# 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

#### **46 Richmond Avenue** Deal, NJ 07723

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 3, 2022 \* Fifth Sunday of Lent



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#### Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, March 26/27, 2022			
5:00 pm Mass	\$2,027.00	83 people	
7:30 am Mass	\$1,417.00	87 people	
11:00 am Mass	\$1,910.00	138 people	
Online Giving	\$773.00	40 families	
Total	\$6,127.00	308 people	
Last year same weekend total	\$7,056.00 Palm Sunday	296 people	

"For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive."

Saturday/Sunday, March 26/27, 2022 5:00 pm Mass \$806.00 81 people 8:00 am Mass \$1,123.00 71 people 10:00 am Mass \$1,608.00 94 people \$817.00 29 families Online Giving Total \$4,354.00 246 people Last year same \$3,616.00 203 people weekend total Palm Sunday

St. Mary of the Assumption

Catholic Relief: \$1,437.00 —Thank You!

Catholic Relief: \$1,162.00 —Thank You!

#### **OLOH Growing in Faith & Discipleship**

**LENT '22 - No Greater Love:** 

A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, *No Greater Love* is a biblical pilgrimage that reveals Christ's amazing love for us.

**WHEN**: Thursday 10:00 AM - 11:15 AM

April 7, 2022

WHERE: St. Mary of the Assumption Church Hall

To Register (free): contact Christine Scholtz

732-222-2927

For participants who wish to delve deeper into the material covered in this series the following book is highly recommended:

No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion by Edward Sri from Ascension Publishing, 2019. Available online thru: AMAZON or ascensionpress.com.

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Devised by Carlo Acutis, God's Servant London 2 May 1991 – Milan 11 October 2006

Date: April 7, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

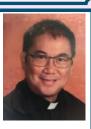
Location: Christ the King Parish/Our Lady Star of the Sea Church
Corner of Chelsea and Second Avenue
Long Branch, NJ 07740

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear friend in Christ,

Greetings to you and your loved ones! I hope we are enjoying the happy penitential season of Lent.

When I was a little we had games that I had to play dead. I tried so hard not to move. Sometimes I would practice breathing without any slight movement of my tummy. There was even, I think, a contest with my playmates to know who would be the best "dead." That was my early acting workshop. I guess I was not good at it.



In our spiritual life, we are not playing dead but we are sometimes "dead" without being aware of it. We move about but we are dead. It is because of the power of sin. Sin brings us into the darkness of living. And if we lose the fear of sin, and let its power take control in our lives, we get used to its darkness and live in it. Pope Pius XII said: "Perhaps the greatest sin in the world is that men lose the sense of sin."

In the Gospel of the Fifth Sunday of Lent, we read the Raising of Lazarus from the Dead. He called Lazarus as if he was not dead. With His words: "Lazarus come out." Lazarus came out of his tomb. This powerful story teaches us that Jesus has the power to bring back life to his friends. We are his friends who sometimes fall into the darkness of the tomb of sin. But He calls us to come out. If we are dead because of sin, His mercy has the power to bring us back to life and live in the love of God.

Believe and trust in His mercy so that you may live.

I pray for you and with you,

Fr. Sheldon

#### **Rosary Altar Society**

Membership meeting, on Monday, April 4, @ 7 PM in the St Jerome Rectory Conference Room.

We will be selling Palm Crosses after all masses this weekend at both churches.

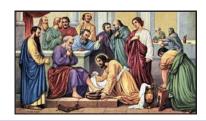
Parishioners are invited to bring your palm cross to the Palm Sunday Mass on April 9 /10th, if you'd like them to be blessed.

# **12 Volunteer Apostles Needed**

Washing of your feet at Mass
Holy Thursday , April 14 at St. Jerome Church
@7:00 PM

\*Please email office with name and contact information and the first 12 volunteers will receive confirmation & names will be posted in bulletin.\*

office@ladyofhopeparish.org





#### Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 2	5:00 PM	Susan Whitman  Tony & Gretchen DiCesare  Tony Strollo  Mom & Dad
Sunday, April 3	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Richard Touchette Doreen & Dennis Flanagan
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis  Doreen & Mark Bulzis  Lorraine Hausser  Robert Hausser
Wednesday, April 6	8:30 AM	Mary DeMarco (1st Anniversary)  Our Lady of Hope Parish Rose Lee  Irene Ciarla
Friday, April 8	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla Irene Ciarla
Saturday, April 9	8:30 AM	Michael Pimpinella, Jr. Agnes Szatkowski
	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Rich & Connie Dominguez Monica & Domenica Mandica (Happy Birthday in heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, April 10 Palm Sunday	7:30 AM	John Marotta (1st Anniversary)  Our Lady of Hope Parish  Mary Piro & Grace Torre
	11:00 AM	Florentina Tome  Her daughter  Donald Curtis
		Marie Curtis

#### Parish Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, April 6 @ 7:00 PM St. Jerome Church



Everyone welcome!

Priests will be available for Confession until 8:00 PM after the prayer service concludes.

#### Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts



Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Vito, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.



