

# 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.



January 22, 2023 \* Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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**Contact Information**

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St. Mary’s phone: 732-531-1409  
Email Address: stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org

**Weekly Collection and Attendance**

*May the good Lord bless you for your generosity*

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,490.00	71 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,891.00	75 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,409.00	139 people
Online Giving	\$923.00	38 families
Total	\$5,713.00	285 people
Last year same weekend total	\$7,005.00	231 people



Saturday/Sunday, January 14/15, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$693.00	70 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,375.00	63 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,381.38	113 people
Online Giving	\$612.00	28 families
Total	\$4,061.38	246 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,147.00	191 people

Interfaith Neighbors: \$1,298.00 —Thank You!

\* The Christmas collection total will be posted at a later date \*



**Please register as a parishioner**

Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think they automatically are registered just by attending Mass regularly in a particular parish but it requires a form to be submitted to the parish office with copies of sacrament records. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes such as, scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent eligibility form if requirements are met, a qualification letter from the pastor and receiving a year end donation tax statement. Weekly collection envelopes are used to track attendance at Mass. Registration in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Registration forms may be found on our website [www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org) under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org). Thank you.

**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.**

**Please do not book venue before choosing date with the parish.** 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)

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear parish family,

This 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, is also called Word of God Sunday. It is fitting because of the message of the Gospel. Lives are changed when people listen and respond to Christ with their hearts

In the gospel we hear the story of the calling of the first disciples: Peter, Andrew, James and John. This was their first meeting with Jesus. They have seen Jesus as the light and so they were not afraid to follow him. Jesus called them: He said "come follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets. That means, there was no fear. The very means of livelihood. The very thing that they probably enjoy doing everyday, Suddenly became unimportant. Only the words of Jesus became their assurance of something better. Something bigger. Something that more meaning to what they were.

Indeed, their being fishermen was brought to a higher level for they fished men into the kingdom of God. We can say we are part of their catch. Thanks to them and the other Apostles after them. They have seen the light. They have accepted the light. And they have passed on the light to us.

You are now called to be apostle in our time. You are now the new fisher of men. If you have seen the light of Christ, let it shine through you. Share it that others may come to the light.

Let us pray for one another.

Fr. Sheldon



### A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR ANYONE INVOLVED IN MUSIC MINISTRY

Choirs, Cantors, Music Directors, Music Ministers,  
Band Directors, Musicians, etc.



The Diocese of Trenton is hosting **"An Evening with Steve Angrisano"** on **Friday, February 3, 2023** at St. Joseph Church in Toms River. Steve is an internationally recognized Catholic composer, presenter, and passionate music minister. For over two decades, he has traveled around the world sharing his unique blend of humor, story, and song. All involved in music ministry are invited to attend.

Registration is required. Go to <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/evening-with-angrisano> for more information and registration.



Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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**One Day –GIVING VOICE TO GOD**                      Friday, February 3    9:30 AM to Noon

We know our world presents us with a number of voices vying for our attention. Only One Voice promises us Truth. Today on the Feast of St. Blaise, set aside time for listening to God's voice within you. Then, with God's blessings live the words of Jesus: "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops." Donation: \$20

**Series- ENNEAGRAM PARABLES**                      5 Wednesdays    1:00 – 2:30 PM

February 1    March 1 & 29    April 19    May 17

Jesus is a great storyteller. The Enneagram is a helpful tool for growing in understanding and compassion for yourself and others. Clarence Thomson in his book, *The Parables & The Enneagram*, matches Jesus' parables to the nine different Enneagram types. Very insightful! If you like the Enneagram and you like the parables, please come.

Led by S. Marcy. Donation: \$75

**SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT WEEKENDS**    7:00 PM Friday to 1:00 PM Sunday  
 Feb. 10 – 12    Feb. 24 – 26    March 17 – 19    April 21 – 23    April 28 – 30    May 5 – 7    May 12 – 14  
 May 19 – 21    June 9 – 1

Liturgy, spiritual direction and optional contemplative prayer periods are included. Please register early. These fill quickly. Donation: \$165/\$65 non-refundable deposit with registration.



