

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

Saint Jerome
Church

254 Wall Street
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am and 11:00am
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30am
Confessions: By appointment



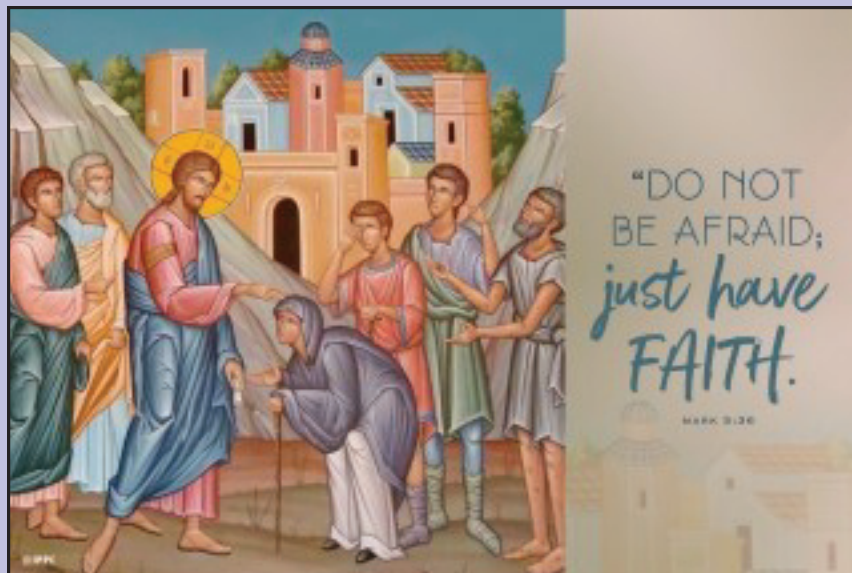
Saint Mary of the
Assumption Church

46 Richmond Avenue
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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.



June 27, 2021 * Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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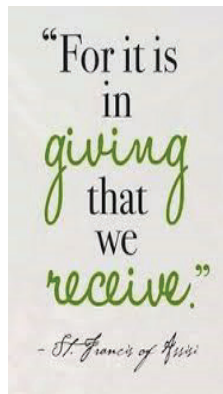
Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, June 19/20, 2021		
5:00 pm Mass	\$2,051.00	73 people
7:30 am Mass	\$ 787.00	97 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,638.00	102 people
Online Giving	\$1,270.00	44 families
Total	\$5,746.00	272 people
Last year same weekend total	\$7,285.00	Mail In



Saturday/Sunday, June 19/20, 2021		
5:00 pm Mass	\$ 922.00	53 people
8:00 am Mass	\$ 844.00	79 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,811.00	92 people
Online Giving	\$ 682.00	26 families
Total	\$4,259.00	224 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,812.00	Mail In

Interfaith Neighbors: \$875.00 — 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.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Christ the King (www.cklb.org)

SAVE THE DATE July 9, 2021 7:30 pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea Church of Christ the King Parish

Blow Out multi-genre concert featuring:

Nicolette Mavroleon, Soprano

David Smolokoff, Tenor

Peter Isherwood, Organist

Tickets are on sale Cost \$35.00

Our Lady of Hope Parish (www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

We need to pray to the Blessed Mother in these times for "peace" in the world. Please join us every Thursday at 1:00 pm behind St. Mary's in Deal for the Rosary and consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. For information please call Lea at 732 371 3983 or Mary at 732 533 8280. (Please bring a chair).

Confessions will begin in July on the second Saturdays @ St. Jerome and third Saturdays @ St. Mary's from 12:00—12:45 PM

A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

One of the many unforeseen and unwanted effects of the COVID is the anxiety of touching others. We still think twice before we shake hands even with family or friends. I can say that a touch is still one of the most powerful means of human interaction. It is our nature. We communicate with words and sounds but sometime we don't need them but only our touch says a lot. We can express our feelings through a touch on one's shoulder or hands. So I hope that this feeling of uneasiness of touching one another will go away fast. We cannot be fully human without the use of touch.



