

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.



December 13, 2020 * Third Sunday of Advent



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

Office Number: 732-222-8686

Website Address: www.saintjermeschool.org



Christmas Eve—Thursday, December 24

5:00 pm - St. Jerome

5:00 pm - St. Mary

Christmas Day—Friday, December 25

7:30 am - St. Jerome

8:00 am - St. Mary

10:00 am —St. Mary

11:00 am —St. Jerome

New Year's Eve Vigil —Thursday, December 31

5:00 pm —St. Jerome

5:00 pm—St. Mary

Solemnity of Mary - Friday, January 1

9:00 am—St. Jerome

9:00 am —St. Mary



Please look for Flocknote notice regarding information to join Holiday Masses via Zoom.

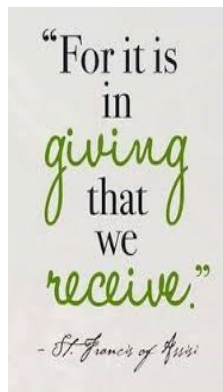
Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, December 5/6, 2020		
12/6/2020	\$4,741.00	
Online Giving	\$1,065.00	39 families
Total	\$5,806.00	182 people
Legacy Fund	\$879.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$5,714.00	389 people



Saturday/Sunday, December 5/6, 2020		
12/6/2020	\$3,779.00	
Online Giving	\$717.00	27 families
Total	\$4,496.00	133 people
Debt Reduction	\$929.00	
Christmas Flower	\$656.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$4,588.00	328 people

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

Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Sheldon Amasa

Msgr. Cajetan Salemi * Rev. Jerome Nolan

Louis Jakub * Anthony DiCesare * Paul Kliuga, 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

Robert Garratano * Christine Scholtz

Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

Contact Information

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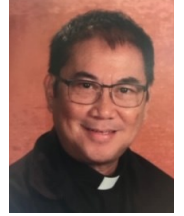
Website: www.ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary's Number: 732-531-1409

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A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear Friends in Christ,
Joy to the world!



Whenever we see or hear that phrase, we know it is Christmas. I know we are only in the season of Advent. I am not jumping into Christmas Day. But the Season of Advent, we all know, is the Season of joy of knowing something good is about to come. That is the Theme of this 3rd Sunday of Advent. Our Liturgy invites us to "Rejoice in the Lord! "What great joy it is for the whole world to know that our Savior Jesus is coming.

Our preparation to meet Christ on Christmas must be a preparation of joy. Joy is a spiritual. Compared to happiness, joy is deeper. Happiness is a feeling of satisfaction. It only makes us focus towards our selves particularly our feelings. Joy is more than that. It strengthens our connection to God. It drives us to proclaim that experience or share our emotion to others. We can be in the midst of chaos and trials in life, but we can still find joy in our hearts. That is what Christmas brings. That is what Jesus brings. In these Challenging times, find that Joy. Find Jesus in your heart.

By this time our churches, our homes have put up bright and colorful Christmas ornaments. Let these ornaments be a symbol of our joy that Christmas is about knowing Jesus is with us, within you.

I thank all of you for your generosity, not only to our parish, but especially, to those who are need in our parish. I also thank those who organized and are involved in our "giving" programs. May the Christmas spirit be radiant through you.

Jesus cares for you. Please, let us take care of one another.

Love and prayers,

Father Sheldon

Our Lady of Hope Parish 2020 Christmas Gift Giving

As with all things 2020, the Parish of Our Lady of Hope's Christmas Gift Giving will be different this year. Instead of gifts or toys, only gift cards will be accepted.

If you wish to participate in this year's Gift Giving, please place gift cards (suggested donation \$25) in the specially marked boxes at the entrances of the Church.

Donated gift cards will be collected and given to the organizations on December 14, 2020. This will allow time for the families being assisted to shop for their Christmas celebration.



Suggested gift cards: Shop Rite, Wegman's, Foodtown, Stop N Shop, Visa, Walmart, Target, Five Below, McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Popeye's, Taco Bell, Macy's, Marshall's, gas cards, etc.

Anyone wishing to purchase grocery gift cards can contact St. Jerome School at 732-222-8686. This will also help them in their fundraising program.

