

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

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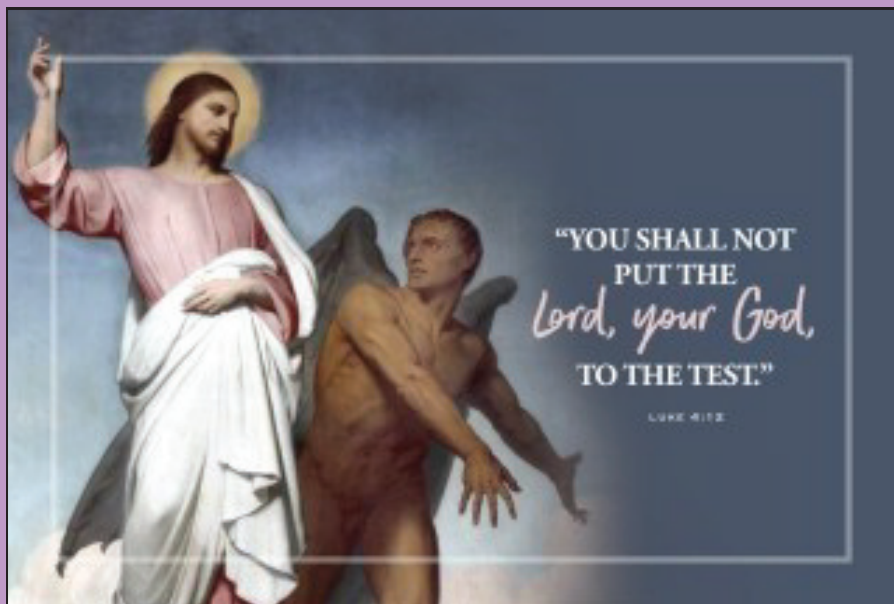


Saint Mary of the
Assumption Church

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 6, 2022 * First Sunday of Lent



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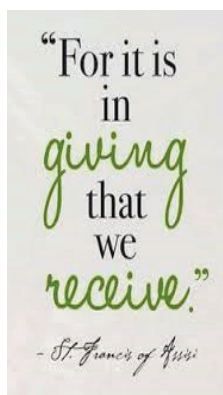
Weekly Collection and Attendance

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St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 26/27, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,435.00	98 people
7:30 am Mass	\$2,058.00	89 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,294.00	146 people
Online Giving	\$825.00	41 families
Total	\$5,612.00	333 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,237.00	222 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 26/27, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,030.00	71 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,575.00	71 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,481.00	106 people
Online Giving	\$812.00	29 families
Total	\$4,898.00	248 people
Last year same weekend total	\$2,544.00	160 people

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Journeying Together through the Synod



What is a Synod?

Synods are not new to the Church; however, Pope St. Paul VI formally established the “Synod of Bishops” as a “permanent institution” in the Church. Pope Francis has given all the Catholic faithful an opportunity to take part in the preparation for the 2023 Synod of Bishops in our own diocese and parishes.

This is historic in that none of the previous fifteen SYNODS asked for input from all the Catholic faithful, including parishioners in dioceses around the world. At this time, all Catholic Parishes around the world are holding the same Synod Sessions that we are holding and with the same three questions

Spiritual Conversations occur when participants listen to each other with care and respect, build trust and enable honest, authentic sharing. **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.

To initiate Spiritual Conversation 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?

All Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend the Synod Sessions. Come and share a piece of your own story, both good and bad, of journeying with the Church. **Synod Sessions will be held at 7 PM on March 10 & 24 at St Mary of the Assumption Basement Hall.** Please email: wnurthen@aol.com and provide your name/names and email address so we can assign you to one of the two remaining Synod Sessions. **“Walk Ins” on the evenings of March 10 and 24 will be welcomed.**

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear parish family,

Good day!

It is hard to say good day when you know some people somewhere else are suffering right now. I am thinking of the people in Ukraine. If this war continues, surely many innocent lives will be lost. Violence will lead to more violence. It achieves nothing. There is no such thing as a just war. If we want peace, we can only achieve it with love. Let us pray for peace. Let love in our hearts grow.

Lent is a time for God's love to grow in us.

On this first Sunday of Lent we contemplate on the desert experience of Jesus. He was there in prayer and fasting for forty days. The devil tempted Him with all the attractive offers: Food, Money, power and comfort. Jesus' faith and trust in the Father proved to be more powerful than the tricks of Satan.

