

# 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, Deal, NJ 07723

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.



March 1, 2020 \* First Sunday of Lent



Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee

Office Number: 732-222-8686

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



## WEEKLY MEDLEY

March 1, 2020

### Saints of the Week:

March 3 – St. Katharine Drexel

March 4 – St. Casimir

March 7 – Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

### Q and A:

**Q:** What does the name “Jesus” mean?

**A:** Jesus means in Hebrew “God saves.” (CCC 430-435, 452).

### Quotable Quote 1:

“Speak about Christ only when you are asked. But live so that people ask about Christ.”

(Paul Claudel, 1868-1955, French poet and dramatist)

### More Q and A:

**Q:** Why is Jesus called “Christ”?

**A:** The brief formula “Jesus is the Christ” expresses the core of the Christian faith: Jesus, the simple carpenter’s son from Nazareth is the long-awaited Messiah and Savior. (CCC 436-440, 453)

### Quotable Quote 2:

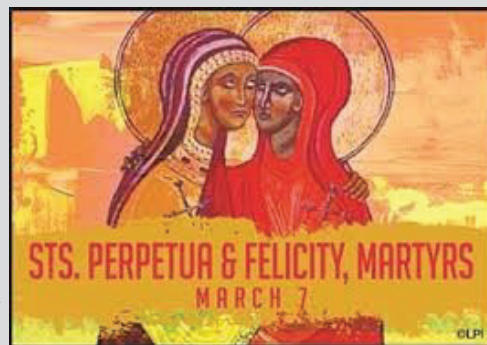
“People do not criticize Christ. They criticize Christians because they do not resemble him.

(Francois Mauriac, 1914-1996, French novelist)

### Guaranteed to Roll Your Eyes:

Mom and Dad were trying to console Susie, whose dog Skipper had recently died. “You know,” Mom said, “it’s not so bad. Skipper’s probably up in Heaven right now, having a grand old time with God.”

Susie stopped crying and asked, “What would God want with a dead dog?”



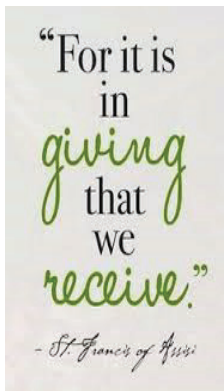
## Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

### St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, February 22/23, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,513.00	131 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,712.00	94 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,106.00	144 people
Online Giving	\$625.00	26 families
Totals	\$4,956.00	369 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,544.00	407 people

Heat & Snow Removal: \$1,453.00 — Thank You!



### St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 22/23, 2020		
5:00 pm Mass	\$755.00	104 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,107.00	96 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,956.00	124 people
Online Giving	\$322.00	18 families
Totals	\$4,140.00	324 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,211.00	266 people

Heat & Snow Removal: \$1,170.00 — Thank You!

Interfaith Neighbors correction: \$3,121.00

### Pastoral and Support Staff

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Email Address: stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org

## Father PJ's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

These 40 days of Lent are opportunities of grace, renewal and reconciliation for all of us. Please make it a point during these next two weeks to go the extra mile, as Jesus said in last Sunday's Gospel. This extra mile could be extra prayer said, extra Mass attended, extra almsgiving and donation extended. Or, this can also be an extra time confiding and asking forgiveness for our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

During Wednesday mornings at **St. Mary's Church**, we will have the Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 11:30 A.M. At **St. Jerome's Church**, there will be Soup, Reflection, and Stations on Fridays. The program goes as follows: 6 P.M. for Soup at Sister Angelina's Hall, 7 P.M. for Reflections about the Seven Last Words, then the Stations of the Cross. I thank Deacon Lou Jakub for coordinating this Lenten Spiritual Exercises at St. Jerome's.

Thank you for participating and supporting our **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Our goal as a parish is \$60,000.00. By sharing your faith with a gift, you also take part in all that the Diocese of Trenton does in actively living the message of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Finally, for those who are interested in going to the **Holy Land** from October 31st to November 8th this year, there will be an orientation meeting about the trip on Wednesday, March 18th, 1:30 P.M. at St. Mary's Hall. If you can't make the meeting, please feel free to ask or contact me. I will be the spiritual chaplain for that trip along with Brother Carmelo Cortez, who visited us at St. Mary's Church with the miracle of the roses last year.

Have a meaningful and spiritually productive Lenten season!

Fr. PJ



### PLEASE JOIN US!

**Fridays of Lent at St. Jerome Church  
February 28, 2020—April 3, 2020**

This is an invitation to all parishioners of St. Jerome and St. Mary Churches, along with family and friends.

On Friday evenings, we will be hosting a simple Lenten Soup Supper, **beginning at 6:00PM**, in the school cafeteria. Following the supper, @ 7:00PM everyone is welcome to listen to reflections on the Seven Last Words and attend the Stations of the Cross in the church.

