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Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM
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Assumption Church

46 Richmond Avenue
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Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM
Daily: Monday - Thursday at 9:00 AM
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM

Mission Statement

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Jerome,
we the parish families of Our Lady of Hope
are called to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
We strive to grow as a vibrant and welcoming community
through worship, evangelization, and ministry to those in need
by sharing the resources, time, and talents given to us by God.



March 13, 2022 * Second Sunday of Lent



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Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, March 5/6, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,223.00	73 people
7:30 am Mass	\$2,034.00	98 people
11:00 am Mass	\$2,051.00	226 people
Online Giving	\$1,441.66	47 families
Total	\$6,712.00	397 people
Last year same weekend total	\$7,608.00	224 people



Saturday/Sunday, March 5/6, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$652.00	63 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,334.00	77 people
10:00 am Mass	\$989.00	92 people
Online Giving	\$532.00	25 families
Total	\$3,507.00	232 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,324.00	144 people

Ash Wednesday: \$2,030.00 —Thank You!

Ash Wednesday: \$923.00 —Thank You!



Journeying Together through the Synod

Final Synod Session

Our Final Synod Session will be held at 7 PM on March 24 at St Mary of the Assumption Basement Hall. All Parishioners are welcome to attend this Synod Session, including active Parishioners such as Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Rosary Altar Society, Lectors, Eucharist Ministers and the PTA.

Listening can Change Hearts & Minds

Synod listening is a spiritual exercise, rooted in prayer. Listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit can change our attitudes, illuminate our understandings, and guide our behavior. Listening sessions take place in small groups of 4 to 5 people. Your story is important. Participants listen to one another with care and respect, building trust and enabling honest, authentic sharing. What is shared is held in confidence by the group. **Identity information will not be passed on.**

To Initiate the Spiritual Conversation and Listening Three Questions Will Be Asked

1. What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the church? Please share a brief story that illustrates your experience.
2. What resonated most for you? What was most powerful? What touched you?
3. Reflecting on our conversation, how might the Holy Spirit be prompting you, and all of us as church, to improve the ways we are able to journey together?

If you would like to participate in this Synod Session **please email: wnurthen@aol.com** and provide your name/names and email address so we can assign you to the March 24 Synod Session. **"Walk Ins" on March 24 will also be welcomed.**

A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear Parishioners,

Have you climbed a mountain lately? I can only imagine the feeling of victory of mountain climbers upon reaching the summit after a slow and long climb. Especially that it can be treacherous at times.

Very often, the image of mountain is used in analogies to realities in life. Like when we say:

"I have a huge mountain to climb." That means someone is facing a big problem or a challenging situation. In the scriptures, when mountain is mentioned it speaks of God's presence. It was in mount Sinai where Moses received the Ten Commandments. The great sermon was in the mountain of Galilee. It was in the mount of Olives where Jesus wept for Jerusalem. It was in the mount of Calvary where Jesus suffered and died to redeem the world. A mountain experience is an experience of God.

This Sunday, we are on the mountain of Tabor where Jesus transfigured in front of the three apostles. This event revealed in a glimpse the heavenly nature of Jesus. This is to give the apostles momentary courage and strength to continue to walk with their master to Jerusalem.

Our Lenten practice is a mountain experience with the Lord. We walk with Him towards Jerusalem - to another mountain that is Calvary. But we know we will continue walking and climbing to the mountain of Ascension.

As a Church we climb together in the mountain of faith. The Pope is leading us in the climb. It is with this thought that I remind you of an important event- **The Synod**.

Maybe you are not yet aware about the on-going Synod in our Diocese of Trenton. Yes, all the bishops, were asked by the Holy Father, Pope Francis, to begin the process in the parishes. Our parish, Our Lady of Hope has held two sessions already. Please check the bulletin for session schedule. Members of our parish gather in groups to share their church experiences. This is not to have discussions about problems in our church. The purpose is to gather information from the "pews" that would be helpful in the Synod of Bishops next year. Attendance is open to all. The Pope wants to hear the voice of His Flock. Not the Hierarchy, but those simple "Sunday Mass-goers". Your attendance is important. I hope we can have more active participation from our parishioners. I would like to thank those who attended and will continue to attend. Special thanks to **Bill Nurthen and the Parish Pastoral Council**, for spearheading this important process.

