



Rejoice!

It's Laetare Sunday, "Rose Sunday"
— a day we exchange lenten soberness for
light hearts as we remember that the Cross
leads us to glory.

HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Church Hours:

Weekdays: 8:30 am until 4:00 pm

Weekends: Open for Masses only

Weekday Mass: 9:00 am

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses:
8:00 am, 10:30 am and 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 9:30 am - Noon

Confessions: Friday 9:30 am

Holy Cross Parish/Academy **Calendar of Events**

Saturday, March 29, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent – 5:00 Vigil

2nd Collection for Social Concerns Committee

Sunday, March 30, 2025

****4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday***

****Knights of Columbus to attend 10:30am Mass together and say a few words to the Parishioners***

****2nd Collection for the Social Concerns Committee***

Monday, March 31, 2025

AA Open Meeting 7:30pm SJMM

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

HCA 4th Grade Confessions 9:30am

Choir 7:00pm Church

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30am

No Women's Study Group

Thursday, April 3, 2025

HCA 6th Grade Confessions 9:30am

Men's Group 7:00 b SJMM

Friday, April 4, 2025

Confessions 9:30am

Stations of the Cross 7:00pm

Saturday, April 5, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Judica Sunday

5:00pm Vigil

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Judica Sunday



March 30, 2025

Dear Parishioners:

*This Sunday we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as “**Laetare Sunday**” from the first words of the Latin Introit for the Mass of the day, which means ‘Rejoice’ (Is. 66:10-11); Laetare Sunday is a signal to us that Easter joy is near. Thus, this Sunday we wear rose-colored vestments, instead of purple, and lighten our sacrifices for the day in anticipation of Easter Day.*

As we are nearing Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter Sunday it is important that you now start thinking about your participation in Holy Week liturgies and your Easter Sunday Celebration. Please see the parish website for times of Masses and liturgies. I also want to stress the importance of Holy Thursday night’s Mass and the Commemoration of Our Lord’s Passion on Good Friday. I encourage you to take Good Friday off from work, close your stores and shops, and be present to Our Lord that day in the sacred liturgies of the Church. The seriousness in which you take your faith is not only an example of Christian witness, it is a sermon in itself to others.

Lastly, a few things. . . The Rosary is prayed after the 9:00AM Mass on weekdays. It doesn’t take long, so think about staying and joining in. Again, please do your part in the Annual Catholic Appeal for the parish and the diocese. A little generosity can go a long way. Also, we are in need of altar servers and ushers for all the Masses.

In hoc signo vinces,

Fr. Michael





Mass Intentions

March 29	5:00 pm	Jacques LaCombe	Kim Tagliareni and Family
March 30	8:00 am	Mary Ellen McCann	Taphy Harcsar
March 30	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
March 30	10:30 am	Arline Pennington	The Velcamp Family
March 30	10:30 am	Josephine Benedetto	The McCaig Family
March 30	5:00 pm	Veronica Vivianni	The Gray Family
March 31	9:00 am	Amy Cole	Michelle Decker
April 1	9:00 am	Keith Nowak	Sue Ryerson & Kathy McConville
April 2	9:00 am	Rev. William C. Riker, Jr.	Melissa Bahrs
April 3	9:00 am	Eileen Kenney	Sallie Kabash
April 4	9:00 am	Richard O'Brien—1st anniversary of passing	Richard S. O'Brien
April 5	5:00 pm	Rev. William C. Riker, Jr.	Fr. Michael Lankford-Stokes
April 6	8:00 am	Ronald H. Shiftan	The Kingsbery Family
April 6	10:30 am	Marie Cottrell	Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McDonald
April 6	10:30 am	Andrew Kroon	Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Leahy
April 6	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
April 6	5:00 pm	The Livingston Family	The Gray Family

Parish Giving

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Offerings: \$11,689.00

Online: \$ 2,774.00

Leaving money to your church in your will or trust is a way to support the church's future work and give thanks for your faith. It can also be a way to help your church members feel more connected to the church community

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO HOLY CROSS PARISH THROUGH

ONLINE GIVING

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Please make a one-time or recurring donation.
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"Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize." - Pope Francis



The Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph Votive Candles are available
To reserve the votive candles for your loved one or for a special occasion,
please use the following link: holycrossrumson.org/commemorate
(\$10.00/candle)



Diocese of Trenton Annual Catholic Appeal encourages all to 'Fan the Flame of Hope' when considering a gift!