St. Jerome Church: collecting for Interfaith Neighbors

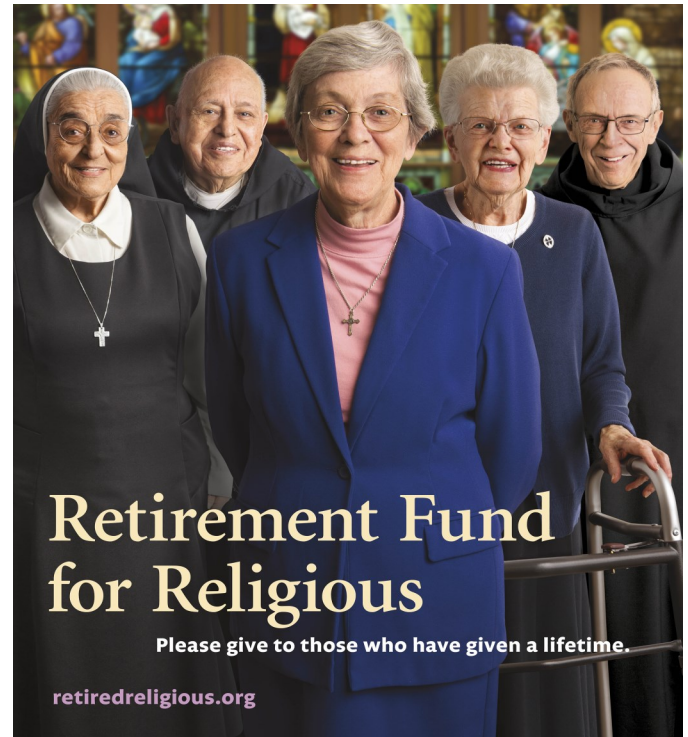
St. Mary's Church: collecting for Interfaith Neighbors and Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for Children and Families

May you all experience the peace of Christ and the Joy of His birth this

Christmas Season!

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 12	5:00 PM	Janet Hurley The Danback family Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Sunday, December 13	7:30 AM	Marie Hudson Doreen & Dennis Flanagan Kevin O'Grady, Jr. Karin Wainright
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Eugene Vesnesky His wife & children Clement Corbo, Jr. Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Wednesday, December 16	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla William Etzkorn Charlie Holtz
Friday, December 18	8:30 AM	Brandon Geiger Don Geiger In Memory of Paonessa Guli The Laugelli family
Saturday, December 19	8:30 AM	Lucy Clare Geiger Don Geiger Thomas McHugh Diana Schaaff
	5:00 PM	William English Roseanne & Richard English Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Sunday, December 20	7:30 AM	Albert & Marie DelMaestro Phyllis DelMaestro Rosariia "Sadie" Nuzzo Salvatore Dina
	11:00 AM	Marija Katkuvienė Rasa Ryan Donald Curtis Marie Curtis



This weekend St. Jerome's Church second collection will be to support the Retirement Fund for Religious, please be as generous as you are able .

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: Joan & Robert Day, Connie Heal, Ann Hedinger, Joyce Kohn, Rimas Lukas , Katie McCann and Judy Mraz

Week 2: Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

Week 3: Robert Carroll, Ashley Cusack , Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Pat Serafino, James Shanahan ,Marie Siciliano and Rob Stratton

Week 4: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Father Ray Wadas, David Walther , Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

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 ****



Week 3

Joy

Reminds us...
The joy at the coming birth of Jesus

¹⁰ 10 Then the angel said to them,
 "Do not be afraid, for behold,
 I bring you good tidings of great joy
 which will be to all people."
 Luke 2:10

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 12	5:00 PM	Ralph Williams, Sr. <div style="text-align: right;">The Pagano family</div> Deceased members of the Guiscardo family <div style="text-align: right;">Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo</div>
Sunday, December 13	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Emmett Varley <div style="text-align: right;">Michelle & Chris Rogers</div>
	10:00 AM	Charles Katchnoskie <div style="text-align: right;">Marjorie & Paul Edelson</div> Dr. Joseph Formichella <div style="text-align: right;">His family</div>
Monday, December 14	9:00 AM	Jung-Won-Kim
Tuesday, December 15	9:00 AM	Rosemary K. Macksie <div style="text-align: right;">Her daughter, Margaret</div>
Wednesday, December 16	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Thursday, December 17	9:00 AM	Irene & Joe Hazur
Saturday, December 19	5:00 PM	Giovanna & Luigi Dellomo <div style="text-align: right;">Caroline Guiscardo</div> Maria & Pasquale Dellomo <div style="text-align: right;">Caroline Guiscardo</div>
	8:00 AM	Kenneth Cooper <div style="text-align: right;">Rose Myer</div> Jung-Won-Kim
Sunday, December 20	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Joseph Yonelunas <div style="text-align: right;">Michelle & Chris Rogers</div> Rosemary Macksie <div style="text-align: right;">Theresa DiLieto</div>



HELP NEEDED!

