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 7, 2025 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St. Teresa

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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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23RD 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.

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:

September 10, 2025 October 8, 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 focus on the 3rd principle of the 2nd Vatican Council emphasized by Pope Leo XIV: growth in collegiality and synodality. So what do each of these things mean? The Catholic Encyclopedia (yes, there is such a thing) states that a college "originally signified a community, a corporation, an organized society, a body of colleagues, or a society of persons engaged in some common pursuit ... in other collegia persons associated together for some special religious worship, or for the purpose of mutual assistance." In Church lingo, all of the bishops in the world (including the Holy Father) are grouped together as the 'College of Bishops'. A synod is defined as "a general term for ecclesiastical gatherings under hierarchical authority, for the discussion and decision of matters relating to faith, morals, or discipline." Synods don't only include bishops, but can include other members of the Christian faithful. Put together, the concept of "growth in collegiality and synodality" means all of the bishops working together as a part of the Church hierarchy in conjunction with all of her members working together for the good of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. That's a pretty hefty task! Pope Francis began this "process", for lack of a better term, when he announced his plans for the Synod on Synodality on March 7, 2020. The Church throughout the whole world, including our diocese, was asked questions regarding how the Church herself proclaimed the Gospel. This was to be the basis of the conversation that began in October of 2023 and closed in October of 2024. The final document of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops (aka the Synod on Synodality), ratified by Pope Francis, can be found here: www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/news/2024-10-26 final-document/ENG---Documento-finale.pdf

When Bishop Robert Barron spoke to the Canon Law Society of America in 2022, he explained synodality as "the tension between authority and consensus, between rule from above and rule from below, between the universal Church and the particular Churches." While each part of the Church is meant to listen and learn from each other (the faithful, religious, priests and bishops and the Holy Father), this does not mean that the Church is, or ever will be, a true democracy in which everyone has their particular say or opinion about doctrine and belief. Rather, as Pope Francis explained, all of the baptized participate in the essential mission of the Church, but in a particular way, Christ has named the Apostles and their successors, the bishops, as a hierarchy that serves the whole Body of Christ. This explanation makes up the threefold mission of a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission. It is this mutual counsel of the whole Church that is offered up to the Holy Spirit to guide and aid in the discernment of that same Church as we do God's will (more on that when we talk the sensus fidei [the sense of the faithful] next week). Let us remember that the growth of collegiality and synodality is a calling deeply rooted in the very life of the Church. The Holy Spirit invites us to listen to one another with humility, to walk side by side with patience, and to discern God's will together with courage and faith. In doing so, we reflect more fully the communion of love that binds Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, as well as all of us.

In the spirit of all of us working together, I offer you a recipe from the Pioneer Woman for a dump cake. Can't wait to try it myself! Here's the recipe: https://www.thepioneerwoman.com/food-cooking/recipes/a11818/dump-cake-recipe/

Holy Child Parish Mass Intentions

Week of September 7

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

SATURDAY 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Sr. Mary Lisa Weisglass, IHM req by the Sisters (ST) 8:30 am

Jean Mancini reg by family, 4:30 pm

Maureen Forte reg by daughter, Elaine (ST)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time SUNDAY

7:00 am Charles Mansfield req by John McLaughlin (ST)

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

Rich & Carol Lalli req by Henni & family (SMG)

11:00 am Mark D. VanArt req by The Reale & The Eveanowsky Families,

> Kathleen S. O'Keefe reg by Olivia DeCaro, Donald Newman reg by Chickie & Larry (ST)

MONDAY The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Intentions for Rawley Heibel, Jr. reg by The Heibel Family (ST) 8:30 am

TUESDAY St. Peter Claver

Sr. Mary McKinley, IHM req by the Sisters (ST) 8:30 am

WEDNESDAY 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Kathleen Magnotta reg by Anna Maria & Jeff Sullins (ST)

THURSDAY 23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Peggy & Joe MacDonald reg by family (ST) 8:30 am

The Most Holy Name of Mary FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY St. John Chrysostom

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

Pedro Morando req by Ramona, 4:30 pm

Dianne McBride reg by The Taylor Family,

Charles Mansfield req by Saint Vincent dePaul Society,

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

reg by family (ST)

SUNDAY The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:00 am Stephen Asbury, Jr. req 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 reg by Jean Butler (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 beginning **September 8** by calling the Parish Office at 856-939-1681. Thank you, and God bless!