**2025 Holy Cross
Annual Catholic Appeal Progress:**

Goal: \$81,000.00
Pledged: \$24,540.00 (30%)
Paid: \$21,905.00 (27%)
Total Donors: 72
Average Gift: \$318.70

Estimated Rebate Due: \$0.00

-Pledged \$ Reached Goal by July 31, 2025: \$0.00 (5% of goal)
 -5% Donor Increase from Last Year: \$0.00 (5% of goal)
 -100% Paid Over Goal: \$0.00

ACA 2024 Performance comparison as of March 21, 2024

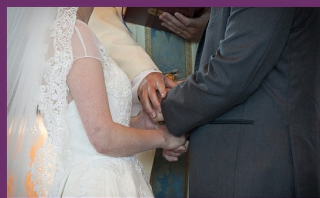
ACA 2024 Pledged: \$31,320.00
ACA 2024 Donors: 69
ACA 2024 Average Gift: \$429.04

ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2025



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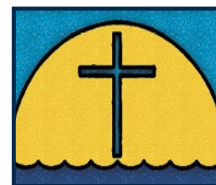
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**April 4 – 7:00pm -St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral,
Freehold**



***We are still in need of Altar Servers
(boys/girls grades 5th and up) We are
also looking for men and women
volunteers to usher at the Masses.
Please call the HC Parish Office at
(732) 842-0348 Ext. 208
or see Sue Symington after Mass***

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
Social Concerns Committee



Social Concerns Committee Parish Collection

Fr. Michael has approved the Parish in support of the Social Concerns Committee will dedicate the 2nd collection on the last Sunday of the month where there are 5 Sunday's in that month. This collection will help the Social Concerns Committee with the increased demand for support they are receiving from our community.

This 2nd collection would commence starting on the weekend of March 29th & 31st 2025 and then subsequently in June / August / November wherein each of those months there are 5 Sundays. We will ensure to provide information of the upcoming collections in the Bulletins.

When making an online donation to the Social Concerns Committee, please be sure to note it in the memo section

Easter Gift Card Giving Campaign - April 2025

In place of our Monthly Food Collection we will be asking our Parishioners to donate Store Gift Cards during the Month of April for Easter to help support our neighbors in need.

We are asking for Food Store Gift cards in \$25/\$50 denominations the following stores:

- ShopRite
- Foodtown
- Target
- Walmart
- Stop & Shop

Please drop off at the Food Gift Cards purchased in the Gathering Spaces each Sunday in April 2025.

*We appreciate the support from our Parishioners
and their continued generosity in helping those neighbors in need.*





2025 Summer Camp Registration is Open!

hcarumson.org/camps



Under the Sea	3 - 5	June 9 - June 12	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Woodland Creatures	3 - 5	June 9 - June 12	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
The Zoo	3 - 5	June 9 - June 12	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
At The Beach	3 - 5	June 9 - June 12	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
A Bug's Life	3 - 5	June 16 - June 19	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Jurassic Park	4 - 7	June 16 - June 19	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Jungle Explorers	3 - 5	June 23 - June 26	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Wild West	4 - 7	June 23 - June 26	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Let's Go Camping	3 - 5	June 30 - July 3	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Space Expedition	4 - 7	June 30 - July 3	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
To Infinity & Beyond	3 - 5	July 7 - July 10	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Under the Sea Art Camp	5 - 9	July 7 - July 10	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Summer Work Camp	Incoming 1st - 3rd Grade	July 7 - July 10	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Wonderful World of Bugs	3 - 5	July 14 - July 17	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
At The Campsite	4 - 7	July 14 - July 17	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Explore the Seasons	3 - 5	July 21 - July 24	9:00 am - 12:30 pm
Beach Party Art Camp	5 - 9	July 21 - July 24	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Nature Rocks Art Camp	5 - 9	July 28 - July 31	9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Sports Readiness Camp	3 - 5	July 28 - July 31	9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Mad Scientist	4 - 7	August 11 - August 14	9:00 am - 12:30 pm



