

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

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Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

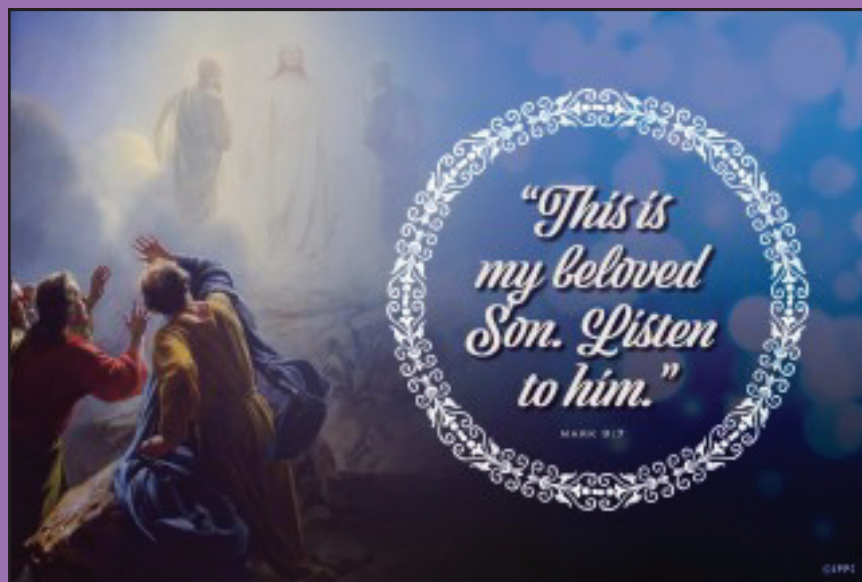
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Confessions: By appointment

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.



February 28, 2021 * Second Sunday of Lent



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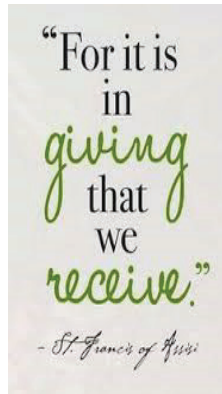
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Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome**St. Mary of the Assumption**

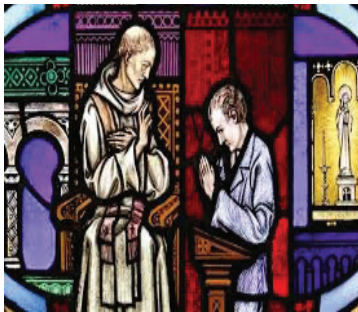
Saturday/Sunday, February 20/21, 2021		
2/21/2021	\$5,010.00	
Online Giving	\$1,045.00	43 families
Total	\$6,055.00	214 people
Ash Wed.	\$1,271.00	380 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,956.00	369 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 20/21, 2021		
2/21/2021	\$4,095.00	
Online Giving	\$817.00	27 families
Total	\$4,912.00	132 people
Ash Wed.	\$879.00	
Interfaith	\$1,242.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$4,140.00	324 people

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Cohort 17**

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**Northeast Monmouth
Cohort 17****UPCOMING EVENTS****CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

Christ the King Parish (www.cklb.org): Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Sacristy at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church.

Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org): Confessions during Lent from 12:00 Noon to 12:45 p.m. alternating between St. Jerome and St. Mary's Churches Saturdays beginning February 20 at St. Jerome Church.

St. Michael's Church (www.stmichaelnj.com): Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.; Monday Night after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.; Sunday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m. and 6:15-6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass; and after the 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Fridays of Lent for 30 minutes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Christ the King Parish: Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in English at Holy Trinity Church and at 3:00 p.m. in English at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church.

Our Lady of Hope Parish: Fridays of Lent beginning February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jerome's Church and Mondays of Lent beginning February 22 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church.

St. Michael's Church: Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.



A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Are you enjoying your Lent so far?

I just made a rule for myself: *"Less is bigger. Losing is gaining."* If I think less of myself, the bigger my time for others, be mindful of their needs. If I let go of my pursuit for pleasure, I will have more patience –Patience is a virtue. It is good for the soul.



You can make your own rule as long as it follows the general rules for Lent laid out for us by the Church. Your rule should give you the opportunity to fast, pray more and give alms.

The first week of Lent began with our awareness of the reality of temptations. That is a great challenge for us especially when we embark on a spiritual journey such as Lent. Our Lord taught us not to think so much of your bodily needs and wants, but on the love of our Father for us, and his word. We will overcome temptations.

