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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 22, 2019 * Fourth Sunday of Advent



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Confessions: Saturday 4:00 PM

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WEEKLY MEDLEY

December 22, 2019

The Central Message of Advent:

God is with us. Emmanuel.

Mary was afraid. Joseph was troubled. And yet, both were assured by the angel, for Mary and in a dream, for Joseph with the words "do not be afraid."

Emmanuel. God is with us.

Quote from St. Basil the Great:

No man lives alone, no man believes alone. God speaks his word to us and in speaking it calls us together, creates a community, his people, his Church. After the return of Jesus to his Father, the Church is the sign of his presence in the world.

Question and Answer:

Q: Why does the faith require definition and formulas?

A: Faith is not about empty words but about reality. In the Church, condensed formulas of faith developed over the course of time; with their help, we can contemplate, express, learn, hand on, celebrate and live out this reality. (CCC 170-174)

What do you think?

How are your preparations for Christmas? Did you find it smoother this time, or did you feel it hectic as before?

For you, is Jesus the reason for the season?

Saints and Feast for the Week:

- December 26 – St. Stephen
- December 27 – St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- December 28 – Holy Innocents

Joke as old as time:

The census taker knocked on Donna's door. She answered all his questions except one.

She refused to tell him her age.

"But everyone tells their age to the census taker," he said.

"Did Miss Maisy Hill, and Miss Daisy Hill tell you their ages?" she asked.

"Certainly," he replied

"Well, I'm the same age as they are," she snapped.

"As old as the Hills," he wrote on his form.



Our Lady of Hope Parish Evening Prayer

Sunday December 22 @ 4:30 PM

St. Jerome Church

You add wings to our prayers to God!

Please Come! Lift your voice to the heavens!



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December **The Future of the Very Young**

That every country take the measures necessary to prioritize the future of the very young, especially those who are suffering.



St. Jerome and St. Mary offices will be closed 12/24/2019 thru 1/3/2020.

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Father PJ's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

A Blessed 4th Sunday of Advent to you all! Though Christmas is just a few short days away, we are still in the Season of Advent, the season of preparation, the season of waiting.

And what a significant find we have in this weekend's Gospel reading. We have the life of St. Joseph to reflect on. First, he had a deep faith and confidence in God—something which we should all pray for. Not having all the evidence and knowledge of the future, St. Joseph decided to do more than the law and custom required at that time. Justice and compassion led him to his decision of abiding in the presence of our Blessed Mother. He was pulled not by what custom and tradition dictated, but what the law of love prescribed in his heart.

The theology and spirituality of Joseph made possible the first Christmas. If Joseph had not cooperated with God, as does the Blessed Mother, the birth of our Lord would have been exceedingly different.

Secondly, (and I will stop being preachy in this letter in view of this wonderful time), Joseph is a man of silence. He did not have any speaking parts in any of the four Gospels. No wonder that the role of Joseph in School Christmas plays is best reserved for those students who are quite simply, quiet. The silence of Joseph made us understand better the life of our Lord. We do not have to speak in order to be understood. Some expressions of human emotions are better left unsaid than spoken. And, some of our intimate communication with God through our prayer are better expressed in meditation and contemplation, rather than vocal and routine prayers.

What a great lesson to learn from Joseph. It is the art of listening in prayer. He was big enough to listen. He was big enough to pray. May his example and inspiration guide us always in our journey to Bethlehem and in our pilgrimage to heaven. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Fr. PJ



Christmas Eve—Tuesday, December 24

4:00 pm - St. Jerome (Children's Mass)

5:00 pm - St. Mary

9:00 pm - St. Jerome (Las Posada)

Christmas Day—Wednesday, December 25

7:30 am - St. Jerome

8:00 am - St. Mary

9:30 am - St. Jerome

10:00 am - St. Mary

11:00 am - St. Jerome

12 Noon - St. Mary

New Year's Eve Vigil –Tuesday, December 31

5:00 pm - St. Jerome

5:00 pm - St. Mary

Solemnity of Mary - Wednesday, January 1

8:30 am - St. Jerome

9:00 am - St. Mary



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, Margaret Ferry, Lori Kelly, Jean Kolibus, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Kelly Terry, Father Ray Wadas, Bob Waitt, David Walther, Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

Week 2: Donald & Hope Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Katie McCann, and Donna Robertson