We will be decorating St. Mary's Church for Christmas on Sunday, December 20 after the 10:00 AM mass. We are in need of parishioners to help put up the Christmas trees, wreaths and nativity. If you can help please call the rectory at 732 531 1409. Please leave a message if we are not available.

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

The other day I was feeling blah (*blah*: a noun used to refer to something which is boring or without meaningful content). I was tired of wearing a mask when I went out to the stores, tired of hearing about the virus, tired of news reports and politics, tired of people not being able to protest without violence. I was tired of the negativity and the lack of logic, the lack of what seemed to me to be lack of love between our fellow man. I was annoyed.

It was Wednesday, the day to pick up the pies at Saint Jerome School for Thanksgiving. I thought to myself that this was a change in my daily routine. On the way I would take Whalepond Road for fun. I would count the number of deer and bike riders I saw on the way. Would you believe for once I saw no deer and only one bike rider and they were two blocks from my house. I really was not happy by the time I arrived at Saint Jerome's, only to find a line of traffic trying to get into the school yard.

But then something changed as I was entering the side door of the church near the school office. Someone let me in, they were wearing a mask, but the mask could not hide the twinkle in their eyes nor the smile on their face which I could sense. Then she and Stella found my pies which were laid out on a table in an orderly fashion. On the way out I wanted to wish Principal Sister Elizabeth a Happy Thanksgiving. I found her in the office and she greeted me with a friendly smile. As I was leaving, she stopped me and said she wanted to show me something. We started down the hall to the first classroom. When we walked in, the children all stood up and greeted Sister and then me. Sister showed me the new technology for both our school and remote learning.

I left Saint Jerome School that day feeling more appreciative of our school, our teachers and staff. I am certain that under the direction of our principal, the future for these students will radiate with their ability to communicate with logic, kindness, respect and most importantly, true love for their God, fellow man and themselves. That little errand made my day which proves there is always HOPE.



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GIVING CHALLENGE

We currently have a matching gift challenge made possible by a very generous donor. Give to Saint Jerome School before the end of 2020, and your gift will be doubled through the match. Please make your charitable donation check to Saint Jerome School and send to school care of the principal. All donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you.

Thank you for accepting the challenge. We remember all our benefactors in holy hour every Thursday. God bless you. Sister Elizabeth Seton, Father Sheldon, the Sisters, faculty and always the children.

SIMBANG GABI IN MONMOUTH COUNTY; BEGINS DECEMBER 15

Simbang Gabi is the Filipino custom of offering a nightly Mass each day for nine nights prior to Christmas Day to help the faithful prepare themselves for the festive, yet solemn, celebration of the birth of our Lord. The novena of Masses signifies the nine months our Lord was in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God and our mother, too. This special novena is recognized by the universal Church as an authentic devotion to our Blessed Mother and has been prayed every year in the Philippines since the 1600s. In the Diocese of Trenton which covers four counties, every county has formed an organizing committee to ensure that all the faithful throughout the Diocese are given an opportunity to pray this novena.

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, Simbang Gabi in Monmouth County is not canceled but will be very different this year from the way it had been celebrated in the previous years. All nine Masses are open to the public and will be celebrated in one host parish—St. Benedict Catholic Church in Holmdel—which can seat up to 170 people, following social distancing guidelines. No seat reservations are required. Those who choose to stay home can watch the livestreamed Simbang Gabi Mass on St. Benedict's YouTube channel.

All Masses will be in English and will start at 7:00 p.m. from December 15 to December 23, except Saturday, Dec. 19, to allow some time for the sanitizing of the space inside St. Benedict's church building after their usual 5 o'clock Saturday evening Mass. The Simbang Gabi Mass on Saturday, Dec. 19, will start at 7:30 p.m.

Prior to every Mass, the Rosary will be recited in the church and, if weather permits, the Sacrament of Confession will be celebrated outside the Adoration Chapel. No fellowship meal will take place after the Mass.

