

# 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.



August 30, 2020 \* Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee

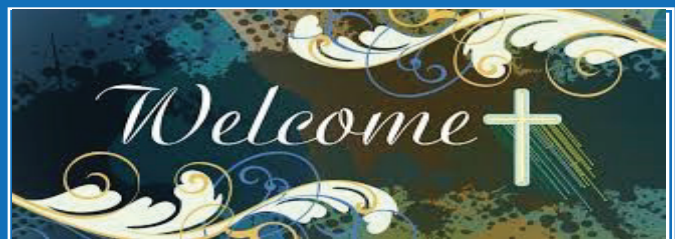
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Since this is my last Sunday with you, I would like to thank all of you, and especially the staff, for their many kindnesses during my two months stay. Please keep me in your prayers as I undergo another eye operation on the Birthday of Mary. After that, I anticipate one more surgery which should give me the best vision possible for my condition. May God bless you all and may our school do well this year despite the COVID-19 virus!

Father Euk



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

*John and Amy Quinn and their sons, Jack and Ben*



### 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?

**Marriage preparations must be made at least a 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

### Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

#### St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, August 22/23, 2020		
8/23/2020	\$5,939.00	199 people
Online Giving	\$972.00	40 families
Total	\$6,911.00	
Air conditioning	\$841.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$6,417.00	363 people

"For it is  
in  
giving  
that  
we  
receive."  
- St. Francis of Assisi

#### St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, August 22/23, 2020		
8/23/2020	\$3,432.00	131 people
Online Giving	\$577.00	21 families
Total	\$4,009.00	
Air conditioning	\$489.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$6,369.00	330 people

#### Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Vincent T. Euk

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## *A Message from Father Euk*

Jeremiah tells us of the painful struggles of his vocational calling. Today's reading is one of five of what are known as confessions. It can appear as if he is rebelling against God for his misfortunes, yet still hopeful in the God of Grace. Jeremiah is called to be a religious prophet just as we are called by our common Baptism and our Confirmation. Each of us is compelled by God to do His will as Jesus pointed out in the Our Father, "Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven." We are free to accept it or we can fight it and have no peace. Jeremiah is compelled by God to teach God's law which few are following and he is mocked and scorned for doing it. God tells him to tell His people that they are walking into a disaster for not following His Word, e.g., not observing the Sabbath, worshiping false gods, offering children as burnt offerings to gods. The chief of police in temple strikes him and imprisons him. The rejection by the people weighs heavily on Jeremiah so much so that he now wishes he was never born. These issues are really not that much different today. If you heard the pledge of allegiance during the Moslem and LGBT Democratic Caucuses, did you notice that "under God" was eliminated? We are moving in a direction where it will be politically incorrect to publically act on the Word of God. These signs are probably the beginnings of a great persecution of the Church.

Paul tells us a similar message in a different way. We must not conform our ways to this age when it does not follow the ways of Jesus. Standing up to peer pressure will hurt in these circumstances. It can be turned into a sacrifice that is holy and acceptable to God by our intentions because it unites us to the Cross.

Few are called to the degree of the personal sufferings of Jeremiah, but we must face derision and reproach for our faith by going to Mass on Sundays even when sporting events are scheduled to take us away from God. It takes courage to do the right thing. If all Catholics did this, it would challenge coaches to think twice not just for the families, but also for themselves. True, we spend money to put our kids on these teams, but what does it profit a man, who to play ball, forfeits his spiritual life so another can make more money for himself at the cost of the moral fiber of our children?

In the Gospel Jesus preached the Cross and Peter said, "God forbid!" Jesus replied, "Get out of my sight, you Satan! Anyone who dissuades anyone from God's will is the devil. Anyone who judges by man's standards over God's is evil. Today's readings imply something very difficult for us. We are called to be counter cultural. We are saturated with the promotion of sinful life styles and Catholic legislators defying Church teaching.

The implications of today's readings are very demanding. They will distance us from many people who force their immoral lifestyles on us. The culmination of the Sermon on the Mount is when Jesus says, "Blessed are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven; this is how they persecuted the prophets before you.

" Let us pray that we never cower and never give up studying our Catholic faith. Let us pray and support each other as we are persecuted in the cause of uprightness because the kingdom of heaven is ours.

## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29	5:00 PM	Letizia Gozzi Alfonso Silvestri <i>The Danback family</i> <i>The Danback family</i>
Sunday, August 30	7:30 AM	Marie DelMaestro Kevin O'Grady, Jr. Jamie Stark <i>Rosemarie &amp; Alec Baret</i> <i>The Swinton family</i> <i>Maureen &amp; Ted Ferraro</i>
	11:00 AM	People of the Parish Catherine Pfaff Stephen Harmer <i>Tony &amp; Gretchen DiCesare</i> <i>Phyllis &amp; Steve Flaherty</i>
Wednesday, Sept. 2	8:30 AM	Rose Lee Donna Holtz <i>Irene Ciarla</i> <i>Charlie Holtz</i>
Friday, Sept. 4	8:30 AM	Ernest Holtz Silvio M. Varone <i>Charlie Holtz</i> <i>Robert &amp; Suzanne Fitzsimmons</i>
Saturday, Sept. 5	8:30 AM	Brother Joseph Geiger, LC Stephen Harmer <i>Don Geiger</i> <i>Doreen &amp; Dennis Flanagan</i>
	5:00 PM	People of the Parish Tony Strollo In thanksgiving of our 60th wedding anniversary <i>Mom &amp; Dad</i> <i>Roseanna &amp; Richard English</i>
Sunday, Sept. 6	7:30 AM	Robin & John Stillings (Happy Anniv.) Kevin O'Grady, Jr. Maria Noriega <i>Rosemarie &amp; Alec Baret</i> <i>Cathy Salerno</i> <i>Elizabeth &amp; Gary Knoeppel</i>
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Theodore L. Ferraro <i>Doreen &amp; Mark Bulzis</i> <i>The Ferraro family</i>

