# 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 and Second Saturday 12:00– 12:45 PM



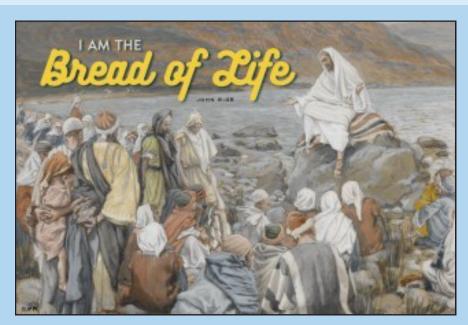
## Mission Statement

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

#### 46 Richmond Avenue Deal, NJ 07723

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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.



August 1, 2021 \* Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee



Office Number: 732-222-8686 Website Address: www.saintjeromeschool.org

#### **Pastoral and Support Staff**

Pastor: Fr. Sheldon Amasa Msgr. Cajetan Salemi \* Rev. Jerome Nolan Louis Jakub \* Anthony DiCesare , Deacons Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. \*Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F. Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F., School Principal Elsa Pagano \* Georgie Mandica Pat Serafino \* Norma Adamitis **Christine Scholtz** Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

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## Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

### St. Jerome

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## St. Mary of the Assumption

| Saturday/Sunday, July 24/25, 2021 |                   |  | "For it is              | Saturday/Sunday, July 24/25, 2021 |            |            |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|
| 5:00 pm Mass                      | \$1,005.00        | 82 people                                  | in                      | 5:00 pm Mass                      | \$1,456.00 | 67 people  |
| 7:30 am Mass                      | \$1,457.00        | 103 people                                 | giving                  | 8:00 am Mass                      | \$1,550.00 | 73 people  |
| 11:00 am Mass                     | \$1,849.00        | 118 people                                 | that $\int we$          | 10:00 am Mass                     | \$983.00   | 100 people |
| Online Giving                     | N/A               | N/A  |                         | Online Giving                     | N/A        | N/A        |
| Total                             | \$4,311.00        | 303 people                                 | receive."               | Total                             | \$3,989.00 | 240 people |
| Last year same weekend total      | \$5,174.00        | Mail In                                    | - St. Francis of Assisi | Last year same weekend total      | \$2,616.00 | Mail In    |
| Diocesan Assess                   | ment: \$1,25400 – | Diocesan Assessment: \$885.00 — Thank You! |                         |                                   |            |            |

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - IN ACTION!

Northeast Monmouth

Cohort @17

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

Please help us meet our goal, donations can be made on line www.dioceseoftrenton/catholicappeal or cards with envelopes may be picked up outside the rectory from the box where the bulletins are kept.

## **NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF**

Christ the King • Our Lady of Hope Parish • St. Michael

## UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Michael (www.stmichaelnj.com)

Fr. Alphonse Stephenson and His 1940s Big Band will be performing an outdoor concert on the front lawn of St. Michael's Church on Sunday, August 8 (rescheduled from July 25) beginning at 5:00 p.m. The concert is free-of-charge and open to the public. All are welcome and invited. Please bring your own seating (folding beach chair, beach blanket, etc.) and feel free to bring a picnic. Additional information is on the parish website.

First Friday Mass in Latin on Friday, August 6 at 12:15 p.m. followed by Confessions until 1:15, Eucharistic Adoration 1:00 to 5:15, Mass (in English) at 5:30, and Confessions 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. *Monthly Holy Hour for Vocations* on Thursday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary, Confessions).

# A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear sisters and brothers,

I hope the summer season continues to be pleasant. I know at times days can be so humid and it's always good to stay inside. Thank God for the Air Conditioners. We who have them in our homes are blessed. I imagine our poor brothers and sisters in many parts of the globe who do not have the luxury of this technology. They endure the heat. Many of them get used to it. But many also cannot bear it and die.



We always seek a comfortable life. However, if that is our main goal, we are in danger of easily forgetting our duty of being disciples of Jesus. When the Lord called his first disciples to follow him—He told them: "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head" (Matthew 8:19–20; Luke 9:57–58).

Let us be grateful to the Lord for the little things that make our day-to-day living easy and comfortable. Let us not also be afraid to do something to help our less fortunate brethren, so they can also enjoy the little comforts in this life.

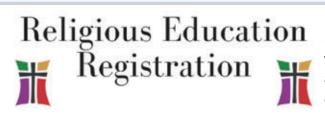
I just had the roof on my bathroom in the rectory fixed ③. There was a big leak. I hope this repair will last—*a lifetime.* 

COVID VACCINES: BishopDavid O'Connell and myself, are encouraging parishioners to get the vaccine.WE respect yourconscience and reasons not to get the vaccine. But with the variant DELTAadvancing throughout the country please consider getting the protection for yourself and others.

