

# 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

46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ 07723

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am

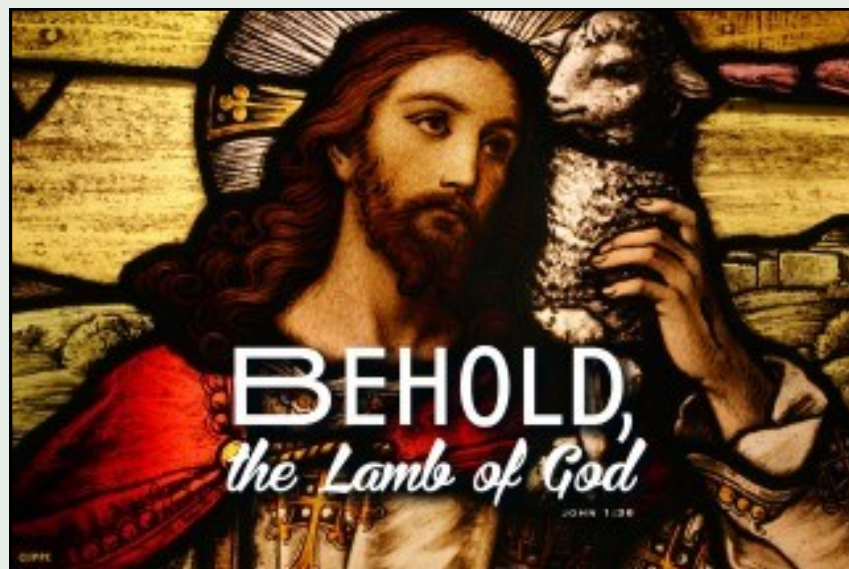
Daily: Monday to Thursday at 9:00am

Confessions: 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.



January 17, 2021 \* Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee

Office Number: 732-222-8686

Website Address: [www.saintjermeschool.org](http://www.saintjermeschool.org)



## Congratulations

**Robert Smorol and Michelle Costantino**

on their recent marriage this past Saturday,  
January 9, 2021.

May God bless them  
in their new life together as husband and wife.



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

**Anna Rose and Maeve Annalise Martin**  
**Daughters of Peter and Lisa Martin**



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

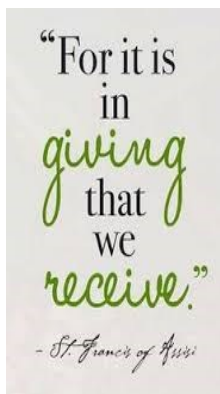
## Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

### St. Jerome

### St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, January 9/10, 2021		
1/10/2021	\$4,981.00	
Online Giving	\$930.00	40 families
Total	\$5,911.00	153 people
Pro Life	\$789.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$5,625.00	462 people



Saturday/Sunday, January 9/10, 2021		
1/10/2021	\$7,262.00	
Online Giving	\$847.00	30 families
Total	\$8,109.00	137 people
Pro Life	\$558.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$3,703.00	307 people

## The Sacrament of Marriage

Holy Matrimony is the covenant a man and woman make to one another and to God to work as partners for the rest of their lives. The woman and man marry one another before a witness of the Church and representatives of the community.

Are you prepared, as you follow the path of Marriage, to love and honor each other for as long as you both shall live?

**You must be actively registered for 6 months to schedule a marriage preparation meeting at least 1 year in advance of the wedding date.**

Anyone interested in receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony, please contact Patty Carvalho at 848-466-0807 to book a wedding date and for additional documentation and paperwork that will need to be completed.

More information regarding Sacraments can be found under the Sacrament link @ [www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

### Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Sheldon Amasa

Msgr. Cajetan Salemi \* Rev. Jerome Nolan

Louis Jakub \* Anthony DiCesare \* Paul Kiauga, Deacons

Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. \*Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F.

Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F., School Principal

Elsa Pagano \* Georgie Mandica

Pat Serafino \* Norma Adamitis

Robert Garratano \* Christine Scholtz

Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

### Contact Information

Office Hours: Currently vary by phone or email only

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Website: [www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

St. Mary's Number: 732-531-1409

Email Address: [stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org)

## *A Letter from Father Sheldon*

My dear friends in Christ,

Greetings of peace!

We are already in the second week of Ordinary time in our Liturgical calendar. I hope Christmas was still positively meaningful and lots of blessings continue as we start the new year.

I am so grateful for all of you who sent me greetings, Christmas cards and gifts, and offered me prayers.

