

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
by sharing the resources, time, and talents given to us by God.



February 23, 2020 * Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



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WEEKLY MEDLEY

February 23, 2020

Heartwarmer:

An old Yiddish proverb said it best, "Small children disturb your sleep, big children your life." Writer and humorist Teresa Bloomingdale said, "If your baby's beautiful and perfect, never cries or fusses, sleeps on schedule, burps on demand, and is an angel all the time -- then you must be the grandma."

Sin:

Q: What is sin?

A: At the core of sin is a rejection of God and the refusal to accept his love. This is manifested in a disregard for his commandments. (CCC 385-390)

Further Comments on Sin:

Sin is more than incorrect behavior; it is not just a psychological weakness. In the deepest sense every rejection or destruction of something good is the rejection of good in itself, the rejection of God.

In its most profound and terrible dimension, sin is separation from God and, thus, separation from the source of life.

Only through Jesus do we understand the abysmal dimension of sin: Jesus took upon himself the deadly power of sin so that it would not strike us. The term that we use for this is redemption.

Quote from Saint Augustine:

O God, to turn away from you is to fall. To turn to you is to stand up. To remain in you is to have a sure support.

That's Funny:

A fellow decided to decorate his bedroom. He wasn't sure how many rolls of wallpaper he would need but he knew that the Irishman who lived next door had recently done the same job and the two rooms were identical in size.

"Murphy," he asked, "How many rolls of wallpaper did you buy for your bedroom?" "Twenty" said Murphy.

So the fellow bought the twenty rolls of paper and did the job. It looked wonderful, but he had 12 rolls of wallpaper left over.

"Murphy," he said. "I bought twenty rolls of wallpaper for the bedroom, but I've got 12 left over!"

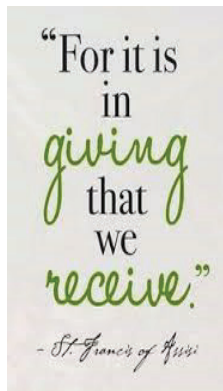
"Dat's funny," said Murphy. "So did I."

Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, February 15/16, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,157.00	129 people
7:30 am Mass	\$2,030.00	112 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,218.00	129 people
Online Giving	\$570.00	29 families
Totals	\$4,975.00	370 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,301.00	422 people



St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 15/16, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$2,180.00	76 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,095.00	97 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,239.00	134 people
Online Giving	\$317.00	17 families
Totals	\$4,831.00	307 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,676.00	307 people

Interfaith Neighbors: \$1,201.00 — Thank You!

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Bishop's Letter

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

During the days and weeks of penance that lie ahead --- from Ash Wednesday, February 26 until Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020 --- the Catholic Church throughout the world commemorates the penitential season of Lent. The model Jesus gave us for "these forty days" was his own experience in the desert and the temptations that followed him there where he encountered Satan face-to-face. And yet, Jesus, there in the desert --- alone, fasting and in intense prayer --- beat back the devil and triumphed over temptation, as strong and as unrelenting as it was throughout those forty days.

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. All other Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE (no meat).

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN (no meat: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat).

The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered serious.

The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called "Easter duty" --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the First Sunday of Lent, February 29-March 1 to Trinity Sunday, June 7-8. However, the Church's law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

I want to encourage Catholics to go to Confession and to make use of the sacrifices and traditions that have always been part of our Lenten practices in the Church.

We do, indeed, fast and pray with the Lord Jesus and with our fellow Catholics. May this Lent be a time of penance leading to grace and joy for us all at Easter.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend David M. O'Connell, C.M.
Bishop of Trenton

Adult Faith Formation News!

Break Open the Word For Lent -Sunday Readings: a Reflection

WHEN?

Thursdays: 7:00PM - 8:15PM (+/- 15min)
beginning February 27 for 5 consecutive Thursdays

WHERE?

SJ Rectory Meeting Room

PARTICIPANT FEE?

\$8.00 (approx) - resource printing fee
or

Free – print your own copy of the reflection
resource from the Prayer Journal for
Break Open the Word Cycle A for the 1st,
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent found on
Formed.org.

HOW TO REGISTER?

Contact Christine Scholtz

732-222-2927 or cmscholtz@verizon.net

Can't commit to 5 weeks? Come when you can!

Undecided? Come one day and check it out!