Our Lord used the power of touch in his miraculous healings. Although there were other times he heals sick people by the power of His words, even far outside the vicinity of his physical presence. But in many healings, he needed to touch people. In this weekend's Gospel, he miraculously brought back to life a young girl who was already dead. Before Jesus spoke his healing words, he first held the girl's hands. He could have just said the words at a distance or not even go to the family's home. But he needed to touch the girl. He wanted to feel her lifeless hands but now with his touch, have become full of life, that she rose immediately and walked around.

In this gospel, also, there is another story of a touch of healing. But the touch came from a woman sick for many years. Braving through the crowd the woman touched just the cloak of Jesus and she was healed of her affliction immediately. Here, it was Jesus who felt He was touched. He did not even know at first who it was. But then, the woman realized she needed to tell Jesus. Maybe it was her opportunity to thank him. Jesus just told her. It was her faith that healed her. But it was her touch that expressed her faith in Jesus.

Jesus touches and heals us through the Sacraments. But he also asks us to touch Him through our faith.

May God touch you today!

Father Sheldon

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Several years ago I purchased a CD by the contemporary Christian composer/singer Michael Card titled, *The Promise – A Celebration of Christ's Birth*. I enjoyed the entire CD but it was the 4th song, "Joseph's Song," that brought me to tears. "Joseph's Song" is Card's reflection on what St. Joseph might have been thinking as he held the baby Jesus in his arms. This song had an emotional affect on me because this was the very first time that I had ever imagined St. Joseph holding baby Jesus in his arms, yet alone think about what this moment may have been like for him. As Card reflects:

"Father show me where I fit into this plan of yours ...

Lord, for all my life I've been a simple carpenter, how can I raise a king?"

"Lord, I know he's not my own ... still Father, let this baby be the son of my love."

Yes, God had a plan for Joseph from the very beginning and provided him with the many graces and abilities that he would need to be the earthly father of the Savior. St. Joseph, in his part, was open to God's graces and placed full trust in God; he gave himself to God. In so doing, "Joseph is [being] transformed into the person God created him to be." (*Joseph, the Man Who Raised Jesus*, Gray Caster, p. 33). In placing complete trust in God's mysterious ways, Joseph's love for the baby in his arms as his very own, brought him closer and closer to the mystery of God's love, and helped him grow to be the father he was meant to be.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis tells us "Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." This is not an easy task! Fathers, *Go to Joseph*, and ask him to help you become the father that God meant you to be. And when you hold your baby in your arms, think of Joseph, smiling at the face of God. **Happy Father's Day!**

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, June 26	5:00 PM	Father Fred Jackiewicz The Ioli family Matthew Mandica Rich & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, June 27	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Christine Schaeffer Teresa & Greg Bordiuk Nancy McManus Cole Stephen & Brady Cappaluni
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Theodore & Marilyn Ferraro (In honor of 63rd wedding anniversary) The Ferraro family
Wednesday, June 30	8:30 AM	Matthew Siss Elizabeth & Bob Kevin Kelly The Chisholm family
Friday, July 2	8:30 AM	John Matthew Mandica Rich & Connie Dominguez Kevin Kelly Andrew & Lynne Petrone
Saturday, July 3	8:30 AM	John Marotta Rose White & Natalie Gerbig Captain Richard Toft, US Navy, USN (retired) The Toft family
	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Bruno J. Mandica (23 years in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, July 4	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Harold Pfeiffer His family
	11:00 AM	Anna Ioli Maryanne Ioli Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Bruno J. Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica

"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

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

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope



One Body in Christ

Pope Francis reminds us that God is mercy, and every day, throughout the Diocese of Trenton, our parishes share God's mercy through the many diocesan ministries made possible by your generous support.

Clergy and Religious Administration

Your appeal gift helps ensure there will be priests and deacons who strive to embody God's mercy in all they do, to sustain and nurture the sacramental life of our parishes. Currently 12 seminarians, 213 priests and 63 religious priests, and about 282 deacons are supported through the appeal. 69 men receive assistance in their retirement. In 2021, we have 20 Brothers, 24 priests and 48 women religious ministering in the diocese. Your gift promotes those called to serve.