I have a habit of keeping Christmas cards for some time before I discard them. Most of them are beautiful works of art with meaningful messages. They give me much joy and inspiration. So I will keep them for a little while on my prayer table so that I can say some prayers for you. I wish I can also know the faces on the names on the card. Anyway, I am hoping very soon, I will come to know you, with your face masks on. : ))

This was my first Christmas as your Pastor. I appreciate your being patient with me and all the support you showed me. It was bit of a challenge for all of us considering the Pandemic. It was a different Christmas. But I hope we still experienced some positive messages our Savior wanted to bring to us in this situation.

In a week or two, I will publish here our financial report and all the other pertinent information. I hope this will also encourage you to continue supporting in many ways our parish and school. I am looking towards this year with lots of positivity.

Stay healthy and safe! Wear face mask in public places and in our churches.

I am praying for you with love,

Father Sheldon



### **UPDATED: Bishop calls for month long prayer campaign to end abortion, including statewide day of prayer and fasting**

Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., has set out a plan for prayer and advocacy throughout January in response to the anniversary of the legalization of abortion in the United States and the growing concern for the sanctity of the child in the womb. Through private prayer and virtual Masses, the faithful are asked to support the campaign aimed at ending the scourge of abortion.

**ROSARY FOR LIFE** : The Diocese's faithful are asked to pray a Rosary for life throughout the month of January.

**NOVENA** : From Jan. 14 - 22, Bishop O'Connell will lead a daily broadcast of a Novena to St. Joseph to end abortion which will be published on all diocesan media outlets.

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING TO END ABORTION** : On January 22, 2021 the 48th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision, the Diocese of Trenton will join the other New Jersey (arch) dioceses in observing a Day of Fasting and Prayer to end abortion. On this day, parishes throughout the Diocese will celebrate the Mass for Legal Protection of the Unborn.

**IN LIEU OF MARCH FOR LIFE** : In keeping with public health recommendations to avoid crowds and closed-in settings due to COVID-19 infection risk, the Diocese and its parishes will not sponsor or organize travel to Washington, D.C., for the National March for Life Jan. 29. Instead, the Diocese encourages the faithful to keep a local focus by participating on that day in a Mass of Thanksgiving to God for the Gift of Human Life, celebrated by Bishop O'Connell, which will be available online beginning at 11 a.m.

For more information and links visit: [TrentonMonitor.com](https://www.trentonmonitor.com) as well as [youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese).

## Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 16	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rene Langois <span style="float: right;">His loving wife</span>
Sunday, January 17	7:30 AM	Judy Dammann <span style="float: right;">Her husband, Ken</span> Phyllis DiBenedetto <span style="float: right;">The Guzzi family</span>
	11:00 AM	William V. Yuchinskis <span style="float: right;">The Ferraro family</span> Frank Bulzis <span style="float: right;">Doreen &amp; Mark Bulzis</span> Judith Dammann <span style="float: right;">Rae Marsico</span>
Wednesday, January 20	8:30 AM	Rosemary Gannon (1st Anniversary) <span style="float: right;">Our Lady of Hope Parish</span> Donald & Christopher Geiger <span style="float: right;">Don Geiger</span>
Friday, January 22	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak <span style="float: right;">Irene Ciarla</span>
Saturday, January 23	8:30 AM	Sr. Elizabeth Toft (Special Intentions) <span style="float: right;">The Scholtz family</span>
	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Anthony Pusateri <span style="float: right;">His wife &amp; family</span>
Sunday, January 24	7:30 AM	Judy Dammann <span style="float: right;">Her husband, Ken</span>
	11:00 AM	Valentino Gabrieli <span style="float: right;">The Gabrieli family</span> Donald Curtis <span style="float: right;">Marie Curtis</span>

### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January *Human fraternity*

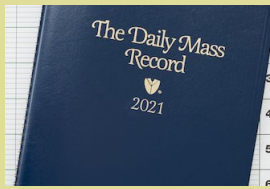
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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

**The Parish of Our Lady of Hope**



"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](mailto:tomainotippycat@comcast.net)



## 2021 Mass Book is now OPEN

For mass intentions, **please call or email** the Parish Office as the offices are closed to visitors.

Please do not send the \$10 stipend for each mass intention until availability of requested date is confirmed. Checks should be written to: The Parish of Our Lady of Hope with mass intention in memo and can be mailed to the rectory or dropped off in the box outside the offices.

