

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

Saint Jerome
Church

254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am and 11:00am
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30am
Confessions: By appointment



Saint Mary of the
Assumption Church

46 Richmond Avenue
Deal, NJ 07723

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am
Daily: Monday to Thursday at 9:00am
Confessions: By appointment

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.



April 11, 2021 * Second Sunday of Easter



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Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the good Lord bless you for your generosity and presence!

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, March 27/28, 2021		
Palm Sunday	\$6,006.00	
Online Giving	\$1,050.00	42 families
Total	\$7,056.00	296 people
Holy Thursday	\$1,018.00	
Holy Land	\$954.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$805.00 online	31 families

Saturday/Sunday, April 3/4, 2021		
Easter	Later date	
Online Giving	\$985.00	42 families
Total		395 people
Legacy Fund	\$1,330.00	
Easter Flowers	\$2,038.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$4,503.00	Mail In Palm Sunday

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, March 27/28, 2021		
Palm Sunday	\$3,124.00	
Online Giving	\$492.00	26 families
Total	\$3,616.00	203 people
Holy Thursday	\$334.00	
Holy Land	\$314.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$332.00 online	188 families

Saturday/Sunday, April 3/4, 2021		
Easter	Later date	
Online Giving	\$1,242.00	30 families
Total		174 people
Debt Reduction	\$871.00	
Easter Flowers	\$731.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$2,881.00	Mail In Palm Sunday



The Sacrament of Marriage

Holy Matrimony is the covenant a man and woman make to one another and to God to work as partners for the rest of their lives. The woman and man marry one another before a witness of the Church and representatives of the community.

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?
You must be actively registered for 6 months to schedule a marriage preparation meeting at least 1 year in advance of the wedding date.

Anyone interested in receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony, please contact Patty Carvalho at 848-466-0807 to book a wedding date and for additional documentation and paperwork that will need to be completed.

More information regarding Sacraments can be found under the Sacrament link @ www.ladyofhopeparish.org

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My Dear Joyful Christians,

Alleluia!

I thank you all for being so patient and understanding about the many changes in the way we celebrated the Paschal Triduum. It is the church's concern that our liturgical activities should be safe yet we still receive the same graces and blessings. God knows the longings of our hearts, and He will satisfy them according to His ways.

In the year 2000 Saint Pope John Paul II declared the Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday. This was announced on the occasion of the Canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska, who gave us the **Chaplet of Divine Mercy**. As we continue to rejoice in the Lord's Resurrection, let us not forget that it was God's mercy that the gift of Easter was fulfilled and given to us as blessed assurance in our journey. God indeed is love and mercy. That is why Easter and Divine Mercy share the same meaning for us. God's infinite love and mercy assure us that he will always liberate us from all forms of darkness. Why would our Lord willingly went through all that?

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, Have mercy on us and on the whole World" (From the Chaplet of Divine Mercy)

I am praying for you with joy,

Father Sheldon



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Our Lady of Hope Parish Goal : \$60,000

Collected thus far: \$24,510 by 116 Donors

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A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

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 begins the weekend of April 16 - 18, 2021 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. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 10	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Monica & Domenica Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, April 11	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Enrico DeRienzo Lou Fioretti
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Wednesday, April 14	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla
Friday, April 16	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak Irene Ciarla
Saturday, April 17	8:30 AM	John Tosano Charlie Holtz
	5:00 PM	Marion Marotta John & Kitty Mandica Hugh Eritz Charlie Holtz
Sunday, April 18	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Gennaro Meffe The Swinton family
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis Guild of St. Benedict Joseph Labre Suzanne Fitzsimmons



Fall in love with the family, like St. Joseph

A Special Year to Bear Witness to Family Love

Pope Francis has called for the whole Church to dedicate itself to spiritual, pastoral and cultural initiatives to accompany families in the face of contemporary challenges.

This year of special focus coincides with the fifth anniversary of the Holy Father's exhortation, *The Joy of Love* (2016). It begins on March 19, 2021 and will conclude in June, 2022 with the World Meeting of Families in Rome. We are pleased to provide this page with links to various resources for your parish and your family.

"The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Hope Parish," invites everyone to reserve flowers in front of the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Statues at St. Jerome Church. The donation is \$12 each and can be for loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Donna Tomaino for available dates either call 732-996-6037 or email: tomainotippycat@comcast.net

A warm welcome to the following parishioners who have just registered in our Parish:

María Betancourt and Anthony Capoano and their son, Anthony



REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

Father Fred Jackiewicz

Gennaro Meffe

Fermina Ricasa

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April

Fundamental Rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis.

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 10	5:00 PM	Rosa Mammone-Franze Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Carvalho Marie Siciliano Diane Ailor
Sunday, April 11	8:00 AM	Marie Siciliano Nancy Gerechoft Uncle Nick Aldarelli, Jr. His loving family
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Alyce & Joseph Shenan The Shenan family Rosa Barritta Gino & Shane Russo
Monday, April 12	9:00 AM	Leo & Florence Morrissey
Tuesday, April 13	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh
Wednesday, April 14	9:00 AM	John McCabe (1st Anniversary) Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Thursday, April 15	9:00 AM	Richard Start Our Lady of Hope Parishioners
Saturday, April 17	5:00 PM	Amadeu Carvalho Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo Josephine Probo Rosemary & John Barone
Sunday, April 18	8:00 AM	Mary Kelly Lillis Ann Flanagan & family Ellen Stacy The Sylvia family
	10:00 AM	Rosemary K. Macksey Her daughter, Margaret Mary Ellen Johnson Joann Fischer

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: William Gallagher

Week 2: Pat Serafino

Week 3: Bernice Cobb, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 4: Sam B. & Regina Roche



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 **

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

Imagine you are a follower of Jesus. It has been 3 days since Jesus was crucified. That morning, some of Jesus' believers reported that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. When they arrived at the tomb, the ground shook and the men who were guarding the tomb ran away, afraid. An Angel spoke to the women who had arrived saying that Jesus was no longer in the tomb. "He is risen just as he said, go and inform his disciples". How would you have reacted to the news? Remember you did not know then what you know now about Jesus. You as a follower, loved Jesus and were still trying to reason why such a good person had to die in such a cruel way. What type of speculations started to run rampant? Where was his body, who and where was the so-called Angel who said Jesus had risen just as he said he would? Would you have believed he had risen? Probably if you were a positive person genuinely believing in his teachings, had no ego, was not afraid of telling others what you believed, not being afraid of being ridiculed or ostracized, you would believe he was alive and had risen. If you were a negative-thinking person, used to following leaders and not thinking for yourself and your leaders were the ones who put Jesus to death, you probably could not and would not have believed that Jesus rose from the dead but believed that his disciples stole the body and bribed the guards.

Why am I referring to the Resurrection today? To remind us that most of the news and information we receive today is secondhand, just as the information the women were spreading after returning from Jesus's tomb. By spreading this information to townspeople and the disciples this would have been secondhand information spread by them. I do not think any of us can think of a more confusing time then what we are living in now. Nothing is normal, words are having different meanings, things that are happening do not make sense anymore, most of us are or have been suffering in different areas and feel that the decisions being made by others are creating this havoc in our lives and we are paying the price. We always have HOPE by looking at all situations for their positive aspects, they are always there. Remember, we are here on earth in preparation for heaven and nothing can stop us if we have HOPE.

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www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2021

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MEGA: \$400+ value	

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- \$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.

Acceptable forms of payment will be cash, Venmo and credit card. No checks will be accepted.

Winning tickets will be pulled during a livestream drawing for all guests to watch on
Sunday, April 18th, 2021 at 6:00pm

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

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