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.



Blessed Virgin Mary Candle burns: (ST) In memory of Maggie Schmidt

Bread & Wine Memorial

& Sanctuary

Candles

(the week of

September 7-13)

The Sanctuary **Candle burns: (ST)** In memory of

Req by

Family

Dianne McBride Req by Family

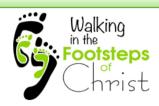


Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

Chapel hours are as follows:

Monday & Wednesday 4PM to 7PM Tuesday & Thursday 9AM to Noon

NEW~ Get Well Mass cards are available.



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

Welcome to another wonderful year of Religious Education! We are so grateful to walk alongside your family on this journey of faith. Our promise is to make the religious education of our parish family a meaningful priority, and we ask that you join us by making the same commitment within your home.

Together, we will work hard to ensure that by the end of each year, our students will have **learned more**, **loved more**, **and deepened their friendship with Jesus**. Our greatest hope is that this growth will inspire a lifelong desire to continue learning and living the faith.

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.

Family Catechesis Family-Centered Opportunities

Our Faith Formation Team is excited to journey with families this year as we celebrate our faith in fun, meaningful, and innovative ways! Each event is designed for the *whole family* ... parents, children, siblings, and even extended family members, so that everyone can grow together in faith.

This year we are expanding opportunities to learn and pray with the Rosary. In January, we will introduce our **Rosary Kitchen Kits**, and we are also launching a **Rosary Group!** Together, we will discover the stories behind each decade of the Rosary while creating our own rosaries, including wrist-sized versions to carry with us daily.

During Advent, families will join us in making our **Annual Advent Wreaths** and a **Jesse Tree**. The Jesse Tree helps us trace the lineage of Jesus, connecting Old Testament prophecies with the joyful anticipation of His coming.

We are also looking forward to a special celebration in honor of **St. Joseph**, highlighting his example of faith and fatherhood in connection with Father's Day.

These are just a small glimpse of the family catechetical opportunities we will be working on. Our goal, to nurture both personal and family faith, while strengthening our sense of *community and shared discipleship*.



HOLY CHILD PARISH, RUNNEMEDE, NJ



St Theresa of Lisieux Novena

Starting September 22
"I will spend my Heaven doing good on Earth!"

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

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 on the home page of our website @ holychildparish.net
We will also offer a link, that will give you the option to download and print out the prayers as home.

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

What will you find within our Women's Prayer Group? *Fellowship and Support*, allowing each of us a chance to share at our own pace and comfort level, while offering 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.

In turn, praying together allows us to be *Intercessors* for a wider community, lifting up specific needs and concerns to God in unity.

Most importantly, you will *Find 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.

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.



OCIA - Order of Catholic Initiation (Formally known as RCIA)

New Sessions Begin in October - Helping to stay well grounded!

We are very excited to share that we have just completed our first summer OCIA sessions—offering twelve new candidates the opportunity to prepare for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Even more exciting, we are already beginning a new series with four candidates signed up and ready to start their journey!

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? Would you like the chance to ask questions, explore your faith, and receive answers in a welcoming, nopressure environment?

We understand that some may feel hesitant about taking the first step to approach a priest or deacon. But we invite you to take that step with us! Why? Because OCIA is more than a program, it is a journey of conversion and growth in faith, helping us strengthen our roots and remain grounded in Christ. Please call our Faith Formation Office @ 856-939-0592 for more details on how we can better support you.

