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 25, 2021 * Fourth Sunday of Easter



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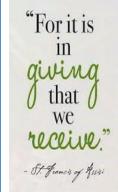
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Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, April 17/18, 2021			
4/18/2021	\$4,547.00		
Online Giving	\$1,270.00	42 families	
Total	\$5,817.00	226 people	
Easter 2021	\$18,427.00		
Last year same weekend total	\$10,373.00	Mail In Easter	



Saturday/Sunday, April 17/18, 2021			
4/18/2021	\$3,529.00		
Online Giving	\$633.00	26 families	
Total	\$4,162.00	162 people	
Interfaith	\$1,823.00		
Easter 2021	\$11,093.77		
Last year same weekend total	\$3,629.00	Mail In Easter	

St. Mary of the Assumption

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



2021 Pew Missals now available to pick up for your personal use at home or to bring to and from Mass

Suggested donation \$5

Please contact the parish office if you would like to make arrangements to pick one up.

St. Jerome – 732-222-1424 or office@ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary – 732-531-1409 or stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear joyful flock,

Not so long ago, Pope Francis said: "Priests should be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep."

The Holy Father wants us, priests, to be one with the flock. WE have the great responsibility to lead you, our flock, into "greener pastures"-- that is Our Lord. But we have to also walk with you. Not many of us have experienced actual shepherding. I mean real sheep. But I believe the sheep cannot find a safe and good feeding ground on



their own. The Lord knew this. His flock, the Church, will always need a Shepherd. That is why He gave us the priesthood. But this priesthood must find its source of strength and the example from Him, "the good Shepherd".

"The good Shepherd must lay down his life for his sheep." The Lord taught us in word and deed. He walked with us. He felt with us. He lives and dies with us. At Easter we rise with Him. Now that is the greatest example and challenge for all of us who are given the task of shepherding His flock. But with the words of Pope Francis above, I can strive to fulfill that role by just walking with you, feeling with you, and "smelling like you".

I pray for you and with you,

Father Sheldon

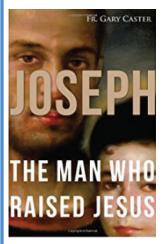
THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - IN ACTION!



Our Lady of Hope Parish Goal : \$60,000 Collected \$27,203 / 125 Donors

Please help us meet our goal, donations can be made **on line www.dioceseoftrenton/catholicappeal or** cards with envelopes
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Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph



Article 533 of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, quotes Pope Paul VI as follows, "The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—*the school of the Gospel*." Who is the headmaster of that school? St. Joseph. Since St. Joseph is not mentioned beyond the Infancy Narratives of the Gospels, if we wish to "learn" more about St. Joseph, would it not make sense to turn to the public ministry of Jesus? According to Fr. Gary Caster in his book, *Joseph, the Man Who Raised Jesus*, St. Joseph is best known through Jesus' actions, teachings, and dispositions. Let me explain with a few examples.

During his public ministry, we find Jesus observing the Sabbath, Jewish religious feasts and daily prayer. Can you see St. Joseph leading Jesus and Mary in prayer in their home in Nazareth, and visualize St. Joseph walking hand in hand with the child Jesus to the synagogue?

In a period of time when women had no voice in society, Jesus always reached out to them with love and respect, this is "...a profound testimony to the love of the Father and the example of his earthly father." (Caster, 18)

Finally, Jesus was committed to doing the Father's will. His obedience to the Father was grounded in love, a self-sacrificing love. St. Joseph lived a life according to the Father's will, freely sacrificing himself for Jesus and Mary, with his mind and heart always centered on Jesus. (Caster, XIV)

St. Joseph,

Help us to center our mind and heart on Jesus.

St. Joseph Pray for us!

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions				
Saturday, April 24	5:00 PM	Ruth Williamson Rose The Danback family Catherine L. Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica		
Sunday, April 25	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Mary Beth Yost Her husband, Pau Marion Marotta Barbara Lefurg		
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Joseph Kallighan Doreen & Mark Bulzis		
Wednesday, April 28	8:30 AM	Susan & John Murphy Charlie Holtz Gennaro Meffe The Chisholm, Hennelly, Durnien & Matier families		
Friday, April 30	8:30 AM	Donna Holtz Charlie Holtz Jack Roarty The Chisholm family		
Saturday, May 1	8:30 AM	In Memory of Giacomina & Francesca Laugelli The Laugelli family Mary DeMarco Bill & Mary Richards		
	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Marion Marotta Ed & Chris Father Fred Jackiewicz Ann Clarke		
Sunday, May 2	7:30 AM	Catherine Colford (1st Anniversary) Our Lady of Hope Par Gennaro Meffe The Pagano fam		
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis Marie Curtis		

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Baptism preparation classes for parents are scheduled every first Tuesday of the month. Classes begin at 7:00 pm at St. Jerome's rectory conference room. Please call the parish office at 732-222-1424 to register.

