

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. 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



St. Mary of the Assumption Church
46 Richmond Avenue
Deal, NJ 07723

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.



February 26, 2023 * First Sunday of Lent



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St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 18/19, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,123.00	84 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,406.00	73 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,746.00	120 people
Online Giving	\$1,008.00	40 families
Total	\$5,283.00	277 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,702.00	325 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 18/19, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$831.00	72 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,050.00	78 people
10:00 am Mass	\$2,374.00	128 people
Online Giving	\$712.00	29 families
Total	\$4,967.00	278 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,591.00	168 people

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February 26, 2023---2:00pm

The Church of the Nativity
180 Ridge Road
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We invite all who are interested as a participating family or volunteer to attend our Mass.

Please RSVP to: NorMonHIS@gmail.com

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear Parishioners,

We just started our journey of this season of Lent. The season of Lent will be our opportunity to repair and renew our relationship with God so with His grace and mercy will transform us into our new selves.

This transformation, the process of renewal, is not instant or magical. There will be difficulties. There will be temptations. The enemy doesn't want us to succeed. Just like our Lord before he began his public ministry. He was led by the Holy Spirit into the desert to assess himself how much he was ready to be sent by his Father. The devil was there to tempt him.

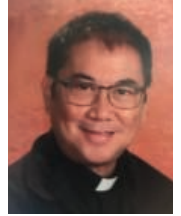
Our Lent is our imitation of Jesus. We also have our Forty days of fasting, prayer and good works. The coming days, through our spiritual activities we assess our souls so we can put it back to good health and gain strength. However, the enemy will try to make us fail. Like Jesus, we will experience temptations.

The temptation experience of Jesus is not completely different than ours. The devil offered him wealth and power and kingdoms. Power, wealth and happiness are always what people desire. They are not evil in themselves but the enemy will use them to ruin our spiritual enhancement. Especially in this season of Lent when we strive to pray more, to sacrifice more and to be more charitable. But Jesus taught and has given us the powerful weapon that ensures us victory over temptation — Trust in the word of God.

Allow me to make this announcement. I have consulted several long time-members of our parish to make this change: **The Saturday 5 PM Vigil Mass in St Jerome Church will be moved to 4 PM.** This gives us more choices of Mass times since we have also 5 PM Mass in St Mary's Church. We are just one parish, we do not need two simultaneous Masses. The change will take effect on The Second Sunday of Easter (April 15), Divine Mercy Sunday, confessions will be from 3:00-3:45 PM. Mass intentions already scheduled for St. Jerome will be moved to the 4 PM Mass automatically. **Please let us allow this change for the good of Our Lady of Hope Parish. Thank you!**

In Christ,

Fr Sheldon



Please join Our Lady of Hope Parish

Observe Lenten Fridays

Friday evenings, (Last one is March 24) we will be hosting a simple Lenten Soup Supper, **beginning at 6:00PM**, downstairs in the Sr. Angelina Pelliccia Hall. Following the supper, everyone is welcome to attend the Stations of the Cross upstairs in St. Jerome Church.



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Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.
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Please follow current COVID-19 Protocols.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25	5:00 PM	Mary Ann Felice George Luick <div style="text-align: right;">Her family The Danback family</div>
Sunday, February 26	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dr. Alexander C. Baret John & Helen Strollo <div style="text-align: right;">Rose Marie Baret Fred & Helene Corcione</div>
	11:00 AM	Walter Schoelkopf Donald Curtis <div style="text-align: right;">The Gabrieli family Marie Curtis</div>
Wednesday, March 1	8:30 AM	Rose Lee <div style="text-align: right;">Irene Ciarla</div>
Friday, March 3	8:30 AM	Hollie Forman Dillon Nash <div style="text-align: right;">SJS Faculty & Staff George & Pamela Laufenberg</div>
		Adoration 3:00—6:00 PM
Saturday, March 4	8:30 AM	Patrick Donatiello (1st Anniversary) <div style="text-align: right;">Our Lady of Hope Parish</div>
	5:00 PM	Rene Langlois Vito Luceno <div style="text-align: right;">His loving wife The Danback family</div>
Sunday, March 5	7:30 AM	Kate Holtz Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lenz <div style="text-align: right;">Charlie Holtz Paul Yost</div>
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Carol Ann Carlesimo Donald Curtis <div style="text-align: right;">Marie Serrao & family Marie Curtis</div>