Our Parish Goal: \$60,000
Collected \$32,549 / 150 Donors

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: Pat Serafino

Week 2: Al Dunphy, Marge Edelson, Linda Hopkins, Tim Siciliano, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3: Sam B., Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Stephanie Sassola

Week 4:

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, June 26	5:00 PM	Joseph Dellomo Caroline Guiscardo Denise Amato Rosa & Gabriella Russo
Sunday, June 27	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Jean Wengler John Wengler John J. Adamitis (in remembrance of our anniversary) Norma
	10:00 AM	William & Mildred Pfeifer With love from their family James & Lorraine McCarthy Their family
Monday, June 28	9:00 AM	In honor of the 60th Anniversary of Msgr. Salemi's ordination to priesthood Our Lady of Hope Parish
Tuesday, June 29	9:00 AM	In memory of Deacon Paul Kiauga Our Lady of Hope Parish
Wednesday, June 30	9:00 AM	Terence Cooney Brian & Rebecca Boomer
Thursday, July 1	9:00 AM	John R. Wengler (4th Anniversary) His Dad Joseph Marmora Ginny & Joe Marmora
Saturday, July 3	5:00 PM	Augustus Maggio Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo Deacon Paul Kiauga Thomas & Frances Kim
Sunday, July 4	8:00 AM	George Daly, Sr. The Daly family Linda Bahkous Mary Lou Arege
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Lorraine McCarthy Her family

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

Is it not strange that the Greeks had seven different words for love before Christ walked the earth spreading his teaching of love and kindness? Yet, today in the English language we only have one word for love. So how do we express the same nuances as the Greeks were able to express? We need to use the Greek word in the front of the word love. The seven distinctions that the Greeks have are as follows. 1. Eros: romantic passionate, 2. Philia: intimate, authentic friendship 3. Ludus: playful, flirtatious love, 4. Storge: unconditional family love, 5. Philautia: self- love, 6. Pragma: committed, companion love, and finally 7. AGAPE: empathetic universal love. Why am I using the Greek words for love? To help us as Catholics to better define and understand our true feelings for God and those in our lives that we say we love and to be able to utterly understand and define what type of love we have for others and things. It is hoped that you will find you have more than one type of love for others. Take the time to look up the seven distinct Greek words for love to help you define your love for others. In the meantime, it is hoped that we as Catholics convey and feel AGAPE love. To help with a better understanding of AGAPE love, I am including a more thorough definition. "AGAPE is love for others that is inclusive of a love for God, nature, strangers, or the less fortunate. It is generally an empathetic love towards humanity itself and is sometimes connected to altruism since it involves caring for and loving others without expecting anything in return. This sort of pay- it- forward love- people helping others selfishly- is the foundation of great societies and communities." It seems that AGAPE love is the love that Christ was showing us by example. If this is so, as Catholics, this is the love that we should be projecting to the people around us and in the world, following Christ's example.

Congratulations

Daniel Monzi and Kimberly Chipak
on their recent marriage this past
Friday, June 18, 2021.

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



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

Joseph Giroux

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

Congratulations!



On June 10, 2021, our fifth grade class successfully completed and graduated from the LEAD program under the faithful watch and instruction of Sergeant Michael Paolantonio of the West Long Branch Police Department and Mrs. Schetelich, our fifth grade teacher. Sergeant Paolantonio has served as our resource officer for almost ten years.

The L.E.A.D. program puts Social and Emotional Learning to work through fun and interactive lessons, building the self confidence young people need to make healthy choices and achieve success. The program promotes positive, pro-social attitudes and behaviors, while fostering healthy relationships, resistance to substance abuse and conflict, and resistance to negative peer pressure and influence.

Congratulations to our new Sixth graders and thank you Sergeant Paolantonio.

We look forward to another great year in 2021-2022!

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