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

Week 4: Michael Bitterly, Ashley Cusack and James Shanahan

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 Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Week of December 22	Sanctuary Lamp	Mary & Antonio Falvo Req. by their children
Saturday, December 21	5:00 pm	Lorraine Hausser Req. by Robert Hausser William English Req. by Rosanne & Richard English
Sunday, December 22	7:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Marija Katkuvienė (1st Anniversary) Req. by Darren Ryan Albert & Marie DelMaestro Req. by Phyllis DelMaestro
	11:00 am	Sara Marawitz Req. by Graca Marawitz Frank Bulzis Req. by Doreen & Mark Bulzis
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	4:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	9:00 pm	
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day	7:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	9:30 am	
	11:00 am	
Friday, December 27	8:30 am	Peter Dellera, Sr. Req. by Gary Laurino Mary Karbowskiak Req. by Irene Ciarla
	12:00 pm	ADORATION TODAY After Mass Until Noon
Saturday, December 28	8:30 am	John Aschettino Req. by Gary Laurino Rose Rinaldi Req. by Lillian Trocchia
	5:00 pm	Susan Hurley Req. by the Danback family Jose & Carolina Linsangan Req. by the Bayona & Wallace families
Sunday, December 29	7:30 am	John Harmer Req. by Stephen & Karen Harmer Louise Harmer Req. by Jim & Jean Harmer
	11:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Marie Hausser Req. by Robert Hausser & Eileen Smith Donald Curtis Req. by Marie Curtis

"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



Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be as generous as you are able. Thank you.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2020

The 47th annual March For Life in Washington, D.C. will take place on Friday, January 24, 2020. A coach bus will leave at 6:30 AM from the parking lot of St. Jerome Church at 254 Wall Street, West Long Branch. The cost of the trip is only \$10 per person and all are invited. There will be a 6:00 AM Mass at St. Jerome's for the bus participants. For additional information, reservations, or donations, please call Kathryn Perez at 732-581-9735.



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 21	5:00 pm	Catherine Crovetti Req. by the Martel family Blessings for Joanne Ryan & family Req. by Ed Sullivan
Sunday, December 22	8:00 am	Calvin & Jennie Applegate Req. by David Applegate Blessings for Anne McDougall Req. by Ed Sullivan
	10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Edward & Maria Dec Req. by Dec family Rose DiLieto Req. by Pat & Pat Russomanno
Monday, December 23	9:00 am	Pat, Lisa and Sophia Chong Req. by Helen Kong
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve	5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	10:00 am 12:00 pm	
Thursday, December 26	9:00 am	Mary Bellows Req. by Nella Claudia Lukanovic Req. by Mom & Dad Salvatore Arceri Req. by Diane Ailor
Saturday, December 28	5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners Blessings for Sandra Trapp Req. by Ed Sullivan Joshua Tilton Req. by Marjorie & Paul Edelson
Sunday, December 29	8:00 am	Frank Mazza Req. by Ginny & Joe Marmora Rita Louise Senger Req. by Barbara & Victor Calvo
	10:00 am	Benny Piccolo Req. by Jane Hughes Rose DiLieto Req. by John, Tanya & Johnny Scully Eric Ayalik Pelly (5th Anniversary) Req. by McGinnis & Pelly families

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

Dylan Oliver McDonnell
Son of Richard and Ana Maria McDonnell



Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

Well, this is the weekend before Christmas. I hope you are all set with your Christmas preparations and have not lost sight as to what you are preparing for, Christ's Birthday. Remember Christmas is not only the tree at Rockefeller Center, the bright lights, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer, Santa Claus, and definitely not Elf on the Shelf. Christmas is a day to celebrate Christ the King's birthday and show our love for him. Why do we say Christ the King? Because Christ is our Lord and master, yes, Master. We are to serve him; we are his subjects and subjects bow down to their Lord and obey him. The highest Lord is known as a King therefore Christ is our King, Lord and Master. Does he ask us to be slaves to him? No, he asks us to love one another, to do no harm and to love him for all eternity. What other master offers unconditional love, forgiveness, friendship, everlasting life? None. Remember not only is Christmas Christ, but Christ is Christmas. Stop, look inside yourself. Is your reason for Christmas Christ or just another holiday? Make this Christ's birthday the best Christmas ever for you, give the gift of love to Him through all you meet.

Christmas spirit (love) is not just for Christmas, Christ's birthday, it's a gift you can give freely all year around to all you meet. Remember there are many around you not receiving the gift of love. Live in Christ's birthday spirit all year long. Giving the gifts of kindness and love costs you nothing but may mean a million to someone else.



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Food Pantry Drive

Sunday, Dec. 22
Christmas Church Decorating

Northeast Monmouth Cohort 17

Rosary-Altar Society

Many thanks to all who supported our
Junior Rosarians' Craft Sale, the
proceeds of which are donated to the
school. Thanks also to the ladies who have been
cleaning the altar linens this past year and who
helped with the general cleaning of the church for
Christmas. A very Merry and Blessed Christmas
from all our Rosarians to all parishioners!



2020 Mass Book is now OPEN

For mass intentions, please call or visit the
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4th Sunday of the month
(after 11:00 Mass)

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