We enter into our own journey in the desert. It is our own forty days of fasting and prayer. We look deeper into ourselves. It is our opportunity to put God in His rightful place in our lives so that His love will grow. If His love reigns in our hearts we can fight evil and be victorious.

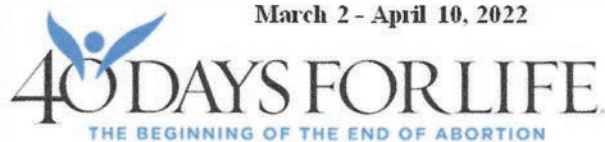
"Man does not live by bread alone but by every word of God." (Lk 4:4)

Happy Lent!

Fr. Sheldon



O Christ, Son of God, for our sake you fasted forty days and allowed yourself to be tempted. Protect us so that we may not be led astray by any temptation. Since man does not live by bread alone, nourish our souls with the heavenly food of your Word; through your mercy, O our God, you are blessed and live and govern all things, now and forever. Amen.



March 2 - April 10, 2022

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Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

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Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

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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.

OLOH Growing in Faith & Discipleship

LENT '22 – No Greater Love:

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us. In this 5-week DVD series, written and presented by Dr. Edward Sri, we will walk step-by-step with Jesus from the garden of Gethsemane to Mount Calvary. Experience a deeper understanding and appreciation of God's immeasurable and unconditional love for you---and grow closer to Jesus.

WHEN: Thursdays 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

Mar. 10, 17, 24, 31, and April 7

WHERE: St. Mary of the Assumption Church Hall

To Register (free): contact 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.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 5	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rene Langlois Tony Strollo <div style="text-align: right;">His loving wife Mom & Dad</div>
Sunday, March 6	7:30 AM	Robert Clarke <div style="text-align: right;">Ann Clarke</div>
	11:00 AM	Joseph Paul Kiernan, Jr. Frank Bulzis <div style="text-align: right;">The Hennelly family Doreen & Mark Bulzis</div>
Wednesday, March 9	8:30 AM	Rose Lee <div style="text-align: right;">Irene Ciarla</div>
Friday, March 11	8:30 AM	Marion Marotta (1st Anniversary) Louis Ciarla <div style="text-align: right;">Our Lady of Hope Parish Irene Ciarla</div>
Saturday, March 12	8:30 AM	Robert Finnegan <div style="text-align: right;">John Strange</div>
	5:00 PM	Gertrude Vona Joseph Brizzolara <div style="text-align: right;">Roseanne & Richard English Nancy & Joe Gallo</div>
Sunday, March 13	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Frank Bulzis <div style="text-align: right;">Marie Curtis Doreen & Mark Bulzis</div>

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.

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@ladyofhopparish.org or call 732-222-1424
Ext 4

God Bless our Volunteers!

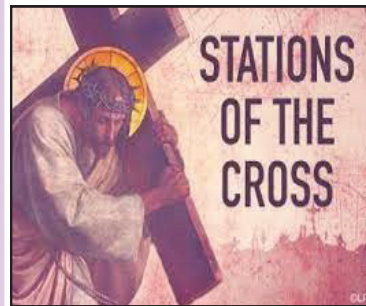
The Parish of Our Lady of Hope
joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:

Alessandra James Siciliano
Daughter of Matthew and Stephanie Siciliano



*Baptized
in the name of the Father
the Son
and the Holy Ghost*

Join us for Stations of the Cross



St. Jerome Church 7:00
PM Friday evenings
during lent

St. Mary's Church
after 9:00 AM Mass
Monday mornings
during lent

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.

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: Sam B., Pat Serafino

Week 2: Bernice Cobb, Stephanie Sassola, Jay Sleifer, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Howard White, Sammi Yanni

Week 3: Frank Marsico, Carol Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli

Week 4:

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@ladyofhopparish.org or
call 732-222-1424 to extend **



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 5	5:00 PM	Geraldine Slocum Diane Ailor
Sunday, March 6	8:00 AM	Donald Fornicola Ursula & Chris Carkhuff Dr. & Mrs. Byung-Woo Kong Their daughter, Helen
	10:00 AM	Richard J. Birmingham Pamela & Anthony Fenelon-Mauro
Monday, March 7	9:00 AM	Thomas Cavanagh Jerome Foley Mary & Bob Waitt
Tuesday, March 8	9:00 AM	Irene Scott Arlene Solecki Mary & Bob Waitt
Wednesday, March 9	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh Joan V. Tunbridge Mary E. McNamara
Thursday, March 10	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
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