The next class is May 4, 2021

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer, especially:

<u>Week 1:</u> Bernice Cobb, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 2: Sam B., Regina Roche & Stephanie Sassola

Week 3: William Gallagher

Week 4: Pat Serafino

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 **



REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

John Marotta Elizabeth Torman

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

Pope Francis Prayer Intensions 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.

Flowers in front of the Sacred Heart Statue week of April 24/25



In Thanksgiving for our 59th Wedding Anniversary,

Kenneth and Joyce Klohn

The "Our Lady of Hope Rosary Altar Society," 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 at: 732-996-6037 or email: tomainotippycat@comcast.net

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions			
Saturday, April 24	5:00 PM	Amadeu Carvalho Patty, Ron & girls Marie Siciliano	
		David Applegate	
Sunday, April 25	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Edwin & Helen Reilly The Reilly family Anna & Michael Reilly	
	10:00 AM	The Reilly family Stacy Sylvia (18th Anniversary) The Sylvia family Harriet Russomano (4th Anniversary) Suzanne Novak	
Monday, April 26	9:00 AM	John & Annabelle Harvey Nella Matilda DiLieto (25th Anniversary) & Remembrance of her birthday The DiLieto family	
Tuesday, April 27	9:00 AM	Catherine L. Mandica (Happy birthday in heaven) John & Kitty Mandica	
Wednesday, April 28	9:00 AM	Rose Lucchi	
Thursday, April 29	9:00 AM	Rita Farrell The Hughes family	
Saturday, May 1	5:00 PM	Rosa Mammone The Dilusto family Rosa Barrita Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Guiscardo	
Sunday, May 2	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Margaret Farrell The Reilly family	
	10:00 AM	Marjorie Farrell Frances Minneci Thomas & John McKenna Michaele McKenna	



Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

NEXT WEEKEND



The February and March debt reduction collection was \$1,966.00. In addition we received a donation of \$18,400 in February. Total of \$20,366.00 was paid toward principal. The balance is now \$78,026.92.

Thank you for your generosity.

<u>H</u>ere's <u>One Positive Encouragement</u>

Written by a fellow parishioner

On April 22, 2018, a new column appeared in our weekly bulletin. The column was entitled "Food for the Soul", a thought for the week for meditating towards your spiritual journey. This column has since evolved into "Here is One Positive Encouragement" or the acronym HOPE. This weekend of April 25, 2021 will be the 3rd anniversary of HOPE. The column, suggested by Father PJ and the Parish Council was begun to help our newly formed parish of Our Lady of Hope and its parishioners to continue to think about, realize and explore their roles as Catholics, as well as their individual relationships with Jesus, each other and what responsibility they have to themselves and God. This column uses the Socratic method, that of cooperative dialogue, to allow the reader to think about their answers and how it relates to them personally. It has always been my HOPE that this column would precipitate a dialogue between the reader, his soul and Jesus. Along with "Here's One Positive Encouragement", Father PJ and our Parish Council worked hard along with the parish input to formulate our parish mission statement to help remind us all as to what we as parishioners HOPE to accomplish together. Below is the first "Food for The Soul" originally published on April 22, 2018, it is brief and is followed by our Parish Mission Statement which is written on the front of our weekly bulletin. "We have a new parish made up of two former parishes. Why do we need a new parish? Will I contribute some of my time to help make my new parish the best it can be? Will I be able to take pride in myself and in my new parish by being able to say I am helping to make my parish great?"

Our Mission Statement Is as follows "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.**" I honestly believe that the name for our new parish, the Parish of Our Lady of Hope, was presented through divine intervention. Our new parish name helps to remind us daily to be as loving. kind and generous as Our Lady and to be strong enough to withstand any hardships as she had done. Having HOPE and Jesus we can handle any obstacle. By following the Ten Commandments and living your Catholic ethic though your implementation of our Mission Statement during your everyday activities, you will hopefully derive more satisfaction out of your daily life.



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- 2. Make payment in form of cash with order form in an envelope Attn: Georgie Mandica rectory Sauce fundraiser.
- 3. Please send orders to school office or drop in Rectory mailbox outside rectory office labeled St. Jerome Rectory by Wednesday, April 27, 2021.

Orders will be available for pick up Wednesday, May 5, 2021 at dismissal starting at 1:30 PM in the parking lot outside the St. Jerome Rectory. If you need to make special arrangements for pick up please contact Georgie at 732-222-1424 or office@ladyofhopeparish.org

FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

Quarts	Quantity	Unit Price	Amount
Bolognese Sauce (Beef,pork and veal)		\$ 14	
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Lobster Bisque		\$ 15	
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