



Church of the Holy Cross

**30 Ward Avenue. Rumson
New Jersey 07760**

Rev. Michael Lankford-Stokes, Pastor
Rev. Joseph Tizio, CSsR, Weekend Assistant

Susan Symington, Sacristan
Chris McGrath, Music Director
Chuck Lada, Business Administrator
Eileen George Secretary/Bookkeeper
Sallie Kabash, CRE
Maryrose Cooke, Online Giving

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
(732) 842-0348**

webmaster@holycrossrumson.org



Dear Parishioners:

Now that we have completed the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) and the blessing of throats on St. Blaise Day, we will soon be turning our attention to Ash Wednesday (March 5th) and the Lenten Season. Although Lent is nearly a month away, it is not too early to think about what to give up and what to take on for Lent. It has been my experience that waiting until Ash Wednesday to decide about a Lenten sacrifice probably means little will happen other than meatless Fridays.

In the next few weeks you will receive a mailing for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) from the Diocese of Trenton. This year's theme is "Fan the Flame of Hope" tying in with the Holy Year theme "Hope Does Not Disappoint." Our parish goal for 2024 was \$77,000. We reached \$51,195 which was 66% of goal. Holy Cross Parish ACA 2025 goal is \$81,000. This annual appeal is very important for both the parish and the diocese. We must do our best to reach our 2025 parish goal. More information will be coming forth regarding this year's appeal.

Again, as I mentioned in last Sunday's bulletin we need altar servers (boys and girls 5th grade and up) and men and women ushers for all the Masses. Please see Sue Symington the parish Sacristan, or call the parish office.

In hoc signo vinces!

Fr. Michael

Holy Cross Church/School
Calendar of Events

Saturday, February 8, 2025

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 9, 2025

World Marriage Day

No CCD

Family Rosary

Monday, February 10, 2025

AA Open Meeting 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

No CCD

Choir

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30am

Women's Study Group - 'True Reformers'

7:15pm SJMR

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Men's Group Meeting - 7:00pm SJMR

Friday, February 14, 2025

Confessions 9:30am

HCA Noon Dismissal

Saturday, February 15, 2025

5:00pm Mass

Sunday, February 16, 2025

No CCD

Parish Giving

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Offerings: \$ 9,793.00

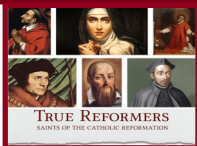
Online: \$ 3,794.00

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

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



**WE ARE IN NEED OF ALTAR SERVERS
AND ALSO LOOKING FOR MEN AND
WOMEN VOLUNTEERS TO USHER AT
THE MASSES. PLEASE CALL
THE PARISH OFFICE
(732) 842-0348 ext. 208 or
see Sue Symington
after Mass**



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. For more information, please contact Julie at (609) 636-5556.



Mass Intentions

February 8	5:00 pm	Edward J. Leddy, Jr.	The Sauer Family
February 9	8:00 am	Joseph Rusbarsky	The Rusbarsky Family
February 9	10:30 am	Nancy Dickson	Ann Marie Lynch
February 9	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
February 9	5:00 pm	Wade Davis	The Liberi Family
February 10	9:00 am	Catherine Partipilo	The Heine Family
February 11	9:00 am	Thomas D. Pizzuto	Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bukowski
February 12	9:00 am	Sara Herring	Annemarie Woods & Family
February 13	9:00 am	Felix E. Bagachinski, Jr.	Martha Chamberlain
February 14	9:00 am	Lara Damadeo	Ann Marie Lynch
February 15	5:00 pm	Dolores Annunziata	The Sauer Family
February 15	5:00 pm	Helen Cangialosi	Family
February 16	8:00 am	Peter Henderson, Sr.	The Kingsbery Family
February 16	10:30 am	Margaret Mary "Peg" Smith	The Wellauer Family
February 16	10:30 am	For the Parishioners	Parish
February 16	5:00 pm	William Sharkey	Family



*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)*

Holy Cross Church

Financial Status for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Five months ending December 31, 2024

INCOME YTD: \$654,408.00

EXPENSES YTD: \$652,930.00

TOTAL NET: \$ 1,478.00



2025 Summer Camp Registration is Open!

hcarumson.org/camps

Camp	Ages	Dates	Time
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
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
Wonderful World of Bugs	3 - 5	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





**National Marriage Week is observed all week starting February 7-14
and the theme for 2025 is:**
“Marriage: Source of Hope, Spring of Renewal. Pursue a Lasting Love!”



