

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 6, 2020 * Second Sunday of Advent



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Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, November 21/22, 2020		
11/22/2020	\$5,988.00	
Online Giving	\$1,065.00	40 families
Total	\$7,053.00	181 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,724.00	387 people

Thanksgiving: \$894.00 — Thank You! 126 people

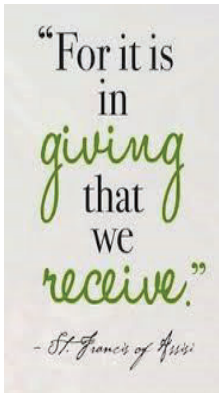
Saturday/Sunday, November 28/29, 2020		
11/29/2020	\$5,007.00	
Online Giving	\$920.00	38 families
Total	\$5,927.00	164 people
Christmas Flower	\$937.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$4,906.00	365 people

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, November 21/22, 2020		
11/22/2020	\$2,639.00	
Online Giving	\$677.00	24 families
Total	\$3,316.00	132 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,915.00	321 people

Thanksgiving: \$915.00 — Thank You! 37 people

Saturday/Sunday, November 28/29, 2020		
11/29/2020	\$3,194.00	
Online Giving	\$397.00	22 families
Total	\$3,991.00	147 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,250.00	320 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

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A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear Friends in Christ,
Peace and joy to all of you!



The Second Week of Advent welcomes us with the call of making the road straight for the coming of the Lord. It is not that the Lord whom we expect to meet does not like walking on bumpy and twisty roads. But it must be, that we strive to avoid straying from the path that leads to God. Surely, the Lord wants to meet us. But are we on the path where he is? Maybe you are walking with someone who will lead you away from God. Advent is the time for us to tread on the right path.

St. John the Baptist, the forerunner of the Lord, is the voice crying in the wilderness to tell us the Savior is coming. He is calling: "Prepare!" What kind of preparation are we thinking about? Our preparation should be found in our hearts. A lot have been going on in our lives. The distressful effects of this Pandemic come on top. We are not going to have the usual celebration. In fact, many are calling it a dark Christmas. Well, it might be, but we light the candles of our Advent wreath to remind us, that no matter what, it will take those tiny candle lights to light our paths to gently meet our Messiah. Prepare you heart. When you meet Him His heavenly light will shine on us.

A reminder: PLEASE wear facemasks properly in the church. Respect others.

We will have confessions on December 12, 2020, in both Churches, at 4:00PM. Please Check on Flocknotes and church announcements for details and guidelines.

You are in my 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 5	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Donald Curtis Mom & Dad Marie Curtis
		Living and Deceased Parishioners Kevin O'Grady, Jr. The DiCesare family Mary, Pat & Tom Piro Nancy Torre
Sunday, December 6	7:30 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
	11:00 AM	Silvio & Celeste Varone Their family
Tuesday December 8	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Wednesday, December 9	8:30 AM	Rose Lee Irene Ciarla
		Joe & Kathy Holtz Charlie Holtz
Friday, December 11	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla Irene Ciarla
		Walter Holtz Charlie Holtz
Saturday, December 12	8:30 AM	Charles & Mary Holtz Charlie Holtz
	5:00 PM	Robert Holtz Charlie Holtz
Sunday, December 13	7:30 AM	Janet Hurley The Danback family
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Sunday, December 13	7:30 AM	Marie Hudson Doreen & Dennis Flanagan
	11:00 AM	Kevin O'Grady, Jr. Karin Wainright
Sunday, December 13	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Eugene Vesnesky His wife & children
	11:00 AM	Clement Corbo, Jr. Vito & Liz Paolantonio



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 .

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

Week 2: Robert Carroll, Ashley Cusack , Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Pat Serafino, James Shanahan ,Marie Siciliano and Rob Stratton

Week 3: 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 Gianni

Week 4: Joan & Robert Day, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Rimas Lukas and Katie McCann

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 **



The Parish of Our Lady of Hope
joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:
Connor William Roberts
son of Paul and Erin Roberts



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 5	5:00 PM	Ilona Nagy Gary Edelson Amadeu Carvalho Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo
Sunday, December 6	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Ilona Nagy Marjorie & Paul Edelson
	10:00 AM	Elizabeth Smith Jim Emmett Varley Cleo Boiko
Monday, December 7	9:00 AM	Henry & Marilyn Regulski Norma
Tuesday, December 8	9:00 AM	Anna & Frank Rosano Nella Deacon John McCabe Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Wednesday, December 9	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Thursday, December 10	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh Her son
Saturday, December 12	5:00 PM	Ralph Williams, Sr. The Pagano family Deceased members of the Guiscardo family Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo
Sunday, December 13	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Emmett Varley Michelle & Chris Rogers
	10:00 AM	Charles Katchnoskie Marjorie & Paul Edelson Dr. Joseph Formichella His family

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

*William and Jenna Lewis and their daughter, Savannah
and
Christopher and Alexa Johnson and their daughter, Olivia*



Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

How did you show your thanks on Thanksgiving? Were you thankful for anything? Was it just another day, a once a year tradition when you ate turkey and had a day off from school or work? We each have so many things in our daily lives to be thankful for that we take for granted when we should be thanking God for them every day.

Eat your peas and carrots Johnny and Susan, do you know that there are children in Africa who wish they had them to eat. There were and are tens of thousands of children in New York City school system who rely on being in school for their breakfast and lunches which could be their only meal of the day. Here in our area there are thousands of families that need food.

Wait a minute, this column is supposed to be "Here's One Positive Encouragement" but you are giving us doom and gloom. No, I am reminding you there is a hot stove out there that more and more people are being forced to touch and may not recover from the injuries. We need to stop being concerned about ourselves, and truly start helping others with food, clothing, shelter, and more importantly to serve those in need with true humility and love, not out of guilt or it will show in our demeanor.

Our Parish Mission Statement reads in part "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." This refers to each one of us INDIVIDUALLY as well as our Catholic community. This is a mandate that we have placed on ourselves, which means we promised to do our best to accomplish the above.

Pray, ask for guidance for a vocation and or a ministry to help others. Execute the mandate which you have promised to do. Are you ready, willing and able to provide triage support to your family, friends and neighbors if needed? Pray for God's help to let you know what avenue you should take to help others.

Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

The October debt reduction collection was \$1,124.00 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December

For a Life of Prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.



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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 cancelled 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.



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