

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

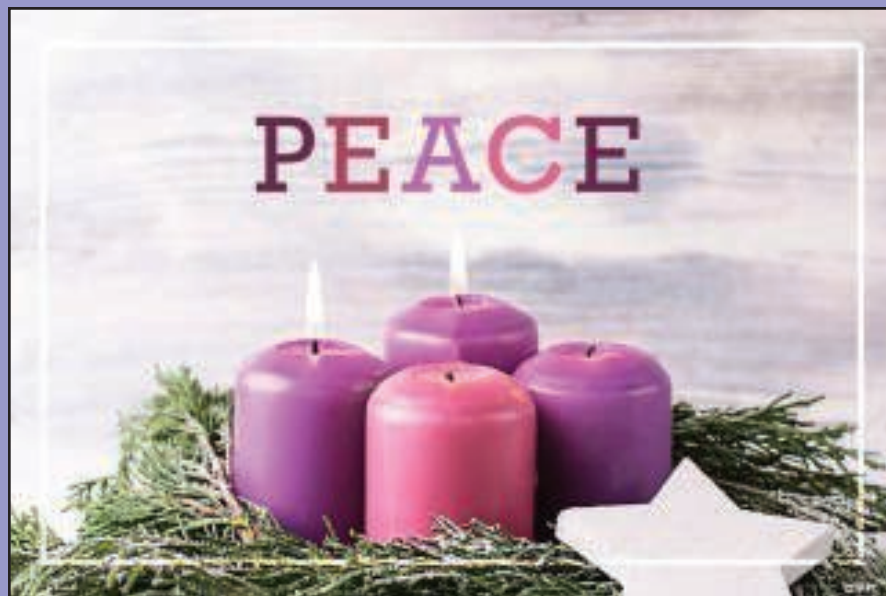


Saint Mary of the
Assumption Church

46 Richmond Avenue
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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.



December 4, 2022 * Second Sunday of Advent



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Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 19/20, 2022

5:00 pm Mass	\$1,665.00	73 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,987.00	88 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,736.00	113 people
Online Giving	\$1,228.00	41 families
Total	\$6,616.00	274 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,836.00	295 people

Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 19/20, 2022

5:00 pm Mass	\$737.00	63 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,563.00	91 people
10:00 am Mass	\$999.00	110 people
Online Giving	\$727.00	28 families
Total	\$4,026.00	264 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,398.00	229 people



Interfaith Neighbors: \$1,655.00 —Thank You!

Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm Mass	\$1,250.00	73 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1665.00	80 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,612.00	151 people
Online Giving	\$773.00	39 families
Total	\$5,300.00	304 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,222.00	322 people

Saturday/Sunday, Nov. 26/27, 2022

5:00 pm Mass	\$713.00	75 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,827.00	91 people
10:00 am Mass	\$748.00	121 people
Online Giving	\$842.00	28 families
Total	\$4,607.00	287 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,818.00	263 people

Thanksgiving: \$2,011.00 —Thank You!

Thanksgiving: \$444.00 —Thank You!



Sr. Elizabeth Toft is reaching out to parishioners who may want to sing in the choir for Christmas Eve, 9:00pm Mass at St. Jerome

Church. If you would like to join in with us, please contact Sister Elizabeth Toft via email so she can get back to you with rehearsal times. Thank you and God bless you etoft@saintjeromeschool.org

The angels proclaimed "Peace on Earth" when the Baby Jesus was born. Today we wonder as we listen to the evening news, is peace possible? We all need two kinds of peace in our lives. We need inner peace, but we also need peace with others. God addresses both. He tells us what to do to find that peace.



A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear parish family,

We are now in the Second week of advent. The first week of advent allowed us to reflect on the theme: "Stay Awake, the Lord is coming". This Sunday, the voice of John the Baptist as told in the Gospel of Matthew, is telling us to "repent for the kingdom of God is at hand". This call of John the Baptist for repentance has a sense of urgency. He tells us the "kingdom of God is at hand". It is so near, so close. What do we do?



The Holiday season is here. Things are happening so fast. We get busier each day. Before we know it, it is Christmas. So, plan ahead. As we make physical preparations for Christmas, don't forget your spiritual preparation.

Advent is looking and waiting and listening, not to the commercial advertisers, which seems to be in full force this time of the season, but to the voice of John the Baptist. He invites us to repent. These words of John somehow give us a sense of duty to empty ourselves. To get rid of distractions in life. If we have inner peace then it will be easy for us see that indeed, "the kingdom of God is at hand."

Please join us for the celebration of **The Immaculate Conception (Thursday, December 8) at St. Jerome Church 8:30 AM & 7:00 PM or St. Mary's Church 9:00 AM.**

We are doing well for the Annual Catholic Appeal. However we are \$12,000.00 short of our parish quota of 60,000.00. We still have a month to go. There is still a chance for us to make it go up a little bit more. Thank you for your generosity and support to the Bishop's Appeal.

I pray for you. Please pray for me.

Fr. Sheldon

Our Lady of Hope Parish Giving Trees

For St. Jerome's Church & St. Mary's Church

Donations are due by Sunday 12/11/22. Place unwrapped toys or gifts into boxes at all three entrances of St. Jerome Church or place a gift card in mailboxes near each of the church doors. Questions-call or text Barbara at 732-829-6611. The tree at St. Mary's Church will be decorated with gift tags indicating items requested by families served by Interfaith Neighbors. Select as many tags as you wish, purchase the items, & return the unwrapped gift (with the tag attached) and place it in the container near the tree.