“Married love clearly reveals that the vocation of the human person is to love one other person forever and that the trials, sacrifices and crises in the life of the couple or the family are stages for growth in goodness, truth and beauty,” - Pope Francis

St. Alfonso Retreat House

WOMEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT 2025

Theme: "Being Nurtured as the Child of God that You Are!"

DATES & TIMES: 7 PM Friday, February 28 – 1 PM Sunday, March 2

PLACE: San Alfonso Retreat House, located on the ocean in Long Branch, NJ

COST: \$315*—includes the full retreat program, overnight accommodations, meals, and fellowship with women in our faith community. Mass and lunch are included on Sunday.

The retreat was organized by the Spiritual Life Committee of The Church of the Precious Blood, and we welcome all female parishioners of Precious Blood and St. Dorothea's, as well woman parishioners from other local catholic parishes . Come join us for a weekend of reflection, prayer, and discovery. There will also be opportunities for those who would like to share in our discussions.

Please fill out the registration form below and drop it off in our parish office or mail it. Our address: Church of the Precious Blood, 72 Riverdale Ave., Monmouth Beach, NJ 07750.

Reservations and full payment are due by Sunday, February 23.

Direct questions to **Marion Maloney** at mjmaloney1@yahoo.com or **732-403-1825**.

Reservation form:

Please print clearly.

Name: _____

Parish: _____ Precious Blood _____ St. Dorothea's _____ Other

Email address: _____

Phone #: _____

Any notes for the committee:

Thank you! We look forward to seeing you on February 28.



All those in parish ministry are invited to attend the Diocese of Trenton's **Faith Formation and Parish Ministry Conference** on **March 29, 2025** which will be held at St. John Vianney High School in Holmdel. We will have over 30 workshop speakers in both English and Spanish. Our keynote speakers will be Chris Padgett (English) and Fr. Agostino Torres, CFR (Spanish). Bishop David M. O'Connell will be our celebrant for Mass. There will be something for everyone, from catechists to OCIA teams, to pastoral care ministers. **Registration opens Sunday, December 29th with an early registration fee of \$25.00.** Go to www.dioceseoftrenton.org/hope2025 for more info.

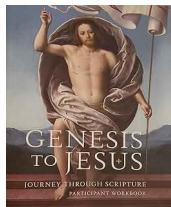
Join us for one of our inspiring **Spring Bible Studies:**

The Bible and the Virgin Mary and Genesis to Jesus

The Bible and the Virgin Mary begins March 18th at 7pm est. If you are looking to deepen your love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, to grow in knowledge of Catholic teachings on the Blessed Mother, and most importantly understand her role in our lives today, then this course is for you.



Genesis to Jesus begins March 20th at 8pm est. It will cover key questions such as: What is the Bible? Where does it come from? What is its purpose? The course surveys the principal covenants that God made with his people through figures such as Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David and how each of these covenants points forward to—and is fulfilled by—Jesus Christ and his Church through salvation history.



Each course will last twelve successive weeks and will be on Zoom and presented by Andrew Bustillo.

