The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

Saint Jerome Church

254 Wall Street West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

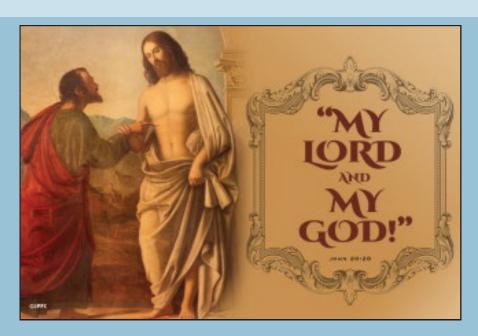
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Daily: Monday - Thursday at 9:00 AM Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM

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.



April 24, 2022 * Divine Mercy Sunday



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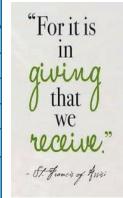
Weekly Collection and Attendance

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St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, April 9/10, 2022				
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,038.00	100 people		
7:30 am Mass	\$1,840.00	108 people		
11:00 am Mass	\$2,774.00	209 people		
Online Giving	\$843.00	41 families		
Total	\$6,495.00	417 people		
Last year same weekend total	\$18,427.00 Easter	395 people		



Saturday/Sunday, April 9/10, 2022				
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,035.00	85 people		
8:00 am Mass	\$2,047.00	114 people		
10:00 am Mass	\$1,348.00	122 people		
Online Giving	\$687.00	28 families		
Total	\$5,117.00	321 people		
Last year same weekend total	\$11,093.77 Easter	144 people		

The Legacy Fund: \$2,065.00 Thank You!

GUIDELINES FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone that a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a sponsorship form signed and sealed by the Pastor, please keep the following in mind:

- I am age 16 or older.
- I am actively registered in the parish.
- If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on a regular basis.
- I contribute to the support of the Church, as best I can. (Attendance is taken by the envelopes in the collection basket).
- I receive Sacraments according to the Laws of the Church, and I fulfill the requirements listed above.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor would be based on the person's dedication to the faith and regular practice thereof. Please do not ask us to sign a sponsor eligibility form if you do not meet criteria above.



A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear parishioner,

I greet you with the same exact words Jesus used to greet his apostles after he rose from the dead.

Peace be with you!

Jesus knew what the apostles needed at that time. The apostles were confused. They were overwhelmed with grief and horror. They were scared. With his resurrected body in their midst, Jesus wanted to reassure

them that it is all over now. No more darkness and hopelessness. Peace! The peace He gives was not the peace this world can give but the peace that brings with it the power of Heaven to erase all fears and discouragements in this world.

Having walked with Jesus through his passion and into resurrection during the past Holy Week, we should now receive His peace and let it reign in our world.

Also, this weekend is called Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed by Saint John Paul II. It is on this Sunday that we look at the resurrection as an act of God's loving mercy. And his sacramental presence in our midst is Mercy at work. We may have our fears. We may have our doubts. Going to the sacraments will always help us find peace and courage- to live as his true disciples, saved by Gods mercy, and willing to share the same mercy with one another.

Our youngsters are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion. Let us pray for them. They will experience for the first time the effects of grace the Eucharist gives. This will allow them to grow in the loving presence of the risen Jesus, who brought God's mercy to us.

The Lord is risen. Peace be with you!

Fr. Sheldon



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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Please check <u>www.FHOP.org</u> for registration, directions and for other programs and overnight retreats! All programs will be offered online and in-person unless otherwise indicated.

PAUSING FOR THE SACRED: 4 Mondays from 3:00 – 4:30 PM Dates: April 25 and May 2, 9, 16

Set a new pace for yourself with the lessons contained in the book, *Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day* by Macrina Wiederkehr. We will learn to pause and "breathe in" the sanctity of each moment as we turn our attention to God's Presence in the seven sacred hours of the day. Donation: \$60.

LIFE-GIVING WATER REJOICING IN THE GIFT OF BAPTISM: Wednesday, April 27 9:30 AM – Noon

Jesus used water often and creatively to heal, to cleanse, to change into wine, to drink and to be baptized. During this Easter Season, we will soak in the life-giving waters of grace, celebrate the gift of our own Baptism, and ponder what it means today to be Baptized into Christ. Donation: \$20.

GREAT POETRY READING DAY: Thursday, April 28 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Step away from your usual routine and escape into a paradise of poetry. On this national day dedicated to poetry, explore the spiritual poetry penned by authors such as Jessica Powers, Catherine of Siena, Mary Oliver, Teresa of Avila and many others. Recognize and rejoice in the ways God's Word continues to take root in word and in deed. Donation: \$15.

