

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday



...the very
large crowd
spread their
cloaks on the
road, while
others cut
branches from
the trees and
strewed them
on the road...

Matthew 21

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Weekly Collection and Attendance

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St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

| Saturday/Sunday, April 2/3, 2022 | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|-------------|
| 5:00 pm Mass | \$1,735.00 | 76 people |
| 7:30 am Mass | \$2,035.00 | 86 people |
| 11:00 am Mass | \$1,233.00 | 110 people |
| Online Giving | \$1,554.66 | 46 families |
| Total | \$6,557.66.00 | 272 people |
| Last year same weekend total | \$18,427.00 | 395 people |
| Easter | | |



| Saturday/Sunday, April 2/3, 2022 | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| 5:00 pm Mass | \$1,884.00 | 93 people |
| 8:00 am Mass | \$1,171.00 | 76 people |
| 10:00 am Mass | \$2,784.00 | 113 people |
| Online Giving | \$477.00 | 26 families |
| Total | \$6,316.00 | 282 people |
| Last year same weekend total | \$11,093.77 | 144 people |
| Easter | | |

Thank you to our volunteer Apostles

Washing of feet at Mass

Holy Thursday, April 14 at St. Jerome Church
@7:00 PM

Thank you to the following 12 volunteers:

Antoinette & Anthony Dannunzio

Rich Dominguez

Ben D'Silva

Charlie Holtz

Dennis Flanagan

Moiria Largiader

Bill Nurthen

Christopher & Kate Sbailo

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March 2 - April 10, 2022

HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

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Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.

Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear parishioner,
Happy Holy Week!

Let us enter into it already triumphant because we are walking with Jesus.

It is the holiest of weeks of the year. Catholics and all other Christians will solemnly celebrate in commemoration the Passion and death of Jesus. It is this time when we, as a Church, remembers what Salvation and redemption is all about. That is when the son of man suffered and died in obedience to the will of the loving Father to save all of us from eternal death. Here is the greatest love of all. It happened during Holy Week at the **"Easter Triduum"**: Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

We begin this celebration with Palm Sunday. All of us should take part in this meaningful liturgy. We take with us palm branches to Mass. Remembering that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, he was greeted by the people waving palm branches. In ancient times, it was a gesture of victory. The People thought Jesus was going to lead a revolution against the Romans. It was something bigger than the Romans that Jesus was saving the people from. It was not also the way the expected. The palms of victory for the people now became a symbol of entry into Christ's death. A few days later Jesus entered into His death. But, as we all know, His death was a victory over Evil. Eternal condemnation was destroyed. What looked like a failure became a powerful sign of Triumph. The palm you hold in your hands reminds you that you will walk with Jesus into the way, His way of defeating the enemy.

Please come to the **"Easter Triduum"** I mean attend to all the liturgies during this Holy Week. The solemn drama and symbols in our celebrations are at the same time the vessels of grace to strengthen us in our faith journey. On to the victory of Easter.

You are in my prayers,
Fr. Sheldon



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Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Saturday, April 9 | 5:00 PM | Tony Strollo Rich & Connie Dominguez Monica & Domenica Mandica (Happy Birthday in heaven) John & Kitty Mandica |
| Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday | 7:30 AM | John Marotta (1st Anniversary) Our Lady of Hope Parish Mary Piro & Grace Torre Nancy Torre |
| | 11:00 AM | Living and Deceased Parishioners Florentina Tome Donald Curtis Her daughter Marie Curtis |
| Wednesday, April 13 | 8:30 AM | John Marotta (1st Anniversary) Vito & Liz Paolantonio Cecilia Mary Heller Louis & Mary Jakub |
| Thursday, April 14 | 7:00 PM | Mass of the Lord's Supper Eucharistic Adoration until 10 PM Living and Deceased Parishioners |
| Friday, April 15 | 3:00 PM | Good Friday Service Adoration until 6:00 PM |
| Saturday, April 16 | 7:30 PM Vigil | Living and Deceased Parishioners |
| Sunday, April 17 Easter | 7:30 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM | Living and Deceased Parishioners |

Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts



Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Vito, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

Join us for Stations of the Cross



St. Mary's Church
after 9:00 AM Mass
Monday morning
during lent and
outdoors Good Friday
12:00 PM.



