

Church of the Holy Cross

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Church Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:30 am until 4:00 pm On weekends, the church is 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



Sunday, February 16, 2025

Offerings: \$ 7,537.00 Online: \$2,739.00

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



Holy Cross Church/School Calendar of Events

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Social Concerns Committee Food Collection

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Social Concerns Committee Food Collection

'The Ignatius Book Fair'—family shopping day after the 8:00am and 10:30am Masses in the St. Joseph's Room

Monday, March 3, 2025

AA Open Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

Choir

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Ash Wednesday - services 4:00pm & 7:00pm

HCA School Mass 9:00am

No Exposition

No Women's Study Group—(next March 12th)

Thursday, March 6, 2025

Holy Cross Men's Group 7:00 pm -St. Joseph Room

Friday, March 7, 2025

Confessions 9:30am

Stations of the Cross - 7:00pm

<u>Saturday, March 8, 2025</u>

Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday, March 9, 2025

1st Sunday of Lent

Family Rosary

Rumson St. Patrick's Day Parade

Holy Cross participants meet on 3rd Street at 11:45am (all are invited!)



March 2, 2025

Dear Parishioners:

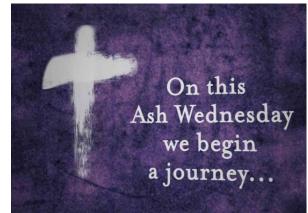
The penitential season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 5th. I hope you have all thought about your Lenten Sacrifices and duties. The Lenten Season is not to be a painful experience, but one that leads you into a deeper spirituality and union with Christ. My suggestion is that you give up something as an exercise in discipline, and take something on that will strengthen your faith. For example, give up meat on Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent, and make the Stations of the Cross weekly. There are many other examples out there. . . works of charity, attending daily Mass, and devotions associated with the Lenten Season. Join the parish Social Concerns committee, or attend the parish Spring Bible Study. There are many ways to make Lent meaningful and a faith changing moment. Also, see the bulletin for Lenten Regulations for 2025 which we received from the Bishop's office. The information is very helpful and informative.

During the Lenten Season we will be using the Latin form of the Holy, Holy, Holy. It is a simple melody and has been sung by the Church for centuries. It can be found in your Worship IV hymnal 304 B (Sanctus, Sanctus).

Votive Candles in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statutes are available. This is a wonderful way to remember and honor loved ones. Please see the bulletin for information.

In hoc signo vinces

Fr. Michael



Lenten Regulations from the Bishop



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from *Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025, until Holy Thursday morning, April 17, 2025* --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent ending with the Sacred Triduum of Holy Week. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face to face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

 The days of FAST (only one full meal) <u>and</u> ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to <u>individual</u> parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

- Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.
- 3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.
- 4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.
- 5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from
 the First Sunday of Lent, March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025. However, the Church's law
 does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage all Catholics, especially those who are conscious of serious sin, to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of Penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M. Bishop of Trenton







RUMSON ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



Meet on Third Street (off River Road) @ 11:45am

If you would like to march, please email egeorge@holycrossrumson.org Erin Go Bragh All are invited



March 1	5:00 pm	Donald B. Chamberlain	The Liberi Family
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March 2	8:00 am	John W. & Anne Marie Ferrante	Chris & Kelly Kerr
March 2	10:30 am	Keith Nowak	Mr. & Mrs. Michael Seaman
March 2	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
March 2	5:00 pm	Marie Cottrell	Mr. & Mrs. John Brodsky
March 3	9:00 am	Ambassador Clifford Bond	Frank Arlinghaus
March 4	9:00 am	Shirley Anderson	Annemarie Woods & Family
March 5	9:00 am	Jeanne 'Jan" Gillen	Mr. and Mrs. Reardon
March 6	9:00 am	Rose Mahedy	The Atallah Family
March 7	9:00 am	Eric Weinstein	Mr. and Mrs. David Beil
March 8	5:00 pm	Marie Cottrell	The Kirkpatrick Family
March 9	8:00 am	Harry and Peggy McEnroe	Mr. and Mrs. Martin Patwell
March 9	10:30 am	Robert Kowalik	The Worfolk Family
March 9	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
March 9	5:00 pm	Marie Cottrell	Mr. and Mrs. James Moody

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle

will burn this Week in Memory of Dennis and Jeanne Velcamp dedicated by the Velcamp Family

St. Joseph Candle

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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 call the Parish Secretary at (732) 842--0348 Ext. 208 (\$10.00/candle)



The Holy Cross Men's MEN'S Group meet on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the St. Joseph Room of the Church basement. Please join us!

The HC Women's Study group new series, "True **Reformers"** which is about 6 Saints during the time of the Protestant Reformation. Please join us the following Wednesdays at 7:15: Feb. 12, 26, March 12, 19 and we will finish this series April 9. Please join us in the St. Joseph's Room as we learn of these great Saints.







In announcing the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis invited the faithful to "fan the flame of hope that has been given to us" by becoming "pilgrims of hope." Bishop O'Connell has invited each of us to participate in the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal. As pilgrims of hope, we journey together in faith, strengthened by the ministries that bring Christ's love and light to our Diocese, parishes, and Catholic institutions. Through the Appeal, we fulfill the Church's Gospel mission to share hope and serve others across our four counties, building a brighter future for all. Join us as we Fan the Flame of Hope!