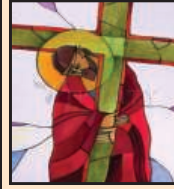
"The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Hope Parish," invites everyone to reserve flowers in front of the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Statues at St. Jerome Church. The donation is \$15 each and can be for loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Robin Stillings for available dates at 908-309-2976 or email: gymwrat51@gmail.com

Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts



Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass ? Please see Dennis, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

Our Lady of Hope Parish Stations of the Cross



Fridays during lent @ St . Jerome Church at 7 PM with Soup Supper before at 6 PM

Mondays during lent @ St. Mary's Church after 9 AM Mass



Rosary-Altar Society

Meetings will no longer be on Monday evenings, and the monthly Mass that we are attending together has been moved from the second Saturday to the **FIRST SATURDAY** of the month! **OUR MEETINGS WILL FOLLOW THE 8:30 MASS ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH!!** **OUR NEXT MASS/MEETING IS 8:30 AM, MARCH 4!** Our **Evening of Recollection** this year will be on March 6 at San Alfonso Retreat House, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It's San Alfonso's "Soup for the Soul" session, "Living Lent: Choosing Life." Pre-registration and \$25 pre-payment is required. If interested, either call San Alfonso at 732-222-2731, Ext. 140, or go online www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/80

A warm welcome to the following parishioner who has just registered in our Parish:

*David Beegle
Theresa Salani
Diane Scarpa
Matthew Tangorra*



Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for February *For parishes*

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

**Angeline Calabrese
Stephanie Sassola**

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

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

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Saturday, February 25	5:00 PM	Blessings for Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Don & Linda Hopkins John J. McNulty III Diane Ailor Mary Barone— Marchese Her cousin, Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, February 26	8:00 AM	Ann, Ellie & Bernie Norma Jennie Applegate David Applegate
	10:00 AM	Eileen McGurl Rebecca Thomason & Gail Philips Robert (Bobby) McCormack Dena Glynn
Monday, February 27	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday, February 28	9:00 AM	Agnes Sally
Wednesday, March 1	9:00 AM	Paul Johnson
Thursday, March 2	9:00 AM	Clement & Margaret Corbo Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Saturday, March 4	5:00 PM	Mary Carvalho Mr. & Mrs. Kulka Joseph Dellomo (In memory of his birthday) Palmina & Sons
Sunday, March 5	8:00 AM	Brian Rogers, Sr. Nella Blessings for Joseph & Kelina Vassalo
	10:00 AM	Frank Rosano Nella Eileen McGurl The McGurl family

12 Volunteer Apostles Needed

Washing of your feet at Mass

Holy Thursday , April 6 at St. Jerome Church 7:00 PM

Please email office with name and contact information and the first 12 volunteers will receive confirmation & names will be posted in bulletin.

office@ladyofhopeparish.org



"The woman answered the serpent: 'God said, You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"

Sheepish Question:

But seriously, about temptation: How am I like Adam or Eve?

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, Bob Scally, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3:

Week 4: Arthur Marshall, Shirley Rible

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 **



SJS News



News of the Week

Professional Development: Teachers and Administration are preparing for a new form of Professional Development Eduscape is a professional development opportunity for educators and administrators. There are six dynamic subject areas including Leadership, Inclusion, Wellness, School Vitality, Engaged Learning, and Digital Discipleship. The entire administration and faculty received a scholarship through the efforts of Dr. Vincent Schmidt, Superintendent of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Trenton. The rollout began this month. The entire program begins in September 2023

BLESSING BAG BRIGADE

Once again, Saint Jerome School children reached out in service to others. On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, the students working with Kevin Garrison of The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ, shared in the mission to "show compassion ... to those in need". Our mission is to help them find some comfort. The fact of the matter is, there are homeless that can't afford necessities. Thank you, parishioners, parents and students. Your generosity filled over 250 bags of necessities for those less fortunate than ourselves. God bless you!

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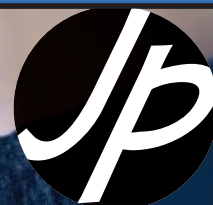
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