ST. JOSEPH: THE WORKER AND THE DREAMER: Tuesday, May 3 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM

How well do we know St. Joseph? He was, literally, a man of no words! Yet, for centuries we have revered him as "the second-greatest saint." Mary's month begins with Joseph, and their partnership gives us a perfect picture of the "active-contemplative life" to which each of us is called. Join us for this morning retreat for a deeper look at Joseph's role in God's Dream and our own role, too. Donation: \$25 includes lunch; Zoom \$20.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 23	5:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo Her parents Catherine L. Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
		John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, April 24	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Jeanne Chandler
		Greg & Terri Bordiuk
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Marie Hausser
		Robert Hausser
Wednesday, April 27	8:30 AM	Catherine L. Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven)
		John & Kitty Mandica Susana Aguas
		Brigida Garcia
Friday, April 29	8:30 AM	Margarita Martinez Brigida Garcia Jeanne Chandler
		Donna & William Nurthen
Saturday,	8:30 AM	In memory of Icoronata Nada Raffa Koenisberg
April 30		The Laugelli family
	5:00 PM	Robert Flanagan Rich & Connie Dominguez
		Concetta Guglielmo
		Maryanne Ioli & family
Sunday, May 1	7:30 AM	In memory of Giacomina & Francesco Gulli
		The Laugelli family
11:00		Living and Deceased Parishioners Mary Lou Fess
		Tony & Gretchen DiCesare Donald Curtis
		Marie Curtis

Flowers in front of the Sacred Heart Statue week of April 23/24____ "In Thanksgiving for our 60th Wedding Anniversary"

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Flowers in front of the Blessed Mother Statue week of April 23/24

In loving memory of Roberta and Eddie Tackman

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"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 \$15 each and can be for loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Robin Stillings for available dates at 908-309-2976 or email: gymwrat51@gmail.com

A Summer Week-long Catholic Family Vacation Retreat

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Retreat weeks start each Monday beginning June 27 till end of August.

Note: there is a special week for <u>Single-parent</u> families, July 18-23.

Cost* for the week: \$225pp ages 8+; \$155 ages 2-7; under 2 free.

*Cost includes meals, room, program, beach access and more!

Financial Aid is available – see website for more details & photos

Join together with other families for the week. Mass and other family liturgies are complemented by skits, presentations, family sharing, peer group discussions, sunset beach walks and other fun activities.

Scheduled recreation and free time (4-5 hours DAILY), with **ocean swimming** (beach is only 1/2 block from our house) are part of all family retreats.

To sign up or for more information: www.capemaymarianists.org or email: mfrc@capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829

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 732-222-1424 ext. 4 or email Office@ladyofhopeparish.org or call

God Bless our Volunteers!



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 23	5:00 PM	Bernardino Tiaga Lucas Eugene Dello
Sunday, April 24	8:00 AM	Frank & Frances Regulski Norma Healing for John Hannah Helen Kong
	10:00 AM	Michael Berzansky Howard & Carole White Betty Lou Westron Frances Minneci
Monday, April 25	9:00 AM	John & Josephine Adamitis Norma
Tuesday, April 26	9:00 AM	Therese Campagne
Wednesday, April 27	9:00 AM	Leo & Florence Morrissey
Thursday, April 28	9:00 AM	Angelina Fedor (4th Anniversary)
Saturday, April 30	5:00 PM	James O'Keefe Bob & Donna Scally
Sunday, May 1	8:00 AM	Prayer for the Unborn Jennie & Calvin Applegate David Applegate
	10:00 AM	Michael Berzansky Frances Minneci

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:

<u>Week 2:</u> Sam B., Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carol Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen and Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3: Robert Burney, Howard White

<u>Week 4:</u> Peter Bernhardt, Karen Daly, Bob and Joan Day, Pat Serafino, Jim Shanahan, August Wreiole

Also, we continually keep in our prayers all those who are serving in our Armed Forces and the people of Ukraine.

**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

Are you a have or a have not? It is just a little over a month into the beginning of the spring season and all of God's creations are starting new beginnings. Trees are budding and flowering, flowers are blooming, birds are building nests, and gardeners are starting their gardens. Have you or have you not thought about expanding or improving your current ministry as a responsible Catholic through this time of new beginnings? Have you felt that as your life has changed, so has your desire to expand your ministry or change your ministry's direction? If your personal needs and satisfactions have changed, so too, has your need to fulfill your obligation to God in sharing his love and kindness through a new or added ministry. Springtime is a time of new beginnings and rebirth. For those of you who think you do not have the ability to start a ministry to profess God's love, you are mistaken. We all have abilities that can become a way to minister to others. Simple things we do for others are mini ministries that we engage in but do not realize they are ministries. Ministries such as taking out a neighbor's trash, helping to cut a lawn, picking up groceries, teaching a neighborhood child how to throw a ball or ride a bike demonstrate this. More recognized ministries are volunteering at church functions, local nonprofits, or daily mass attendance. It took Jesus to die and rise again from the dead, for his disciples to realize that they had the ability to continue the ministry Jesus started on earth. Jesus gave them confidence through bestowing the Holy Spirit on them. The Holy Spirit is also available to you to find or improve your ministry. You do not have to ask yourself if you are a have or a have not with the Holy Spirit. You are a have, not a have not! HOPEFULLY, as a have, through the Holy Spirit, you can bring forth your natural, God-given talents to help fulfill Jesus' and your yet unknown ministry here on earth. Give yourself a rebirth by implementing new beginnings through your love for others.

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for April

Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

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Dearest Parishioners,

your support is essential to the very existence of SJS. We are grateful, as we should be, for your continued active engagement in our parish. Thank you for going above and beyond. We would like to take this time to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you, for coming together and helping make our gift auction a success. Every little bit certainly helps!

We have managed to see the hand of God at work.

The SJS students, faculty, and staff will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. Indeed, you revealed the true foundation of this church is kindness and love.

May the grace of the Lord be with you all.



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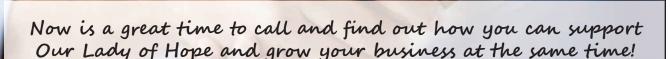
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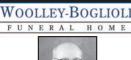
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