To make a donation, please scan the QR code below or go to <u>giveaca.org</u>







2025 Summer Camp Registration is Open!







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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



HOLY CROSS ACADEMY IS HIRING SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS



If interested in becoming a sub at HCA, please visit hcarumson.org/careers

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The Society of St. Cecilia is dedicated to enriching the musical and cultural environment of not only the Parish of St. Anthony of Padua, but the greater Red Bank and surrounding communities through the beauty of music. With the help of our patrons, the Society is able to provide top-quality musical outreach free of charge to the community. Through your annual membership, we will be able to continue to expand our concert and recital series. Pleas ioin us in our mission of music

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CHURCH OF ST. ANN *311 CARR AVENUE* KEANSBURG, NEW JERSEY 07734 732-787-0315

St Ann's Keansburg St Patrick's Day 50/50 is on sale now \$20 a ticket! The winner will be picked at the end of the Keansburg's St. Pat's parade on Saturday, March 29th @ 3pm. No need to be present to win. Please call Eileen St. Ann's Rectory at 732-787-0315 for your tickets.

April 11th-We need your help!

St Ann's will be running our Annual Gift Auction to benefit the Senior Center. We can't keep the center open without your **help.** For many this is the only place they can go to socialize, enjoy time out of their homes and enjoy some activities. The Senior Center is solely supported by St Ann's Church. Can you help? We need donations. Gift cards, new unused items to raffle off. The best are prizes ranging in \$25 to \$50. All donations are tax deductible. The other way you can help is by grabbing some friends and attending

A package for the event is \$65 and includes small, medium and large prizes tickets. To reserve a table, you need 8 people. Please help us in the only fundraiser to support our seniors. Call Denise for tickets. 732 801 4190 or Eileen @ 732-787-0315

STATIONS OF THE CROSS









All the Stations will take place at 7 p.m. in four different parishes: March 7 - St. Paul, Princeton; March 21 -St. Isaac Jogues, Marlton; March 28 – St. Luke, Toms River, and April 4 - St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, Freehold.





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Featured Speakers:







Fr. Agustino Torres, CFR



Come for a day of formation and renewal, designed to support all those who share and pass on the

Are you a Catechist, Catholic School Teacher, Campus or Youth Minister? Do you serve on an RCIA, Evangelization, Adult Faith Formation, Baptism, or Marriage Ministry team? There will be something for everyone in ministry!

The day will offer breakout sessions in both English and Spanish.

DATE:

Saturday March 29, 2025







Questions? Contact Michelle Angelo Santoro



CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1

Retreat on Saturday, March 15, 2025

at The Church of St. William the Abbot

Including a GIFT BASKET RAFFLE To Support an April 12th Women's Conference & Workshops

YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1: Saturday, March 15, 2025. The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Music by Joyful Praise, speaker, sharing, networking and prayers for healing. This month's speaker: Mauren Baletti, a cradle Catholic, indebted to her mother, Claire, who shared her faith by teaching, nurturing and showing by actions, how Jesus Christ, is Lord and Savior. Maureen is a parishioner at St. Martha's Church in Point Pleasant for over 20 years, a Eucharistic Minister and Religious Education instructor. She and her husband, Ole have been blessed with two children and recently became grandparents



A pivotal point in her faith journey took place in 2013. While being prayed over during the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, during a Life in the Spirit Seminar, Our Lord invited her to come and follow Him. 'Our Lord does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

This calling has led to a deeper, more intimate relationship with Our Lord. Maureen is a member of 'The Light of Life Prayer Group' and 'Totus Tuus,' a women's faith sharing group at St. Joseph's Church in Toms River. Additionally, she is a core member of the N.J. Women's Emmaus, coordinating and helping at their spring and fall retreats. She attended the 'Eucharistic Congress' in Indianapolis this summer, a blessed opportunity to share His true presence in the Blessed Sacrament with thousands of faith-filled pilgrims. But it is not what she does, it is how He makes her feel, filled with joy, peace and love. In Galatians 2:20, 'I have been crucified with Christ and no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

Maureen invites us to join her, as she shares:

The Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus Date: Saturday, March 15, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Mass-9:00am. will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher
Place: St. William the Abbot Church
2740 Lakewood Allenwood Rd
Howell, NJ 07731

Admission: \$25.00 includes Box lunch - pay at the door Extra: Purchase Raffle Tickets - Cash or Cheeks only Reservations are necessary, <u>Seating is limited</u>, must select a Box Lunch from Selections listed on CWOZ Website <u>www.cwoz.org</u>
You can also register by phone-please leave your phone number, spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, March 11, 2025

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CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION CHAPTER 1 A MINISTRY TO CATHOLIC WOMEN YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE



Women's Conference & Workshops Saturday, April 12, 2025 - 9:00am-3:00pm

"STEP INTO NEW BEGINNINGS"

















YOU ARE INVITED TO CWOZ CHAPTER 1: The day consists of Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Music by: *Joyful Praise*, Six Professional Workshop-Speakers, Sharing and Prayers for Healing. We are reaching out and focusing on a new group of women ages 30-65 years old in Mid-life Crisis to help those in need with professional education, guidance, and especially those experiencing losses, grieving, divorce, health problems, empty nest syndrome to name a few. Register Today! Join women for inspiration, fellowship and learn new skills to help cope with crises in your life. Invite a friend!

> Date: Saturday, April 12, 2025
> 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
> Mass: 9:00am, will be celebrated by Fr. Thomas Maher
> Place: St. William the Abbot Church
> 2740 Lakewood All Howell, N. 07731
> Admission: \$35.00 includes Box lunch and Workshop Admission: \$35.00 includes Box funch and Workshop
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> Pay at the door - Please let us, know if you are unable to attend - possible waiting list
> Reservations: are necessary - <u>Seating is limited</u> - must select a <u>Workshop</u>
> and <u>Box Junch</u> from Selections listed on CWOZ Website <u>www.cwoz.org</u>
>
> You can also register by phone - please leave your phone number,
> Spell your last name and selection of Box Lunch and Workshop
> at 732-475-7113 no later than Tuesday, April 8, 2025

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