#### at St. Jerome Church

#### **April 14 – Holy Thursday**

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM \*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM after Mass\*

#### April 15 – Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion 3:00 PM \* Adoration until 6 PM\*

#### April 16 - Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food outdoors on the front steps of Church – 12:00 PM

The Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM
There is **no** 8:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass

**April 17 - Easter Sunday** 

Mass - 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

#### at St. Mary's Church

April 15 – Good Friday

Solemn Stations of the Cross outdoors behind the church -12:00 PM

April 16 – Holy Saturday

There is no 5:00 PM Mass

\* Easter Vigil at St. Jerome Church\*

**April 17 - Easter Sunday** 

Mass - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

#### Join us for Stations of the Cross



St. Jerome Church 7:00 PM
Friday evenings during lent
St. Mary's Church after 9:00
AM Mass Monday mornings
during lent

\*Confessions will heard at St.

Mary's after Stations of the Cross on Monday mornings.

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 2	5:00 PM	Mona Heavey  Mike & Rosemarie Lyons  Michael Sonny Dello  Eugene Dello
Sunday, April 3	8:00 AM	Phyllis Daly (In remembrance of her birthday)  The Daly family  John Orest Bedrij  The Martel family
	10:00 AM	Michael Berzansky  Theresa DiLieto Alfred Augustus Vecchia (In remembrance of his birthday)  The Vecchia family
Monday, April 4	9:00 AM	Chief Pat & Pat Russomanno Their family & Ann O'Malley
Tuesday, April 5	9:00 AM	Margaret J. Medoff Michael Berzansky The Monteleone family
Wednesday, April 6	9:00 AM	Theresa Celmer  The Zychowski family
Thursday, April 7	9:00 AM	Fr. Joseph Henchey (1st Anniversary) Norma
Saturday, April 9	5:00 PM	Dominic Bolognese  Eugene Dello  Denise Mariano  Diane Ailor
Sunday,	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
April 10 Palm Sunday	10:00 AM	Kuni Strange Family Michael Berzansky Barbara & Victor Calvo

#### 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> Peter Bernhardt, Karen Daly, Bob and Joan Day, Pat Serafino, Jim Shanahan, August Wreiole

Week 2:

Week 3:

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<u>Week 4:</u>

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 \*\*

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

Written by a fellow parishioner

I truly hope that Christ is the center of your life, is He? What does centered in Christ mean to you? For me, the definition of centered as I am using it, is, having the specified subject as a focal element. Is Christ the focal element in your life? For me not a day goes by without thinking about Christ, my family, my religion, my loyalties, good things such as happiness and love as well as evil things such as fear, injustice, and war. Why are these things the way they are? For me, all the above lead me back to Christ, His life, and His teachings, while here on earth. He stayed centered in his beliefs and led his life accordingly. More than likely, Christ had the same thoughts we have. If He did, He was thinking about family, religion, loyalties, good and evil, and why these things still existed. He knew humanity had a stubborn streak, that the devil made sinful, earthly pleasures more appealing to men then following God the Father's commandments. He knew humanity lost their place in the Garden of Eden. Humanity could only redeem its rightful place on earth and in heaven through changing its ways and embracing the Father's commandments. It was His destiny to show humanity the way, through the life He led and the hardships He endured. If our life is centered in the life of Christ because we profess we are Catholics, then we must accept and be thankful for both the good and the tough times in our lives, while fighting and resisting evil here on earth. HOPEFULLY, each in our own way, we will continue to fight evil on earth by being a living example of goodness as was Christ. Most may have spent their lives striving to have Christ as their center, when we reached that center of oneness with Christ, our life changed. We realized how important our earthly life is to God. HOPEFULLY, we realize how much he loved us by the fact that he used His son to show us that by fighting and freeing ourselves and humanity from evil's deceptions, sacrifices are necessary.

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:

Mia Elaine DeSarno Daughter of Brian and Leah DeSarno



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Tiramisu	\$2.75		
Lobster tails	\$4.00		
Sfogliatelle	\$2.75		

	Price	Qty	Total
Plain	\$11.00		
w/ Strawberry topping	\$13.00		
w/ Cherry topping	\$13.00		
w/ Blueberry topping	\$13.00		

# **EASTER SPECIALTIES!**



	Price	Qty	Total
10" Wheat Pie (with cheese & citrus fruit)	\$12.00		
7" Deepdish Meat Pie (with ham, salami, pepperoni, & cheeses; 15 avail)	\$25.00		
Egg Bread Ring (sweet dough with 4 colored hard boiled eggs)	\$10.00		
Lamb Cake (4 available)	\$16.00		
Mini -Egg Cakes: Choice of Chocolate Icing or Butter Creme with coconut	\$2.00		

\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Orders must be placed by Friday April 8 The LATEST \*\*\*\*\*\*

Orders will be available for pickup Sat April 16 until 1:00 pm in

cafeteria

Total Due	Cash or check payable to	Monteleone's Bakery
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Please send or drop of orders to Saint Jerome School/ Attention: Stella Monteleone 250 Wall Street West Long Branch, NJ 07764

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	Questions? Call Stella Monte	eleone 732-567-0187	

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