My prayers for you,

Fr. Sheldon



AID FOR UKRAINE



Weekend of March 12-13, 2022 at St. Michael's Church

St. Michael's Church is inviting parishioners, visitors, friends, and the local community to come to the assistance of our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. In addition to our prayers and spiritual support during the current War, we will be taking the following action during the weekend of March 12 and 13:

• **Financial/Monetary Aid:** A second/special collection will be taken up at all Masses during the weekend of March 12-13 for aid to Ukraine. The funds will be delivered to St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River and via that nearby parish to the Ukrainian Catholic Archbishop Most Reverend Borys Gudziak of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia for transmittal to Ukraine. Checks may be made payable to St. Michael's Church with a notation on the check's memo line "Aid for Ukraine." Bishop O'Connell has given permission for this special/second collection. Checks may be mailed to the parish business office at 800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, NJ 07740.

• **Non-Monetary Aid:** Humanitarian aid is also needed in the form of the items listed below such as medical supplies, hospital and first aid supplies, non-bulky clothing and bedding that can be packed and shipped overseas, hygiene items, etc. We will have collection boxes set-up in our church vestibule during the weekend of March 12-13 for these items to be dropped-off as you arrive for Mass or before/after Mass. St. Stephen's Ukrainian Church in Toms River will handle the shipping of these donated items across the Atlantic Ocean to Ukraine. Further information about St. Stephen's Church and about their local/parish efforts and the Philadelphia Archeparchy's efforts for Ukraine relief may be found at <http://ststephenchurch.us/staging/> and at <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/archeparchy-news/metropolia-invites-you-to-make-donations-to-the-humanitarian-aid-fund-for-ukraine>

• Thank you for your helping in these efforts to aid the people of Ukraine and their nation. Please pray for peace. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us.

REQUESTED ITEMS:

- First aid and first aid kits
- Containers/Canisters for liquids (capacity of 10-20 liters)
- Satellite phones
- Stand-alone lamps
- Mattresses, sleeping bags
- Hygiene products (diapers, women's sanitary products, etc.)
- Thermal underwear; t-shirts, socks
- Walkie-Talkies/ Backpacks (10 x 19 x 14)
- Bandage Strips (1"x3")
- Medical adhesive tape rolls (2-3 inches)
- Pain Relievers - Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen; Aspirin
- Acetaminophen/Tylenol
- Safety Pins

- Triple Antibiotic Ointment- Antibacterial ointment Antibiotics
- Zosyn and Unasyn iv, Vancomycin iv
- Antiseptic wipes
- Butterfly bandages (0.5" x 2.75")
- Caffeine pills
- Saline eye drops
- White petroleum jelly/Vaseline in small containers

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SENDING ANY RESTRICTED ITEMS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- Perishable foods
- Alcohol and any products with alcohol
- Knives, Batteries, Aerosols
- Compressed air and gas cylinders
- Camping stoves
- Matches
- Perfumes/after-shave
- Illegal drugs (over-the-counter medications are ok)



Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey would like to sincerely thank all of the wonderful parishioners of St Jerome's for their patience in listening to our presentation and their call to action. Without our compassionate and willing Volunteers CVCJ could not exist.

The parishioners of St Jerome's blew us away by their generosity and willingness to get involved and make a difference where it really counts, in the homes of our brothers and sisters.

On behalf of myself, Teri and Francesca, we would also like to thank Father Sheldon for inviting us and CVCJ into your church.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12	5:00 PM	Gertrude Vona Roseanne & Richard English Joseph Brizzolara Nancy & Joe Gallo
Sunday, March 13	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rosemary Loeffler Rich & Connie Dominguez
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis
Wednesday, March 16	8:30 AM	Fermina Ricosa (1st Anniversary) Our Lady of Hope Parish Jeanne Chandler The Swinton family
Friday, March 18	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla Anna Pagano Her family
Saturday, March 19	8:30 AM	In honor of St. Joseph John & Kitty Mandica Robert Rhode The Swinton family
	5:00 PM	Jane & Edward English Roseanne & Richard English Ivanna Portillo Her parents
Sunday, March 20	7:30 AM	Robert "Bobby" Law Doreen & Dennis Flanagan
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Lorraine Hausser Robert Hausser

Help us, help you.

Our Parish is looking for parishioners to help us take part in one of our many ministries at Saint Jerome and Saint Mary's Churches.

We are looking for people to serve as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans and Ushers.

All who are interested are encouraged to contact:

Father Sheldon Amasa @
frsheldon@ladyofhopeparish.org or
call 732-222-1424 Ext 4

God Bless our Volunteers!

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.