This second week of Lent allows us to have a glimpse of the Beauty of God. With the Transfiguration event, we are reminded of the glorious beauty and majesty we will surely enjoy if we walk with Jesus through his passion. Our baptism is our ticket to join Our Lord on His journey. That is a privilege. Just as the voice of the Father is heard announcing at the Lord's Baptism, we have also become "His beloved sons (children), in whom I am well pleased".

Let us journey together in faith and trust in God, our Loving Father!

Father Sheldon

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:

Week 2: Ashley Cusack , Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Stephanie Sassola, James Shanahan and Rob Stratton

Week 3: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Michael D'Annunzio, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Father Ray Wadas, David Walther , Maureen Walther, Myra Walther and Samy Yanni

Week 4: Joan & Robert Day, Marge Edelson, Connie Heal, Ann Hedinger, Katie McCann and 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 or call 732-222-1424 to extend ****



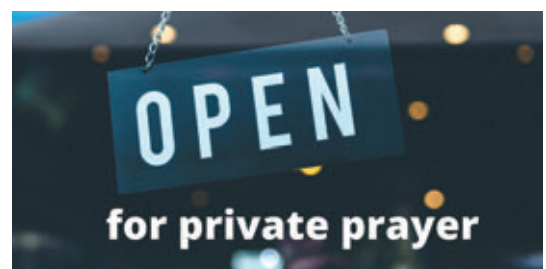
Confessions during lent alternating between both churches Saturdays from 12:00—12:45 PM beginning February 20 at St. Jerome Church.

St. Jerome Church confessions Monday, March 15, 2021 from 12:00—12:45 PM

St. Mary's Church confessions Monday, March 22, 2021 from 10:00—10:45 AM.

St. Jerome's Church will remain open for private prayer until 10:00 AM following weekday Masses on Wednesdays and Fridays during lent.

St. Mary's Church will remain open for private prayer until 10:30 AM following weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Thursdays during lent.



Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27	5:00 PM	Anthony Chirico Rob & Rosemary Finnegan
Sunday, February 28	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Anibal Gomes Tila Santos
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Walter Schoelkopf The Gabrieli family
Wednesday, March 3	8:30 AM	Margaret Ferry (1st Anniversary) Our Lady of Hope Parish
Friday, March 5	8:30 AM	Rose Lee Irene Ciarla Katie Zapcic SJS Faculty & Staff
Saturday, March 6	8:30 AM	Mitch Erceg Charlie Holtz Gertrude Vona Roseanne & Richard English
	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Rene Langlois His loving wife
Sunday, March 7	7:30 AM	Judy Dammann Her husband, Ken Anibal Gomes
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis Marie Curtis

During Lent from February 17 through March 28 our community will once again take part in the 40 Days for Life prayer vigil at the Shrewsbury Planned Parenthood. This is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting or foul language and no graphic signs are carried. We walk, praying, usually saying a rosary. We pray for the babies, for the moms and dads and for the workers inside. We hope to change minds and hearts and to make a difference inside and outside of the clinic. We walk on the sidewalk in prayer for one hour. If you would like information and or, to join us on Mondays, any time from 8 AM—6 PM, during Lent, please contact Mary Richards at [732-222-1562](tel:732-222-1562).

February 17 - March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph (12/8/20 – 12/8/21)

“NOW IS THE TIME OF ST. JOSEPH!”

A Daily Act of Consecration to St. Joseph

O dearest St. Joseph,
I consecrate myself to your honor
and give myself to you, that you may always be my father,
my protector, and my guide
in the way of salvation.

Obtain for me a great purity of heart and
a fervent love of the interior life.
After your example, may I do all my actions
for the greater glory of God,
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and
the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

O Blessed St. Joseph,
pray for me that I may share in the peace and
joy of your holy death Amen.

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To consecrate oneself to St. Joseph “means that we acknowledge that he is our spiritual father and that we want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely to his paternal care so that he can lovingly help you acquire his virtues and become holy.” (*Consecration to St. Joseph*, Donald H. Callaway, p. 5).

Consecration to St. Joseph can be done through a simple prayer of entrustment, like the one above or by following a thorough program of preparation for consecration, which includes prayer, reflection and “study” – to really get to know and love St. Joseph. If this is something you may be interested in doing I recommend: *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*, Donald H. Callaway, MIC, Marian Press, 2020). This 33-day prep can be done individually or as a group (virtual at this time).

If interested call Christine Scholtz at 732-222-2927. An appropriate start date would be March 30.