Prefer to stay at home? Do it yourself –Access Break Open
the Word: Cycle A via FORMED.ORG

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: Michael Bitterly, Ashley Cusack and James Shanahan

Week 2: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Margaret Ferry, Lori Kelly, 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 3: Donald & Hope Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Deacon John McCabe, and Katie McCann

Week 4: Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

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

Saturday, February 22	5:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners Joseph Schiavone The Schiavone family Robert Holtz Charlie Holtz
Sunday, February 23	7:30 am	Mary Berg Anna Gagliano Cathy Pfaff The Monteleone family Anne Egan Dr. Greg & Terri Bordiuk
	11:00 am	Lorraine Hausser Robert Hausser Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Wednesday, February 26	8:30 am 7:00 pm	Living and Deceased Parishioners Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 28	8:30 am	Mary Karbowskiak Irene Ciarla Walter Schoelkopf The Gabrieli family
	12:00 pm	ADORATION TODAY After Mass Until Noon
Saturday, February 29	8:30 am	Sally Crochet Richard Loeffler Sister Elizabeth Dalessio Ed & Chris Scholtz
	5:00 pm	Rene Langlois His loving wife Margaret & Clement Corbo Liz & Vito Paolantonio
Sunday, March 1	7:30 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Alec Baret Phyllis DelMaestro Joyce Taper Dr. Greg & Terri Bordiuk
	11:00 am	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis 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

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PLEASE JOIN US!

**Fridays of Lent at St. Jerome Church
February 28, 2020—April 3, 2020**

This is an invitation to all parishioners of St. Jerome and St. Mary Churches, along with family and friends.

On Friday evenings, we will be hosting a simple Lenten Soup Supper, **beginning at 6:00PM**, in the school cafeteria. Following the supper @ 7:00PM everyone is welcome to attend the Stations of the Cross in the church.

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 22	5:00 pm	Anthony Caruso His loving family Martin Yenesel His loving daughters and family Randy Siciliano (1st Anniversary) Marie Siciliano
Sunday, February 23	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rita Senger The Hughes family Deacon Paul Serafino Mary & Bob Waitt
	10:00 am	Dr. John Brady The Hughes family Rosemarie Scharle Michelle & Chris Rogers
Monday, February 24	9:00 am	Jennie Applegate David Applegate
Tuesday, February 25	9:00 am	Joseph Kelly Rose O,Connor-Myer
Wednesday, February 26	9:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 27	9:00 am	Sarah & Frank Healy Maureen & Dennis Melofchik Joann Vitalo
Saturday, February 29	5:00 pm	Rose DiLieto Diane Ailor Marguerite Newman Joann Fischer
Sunday, March 1	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Leo & Helen Gizenski
	10:00 am	Wendy Wayne Michelle & Chris Rogers Brian Rogers His family

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.

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020

St. Jerome:

8:30 am—Mass
12:00 pm—Service
4:30 pm—Service
7:00 pm—Mass

St. Mary:

9:00 am—Mass



Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

What have you been doing for yourself this past week for others, for God? Did you treat yourself to a double triple cocoa espresso latte with almond milk? Did it make you feel good? Did you buy yourself a new shirt, a pair of jeans or shoes? How long after you granted yourself some special treat did your enjoyment last? What did you do for others this past week, what act of kindness did you initiate? When you saw someone, did you give them a smile, say good morning, radiate love, or not make eye contact and ignore them. Coming in or leaving mass how many people did you smile at, say good morning to, were you truly wishing peace at the sign of peace. What did you do for God, were you the best you could be? Did you truly repent during your act of contrition during mass or were just saying it by rote? Did you thank God for your soul which gives you the ability to feel his love? Did you thank God for you just being alive to see the beauty around you? Did you thank God at all? Thanking and praising him is all he desires while not hurting others.

Was your last week fulfilling for you, others and God or did you waste it by not truly being a Catholic? This is a new week and if you were not happy with your performance last week you have this week to do better and always remember God loves you no matter what.



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

Austin Benedict D'Silva

Son of Benedict and Jaitha D'Silva
and

Nicholas Ryan Corsentino

Son of Vincent and Kristina DaPonte



*Baptized
in the name of the Father
the Son
and the Holy Ghost*

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT MARCH 4th-5th FROM 6-8PM AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH

Come join us for some Spiritual Refreshment and prayer. Make this part of your Lenten "TO DO" List. Fr. Fernando and Deacon Somma will present reflections on and showing them God's love and infinite mercy. Let's fill the Church. Please call the business office to register. two Gospels. On the Evening of March 5th, Father Vince Lampert from the Diocese of Indianapolis will speak on his work as a priest and Exorcist. He has helped many who were in need of Spiritual Healing

Precious Blood (churchofthepreciousblood.org)

Feb 28-March 1

Women's Retreat

San Alphonso Retreat House Long Branch, N.J

Contact Marion, 732-751-5468

St. Michael (www.stmichaelnj.com)

The next Baptism Preparation Class for parents and god-parents will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please register in advance by phoning the parish office. A Certificate of Completion will be provided to those in need of such documentation.

24 Hours for the Lord: March 20-21 (times to be announced)

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

Yolanda Mancini

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

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monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury.

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

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