*All donations, contributions, and payments to the parish should be made payable to:*

**The Parish of Our Lady of Hope**



### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for August

#### The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families.

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

**Edward Luis Petrus**  
**Son of Edward and Gina Petrus**



*Baptized  
in the name of the Father  
the Son  
and the Holy Spirit*



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

**Collected \$37,529 :151 Donors**

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### 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: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Syron Sean Davis, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Father Ray Wadas, David Walther, Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

Week 2: Bobbie Belt, Joan & Robert Day, Donald Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, and Katie McCann

Week 3: Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

Week 4: Ashley Cusack, Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, James Shanahan and Marie Siciliano

*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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\***



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 29	5:00 PM	Rosemary Macksey <small>Her daughter, Margaret Nicholas Alderelli Theresa Trocchia</small>
Sunday, August 30	8:00 AM	Mike Maxwell <small>Mary &amp; Bob Waitt</small>
	10:00 AM	People of the Parish Pierre Magat & blessings for his family <small>Anthony &amp; Pam Mauro</small>
Monday, August 31	9:00 AM	Happy 60th Birthday to John M. Adamitis <small>His mom</small>
Tuesday, Sept. 1	9:00 AM	Ann Flanagan <small>The Flanagan family Heather Melofchik Sullivan Kathy Healy</small>
Wednesday, Sept. 2	9:00 AM	Helen Carr (In remembrance of her birthday) <small>Sally Welch</small>
Thursday, Sept. 3	9:00 AM	John J. Adamitis (16th Anniversary) <small>The Adamitis family</small>
Saturday, Sept. 5	5:00 PM	People of the Parish Healing for Sandra Wertheim Trapp <small>Ed Sullivan</small>
Sunday, Sept. 6	8:00 AM	Gloria Jean Fazio <small>Pat &amp; Bevin Irvin</small>
	10:00 AM	Kathleen McCann

### The Grocery Gift Card Program supporting Saint Jerome School PTA is resuming operations!

If you are interested in purchasing ShopRite, Wegmans or Foodtown gift cards, please contact Richard Loeffler via text message or phone call @ (732) 614-1838.

Your support of Saint Jerome School is greatly appreciated!

We would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope parish who participate in this fundraiser.

Thanks to you, our profits for the 12 month period, July 2019 through June 2020, were \$3,768.



### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

Remember this column "Here's One Positive Encouragement" was created to get you thinking. Its content purposely does not flow as a paragraph in a novel. Most of the time it starts off in one direction and bam, it is leading you in another direction. We know life is hard sometimes, but God never promised us a Rose Garden on this earth. What God did promise us while here on earth is his never-ending love for us while we are waiting to return to him. Remember we are the only beings with a soul which is part of Him. The gift of having a soul was not even given to the Angels. We have our bodies and our senses so our soul can see, hear, smell, feel, taste and think in order to experience the beauties of the earth and other souls.

It may be hard to understand but we all we are here for a purpose. It is up to us to understand what this purpose is so we can be at peace with ourselves and others we interact with.

There is a saying that youth is wasted on the young. Do you feel you wasted your youth? There are times when I feel I did. Other times, I felt every experience I have had, my soul needed to experience, so I could appreciate the good times better because I also had lean times. My soul always had a friend to rely on because my soul and body was part of God. Remember H.O.P.E. is being written in hope that you will look at the world around you with a positive frame of mind. Hope is the key to open the door to God for you. When you use your key of hope to open the door you are inviting God to come inside and visit with your soul, so you are both home.

Any thought or phrase seeming to have a significant literary or religious value is strictly a coincidence.



### Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

**NEXT WEEKEND**



The July debt reduction collection was \$958.00 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**



## *Godspeed Father Euk*

*May God look on you with favor, for your faithful care of his people. May our Lord bless you in your retirement from active ministry and fill you with joy as you continue to bring God's love to His people. We will remember you always in prayer.*

### **The Beautiful Hands of a Priest**

We need them in life's early morning,  
We need them again at its close;  
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,  
We seek them while tasting life's woes.  
When we come to this world we are sinful,  
The greatest as well as the least.  
And the hands that make us pure as angels  
Are the beautiful hands of a priest.

At the altar each day we behold them,  
And the hands of a king on his throne  
Are not equal to them in their greatness  
Their dignity stands alone.

For there in the stillness of morning  
Ere the sun has emerged from the east,  
There God rests between the pure fingers  
Of the beautiful hands of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,  
For the Host which their fingers caress,  
What can a poor sinner do better  
But to praise Thee who chose thee to bless  
When the death dews on our eyes are falling,  
May our courage and strength be increased  
To see, raised above us in blessing  
The beautiful hands of a priest.

*God bless you.*

*The Community of Our Lady of Hope Parish and  
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