

# 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



Saint Mary of the  
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  
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July 26, 2020 \* Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time



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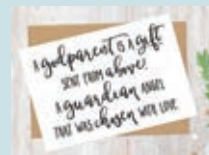
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It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone that a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a sponsorship form signed and sealed by the Pastor, please keep the following in mind:

- I am age 16 or older.
- I am registered in the parish.
- If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on a regular basis.
- I contribute to the support of the Church, as best I can. (Attendance is taken by the envelopes in the collection basket).
- I receive Sacraments according to the Laws of the Church, and I fulfill the requirements listed above.



The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor would be based on the person's dedication to the faith and regular practice thereof.

## Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

### St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, July 18/19, 2020		
7/19/2020	\$4,364.00	132 people
Online Giving	\$1,092.00	41 families
Total	\$5,456.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$6,078.00	381 people



### St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, July 18/19, 2020		
7/19/2020	\$4,654.00	91 people
Online Giving	\$642.00	23 families
Total	\$5,296.00	
Interfaith	\$971.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$6,351.00	416 people

### Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Vincent T. Euk

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## *A Message from Father Euk*

Life after death was not part of Jewish thinking at the time of Solomon. In their thought a long life, wealth and children to carry on the family name was the reward of right living. What if we were offered three wishes that would be granted to us like we see in the fairy tales? What would we wish for? Our wishes will reflect our deep desires. What would God think of our choices?

God appears to Solomon in a dream and asks him what he would like. You would think that Solomon would ask for the things we would ask for, e.g., financial security, secure borders, a good health plan, a respectful and unbiased press, etc.. Solomon is a new king and he is very young. He probably is very worried about his inner court. Will they take advantage of his youth? However, he does not ask for that. Rather, he asks for wisdom and discernment. Solomon has the humility to recognize his littleness, youth and lack of experience. He asks for an understanding heart to enable him to hear intelligently, to judge people, to see their inner motives and their actions so he could deal with them wisely. He asks for the ability to distinguish between right from wrong and to be obedient to God's laws and will. His father, King David, taught him well! When Solomon finishes the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, he says a beautiful prayer that all world leaders should meditate on (1 Kings 8:12f).

There is another observation about Solomon's request. It seems to encompass not only wisdom, but wisdom and virtue. Plato taught that knowledge was the most important thing to have, but Aristotle taught that complete knowledge is impossible. Aristotle taught his son that wisdom is both knowledge and virtue. This way of thinking has been adopted by the Church and something we incorporate in our schools.

Jesus' parables share in three common elements that are clues to the nature of the kingdom. First, the value of heaven is an immeasurable gift. Second, it gives great joy to the finder. Third, it requires a total abandonment of all else to possess Heaven. Jesus can be found in one's ordinary life with diligent work by giving up vices and sins. Then we must take extra steps to go beyond good behavior.

It may sound like hiding the hidden treasure and moving it to another location is theft. Because of the unsettled times, people would bury their valuables for safety. There was a Jewish law that stated that what a man finds, he owns. So in purchasing the field, he becomes the owner of all that is in it. For us, the field is the whole world, but the treasure is the kingdom of heaven.

Ancient writings reveal pearls were more valuable than gold. The merchant is looking for the pearl beyond all price. The merchant has many pearls, but sells them all for the this unique valuable one. That one pearl of supreme value is Jesus Christ. In the Old Testament, treasure and pearls are symbols for wisdom. The final lesson is that a genuine disciple responds joyfully to the discovered kingdom with total commitment to acquire the kingdom. As demanding as renunciation may be, the parables do not stress the pain of renunciation. However, what has been found is worth every sacrifice because the reward is Eternal Life. Jesus also makes it very clear that all evil doers are gathered and thrown into a furnace by angles forever. Paul's Letter to the Romans addresses very difficult mystery, predestination. God is free to act as He chooses, but man is free to accept or refuse His blessing for us. No one is predestined by God to end up in hell, but only we can choose to make that choice. Jesus says, "If you love Me, keep My commandments."

## Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, July 25	5:00 PM	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Dennis Harrington</b> Matt, Chris & Brian Durnien <b>Beatrice Jaeger</b> Anna Gagliano
Sunday, July 26	7:30 AM	<b>Andrew P. Immitt (25th Anniv.)</b> The Harmyk family <b>Josephine Torchia</b> Her daughters <b>Michael O'Connor</b> Salvatore Dina
	11:00 AM	<b>Irene Kallighan</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis <b>Marilyn Ferraro</b> Howard & Shirley Camp
Wednesday, July 29	8:30 AM	<b>Joseph Marotta Happy Birthday, Dad</b> Maryanne Ioli <b>Judy Dammann</b> Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Friday, July 31	8:30 AM	<b>Mary Karbowiak</b> Irene Ciarla <b>Anthony DeCotis</b> The DeCotis family
Saturday, August 1	8:30 AM	<b>Joseph Nirschl</b> Richard Loeffler <b>Michael Savianeso</b> Kathleen Toscano
	5:00 PM	<b>Tony Strollo</b> Mom & Dad <b>Margaret Ferry</b> Bill & Mary Richards
Sunday, August 2	7:30 AM	<b>People of the Parish</b> <b>Kevin O'Grady, Jr.</b> Terri & Greg Bordiuk <b>Pat King</b> Richard Loeffler
	11:00 AM	<b>Frank Bulzis</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis <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 \$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)