For more information contact: Andrew Bustillo at 917-324-4861 or andrew@redbankreinsurance.com

PLEASE CONSIDER A DONATION TO HOLY CROSS PARISH THROUGH

ONLINE GIVING

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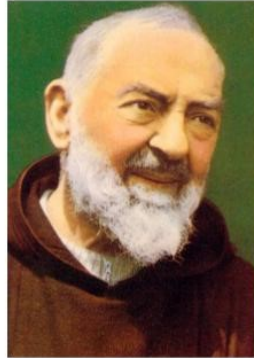


**Please make a one-time or recurring donation.
Thank you for your generosity!**

"Practicing charity is the best way to evangelize." - Pope Francis



St Padre Pio Prayer Group of St Ambrose Parish



Come join us in prayer as we celebrate mass together in honor of St Padre Pio by Celebrant Fr. Jack C. Grimes. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday February 15, 2025 at 9:00 AM followed by veneration of a first class relic of St Padre Pio.




*St Ambrose Parish
83 Throckmorton Lane , Old Bridge NJ
08857
(732)679-5666*




RETROUVAILLE A LIFE LINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on.

Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held February 14 - 16, 2025 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register, visit- www.HelpOurMarriage.org or call 215-766-3944 or 800-470-2230.





JESUS CHRIST

28th Annual


CATHOLIC MEN FOR JESUS CHRIST

CONFERENCE


SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025 | 8 AM - 3 PM

St. Mary, Mother of God Church | 19 Cherry Tree Farm Road | Middletown, NJ


Doors open at 8 AM for Bagels and Coffee; Lunch also included




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HORN



MATTHEW
ARNOLD



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BISHOP DAVID M.
O'CONNELL, C.M.

\$60 ONLINE REGISTRATION
\$60 AT THE DOOR
\$20 FOR STUDENTS

Order tickets Online at
CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org
or send your check with a self address envelope to:
[CatholicMenForJesusChrist](http://CatholicMenForJesusChrist.org)
PO BOX 266 Clarksburg, NJ 08510



Lent Bible Study

As we read through the four Gospels, one of the most notable aspects of Jesus' ministry is His consistent use of questions when interacting with others. It is interesting to note that the word "question" includes the word "quest." Each question invites us to explore more deeply the significance of Jesus' life, not only in terms of who He was for His original disciples but also in terms of who He is for us today. Join us as we explore the profound questions posed by Christ.

When: Thursdays March 6,13, 20,27, April 3 and 10

Where: St. Pio's Church Hall 103 Washington Ave in Lavallette

Time: 9-10:30am (mass is offered in the chapel at 8:30am)

Registration is \$20 and includes your book. To register please contact dawnrusinko@yahoo.com

The Society of St. Cecilia at
the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
presents

Kairy Koshoeva Classical Pianist

Performing

Preludes by Sergey Bortkiewicz
Chopin's Ballada No. 3 and
Rachmaninov's Sonata for
Cello & Piano with guest
cellist, Jordan Enzinger.

Sunday
February 23, 2025
3:30 p.m.

Admission
A Free Will Offering

For Further information contact
The Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ 07701
(732) 747-0813
web.stanthonysofredbank.net



Francis House of Prayer

84 Walnford Road, Allentown, NJ 08501
609-877-0509

Please check www.FHOP.org for dates, registration,
directions and for our other offerings!

Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond by providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth which fosters the deepening of relationship with God, self, others and the world.

Upcoming Retreats

WRITING AND JOURNALING DEEPEN OUR FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

Wednesday, February 12 9:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Writing and journaling can be a conversation with God! Enjoy a gentle day with God's guidance as we reflect on graces received in our lives by using writing prompts that bring us deeper into sacred stillness and love. Please bring a notebook or journal. Donation: \$30, includes lunch. Zoom: \$25.

ABANDONMENT TO DIVINE PROVIDENCE

Tuesday, February 18 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

I am going to summarize the essence of this classic by Jean Pierre de Caussade so that you can enjoy and internalize his message of complete abandonment to the care of Divine Providence. We seem to need that more than ever and I so desire to acquaint you with his wisdom in pointing to the Providence of God in all things. Donation: \$25, includes materials and lunch. Zoom: \$20.