Who are my Faith Supporters Meet our 2025 Confirmation Candidates

In life you meet tens of thousands of different people, but we all know that one person, who stands out most. For me, it is my mom. She is a true example of a faith supporter for many reasons. She encourages our family to go to Mass every Sunday and she even has our family pray before every meal. My mom has also helped me stand up for what was right instead of what is easy. If I had to say the most important way she does this would be that every morning, she reminds me to be a leader, not a follower, and to do more than the bare minimum in all things I do.



My mom is the person who introduced me to God. She enrolled me in St Vincent DePaul Catholic School in Mays Landing when I was 3 years old. I completed the next six years of learning not only basic classes but all about my Catholic faith. Going to a Catholic School taught about respect and integrity that stuck with me my whole life. The overall experience made my faith for God even stronger. My faith was also impacted by my teachers. Each one contributed to my understanding and devotion to God.

In 2018, my mom and I moved to Glendora. For a short time, my mother was transporting me to Atlantic County to continue going to St Vincent De Paul School. However, when covid hit, I was transferred to public school in this area. My mom was reluctant with the decision because she wanted to make sure I was still making my Catholic faith a priority. My mom explained I would continue my Catholic journey by attending Religious Ed classes at Holy Child. It was also important that we continue attending Mass and giving back to our new community. When I look back, I am so blessed that I had all of these opportunities given to me to continue my faith in God.

I feel I have a good relationship with God, however it's still a work in progress. I say that because I need to be reminded that it's not just at church that I need to turn to God, but at any moment in my life. I need to remember that praying to God could be as simple as when I'm walking in the halls of school, or when I have a bad day and could use some help. It's asking God to be with me and walk beside me all the time. Not just bad days, but all day. This is what makes my faith in God important to me, and I want to continue to learn and follow in his ways.

Gabe Erman

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 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

Poor Box

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





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 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

LUNCH BUNCH

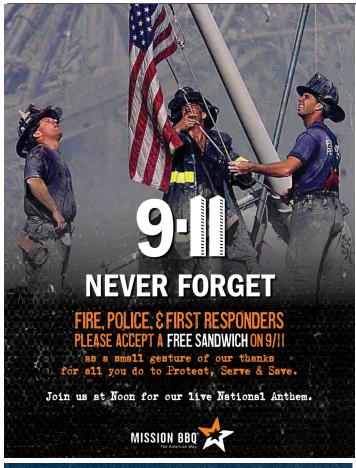
We are starting our monthly Lunch Bunch Gathering back up. Hope everyone had a relaxing & wonderful summer. We can not wait to see you all soon.

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 7, 2025

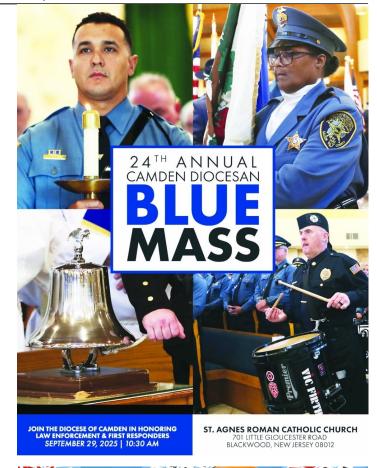




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26 54 32 14 Mark your calendars for up and coming Bingo events! Join us every Tuesday morning and Thursday Night for daily Bingo at SMG Hall. Last Super Bingo for the year: 1PM Start Oct 18, 2025 Don't miss out! (6) 39 31 40 10 21

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.

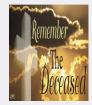
Rosary Reminders

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.



Compassionate Outreach

Please Pray for Our Beloved Deceased



Sr. Virginia Assumpta, IHM, Sr. Carol Isselmann, IHM Scott Bates and Sr. Marie Hubert Kealy, IHM

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): Fran Lafferty, 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.

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 7, 2025

Reminder: Rita's Fundraising Event is this Thursday. Hope you can join us for a cool treat and help the school!





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 SCHOOL c/o Julie Gr. 8 OR PARISH OFFICE

SCHOOL C/O Julie GI. 6 OK PARISH OFFICE***		
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PHONE:		
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YELLOW	YELLOW	
PURPLE	PURPLE	
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