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Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM  
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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 27, 2022 \* Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### Weekly Collection and Attendance

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St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 19/20, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$3,601.00	87 people
7:30 am Mass	\$986.00	74 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,731.00	97 people
Online Giving	\$1,325.00	45 families
Total	\$7,643.00	258 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,055.00	214 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 19/20, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	\$865.00	53 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,417.00	71 people
10:00 am Mass	\$2,996.00	136 people
Online Giving	\$587.00	26 families
Total	\$5,865.00	260 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,912.00	132 people

Interfaith Neighbors: \$1,983.00 — Thank You!



## **Journeying Together through the Synod**

### ***Spiritual Conversations and Listening***

On February 24, we held our second Synod Session. We had very successful Spiritual Conversations where participants listened to each other with care and respect, building trust and enabling honest, authentic sharing. Listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit can change our attitudes, illuminate our understandings, and guide our behavior.

We now look forward to our two remaining sessions on March 10 and March 24. All Parishioners are welcome to attend the Synod Sessions.

#### ***To initiate Spiritual Conversation Three Questions Will Be Asked***

1. What have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the church? Please share a brief story that illustrates your experience.
2. What resonated most for you? What was most powerful? What touched you?
3. Reflecting on our conversation, how might the Holy Spirit be prompting you, and all of us as church, to improve the ways we are able to journey together?

If you would like to participate in a Synod Session, we invite you to come and share a piece of your own story, both good and bad, of journeying with the Church. **Synod Sessions will be held at 7 PM on March 10 & 24 at St Mary of the Assumption Basement Hall.** Please email: [wnurthen@aol.com](mailto:wnurthen@aol.com) and provide your name/names and email address so we can assign you to one of the two remaining Synod Sessions.

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear Parish family,

The Book of Sirach in the First Reading for this Sunday says: "one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind." In the Gospel, Jesus says: "From the fullness of the heart, the mouth speaks."

Both verses mean that if we are spiritually healthy our words will reveal them. This also means, the words that come out of us can affect others and our surroundings. So, if your heart is full love and kindness, your words will speak of love and kindness, your words can surely uplift the spirits of others.

In my morning prayers, every single day, I always ask the Lord to fill my heart with His love and kindness so that whatever I say to other people will speak of His love and kindness.

We are also reminded by this Sunday's readings that we have responsibility to one another. We must strive to live a spiritually healthy life, not so much for own sakes, but so we can also affect the people around us. We may not be physically healthy, but if our hearts are full of faith and love for God, we will emit positive spiritual strength to others.

BTW: **We are in need of Sacristans** (Volunteer). This is an opportunity for you to be more active in parish life. You come to Mass. Why not put a little more time to serve the Lord and His church? The main duty of Sacristan is to prepare the church for Mass including priests' vessels, etc. We can train you.

Please call me @ 732-222-1424 extension 4.

Lent is almost here. Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday.

God bless you!

Fr. Sheldon



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*The meetings will be held at Church of the Nativity, 180 Ridge Road, Fair Haven in the Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Parish Office (entrance behind the Church building).*

*Anyone that needs help in finding peace, power and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope.*

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*[healingheartswithfriends@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartswithfriends@gmail.com) and one of the Facilitators will reach out to you. If you have any questions before you decide if you want to attend, please call either **Ray DeSibio 732-939-3467 or Maura Bogner 858-357-3473.***

*If you'd like to review the program, more information can be found by visiting: [www.mylifechangecoach.com/separated-divorce](http://www.mylifechangecoach.com/separated-divorce).*

***Thank you for taking the first step towards your healing!***



## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 26	5:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo <div style="text-align: right;">Her Parents</div> <b>In honor of Manuel &amp; Roberta's 25th Wedding Anniversary</b> <div style="text-align: right;">The DaRocha family</div> <b>Michael Dannunzio</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Mom &amp; Dad</div>
Sunday, February 27	7:30 AM	<b>A Mass of Thanksgiving</b> <b>Kathe Ricci</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Greg &amp; Terri Bordiuk</div>
	11:00 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Frank Bulzis</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Doreen &amp; Mark Bulzis</div> <b>Walter Schoelkopf</b> <div style="text-align: right;">The Gabrieli family</div>
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday	8:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>
	12:00 PM 4:00 PM	<b>Prayer Service Only</b>
	7:00 PM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>
Friday, March 4	8:30 AM	<b>Lawrence Carbone (40th Anniversary)</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Joann Fischer</div>
Saturday, March 5	8:30 AM	<b>Walter Jagielski</b> <div style="text-align: right;">The Swinton family</div>
	5:00 PM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Rene Langlois</b> <div style="text-align: right;">His loving wife</div> <b>Tony Strollo</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Mom &amp; Dad</div>
Sunday, March 6	7:30 AM	<b>Robert Clarke</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Ann Clarke</div>
	11:00 AM	<b>Joseph Paul Kiernan, Jr.</b> <div style="text-align: right;">The Hennelly family</div> <b>Frank Bulzis</b> <div style="text-align: right;">Doreen &amp; Mark Bulzis</div>

