

# 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: Saturday 4:00 PM



## 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: Saturday 4:00 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  
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February 2, 2020 \* The Presentation of the Lord



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## WEEKLY MEDLEY

February 2, 2020

### Encouragement for Today:

Prayer becomes our heavenly GPS system. A GPS indicates where you are on a map, and directions to places you want to go. An earthly GPS system contains atomic clocks that are accurate to a billionth of a second! No matter where you are, it can find your location and give you direction.

Think about this: The God of the Universe is greater than any earthly GPS. God knows where you are, where you are headed emotionally, and how to recalculate so that you can find your way back to sanity, peace, and even to joy. If Jesus found prayer to be a refuge as well as a resource, then we doubly need to use it in times of uncertainty, concern and fear.

### Hell:

**Q:** What is hell?

**A:** Our faith calls "hell" the condition of final separation from God, the absolute "No" to love. (CCC 1033-1036)

### Quote from Pope Benedict XVI:

Jesus came to tell us that he wants us all to be in Paradise, and that Hell—of which one speaks little in our time—exists and is eternal for all who close their hearts to his love.

### Saints for the Week:

- February 3 – St. Blaise and St. Ansgar
- February 5 – St. Agatha
- February 6 – St. Paul Mike and Companions
- February 8 – St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita



### Bumper Stickers from the retirement state:

- The only trouble with retirement is that you never get a day off.
- I was at the Beauty Shop for nearly two hours. That was only for the estimate.
- You know you're getting old when you throw a wild party, and the neighbors don't even realize it.
- Sometimes I wake up grumpy, and some days I let him sleep.
- I'm not old. I'm chronologically gifted.
- I'm so old. All my friends in heaven will think I didn't make it.
- One good thing about Alzheimer's is that you get to meet new people every day.

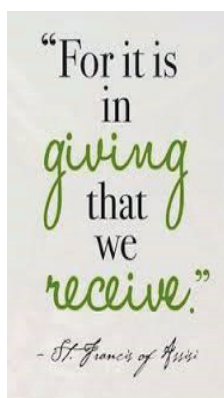
## Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, January 25/26, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,991.00	111 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,727.00	101 people
9:30 am Mass	\$880.00	252 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,124.00	100 people
Online Giving	\$465.00	27 families
Totals	\$6,187.00	564 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,214.00	618 people



Saturday/Sunday, January 25/26, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$627.00	70 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,168.00	101 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,234.00	122 people
Online Giving	\$332.00	17 families
Totals	\$3,361.00	293 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,242.00	311 people

Catholic Education: \$1,585.00 —Thank You!

Catholic Education: \$1,054.00 —Thank You!

## Father PJ's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

It was a great Catholic Schools Week celebration! Thank you to each and everyone of you, who continually support Catholic Education through the years. St. Jerome School, in a way, opened the activities of Catholic Schools Week for the diocese. Bishop O'Connell visited our school last Monday, celebrated Mass, and interacted with our excellent students.



They shared with him how to do computer programming, others how to solve math problems and equations, and still others with social studies. (I learned something about Nubia, which was an ancient region in northeastern Africa!) Our pre-K and Kindergarten children were adorable as they sang in their classroom for our Bishop. Instead of his usual miter, Bishop O'Connell donned a beanie with the initials of St. Jerome School on it, during the recessional. What a cool religious leader we have.

We celebrate this weekend with the Presentation of the Lord. This feast, originating in 4<sup>th</sup> century Jerusalem, is known also as Candlemas Day. Forty days have passed since Christmas. In less than a month, Lent will begin. Tempus fugit, as the Latin saying goes. Time flies!

Today is also observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. Please pray especially for our dear Religious Filippini Sisters: Angelina, Elizabeth Seton and Elizabeth. They have given their lives to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels—chastity, poverty and obedience. Please also say a prayer for Bishop O'Connell, who also belongs to the religious order of the Congregation of the Mission, founded by St. Vincent de Paul.

I made a mistake. I previously shared with some of our parishioners that we have a \$20,000 increase this year than the 2018 Christmas collection (refer below). A deposit was mistakenly entered twice. Apologies. But still good news, though. We increased our collection by more than \$5,000 compared to last year. Thank you for all your generosity and support. May you all be blessed always for every good thing that you do!

With my prayers and regards,

Fr. PJ

### Christmas Collection Record from 2014-2019

For your information and consideration, we have included our Christmas collection from 2014 to the present. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Christmas	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
St. Jerome	<b>\$38,774</b>	\$32,346	\$29,961	\$31,211	\$36,745	\$37,871
St. Mary	<b>\$18,820</b>	\$19,655	\$17,113	\$21,722	\$21,615	\$27,579

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# Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 1	5:00 pm	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Tony Strollo</b> Mom & Dad <b>Patricia Kelly</b> John Tomaini
Sunday, February 2	7:30 am	<b>Collette Quigley</b> The DiCesare family <b>Charles Swinton</b> Maureen & Ted
	11:00 am	<b>Frank Bulzis</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis <b>Patricia Kelly</b> Mary Lou Greco
Wednesday, February 5	8:30 am	<b>Anthony Pusateri, Sr. (1st Anniversary)</b> His wife and family <b>Rose Lee</b> Irene Ciarla <b>James Dunphy (1st Anniversary)</b> Our Lady of Hope Parish
Friday, February 7	8:30 am	<b>Sally Crochet</b> Vito & Liz Paolantonio <b>Joseph Petrone</b> St. Jerome School 2nd Grade Class
	12:00 pm	<b>ADORATION TODAY</b> <b>After Mass Until Noon</b>
Saturday, February 8	8:30 am	<b>Carmela &amp; Frank Trocchia</b> Lillian Trocchia <b>Sally Crochet</b> Don Geiger
	5:00 pm	<b>Peter A. Dellera, Sr.</b> Vito & Liz Paolantonio <b>Timothy Van Orden</b> Charlie Holtz
Sunday, February 9	7:30 am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Colette Quigley</b> Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare <b>Mary Jane Riehl</b> Mary Lou Greco
	11:00 am	<b>Al Silvestri</b> Funzie & Steve Strollo <b>Gabrielle M. Block</b> Maria Frangella