August 15<sup>th</sup> is Assumption Sunday. After the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary, there will be a short procession ( around the church block) and ends at the Statue Of the Assumption in front of the church. Parishioners are invited to attend.

Stay safe and healthy,

Father Sheldon



Re-registration forms for in person religious education will be mailed shortly. If you are not comfortable wit in person you may complete the book at home , this option is not available for grades 2, 7 & 8. Please call 732-222-8686 with any questions.

## CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Have you ever sat in front a great work of art hanging on a wall in an art gallery and felt yourself being drawn into the painting? You know - wondering what's beyond the garden gate or wonder what the man in the painting was thinking about? Did you not find answers to your questions after a period of quiet reflection? Yes, a picture is worth a thousand words, and this week I am asking you to become better acquainted with St. Joseph – to "converse" with St. Joseph - through sacred art and iconology. To begin, select a picture of a painting of St. Joseph that appeals to you. If you do not have one, the Diocese of Charlotte has twelve paintings/icons available for reflection on the website:

www.yearofstjospeh.org/devotions/sacred-artwork.

Enlarge the picture, find a quiet place in which to reflect, and say a short prayer. Then ask your self, what is the painting about and what is the setting? Who or what is in the painting? Slowly begin to focus on details in the painting as a whole, and on St. Joseph in particular; details such as lighting, postures, expressions, etc. Allow the painting's scene to "come alive" in your imagination. Take time to really get to know St. Joseph *personally*. What is he thinking? What is he feeling? Don't be shy – "converse" with St. Joseph, ask him questions, share your thoughts with him and most importantly, allow St. Joseph to "speak" to you. End your reflection by thanking St. Joseph for this special time together. End your reflection with a prayer, perhaps the Litany of St. Joseph.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

## Saint Jerome Church

| Mass Intentions        |          |   |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------|----------|---|--|--|--|--|
| Saturday,<br>July 31   | 5:00 PM  | Living and Deceased Parishioners<br>Tony Strollo                |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Rich & Connie Dominguez<br>Robert Finnegan<br>Marianne Calise   |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday,<br>August 1    | 7:30 AM  | John Chapski<br>Terri & Colleen Bordiuk<br>Raffaele DeLeonardis |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Greg & Terri Bordiuk  |  |  |  |  |
|                        | 11:00 AM | Anibal Gomes<br>Vasco Gomes                                     |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Donald Curtis<br>Marie Curtis                                   |  |  |  |  |
| Wednesday,<br>August 4 | 8:30 AM  | Rose Lee<br>Irene Ciarla<br>Ivanna Portillo                     |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Her parents   |  |  |  |  |
| Friday,<br>August 6    | 8:30 AM  | Louis Ciarla<br>Irene Ciarla                                    |  |  |  |  |
| _                      |          | Raffaele DeLeonardis<br>Mr. & Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons           |  |  |  |  |
| Saturday,<br>August 7  | 8:30 AM  | Robert D. Largey, Sr.<br>Laura Buono<br>Robert Holtz            |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Charlie Holtz   |  |  |  |  |
|                        | 5:00 pm  | Tony Strollo<br>Mom & Dad<br>Marion Marotta                     |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Rae Marsico   |  |  |  |  |
| Sunday,<br>August 8    | 7:30 AM  | Living and Deceased Parishioners<br>Raffaele DeLeonardis        |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Sean Ettore<br>Dana McCue                                       |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Teresa & Gregory Bordiu   |  |  |  |  |
|                        | 11:00 AM | Frank Bulzis<br>Doreen & Mark Bulzis                            |  |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Donald Curtis<br>Marie Curtis                                   |  |  |  |  |



#### Did you know you can request Sanctuary Lamp dedication for the week ?

Call either St. Jerome or St. Mary's parish office to make arrangements.

"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 at 732-996-6037 or email: tomainotippycat@comcast.net

# Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts



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



#### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August *The Church*

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

#### 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:

Week 2: Pat Serafino

<u>Week 3:</u> Alan Dunphy, Linda Hopkins, Tim Sicilano, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

<u>Week 4:</u> Sam B., Kaleigh Britton, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Stephanie Sassola,