Rosary-Altar Society

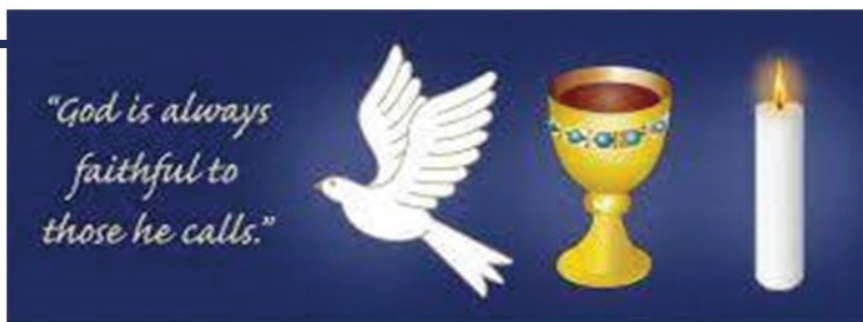


Membership meeting at 7:15 pm on Monday, March 7, 2022 in St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. R & R (Rosary & Refreshments) and a brief meeting in between. Attention, Members: We will be discussing a change in meeting dates and times in accordance with the e-mail that our President, Robin Stillings, sent you. Evening meetings, especially in winter, are getting more difficult to attend. Any changes the membership decides on will begin in September.

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

As we begin these 40 days of Lent, I was trying to contemplate what it was like for Christ during his preparation in the final days of his public ministry. He was alone in the desert denying himself both food and water while asking God the Father for strength, knowing his reason for being and accepting the mental pain and anguish he needed to endure to fulfill the prophecy. That prophecy being a Savior who will free humanity from sin. During these 40 days we try to follow in Christ's footsteps with self-denial and more prayers. We HOPEFULLY are using this time of denial and prayer to show God that we may be better Catholics and be able to endure the trials and tribulations we may encounter while professing our faith and spreading His word to others. We accepted baptism and pledged ourselves at confirmation to be the apostles of Christ while spreading his words. In previous years and in your Lenten practice now, you are a practice self-denial and pray more often. You feel that you are a good Catholic, you give up either carbs, chocolate, smoking, beer, read the Bible every day, say the rosary more often and take more time out to pray. That is all good but let us try something different this lent. Let us all find a prayer partner. We all accept that God listens to two or more that have gathered in his name so let us find a partner and gather in his name. Find a family member or a friend and approach them with this Lenten thought of praying together. We have our phones with FaceTime and computers with Zoom, we can do this! Think about the people we know that need HOPE. Those that have lost a family member, have financial problems, health issues, are losing faith in God or their religion. This is a wonderful way to give them the help that they need. In praying together, we can help each other to be whole while overcoming our problems together. Remember we were confirmed as apostles of Christ to minister to each other. HOPEFULLY, we have learned that it is more fun and more rewarding to do things with others. Imagine the kindness and empathy that we will be enforcing as we pray together and the peace of mind that will follow. We will be truly living the reason for the Lenten season, professing our faith while helping others and ourselves in service to God through prayer.



*The Rite of Acceptance and The Rite of Welcoming
(Combined Rite)*

Our Lady of Hope Parish Community welcomes the adults and young adults who made the decision to study and prepare to receive sacraments of Initiation. Pray that these candidates continue in their instruction rooted in faith and sustained by hope. May God bless them with the fulness of His Life.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2022

Ellen Adams	Giovanna Freire	Brady MacRae
Abigail Basile	Sophia Gallego	Alexandra Meritzis
Gabriel Boyce	Allison Gant	Angel Nolasco
Isabella Camargo	Sophia Giocondo Souza	Kelsey Orth
Nicholas Camps	Emma Glorioso	Jake Palutis
Emily Casper	Mary Hennelly	Angie Paul
Bernardo DeDeus	Ella Kotch	Andrew Rabe
Anglo DeLeonardis	Nathaniel Kreiger	Haley Russo
Gianna Facchin	Mary Lungar	Brooke Schneider
		Sophia Smith

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Saint Jerome School Students

Pietro Bottino, Sophia O'Brien studying to receive First Eucharist.

Ryan Kampf studying for full with the Catholic Church and First Eucharist.

Adults preparing to complete the reception of the initiation sacraments

Kathryn Kampf studying to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church and receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Sophia Bottino receiving Confirmation and First Eucharist

Studying to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:

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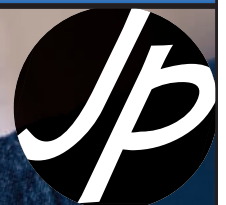
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