Advent Parish Mission

St. Michael's Church
800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch

"Feeding the Hungers of the Heart"

- Evening Mission Service on Monday and Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Confessions on Tuesday after the Evening Mission Service.
- Anointing of the Sick on Tuesday, Dec. 6 at 11:00 a.m.
- Please see the parish website at www.stmichaelnj.com for more information and the complete Parish Mission brochure or phone the parish office at (732) 222-8080.

All are invited and welcome.

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



Next weekend will Our Lady of Hope Parish's second collection will be to support the Retirement Fund for Religious, please be as generous as you are able .

Our Lady of Hope Parish Penance Service



Thursday,
December 15 @
7:00 PM

St. Jerome
Church

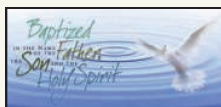
Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 3	5:00 PM	Robert Finnegan Tony Strollo <div>His wife, Rosemary Mom & Dad</div>
Sunday, December 4	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Deceased Laugelli family members Frederick Laug <div>The Laugelli family The Matier family</div>
	11:00 AM	Robert Clarke Frank Bulzis <div>Ann Clarke Doreen & Mark Bulzis</div>
Wednesday, December 7		Rose Lee Joseph Anthony Brizzolara (1st Anniv.) <div>Irene Ciarla Our Lady of Hope Parish</div>
Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception	8:30 AM	Salvatore Trocchia <div>Lillian Trocchia</div>
	7:00 PM	Special Intentions for pregnant women
Friday, December 9	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla <div>Irene Ciarla</div>
Saturday, December 10	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	5:00 PM	Eddie Hatfield Ivanna Portillo <div>Janet Massaro Her parents</div>
Sunday, December 11	7:30 AM	Marie Hudson Evelyn Malick <div>Doreen & Dennis Flanagan Greg & Terri Bordiuk</div>
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Eugene Vesnesky (34th Anniv.) Frank Bulzis <div>His family Doreen & Mark Bulzis</div>

"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 \$15 each and can be for loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Robin Stillings for available dates at 908-309-2976 or email: gymwrat51@gmail.com

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope
joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:
Eva Sophia Azevedo Wheeler
Daughter of William & Odacy Wheeler



Our Lady of Hope Parish Evening Prayer

Sundays : December 4, 11 & 18
@ 4:30 PM at St. Jerome Church

HELP NEEDED to decorate St. Jerome Church for Christmas

Saturday, December 17 @ 10:00AM

to carry Christmas storage containers & trees from the rectory basement to the church

to hang indoor/outdoor wreaths & choir loft garland & assemble/fluff Christmas trees

Thursday/Friday December 22/23, times TBD

help foil flowers

help arrange flowers & design nativity scene

IF YOU CAN HELP

please contact Chris Scholtz -- ASAP

732-222-2927

Thank you for volunteering!



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: Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, John Wengler, Howard White, August Wreiole

Week 2: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3:

Week 4: Marie Curtis, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

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, December 3	5:00 PM	Mike & Rosemarie Lyons (I honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary) Their friends Joseph Dellomo Palmina & Sons
Sunday, December 4	8:00 AM	Virginia (Ginny) Marmora David Applegate Blessings for Joseph & Kelima Vassallo
	10:00 AM	Sammy Boyd, Sr. Patty & Charlie Brown
Monday, December 5	8:30 AM	Michael J. Gabler The Hughes family
Tuesday, December 6	9:00 AM	Thomas Cavanagh
Wednesday, December 7	9:00 AM	James (Jim) Ott A Co-worker
Thursday, December 8	9:00 AM	Special Intentions for pregnant women
Saturday, December 10	5:00 PM	Mary Carvalho Mr. & Mrs. Illiano Maria Di Iusto Mr. & Mrs. Kulka
	8:00 AM	Ginny Marmora Coleen Germershausen & April Dixon
Sunday, December 11	10:00 AM	John Squeo Patty & Charlie Brown

Flowers on all Altars in honor of Mike & Rosemarie Lyons 50th Wedding Anniversary



HELP NEEDED!

Decorating the interior of Saint Mary's Church for Christmas will take place on Saturday December 17, 2022 at 11 AM. Help is always needed and the more hands we have will get the task done more quickly. Hope you can help in making the Church more beautiful for the Holy Season.



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"He shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted."

Sheepish Question:

How can I enhance my feelings of compassion with a deeper sense of justice?



Rosary-Altar Society

Membership (very short) Meeting Monday, Dec. 5 @ 7 PM, St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. We will be having our Christmas party and will also celebrate RAS' 65th anniversary. Bring photos & memories! Corporate Mass: Saturday, Dec. 10 @ 8:30 AM, at St. Jerome Church. Looking forward to seeing all our members and guests at our meeting and Mass. A very Merry Christmas to everyone!

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December

Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

Congratulations

Adam Bottorff and Nicole Gonzalez

on their marriage Saturday, November 19 2022.

May God bless them in their new life together as husband and wife.



Saint Jerome School students Remembered "The Empty Chair"

We thank God in a
special way for all the gifts
He has given us. . .

There is a seat
among you. . .



And finally look to the empty chair once more
and remember those who were never given
the chance to enjoy the beauty of life...



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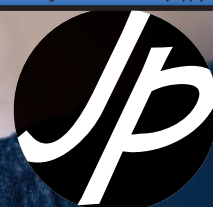
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