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 27	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Giovanna & Luigi Dellomo Anthony Dellomo & family Josephine Probo Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Guiscardo
Sunday, February 28	8:00 AM	Frank Carpentier John Wengler Francis Healy The Melofchik family
	10:00 AM	Patrick O'Grady Boyce Mark & Elizabeth McNulty Marie Siciliano Marjorie & Paul Edelson
Monday, March 1	9:00 AM	Margaret & Clement Corbo, Sr. Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Tuesday, March 2	9:00 AM	Margaret J. Medoff
Wednesday, March 3	9:00 AM	Chief Pat Russomanno The Russomanno family Marguerite Galeani Diane Ailor
Thursday, March 4	5:00 PM	Betty King (1st Anniversary) Joyce McGreevey Giuseppe Dellomo His wife, Palmina & children
Saturday, March 6	5:00 PM	Frank Rosano Nella Rosemary Macksey Her daughter, Margaret
Sunday, March 7	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dr. and Mrs. Byoung-Woo Kong Marie Siciliano Peggy Jones
	10:00 AM	Rosa Barritto Gianna & Michael Dilusto Chief Pat Russomanno

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

We are now into Lent, so how have you been doing? Are you using these 40 days as Jesus did to resolve issues in your life? Are you vehemently fighting off the evils being brought forth in your life as temptations and situations and asking God to help you in these tests to save your soul? Remember only you can save your soul. On Palm Sunday will you be able to meekly yet triumphantly attend mass in the presence of fellow parishioners knowing that through continued passion, sacrifice and prayer, you are a better person? Undoubtedly, knowing that the trials and tribulations you may face in the future will not become unsurmountable enough to allow you to discontinue your religious beliefs. Know that God is always with you as he was with his other child, Jesus. We keep hearing that we are moving to a new norm, to me this is a catch phrase with no substance. There has always been evil fighting the Lords' plan for us to enjoy our time here on earth while learning how to be closer to God through our good deeds. I believe the Popes and their Cardinals over the centuries were tweaking our religion of Catholicism in the hopes of helping us to get through the trying times while keeping to the principles of Jesus and the commandments. This is the normal evolution of a religion, not a new norm. In our time more than ever the evils of our society are being exposed and coming to the forefront, bringing to light new revelations which are difficult for some of us to handle. We are lucky that we are observing Lent now, allowing us to use this time of prayer and reflection to fortify our body and soul, allowing us to fight evil and help others. We and our souls through our earthly deeds are the HOPE for the world.



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

***Brian and Tia Kelly and their son,
Cameron***



Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

NEXT WEEKEND



The January debt reduction collection was \$929.00. In addition we received our final mortgage payment on the old school building of \$69,999.99. Total of \$70,928.99 was paid toward principal. The balance is now \$98,392.92.

Thank you for your generosity.

Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow...!

We appreciate Steve Becker and his service for the work done to plow and shovel snow. We thank Rob Garratano for the work he does to help with the work. We are grateful to Raymond Grieco and Atlantic Paving for donating the work to remove the snow from around the school after the February 4th and 5th snowstorm.



Behind the scenes though, there is another crew hard at work. Thanks to the faculty who come to school very early to make sure that all the entrances and steps are clear for the beginning of the school day. They clear snow, chop up ice and salt the areas. Thanks to the parents who come and relieve the teachers so the teachers can welcome the students, take temperatures and start the school day.

There are the parents who stop by a few days later and realize that snow has to be cleared from the exit in order to keep everyone safe. Thank you Mr. Leonard and his sons Noah, class of 2024 and graduate Nicholas, class of 2020. Noah took some great pictures as his father ran the machines to open up the exit and clear snow from the school. Of course, Mr. Leonard was here the next day to salt the front parking lot to keep it safe for all of us.



Now there is another special group who man the traffic cones. Each time it snows, the Gant and Liu Family show up to stack the cones so plowing can be done after the snow and then return again to set the cones after the plows come through in order to keep all of us safe. Then there is Mrs. LeTendre upon hearing that Sister Elizabeth Seton was clearing cones late one night, got out of bed, drove to school and in her pajamas helped to clear the cones for the unexpected snowstorm!!!



ALI AND MATT GANT



JADEN LIU



CORA GLEASON

On Sunday, after finishing the cone brigade, Jaden Liu then went down to the Long Branch beach to participate in the 15th Annual Valentine Plunge: Joan Dancy and PALS Foundation. Jaden participated on Team Gleason for Cora Gleason who lives with ALS. The air temperature was 34 degrees and the water temperature 38 degrees. Thank you to all who took the Plunge for ALS!



Jaden, the Saint Jerome School community is proud of you. God bless you for the kindness you showed on Sunday!

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they are supposed to enter.

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