come into the Parish Office 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.

October 23, 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.

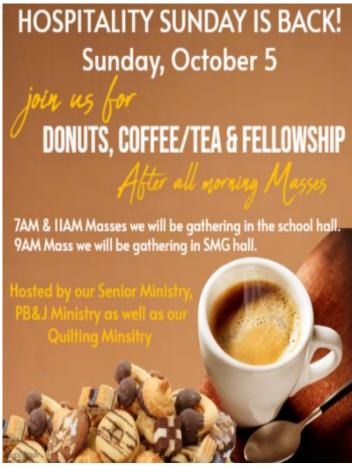


The 3rd week of Football Mania winners are....

Donna Townsend (3760-5A023) \$20, Joe Washart (3508-5A023) \$20, Dolores Angelucci (3430-5A023) \$20 & Marie Hopkins (3995-5A023) \$20

Congratulations Donna, Joe, Dolores and Marie and thanks for playing.

Thank you for supporting Football Mania.







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!

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.

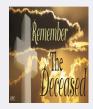
Please fill this out the below Registration Form and return it to either the Parish Office or through, Religious Education or STRS. For more information please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592.

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	I MOULD LIK	ADDITIONAL:
PLEASE LIST 1ST AND 2ND CHOICE Saturday, 4:30PM Mass (St Teresa) Sunday, 7:00AM Mass (St Teresa) 9:00AM Mass (St Maria Goretti) 11:00AM Mass (St Teresa)	Funeral Weddir	E TO ALSO SERVE THE FOLLOWING AS NEEDED Masses Masses Masses
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Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



All the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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): Martin Joyce, Joan Davis, Gary Winkler, Dolores Gibbins, Caroline & Pat Rocco, Riley Crowder, Fran Lafferty, Angela Giordano, George Rollins, Maryann Eaton, Jennifer Jones, Tony Mangano and Frank Mangano

Lynn McClausland
Norm McConchie
Weezie
Michael Grecco
Danny & Julia Byrnes
Barb Farnsworth
Michelle Kettel

Virginia Venturo
Anthony Weiner
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.

September 7—\$7,895.00 Cath. Univ.of America—\$1,470.00 September 14—\$9,642.00 September 21—\$7,883.00 Utilities—\$2,725.00

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.



A celebration of Art! St Teresa Regional School had the

pleasure of installing 3 new art pieces

into the school this month!







Thank you!

The Faulty and students of St Teresa Regional School would like to say thank you to an anonymous parishioner and artist for their generous donation/ of this beautiful painting of our Blessed Mother with Jesus as a little child.



This painting of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, also known as "The Little Flower, was given to St. Gabriel School in 1912 and was enshrined on the 2nd floor of the school. Students had a devotion to St. Teresa and believed that their prayers would be heard if they received a rose under any form. It had been in storage since 2021 and now resides here.



This statue came from the **Gillet Convent at** Immaculata College.

Fr. Rob, blessed our 2 new art pieces that have been installed in our school. Students PreK-3 through 8th grade gathered for the blessings and joined in prayer with these new pieces.