Holy Week

at St. Jerome Church

April 14 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM *Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM after Mass*

April 15 – Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion 3:00 PM * Adoration until 6 PM*

April 16 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food outdoors on the front steps of Church – 12:00 PM

The Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM

There is **no 8:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass**

April 17 - Easter Sunday

Mass - 7:30 AM , 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

at St. Mary's Church

April 15 – Good Friday

Solemn Stations of the Cross outdoors behind the church -12:00 PM

April 16 – Holy Saturday

There is **no 5:00 PM Mass**

*** Easter Vigil at St. Jerome Church***

April 17 - Easter Sunday

Mass - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

| Mass Intentions | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Saturday, April 9 | 5:00 PM | Dominic Bolognese Eugene Dello Denise Mariano Diane Ailor |
| Sunday, April 10 | 8:00 AM | Living and Deceased Parishioners |
| | 10:00 AM | Kuni Strange Family Michael Berzansky Barbara & Victor Calvo |
| Monday, April 11 | 9:00 AM | Ethel Cavanagh Nicky Aldarelli, Jr. His sister, Ursula |
| Tuesday, April 12 | 9:00 AM | Thomas Cavanagh Adelina Carbone Fischer (30th Anniversary) Joann Fischer |
| Wednesday, April 13 | 9:00 AM | Terry Lawdan Theresa DiLieto (Happy Birthday) Norma & Pat |
| Thursday, April 14 | 7:00 PM | Mass of the Lord's Supper at St Jerome Church |
| Friday, April 15 | 12:00 PM | Out doors Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday, April 16 | 7:30 PM | Easter Vigil at St. Jerome Church |
| Sunday, April 17 Easter | 8:00 AM 10:00 AM | Living and Deceased Parishioners |

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer, especially:

Week 1: Robert Burney, Howard White

Week 2: Peter Bernhardt, Karen Daly, Bob and Joan Day, Pat Serafino, Jim Shanahan, August Wreiole

Week 3:

Week 4:

Also, we continually keep in our prayers all those who are serving in our Armed Forces and the people of Ukraine.

****The names will be listed for four weeks unless you contact the rectory office at office@ladyofhopeparish.org or call 732-222-1424 to extend ****



Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

While contemplating the idea for this HOPE, I began thinking about the unstable economic, political, and social events occurring in the world today. In my mind the question arose as to why they are happening? I believe God would answer that evil has taken over and infiltrated large parts of our society. I feel after more than two thousand years that we, supposed followers of Christ, have allowed this potential humanitarian crisis occur. I recalled a pamphlet written by Thomas Paine in December of 1776 titled "The Crisis", a portion of which follows: "These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands by it now, deserves the love and thanks of men and women. Tyranny like hell is not easily conquered yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods, and it will be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom should not be highly rated." What meaning does this paragraph have for our HOPE today and our circumstances? How can we help to correct these circumstances? Let us change some words and see if we can live our lives by these changes. These are the times that try men's souls. The summer Catholic and the Christian patriot, in this crisis of such evil, shrink from the service of their God; but he that stands by his God now, deserves the love and thanks of man and women. Earthly evil like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict of standing for our religious beliefs, the more glorious the triumph. What we obtain too cheap, our inherited religion, some may esteem too lightly: it is dearness, love of God, and our religion only, that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods of love and truth, and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as freedom from evil should be a decision in our personal religious life and not be highly rated.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.



**SAINT JEROME SCHOOL STUDENTS
OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISH
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UKRAINE

On Friday, March 25, 2025, the students planted flags, prayed the Hail Mary and then went in to church to celebrate the Mass at 12:15 united with Pope Francis in Rome. Children and parishioners prayed the act of rededication and consecration for Russia and Ukraine.



On Saturday, March 26th, the Student Council and Saint Jerome students sponsored Pasta with a Purpose for the Ukraine. Thank you to the families, parishioners of both our Lady of Hope and Saint Michael's for their generous support. We also thank Joe Tuzzio of Tuzzio's and his team for all their hard work and donations. We raised over \$2,000 for the children of the Ukraine. God bless all of you.



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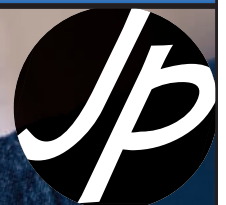
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