*"Acepten dócilmente la Palabra" ("humbly welcome the Word")*  
*James 1:21*

## Cohort 17 Mass

Please join the priests, deacons, and parishioners  
 of the parishes within Cohort 17  
 as we celebrate the Bi-Lingual Mass on

**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Holy Trinity Church**  
**408 Prospect Street, Long Branch**

Reception to follow in the parish hall  
 after the Mass



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

*Vinnie Mazza and his son, Vinnie, Jr.*






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St. Jerome School registration begins Tuesday,  
 February 4, 2020. Please call Stella at  
 732-222-8686 for more information.

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose  
of the soul of:

***Rosemary Gannon***

*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
 And let perpetual light shine upon her.*



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 1	5:00 pm	Rose DiLieto Irwin & Nancy Gerechoff Elana Figaro Tracey & Lilah Brown
Sunday, February 2	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Ethel Cavanagh Her son
	10:00 am	Marie Ferragine (12th Anniversary) Maria, Kent, Ginger & Daniel Bruno Lucarelli Michelle & Chris Rogers
Monday, February 3	9:00 am	Irene Scott
Tuesday, February 4	9:00 am	Leo & Florence Morrissey
Wednesday, February 5	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Scally & McCormick families Donna & Bob Scally
Thursday, February 6	9:00 am	Calvin J. Applegate David Applegate Anna Rosano Nella
	5:00 pm	James Carr (In remembrance of his birthday) Sally Welch Vincenzo & Maria Covello Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, February 9	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Calvin & Jennie Applegate David Applegate
	10:00 am	Rose DiLieto Richard & Margaret Buckley Marion Carroll DeHaven ( In remembrance of her birthday, Feb. 7) Paul & Lori Zimmerman

**Flowers on the Blessed Mother side altar in memory of Marie Ferragine**



*Given by Maria, Kent, Ginger and Daniel*

### Debt Reduction Collection Weekend THIS WEEKEND

The December debt reduction collection was \$3,330.00 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**

**Did you know** that during the renovation we removed the old oil tanks and replaced our heating system with a new Natural Gas driven HVAC system?

**Remaining balance as of 12/31/2019: \$265,402.22**



### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

In your daily life are you living a life of heaven on earth? What do you believe heaven is? Do you feel that heaven is a place of bliss, a place of happiness, love and a warm feeling where your soul (mind) can finally relax because it is finally home, joined one with God? Let's assume this is similar to what most of you imagine and believe heaven is like, this oneness with God. Why are you waiting to experience this happy, warm and joyous feeling of heavenly bliss when you can enjoy having it now.

You are a living soul here on earth. God gave both your body and soul the freedom of choice through the gift of free will. Your soul cannot find happiness, or bliss, or that oneness with God here on earth without your mind and body wanting to achieve it. This can only be accomplished by working towards the goal of bliss here on earth which is a state of mind. Think about what truly makes you happy. If it's a new house, new car, bigger TV, or more money, pray, meditate, ask God, the saints, your Guardian Angel, and your priest for help in finding the truth.

These material items really are not what you and your soul need to obtain heaven on earth. To obtain heaven on earth you need service to God, and your fellow man. You can accomplish this through prayer and being truly thankful for what you have no matter how little or how great. Remember heavenly bliss is a state of mind, you must take the long road here on earth. You are the driver. You have the road map, The Bible. You can follow the map and arrive home (Heaven on Earth) or not follow the map and never arrive home. Remember Jesus is truly your copilot.

### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February

*Universal Prayer Intention – Listen to the Migrants' Cries*

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

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

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## NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF Cohort 17

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**St. Michael ([www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com))**

Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 7:00 p.m.  
First Friday, February 7th - Mass in Latin at 12:15  
p.m.; Eucharistic Adoration 12:45-5:15; Confessions  
5:15-5:25; Mass at 5:30 p.m.

*Northeast Monmouth*  
Cohort  17



Open to the public a viewing of the Pro-Life movie Unplanned at Wilson Hall, Monmouth University @ 7:00 PM on Monday, February 17, 2020. Movie is rated R , anyone under 17 must be accompanied by an adult .

## 2019 Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like to receive their 2019 Contribution Statement can cut this out and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. You may also request a Contribution Statement by emailing either:

[office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)

or [stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org)

The statements will be available by the end of January.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you would like your statement emailed to you, please provide your email address:

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The church statements will only reflect the donations given in your envelopes at Church. If you have provided an email address for online donations you will receive an email with your statement. To get a statement for your online donations, go directly to the Parish Giving Website and log into your account or call 866-307-7140 for additional assistance.

## 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: Michael Bitterly, Ashley Cusack and James Shanahan

Week 3: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Margaret Ferry, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Kevin O'Grady, Jr., Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Kelly Terry, Father Ray Wadas, Bob Waitt, David Walther, Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

Week 4: Donald & Hope Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Deacon John McCabe, Katie McCann, and Donna Robertson

*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 \*\***

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