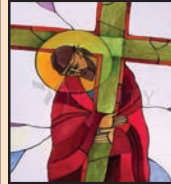
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### *Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts*



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

### Ash Wednesday / March 2, 2022



#### St. Jerome:

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

#### St. Mary's

9:00 am—Mass

#### **Stations of the Cross:**

Fridays during lent @ St. Jerome Church 7 PM

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



### *Rosary-Altar Society*

Membership meeting at 7:15 pm on Monday, March 7, 2022 in St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. R & R (Rosary & Refreshments) and a brief meeting in between. Attention, Members: We will be discussing a change in meeting dates and times in accordance with the e-mail that our President, Robin Stillings, sent you. Evening meetings, especially in winter, are getting more difficult to attend. Any changes the membership decides on will begin in September.

### 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: Bernice Cobb, Stephanie Sassola, Jay Sleifer, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Howard White, Sammi Yanni

Week 2: Frank Marsico, Carol Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli

Week 3:

Week 4: Sam B., Pat Serafino

*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 \*\***



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 26	5:00 PM	Lillian Arnone Theresa Trocchia
Sunday, February 27	8:00 AM	Deacon Paul Serafino Mary & Bob Waitt Calvin & Jennie Applegate David Applegate
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Monday, February 28	9:00 AM	Healing for Fr. Raymond Wadas Norma Paul Johnson
Tuesday, March 1	9:00 AM	Forgotten nuns & priests Patrick Chang (In honor of birthday) Helen Kong
Wednesday, March 2	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Thursday, March 3	9:00 AM	Professor & Marguerite Galeani Diane Ailor Joseph Dellomo His wife & Children Joong-Won Kim Helen Kong
Friday, March 4		Adoration 3:00—6:00 PM Sign up in back of church
Saturday, March 5	5:00 PM	Geraldine Slocum Diane Ailor
Sunday, March 6	8:00 AM	Donald Fornicola Ursula & Chris Carkhuff Dr. & Mrs. Byung-Woo Kong Their daughter, Helen
	10:00 AM	Richard J. Birmingham Pamela & Anthony Fenelon-Mauro

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

*Paul and Laura Gann and their son, Evan  
&  
Amanda Hurd  
&  
William and Ashley Melofchik and their son,  
Caleb  
&  
Lori Paone  
&  
Chase Stopyra*



### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

What do you think is the simplest prayer you can pray to God that would mean the most to Him? Now stop reading and think about your answer. There is no right or wrong answer it is your prayer so take the time you need to identify your prayer. I personally feel the prayer God would like to hear from us is a prayer of gratitude, that being thank you God. You may feel differently, that is okay, everyone communicates with God differently. For me, love and gratitude are everything. I am thankful in the morning that I wake up to see the new day. Before going to bed I am thankful I was able to partake in the days' experience both good and bad. Although I really do not like what I consider to be bad experiences, I have learned in the twilight of my life that God had a good reason for me to experience so-called bad days or experiences. They were tests, to see if I really live the life of a Catholic, who professes love, kindness, forgiveness and understanding even during my darkest situations, when things get difficult for me. HOPEFULLY, I have not disappointed Him too much in my life. I am grateful for my times of feast or famine in all areas of my life. I appreciate both experiences for without the lows in my life I would not have appreciated the highs as much as I did. It is so easy, so cleansing throughout the day to say that simple prayer of gratitude, thank you God for.... It has taken years of my life before I discovered this simple truth, everything in life while on this earth is a gift from God, starting with our first breath at birth. Because the gifts are always in front of us, we do not always recognize and appreciate them. It is my HOPE that we all find our simple little prayer to God and express it profusely throughout the day. Depending on the situation or time of day, my little prayer of gratitude is thank you God the Father for... thank you Jesus for... thank you Holy Spirit for.... We are all so blessed to be able to say thank you God....

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

**Joseph Silvino Zingara**  
**Son of Nicholas and Ashley Zingara**



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



## *Catholic Schools Week 2022*

We continue our Catholic Schools Week experience with the blessing of the new STEM/Science lab and visiting classrooms. Thank you to Dr. and Mrs. LoBuono for their generous gifting of all the furniture, science lab equipment and supplies that enhance the children's learning and challenge them to become our scientists of the future. We also thank Diogo Ferreira, DG General Construction for the building of the new Science Lab. The custom built cabinets, painting and tiling creates the perfect learning environment.

The children are grateful to all our benefactors who by their support provide the wonderful opportunities to learn and succeed in a nurturing environment.



Bishop O'Connell also took the opportunity to rekindle his friendship with our current eighth graders. In 2013 the Bishop danced with the children when he visited with them as the Kindergarten class. Now, those same students will graduate in June.



To the left of the Bishop in the original picture is Raquel Rodriguez. Unfortunately, Raquel died suddenly almost two years ago but will always remain in our hearts. The Bishop too, remembers her and joins the students in their special memories.



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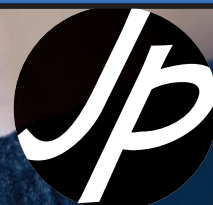
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