## Saint Jerome Church


Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 21	5:00 PM	<b>Rene Langlois</b> His loving wife <b>Anthony Esposito</b> Marie Danback & family
Sunday, January 22	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Richard Loeffler, Sr.</b> Richard Loeffler <b>Grace Zofrea</b> Maria Graziano
	11:00 AM	<b>Valentino Gabrieli</b> The Gabrieli family <b>Donald Curtis</b> Marie Curtis <b>Joanne Caltabilota (Happy Heavenly Birthday)</b> Maryanne Ioli
Wednesday, January 25	8:30 AM	<b>Cecilia Mary Heller (1st Anniversary)</b> Our Lady of Hope Parish
Friday, January 27	8:30 AM	<b>John R. Rathjens</b>
Saturday, January 28	8:30 AM	<b>Pope Benedict</b>
	5:00 PM	<b>Matthew Mandica</b> Connie & Richard Dominguez <b>People of Our Lady of Hope Parish</b> John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, January 29	7:30 AM	<b>John Adams</b> Rosemary Finnegan
	9:30 AM	<b>Guido &amp; Frances Monteleone</b> The Monteleone family <b>Sisters of St. Jerome School</b> John & Kitty Mandica
	11:00 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Donald Curtis</b> 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 \$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.*




## National Eucharistic Revival

The Church needs healing. And the world needs the Church. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.



Jesus needs each one of us to be his hands and feet throughout this Eucharistic Revival.



*I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*  
John 6:51

### Attention Ladies Bowlers Needed

Join the St. Jerome Bowling League and help support the St. Jerome PTA

We bowl Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM Shore Lanes at the Asbury Circle

Call Kitty Mandica for more details or to join  
732-259-0406



### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 21	5:00 PM	<b>Maria &amp; Cesare Di Iusto</b> Maria & Dan Falzarano <b>Ft Conneliose Chang</b> Helen Kong
Sunday, January 22	8:00 AM	<b>Blessings for Joseph &amp; Kelina</b> <b>John Squeo</b> The Hughes family
	10:00 AM	<b>George Hiotis</b> Francis Minnici
Monday, January 23	9:00 AM	<b>Thomas Morrissey</b>
Tuesday, January 24	9:00 AM	<b>Forgotten Nuns &amp; Priests</b>
Wednesday, January 25	9:00 AM	<b>Pope Benedict</b>
Thursday, January 26	9:00 AM	<b>Caitlin Nora Rochon</b> Ann Flanagan & family
Saturday, January 28	5:00 PM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Jim & Vera Ciavaglia <b>Blessings for Mike &amp; Rosemarie Lyons</b> Don & Linda Hopkins
Sunday, January 29	8:00 AM	<b>Ms. Won-Bae Kim</b> Helen Kong
	10:00 AM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Eileen Bolan <b>Robert B. Wade (10th Anniversary)</b> His family



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 "Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

### Sheepish Question:

What recent occurrences have lifted my spirit and hope?

### 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: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Joseph Mandica, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Stephanie Sassola, Bob Scally, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 2: Fr. Doug Freer, Cathy Mueller, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

Week 3:

Week 4: Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, John Wengler, Howard White, August Wreiole

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 \*\*



### 2023 Mass Book is now OPEN

For mass intentions, please call or email the Parish Office for Church of request. The \$10 stipend is due at time of request for each mass intention once availability is confirmed. Please include who mass is for and requested by.

St. Jerome: 732-222-1424  
 office@ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary: 732-531-1409  
 stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org



### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

**Irene Dirienzo**

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

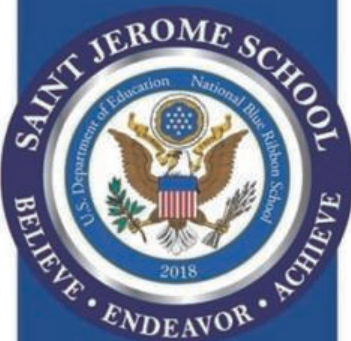




## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**OPENING MASS: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023, 9:30 AM**

Please join us for our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, beginning next Sunday, January 29, 2023. The theme, “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.,” highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence and dedication to community service. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit but service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. This year we are proud to once again partner with Blessing Bag Brigade NJ to help deliver bags of hope and comfort to the homeless of Monmouth County and surrounding areas. Prospective students and their families are invited to meet teachers and students, discover our classrooms and learn more about what makes **Saint Jerome School the BEST!**



## YOU'RE INVITED TO ATTEND SAINT JEROME SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

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