Abortion can leave many women and men suffering from deep guilt, shame, pain, anxiety, depression, fear, and feelings of isolation from God and others, sometimes for many years. Experience the peace and healing that comes when you are able to share your burdens with another. We are here to meet with you, in-person or over the phone, as you walk the journey of healing. We offer a safe, confidential, and non-judgmental environment that can allow you to enter into Jesus' healing embrace. No sin is too big for Him, no darkness too great. Your abortion is not the end of the story.

**Healing After Abortion:** Do you know someone who is carrying the grief of a past abortion? There is always hope. The pain and sorrow of abortion does not need to endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to respond to His invitation to begin the journey of healing the wound of abortion. For upcoming dates, locations, and confidential registration, or just to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or reach us by email at [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.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:** Joan & Robert Day, Donald Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Kohn, and Katie McCann

**Week 2:** Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

**Week 3:** Ashley Cusack, Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Paul Mandica, James Shanahan and Marie Siciliano

**Week 4:** 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

*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 \*\*



### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for July Our Families

We pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance.



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 25	5:00 PM	Corey Hahn Tina Eckert <div style="text-align: right;">Irene Dec Dena Glynn</div>
Sunday, July 26	8:00 AM	In memory of Adamitis & Regulsky families In memory of Serafino & Tomaino families
	10:00 AM	People of the Parish Healing for Father Doug Freer
Monday, July 27	9:00 AM	Dr. Edo Joseph Salva Peter & Mary Lilis <div style="text-align: right;">The Salva family Ann Flanagan &amp; family</div>
Tuesday, July 28	9:00 AM	People of the Parish
Wednesday, July 29	9:00 AM	Ethel Stroiul
Thursday, July 30	9:00 AM	Blessings for Norma, Pat and Joann
Saturday, August 1	5:00 PM	June Meehan Rosemary K. Macksey <div style="text-align: right;">Dena Glynn Her daughter, Margaret Macksey</div>
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM	In remembrance of the birthday of John Adamitis <div style="text-align: right;">The Adamitis family</div>
	10:00 AM	People of the Parish Kathleen McCann

### **MEMORIAL MASS FOR DEACON JOHN MCCABE**

*A memorial mass for Deacon John McCabe will be live streamed at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church in Bluffton, S.C. (website sgg.cc) on Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am*



### **Debt Reduction Collection Weekend**

#### **NEXT WEEKEND**



The Feb-June debt reduction collection was \$7,941.70 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

How did you meet this day when you woke up this morning? Did you say, "I will fill the day with my heart's desires?" Did you say "Oh, my back hurts!"? "I need a cup of coffee!"? "Will I be late?" "I hope my car starts!"? You could have said "Thank you, Lord for the breath in my body and for the ability to accept and appreciate the beauty and good in the world." "Thank you, Lord, for allowing me the experience to be on earth during this time to help with a loving, positive transition for myself and all those I interact with today." "Thank you, Lord, for continuing to help us to appreciate that you are with us through both bad and good times."

Did you start the day with positive desires and a plan to fulfill them, or with worry and frustration as to how your day will proceed? I do not believe any of us are happy or pleased with what is happening now to our family, our lives, our church, our country or the world. I am sure you are thinking what can be done about it. Well, did you help someone today? Did you show an act of kindness? Did you pray?

By now you are probably saying to yourself who is writing this, do they not see what is happening to everything around us? The answer is yes, I see what is happening, but I have chosen to accept that Satan is real and is being removed from the earth through our prayers and humanitarian works at this time. God has given us two great gifts that we should be using at this time. These gifts are free will with the power to discern the truth if we so desire, and the power of true prayer. What is true prayer? To me, true prayer is asking for or thanking God for something while having love and humility in our hearts. Remember the only thing Satan wants is for us to worship him through our bad acts on earth so he can acquire our soul. By doing so he will be using us to humiliate God and his teachings while we are on this earth.

Remembering that in the past, whatever you really wanted you worked hard for. What do you really want now, to be used by Satan on earth or to live eternal life with God? The answer lies only with you.



*Raquel Rodriguez*

*February 8, 2008 ~ July 19, 2020*

*"...Until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand"*

It is with the utmost sadness that we inform you that Raquel Rodriguez, Class of 2022 was taken from us on Sunday, July 19, 2020. Raquel was a true friend, a welcoming person to all. A friend remembers, "When I first came to Saint Jerome, Raquel welcomed me and made sure that I was part of the class." She will be truly missed. We pray for Raquel's family and friends during this unbelievably difficult time, please know, the entire Saint Jerome School Community and Our Lady of Hope Parish mourn with you.

*Those we once enjoyed and deeply loved,  
We can never lose.  
For all those we love deeply,  
Become part of us.*

Helen Keller

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