St. Jerome: 732-222-1424 or  
[office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)

St. Mary: 732-531-1409 or  
[stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.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: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, 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 2: Joan & Robert Day, Marge Edelson, Connie Heal, Ann Hedinger, Joyce Klohn, Rimas Lukas, and Katie McCann

Week 3: Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

Week 4: Ashley Cusack, Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Pat Serafino, James Shanahan, Marie Siciliano and Rob Stratton

*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, January 16	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Marie Louise Giunco
Sunday, January 17	8:00 AM	Joann Carhart Pat Serafino
	10:00 AM	William Hendricks Kathleen O'Brien Lorraine McCarthy Nancy & Al Atheras
Monday, January 18	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday, January 19	9:00 AM	John & Rose Regulski
Wednesday, January 20	9:00 AM	Marion Johnson
Thursday, January 21	9:00 AM	Agnes Sally
Saturday, January 23	5:00 PM	Augustus Maggio Patty & Ron Carvalho & family
Sunday, January 24	8:00 AM	Calvin & Jennie Applegate David Applegate Frank Carpentier Jonathan & Kathy Harrington
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Mary & Fred DeGennaro Kathleen O'Brien

### World Marriage Day and National Marriage Week 2021

Special announcement for Catholic Married Couples! In observance of World Marriage Day (Sunday, February 14, 2021) and National Marriage Week (February 7-14, 2021), the Diocese of Trenton has launched an exciting new web resource for Catholic married couples to enhance their marriage in three important ways:

1) *Reconnect with Your Spouse*, 2) *Make Your Marriage Even Better*, and 3) *Serve Others in Your Marriage*. Find all this and more at [www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org/world-marriage-day-for-couples) - what every couple needs to make their marriage extraordinary!

**"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."**  
~ Romans 12:10



### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

Here we are in a new year of your life. Are you trying to be a new person or stay the old person of last year? The question is not referring to your age but to your thinking, your personality and how you will handle simple and complex interactions this coming year. Do you feel that your reactions are based on others' actions, circumstances and situations that you encounter? Is that the real reason? Or is it really your personality and how you choose to react?

If a waitress accidentally spills something on you, how do you react? Do you say, "Oh my, that could happen to anyone", or do you create a scene and embarrass both of you? How you react to the situation is up to you. Do not blame the waitress or the accident, your reaction is your decision.

We were all created with different talents and abilities to compliment the talents and attributes in others. Remember, we all have freewill and DISCERNMENT (as defined in Christian context "perception in the absence of judgement with a view to obtaining spiritual direction and understanding"). In other words, as a Christian, we should do the right thing in a situation. We know what that is although sometimes our personality inhibits us from being responsible and doing the correct thing. Your perspective of this new year is totally up to you, whether you go through it being sad, unhappy, and disliking others or embrace the year with joy, happiness and emulating the love of God to all you meet. It is all up to you.

God will always love you and is someone you can talk to anytime to help you discern the correct actions to take whether you stay the old you or a new you this coming year. The world will still THANK YOU FOR JUST BEING YOU for you are special in God eyes and those who love you.

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

**Marlene Acerra  
Frank Carpentier  
Maureen Dupre**

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



## A SAUCY SOLUTION FOR SUPPER!

### Gianna's Italian Restaurant



*Need a simple easy dinner for those busy days?*

Order delicious quarts of sauces and soups from **Gianna's Italian Restaurant** prepared by SJS alumnus, **Chef John Mandica** and support St. Jerome School. **Gianna's** will donate to St. Jerome School **\$2 per each quart** ordered .

The sauces freeze well so feel free to order enough for several dinners. **Two forms of payment:**

1. **Venmo @ JohnBMandica:** If you pay with Venmo, email orders to [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)
2. **Make payment in form of cash** with order form in an envelope **Attn: Georgie Mandica rectory - Sauce fundraiser**. Please send orders to school office or drop in Rectory mailbox outside rectory office labeled St. Jerome Rectory by **Wednesday, Jan.20, 2021**.

**Orders will be available for pick up Monday, January, 25, 2021** at dismissal starting at 1:45 PM in the parking lot outside the St. Jerome Rectory. If you need to make special arrangements for pick up please contact Georgie at 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)

#### FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

<b>Name</b>			
<b>Phone</b>			
<b>Quarts</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Unit Price</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Bolognese Sauce (Beef,pork and veal)		\$ 14	
Marinara Sauce		\$ 8	
Vodka Sauce		\$ 12	
Pasta Fagirole Soup		\$ 10	
Lobster Bisque		\$ 15	
Straciatella Soup (Spinich egg drop soup)		\$ 10	
		<b>TOTAL</b>	

#### OFFICE USE ONLY

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Phone Number:</b>
<b>Quarts ordered #:</b>	<b>Total Paid: \$</b>