

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: Saturday 4:00 PM



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Assumption Church

46 Richmond Avenue
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:00am
Daily: Monday to Thursday at 9:00am
Confessions: Saturday 4:00 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.



July 19, 2020 * Sixteenth Sunday Ordinary Time



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Sr. Elizabeth Toft invites everyone to join her for this free Night of Hope Conference.

Your registration for Night of Hope has been confirmed!

We are so very excited that you will be joining us for this amazing night being broadcasted from our beautiful campus at Franciscan University on Sunday, July 19, 2020 from 6:30 – 9:30 PM ET.

Please help us spread the word by sharing this event with your friends, family, and faith community! ??

<https://steubenvilleconferences.com/night-of-hope>



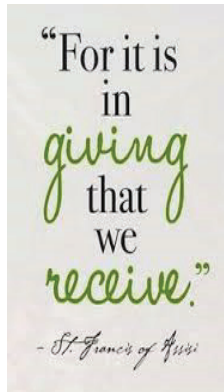
Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

July 4/5, 2020 & July 11/12, 2020		
7/5/2020	\$5,421.00	
7/12/2020	\$5,174.00	
Online Giving	\$1,122.00 \$887.00	40 families 40 families
Total 2 weeks	\$12,604.00	
Lawn Care	\$1,166.00	
Last year same weekend totals	\$6,119.00 \$5,710.00	366 people 368 people



July 4/5, 2020 & July 11/12, 2020		
7/5/2020	\$2,141.00	
7/12/2020	\$2,616.00	
Online Giving	\$867.00 \$517.00	25 families 22 families
Total 2 weeks	\$6,141.00	
Debt Reduction	\$743.00	
Lawn Care	\$822.00	
Last year same weekend totals	\$4,941.00 \$4,164.00	327 people 301 people

Pastoral and Support Staff

Contact Information

Pastor: Father Vincent T. Euk
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A Message from Father Euk

The Book of Wisdom is a Deutero Canonical book of the Bible. It was rejected by the Jews in 87 AD because it was not written in Hebrew, but rather in Greek. After the Reformation some of the Protestants chose to also reject it. My impression is that these texts were meant to save Judaism within the diaspora which spread into the Greek speaking districts because the children preferred to learn Greek instead of Hebrew for commercial purposes. This particular reading is about the mercy of God. God is the Creator and Master of all. He has absolute power over all and punishes evil out of righteous indignation. Yet the exercise of this power is very controlled, deliberate and merciful. God's mercy allows us to repent of our sins with the assurance of forgiveness if it is done through the Church either by Baptism, Reconciliation or the Sacrament of the Sick.

In the Gospel Jesus speaks again in parables. These are earthy stories that reveal divine mysteries to the humble and not to the arrogant. These stories prevent the proud from understanding the deeper meaning because of their closed mindedness.

In the first parable, Jesus is the sower of the good seed in the field of the world. The weeds are probably from the darnel plant, which is a poisonous plant that looks like wheat when sprouting. The intention of the devil is to ruin the crop or to poison the consumer. In pulling the weeds up both the good and the bad will be lost because it is so hard to tell the difference. The harvesters are the angels of judgment sent by God. The field is the Church where the good and the wicked exist side by side and grow together. St. Augustine tells us, "The wicked exist in this world either to be converted or through them the good may exercise patience." We are all on a faith journey and some of us take more time to repent. In the meantime the Church simply preaches repentance and practices patience. In His own good time, God will settle accounts, but we must be like God and desire that all be saved.

The parable of the mustard seed describes the Church. The Church starts small around the world, but it eventually grows big. As the plant grows, it opens itself to accommodate all kinds of birds. The birds that come to live in the tree symbolize nations. God will give shelter to all who choose to ask for it and obey Him. Those who refuse to repent and reconcile themselves will not stay long by their own free will.

The last parable speaks of the mysterious rising of yeast in bread. This is symbolic of Sacraments that give sanctifying grace, the life of the Holy Spirit. Jesus gathers around sinners like yeast. Very little yeast is needed to make a very large amount of flour rise. This symbolizes the vast success of the kingdom because Jesus in His mercy is so merciful to sinners who repent of their sins.