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 \*\*



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

| Mass Intentions        |          |   |  |  |  |
|------------------------|----------|---|--|--|--|
| Saturday,<br>July 31   | 5:00 PM  | Living and Deceased Parishioners<br>Dr. Yoo-Hack-Hahn<br>Helen Kong                                     |  |  |  |
| Sunday,<br>August 1    | 8:00 AM  | Frank Regulski (28th Anniversary)<br>Norma<br>Don Bennett<br>David Applegate                            |  |  |  |
|                        | 10:00 AM | James, Lorraine & Brian McCarthy<br>Their family<br>William Rogers<br>Rick Martel                       |  |  |  |
| Monday,<br>August 2    | 9:00 AM  | John J. Adamitis (In remembrance of his birthday)<br>The Adamitis family                                |  |  |  |
| Tuesday,<br>August 3   | 9:00 AM  | Reverend John Flanagan<br>Ann Flanagan & family   |  |  |  |
| Wednesday,<br>August 4 | 9:00 AM  | Blessings for Adam R. Chang<br>His grandmother  |  |  |  |
| Thursday,<br>August 5  | 9:00 AM  | Chief Pat Russomanno<br>The Russomanno family<br>Randi Kvalo<br>Joann Fischer                           |  |  |  |
| Saturday,<br>August 7  | 5:00 рм  | Rosemary K. Macksey<br>Her daughter, Margaret<br>Maria Do-Carmo Marques<br>Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carvalho |  |  |  |
| Sunday,<br>August 8    | 8:00 AM  | Living and Deceased Parishioners<br>John Murphy<br>David Applega  |  |  |  |
|                        | 10:00 AM | Gayle Mansuy<br>Rick Martel<br>James Duncan   |  |  |  |
|                        |          | Kathleen McCann   |  |  |  |

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

> Donna Clause Albert & Gabriella Gallo Daniel Hall Kelly Moran Joan Schuler Cheryl Stavola Paul Vuono, Jr.



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

#### Written by a fellow parishioner

In a previous HOPE, I mentioned two people looking at a glass of water with the water at the midpoint of the glass. One an optimist, the other a pessimist, the optimist saw the glass half full, the pessimist saw the glass half empty. this conclusion was derived from each of their perspective on life. They were both correct as to how they expressed what they saw in the glass. Looking at the glass without any preconceived attitudes, their answer probably would have been that the water is at the midpoint of the glass. This is more likely the type of answer from someone with a very logical or systematic mind. Conversely, it could be someone who views things from a different perspective, showing that there is more than one correct answer. So, what am I alluding to? I am saying in life, we come across some situations with no right or wrong answers, it just is. For this reason, we need to stay centered in all situations. In the past year or so we have all experienced changes from the virus that has had repercussions on our lives. How well did you handle the virus situation physically and psychologically? I found that by not looking at the extremes, staying centered and using the same precautions I would use to ward off any virus gave me less worry. Speaking to God in a calm frame of mind helped me receive some answers. Some questions were not answered, I know eventually they will be answered. When I accepted that, I felt better. I believe this virus really separated us into two groups, non-believers in God's love for us and those who believe God will stand by us. Those that really trusted in God did what they believed was the correct protocol for them and were willing to accept whatever the outcome would be, for they believe in God's love for them. We should be spending our days doing whatever our job is, loving and helping our family, friends and others. Stay centered, ignore the bad news. Hopefully, you will find yourself believing as I have which is, we cannot ask Jesus to help us to endure less hardship than He did while he was on earth. All we can ask is for Him to help us understand that whatever is occurring in our life is helping to create the current good in our life and the lives of others here on earth. Remember "Nothing can be threatened, nothing unreal exists, herein lies the peace of God". I HOPE you will truly find God and in doing so find living peace in your life. Do not worry about facing challenges, this time spent worrying takes away from your happiness. Instead, confront the challenge head on, doing your best to overcome the challenge and accept the conclusion no matter what the outcome. Realize that both you and God know you did your best and that the rest of your life will bring more happiness if you believe God wants happiness for you.

## Saint Jerome School

## PROGRESS WITH A PURPOSE: PHASE ONE!



#### YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK!

This year, the children spent much more time outside. It soon became clear that our fields needed a facelift! In order to reintroduce softball and cross country and add soccer, we needed to clear the diseased and dead trees and underbrush and regrade the fields. The children, with the help of the faculty and parents organized our first Jump-a-thon with the Knights of Columbus! We need \$60,000 to complete the entire project. We hoped to raise \$10,000 with the Jump-a-thon. But as usual, our students never cease to amaze us. With the support and generosity of our Parishioners, friends and families, the children raised \$25,000, enough for the first phase!

Through the goodness of our Alumni, the Pillari Brothers Construction Corp. will start the second phase. Using the latest drone technology, they are providing the topographic study to create the plan for grading the fields. We still need your help! We are working with another vendor to complete the fields.

Obviously, we need additional funds (\$35,000) to complete the field. We are looking for masons to build our dugouts. The Blessed Mother Shrine is also getting a facelift. The diseased trees and deadly vines were removed. Now, we need to plant new trees to honor the Blessed Mother. Please let us know if you can help us or if you know of anyone that we can ask to help us with the next phase.

For now, we are excited that the field is ready for Our Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 26, 2021. Make sure you join us to reunite our parish after the restraints of the past year and of course to **enjoy the view**!