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March 17, 24, 31, and April 7

WHERE: St. Mary of the Assumption Church Hall

To Register (free): call Christine Scholtz

732-222-2927

For participants who wish to delve deeper into the material covered in this series the following book is highly recommended:

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion by Edward Sri from Ascension Publishing, 2019. Available online thru: AMAZON or ascensionpress.com.

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:

Week 2: Sam B., Pat Serafino

Week 3: Bernice Cobb, Stephanie Sassola, Jay Sleifer, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Howard White, Sammi Yanni

Week 4: Frank Marsico, Carol Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli

Also, we continually keep in our prayers all those who are serving in our Armed Forces.

****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 ****



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 12	5:00 PM	In Thanksgiving for successful heart surgery Theresa J. Trocchia John Lagrosa, Jr. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, March 13	8:00 AM	Charles Lucia Mary Lou Arege Louise Iorillo Mary Lou Arege
	10:00 AM	Patricia Phair The Hughes family Michael Berzansky Marjorie & Paul Edelson Kimberly Ann Marrucca Mosotti (1st Anniversary) Eugene Dello
Monday, March 14	9:00 AM	William Celmer The Zychowski family
Tuesday, March 15	9:00 AM	Chief Pat & Pat Russomanno His family & Ann O'Malley
Wednesday, March 16	9:00 AM	Agnes Sally
Thursday, March 17	9:00 AM	Thomas Cavanagh
Saturday, March 19	5:00 PM	Joseph Dellomo His wife & children In honor of St. Joseph Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, March 20	8:00 AM	Calvin & Jennie Applegate David Applegate Deceased members of the Parish Howard & Carole White
	10:00 AM	Patricia Phair Dan & Lisa Russo Michael Berzansky Theresa J. Trocchia James Marrucca, Jr. Eugene Dello

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March

A Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges;
may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life
with prayer and action.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose
of the soul of :

Patrick Donatiello

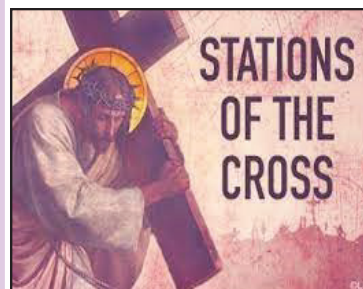
*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And let perpetual light shine upon him*

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

In a recent letter from Father Sheldon in our weekly Sunday bulletin, Father stated the following "One's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. From the fullness of heart, the mouth speaks." Father Sheldon continued "Both verses mean that if we are spiritually healthy, our words will reveal them. It also means the words that come out of us can affect others and our surroundings. So, if your heart is full of love and kindness your words will speak of love and kindness, your words can surely uplift the spirit of others. In my morning prayers, every single day, I always ask the Lord to fill my heart with his love and kindness so that whatever I say to other people will speak of his love and kindness." Do we start our day asking God to help us to energize ourselves in the Christian ethic of love and kindness in our thoughts, words, and deeds? I personally daily try not to harm anyone by my deeds or my words. Although my heart may be flowing with love and kindness there are times when I may harm others by my words or an action that may have been misunderstood. The worst thing you can do to another is to belittle them and take away their HOPE. I have learned to understand the hurt that a person can feel due to others through inappropriate actions, deeds, or words. During my lifetime I have interacted with two types of people. The first type is one who does not have love in their heart and gets pleasure out of berating others. You can pray for them, yet, unless they genuinely want to change, they will not change. They are truly ambassadors for the devil. I try not to associate with them. The second type have hearts filled with love and kindness. These people I want as friends and enjoy their company. Those who have love and kindness in their hearts are careful of the words which they speak. I would have liked to have experienced firsthand the love and kindness of Mother Teresa, Gandhi, Abraham Lincoln, Noah, or Jesus. Wouldn't you want to be known to peers by the words you speak that project love and kindness?

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MEGA: \$400+ value

Choose from 3 tickets packages at check in:

- \$50 Package: includes 25 large, 4 super and 5 mega
- \$100 Package: includes 50 large, 10 super, and 10 mega
- \$200 Package: includes 50 large, 44 super and 21 mega

Individual tickets will also be available for purchase, as well as the
\$1,000 Shopping Spree Tickets, Mystery Prize Tickets and 50/50 Raffle.

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For questions contact Inez Bruno: 732-539-6597 or email: inezbruno@icloud.com

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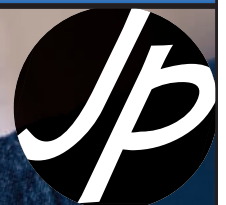
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