Let us pray for a respectful attitude toward sinners in our midst and that we not be contaminated by them, but through our patience and prayer they may be converted. Let us pray that our sinfulness does not contaminate others. Hopefully, we will eventually shed our sinfulness in our journey through life so that we will swiftly enter the sinless world of Heaven.

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, July 18	5:00 PM	Algisa Sigismondi The Schiavone family Ivanna Portillo Her parents
Sunday, July 19	7:30 AM	Dr. Alexander Baret Richard Loeffler Kevin O'Grady, Jr. Diane Rocco
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Wednesday, July 22	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak Irene Ciarla Mitch Ersig Charlie Holtz
Friday, July 24	8:30 AM	Huey Roarty Tom & Margaret Chisholm Mike O'Connor Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Saturday, July 25	8:30 AM	In Memory of Giacomina Paonessa Gulli The Laugelli family Dr. Angelo Lopano Vito & Liz Paolantonio
	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dennis Harrington Matt, Chris & Brian Durnien Beatrice Jaeger Anna Gagliano
Sunday, July 26	7:30 AM	Andrew P. Immitt (25th Anniv.) The Harmyk family Josephine Torchia Her daughters Michael O'Coonor Salvatore Dina
	11:00 AM	Irene Kallighan Doreen & Mark Bulzis Marilyn Ferraro Howard & Shirley Camp

"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

Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July
Our Families
We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.


Dear Friends of the greatest parish in West Long Branch and Deal,
Peace and Joy to you and your loved ones!

Just a short note and letter of gratitude for all that you have been and are to me, the most transferred pastor of the Roman Catholic Church for the past five years. During my three years of being pastor there, it was a blessing to have known and met you, and minister to your sacramental and spiritual needs. You were significantly the "icing of the cake," as I completed my 30th year as a priest last July 7th.

Please take care of yourselves, and kindly know that you will always be in my prayers.

Thanks again and blessings,

Fr. PJ
from one of the greatest parishes in Howell



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


Week 2 : Ashley Cusack , Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Paul Mandica , Marie Siciliano and James Shanahan

Week 3: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Syron Sean Davis, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik , Frank Signorelli, Kelly Terry, Father Ray Wadas, David Walther , Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

Week 4: Joan & Robert Day, Donald Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, and Katie McCann

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 **



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, July 18	5:00 PM	Peter Lillis Ann Flanagan & family
Sunday, July 19	8:00 AM	Donald "Ducky" Fornicola Ginny & Joe Marmora
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Joseph Dellomo David & Giovanna Kulka
Monday, July 20	9:00 AM	In remembrance of the birthday of Rosemary Macksey Her daughter, Margaret
Tuesday, July 21	9:00 AM	In remembrance of wedding anniversary of Rosemary & Edward Macksey Their daughter, Margaret
Wednesday, July 22	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Thursday, July 23	9:00 AM	Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, July 25	5:00 PM	Corey Hahn Irene Dec Tina Eckert Dena Glynn
Sunday, July 26	8:00 AM	In memory of Adamitis & Regulsky families In memory of Serafino & Tomaino families
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Healing for Father Doug Freer



Cleaning Out Your House?

Did you know that St. Jerome School has a clothing bin?

Acceptable items:

- **Clean wearable clothing**
- **Shoes**
- **Linens**
- **Handbags**
- **Stuffed Animals**



Please do not leave items outside of the bins. We cannot accept furniture or large items.

Our School will receive part of the proceeds on all donations!

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

I think, therefore I AM. God also said I AM, I AM. If the above is true, then are soul is part of God and God is part of our soul. The key here is We are God, the father's prodigal children yearning to get home to him while living with Satan here on earth.

We go through trials and tribulations here on earth so God can see how we handle them? Are we so weak as to play the game of life here on earth by cheating or by following the Ten Commandments which are the rules of the game of life on earth? By following these rules, The Ten Commandments, we will reach the goal of being back home with our Father.