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HOLY CROSS PARISH COMMUNITY EVENT

Join Us!

WHETHER YOU'RE AN AVID GOLFER OR JUST WANT TO JOIN US FOR A TERRIFIC DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION, THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE FUN, SUPPORT THE PARISH AND CONNECT WITH OTHERS FROM THE PARISH AND ACADEMY COMMUNITY.




Deus Ibi Est

Carly York
Andrew Macirowski
Album Release Recital

Sunday, March 30, 2025
4:00PM

Parish of St. Mary
1 Phalanx Rd, Colts Neck




Diocese of Trenton
presents

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's
Requiem

featuring the combined choirs of
the Diocesan Festival choir and
the Red Bank Oratory with the
Orchestra of St. Cecilia under the
direction of Mr. Shawn Mack

Sunday
April 6, 2025 | **4:00 PM**

Admission: Adults \$20
Seniors & Students \$15 (under 8 free)
(Tickets may be purchased at the door or
in advance online at <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/diocesan-festival-choir>)

For Further Information contact
St. Luke Church
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Upcoming Retreats

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL ON THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS
Friday, April 4 1:00 – 3:30 PM
We offer this opportunity to spend time with and unpack heartfully Pope Francis' new encyclical on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loved Us"). We need so very much to remember the deep and compassionate love of Jesus' Sacred Heart for all of us in this Lenten season. I hope you will come to experience anew the immense love of Jesus' Sacred Heart for you. Pope Francis writes simply and is very understandable. Donation: \$20

**IN-PERSON ONLY
EMBRACING THE WAY OF THE CROSS THROUGH ART**
Monday, April 7 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
This retreat day will enhance your Lenten experience and bring you closer to Jesus which is the deepest desire of your heart. Please come. Sister Celeste, one of our very best SSJ artists, will offer the beauty of her masterpieces for you to experience anew the mystery of Christ's love as He bares His cross. Led by S. Celeste Mokrzycki, SSJ. Donation: \$40, includes lunch.

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS
Tuesday, April 8 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM
We will spend the day with Jesus lovingly listening to his Seven Last Words which have come down to us through the ages. What was in Jesus' mind and heart as he uttered them? What is in ours as we pray with them? What an intimate day between you and Jesus! Donation: \$30, includes lunch and materials. Zoom: \$25

**DOROTHY DAY
"TO LOVE IS TO SUFFER"**
Wednesday, April 9 9:30 AM – Noon
Dorothy Day lived her life in intentional poverty. She chose to live, work and minister in the way of Jesus. By aligning herself with the people she served, she grew to recognize the Christ within each person. We will use her essay, "To Love is to Suffer" to help us understand the call to love one another. Donation: \$20

**GOD CHOOSES THE UNLIKELY
HE GOT UP AND FOLLOWED JESUS**
Friday, April 11 9:30 AM – Noon
Matthew "got up" at the invitation from Jesus, left everything and went with Jesus. We will use Caravaggio's famous painting *The Call of St. Matthew* to lead our reflection and open us to hear Jesus' call to each of us, individually and uniquely to leave everything and "come." Are you an "unlikely choice" too? What is Jesus inviting you to leave? Donation: \$25 with materials. Zoom: \$20