I do not know about you but up until the last few months, I felt confident I could recognize the truth in a situation. Now I do not know what the truth is. Stay at home and shelter in place or start venturing out? Wear a mask, because the mask protects you from the virus or does the mask only stop you from spreading the virus? It is a virus or is it an inflammation situation? Do you need a respirator or does a respirator only help certain people? Frontline workers can go out, but it is not safe for families to go out.

Now here is my point, we are experiencing many dichotomies in our lives now. But for each of us there is only one truth. That truth being the truth we receive from praying. Are you taking time out to pray, asking God's help in identifying your personal truth or do you listen to what others tell you? You cannot rewrite the rules of life given to us by God, the Ten Commandments, do not try! Instead, respect each other and listen through prayer for God's answers to you for the truths that are yours.

Just a friendly reminder that although the church has reopened for Mass the offices are still closed to visitors until further notice. We are conducting business via email or phone on a limited schedule. Please leave a message or an email and we will respond when we come in. Thank you for your cooperation.

Saint Jerome School



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Department of Catholic Education

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The beauty of the summer season is ours to be enjoyed. The bright sunshine, the cleansing rain, and the longer daylight hours afford time for personal renewal and time to enjoy the boundless energy of carefree children.

While the school year effectively came to a close in June, our principals, teachers, and staff have not experienced a defined "summer break" as planning unfolds with new regulations for the 2020-2021 school year.

An essential priority in the re-opening and return to brick and mortar school facilities is the health and safety of students, faculty and staff. Our schools have formed task forces and are utilizing a number of resources to create a detailed plan to re-open school buildings. Resources that contribute to the planning include guidance from Governor Murphy's office, the CDC, the NJ Commissioner of Education, the American Academy of Pediatrics and the document from Loyola University, "Leading with Hope."

As you can imagine, there is much detail, reflection, consideration, and unanticipated expense as health and safety aspects provide the focus for continued learning and growth for all students. Flexibility continues to be the mantra in creating this plan as changes are often revealed from key agencies on a day-by-day basis. With new information and guidance available, changes to the plan are anticipated. School officials are assessing the school's readiness regarding technology and upgrades to school infrastructure as well as the need for additional devices and materials. Faculty members are engaged in continuous learning and professional development during the summer months. The goal is to deliver instruction to meet the needs of students whether in the traditional classroom setting or in a virtual reality should the effects of COVID-19 become more widespread and virulent.

Spirits remain high. Our administrators, faculty and staff are committed to provide an exceptional Catholic education for all students. They are committed and dedicated individuals and know the benefits of hard work to provide the best educational environment for your child(ren).

The return to school plan is expected to be available to you in the beginning weeks of August. Again, flexibility continues to be underscored as updates to the plan may be necessitated by ongoing guidance.

As you may be aware, I will retire on July 31, 2020. The incoming superintendent, Dr. Vincent DePaul Schmidt, looks forward to guiding our Catholic school communities into the future. Dr. Schmidt has served as the associate superintendent in the Archdiocese of Detroit, the Superintendent in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, West Virginia and most recently as an adjunct professor at Loyola Marymount University located in Los Angeles. I know you will provide a warm welcome and cooperative spirit to Dr. Schmidt as he comes to know the blessings that await discovery in the Diocese of Trenton.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Superintendent of Catholic Schools for eleven years and an honor to serve our Catholic schools on behalf of Bishop David O'Connell, C.M. I have been blessed to work with talented administrators and educators who provide leadership in our diocese. It was a delight to visit our Catholic schools on numerous occasions and observe the creativity and the talents of the students. They have been challenged to think deeply, to assess various perspectives, and to be guided by the tenets of our faith as they live lives based on integrity. I am proud that they will be our leaders in future years.

Thank you for choosing a Catholic school to educate your children. Our commitment continues to provide an exceptional Catholic educational experience to enrich the lives of our students. They have been prepared to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Sincerely,
JoAnn Tier

Superintendent of Catholic Schools

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