### 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: Michael Bitterly, Ashley Cusack and James Shanahan

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

Week 4: Donald & Hope Dunphy, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Deacon John McCabe, 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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\***



## Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 29	5:00 pm	<b>Rene Langlois</b> His loving wife <b>Margaret &amp; Clement Corbo</b> Liz & Vito Paolantonio
Sunday, March 1	7:30 am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Alec Baret</b> Phyllis DelMaestro <b>Joyce Taper</b> Dr. Greg & Terri Bordiuk
	11:00 am	<b>Frank Bulzis</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis <b>Donald Curtis</b> Marie Curtis
Wednesday, March 4	8:30 am	<b>Rose Lee</b> Irene Ciarla <b>Jelucha Perez Parada</b> The Monteleone family
Friday, March 6	8:30 am	<b>Charles Swinton</b> The Monteleone family <b>Sally Crochet</b> SJS Faculty & Staff
	12:00 pm	<b>ADORATION TODAY</b> <b>After Mass Until Noon</b>
Saturday, March 7  <b>Rosary Prayer Service 8:00 AM</b>	8:30 am	<b>Charles &amp; Mary Holtz</b> Charlie Holtz <b>Joseph Petrone</b> The Durnien family
	5:00 pm	<b>Tony Strollo</b> Mon & Dad <b>Thomas Dennehy</b> His wife, Margaret & family
Sunday, March 8	7:30 am	<b>Louis Sigismondi</b> The Schiavone family <b>Anthony &amp; Mary DiCesare</b> Tony & Gretchen DiCesare
	11:00 am	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Patricia Kelly</b> Mary Lou Greco <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 any special intentions. Please contact Donna Tomaino for available dates at 732-996-6037 or email: tomainotippycat@comcast.net

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

**Felino Bayona**

**Mila Richards**

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



### THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL – IN ACTION! *Evangelization*

Each parish is unique and offers religious education in ways that meet the needs of over 40,000 students in the local community. Some program structures are very traditional; others are innovative. Over 600 adults in various stages of formation were brought to full initiation with the Church in our diocese last year. Many opportunities for the enrichment of faith are found in events and activities in parishes throughout the diocese, such as Bible Study, parish missions, lecture series, and online learning. These ministries help with adult faith enrichment by providing support for parish leaders and access to resources. Your gift, in essence, builds up our Catholic faith. Together in Mission is a tool within our Diocese that has been created to help pastors, parish clergy and staff, parish ministry leaders and families become more intentional about evangelizing at every phase of life. Your gift supports this innovative tool which impacts the real lives of Catholics growing in faith.

### DAY OF LENTEN RECOLLECTION:

It's not an April fool's joke! Our Lady of Hope Parish has a reservation on Wednesday April 1, 2020 for their day of recollection at San Alfonso Retreat House, 755 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch. Gathering will begin at 9:30 a.m. with coffee and pastries. The remainder of the day will include prayer, rosary, reconciliation, and Mass. Departure time is approximately 3:00 p.m. The cost, including lunch, is \$35.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to San Alfonso Retreat House and will be collected that day. Parishioners, family, and friends of Our Lady of Hope are all welcomed. If you are planning to attend, please call Joann Fischer at 732-531-3476. Retreat house personnel request a count in order to prepare.





## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 29	5:00 pm	Rose DiLieto Marguerite Newman <div style="text-align: right;">Diane Ailor Joann Fischer</div>
Sunday, March 1	8:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Leo & Helen Gizenski
	10:00 am	Wendy Wayne Brian Rogers <div style="text-align: right;">Michelle &amp; Chris Rogers His family</div>
Monday, March 2	9:00 am	Ethel Cavanagh <div style="text-align: right;">Her son</div>
Tuesday, March 3	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Morrissey family Marguerite Galeani <div style="text-align: right;">Diane Ailor</div>
Wednesday, March 4	9:00 am	Deceased members of the Baldino & DeFazio families Guiseppe Dellomo <div style="text-align: right;">Donna &amp; Bob Scally The Carvalho family</div>
Thursday, March 5	9:00 am	Frank Rosano <div style="text-align: right;">Nella</div>
Saturday, March 7	5:00 pm	Katherine Procopio Randy Siciliano (1st Anniversary) <div style="text-align: right;">John &amp; Rosamary Queenan Anita McLean</div>
Sunday, March 8	8:00 am	Arline Solecki & Jerome Foley Calvin & Jennie Applegate <div style="text-align: right;">Mary &amp; Bob Waitt David Applegate</div>
	10:00 am	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dorothy Rebeda Rose Carolini <div style="text-align: right;">Michelle &amp; Chris Rogers Angela Mangione-Borelli</div>



*We will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Church Wednesdays during lent after the 9 A.M. Mass. There will be Stations of the Cross at 11:30 A.M. followed by Benediction. Confessions will be held in between these times.*

### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

When you wake up in the morning do you say Lord, thank you for the breath in my body and for today? I, probably like most of you, take it for granted that when I go to bed at night, I will wake up the next day There's no guarantee that will be the case. Do we spend our days doing the mundane task's life presents to us or are we taking our time to help others and prepare our soul to return home? I don't know about you, daily, I wonder if I'm doing right by living my day as I do. Is my soul profiting by my activities that hopefully are pleasing to God. A great deal of the time I am not conscious of the gift of life that God has given to us. I forget to thank him. Then I realize I am only human with free will. That it is up to me as to what I do. I must take full responsibility for my humanity and my soul. God, by letting us wake up each day, gives us a new chance to prove our love to him and others.

#### Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

##### THIS WEEKEND



The January debt reduction collection was \$1,607 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**

In addition, we received our annual mortgage payment on the old school building of \$73,333.39.

So a total of \$74,940.39 was paid toward principal.

***Our Balance is : \$190,461.83***

#### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for March

##### ***Prayer Intention for Evangelization – Catholics in China***

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

#### Rosary-Altar Society

Membership meeting Monday, March 2, @7:15 PM in the St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. All ladies of St. Jerome & St. Mary are invited to attend.



Need information about joining the Rosary Altar Society?

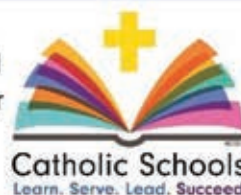
Call 732-859-7538.

Please join us for an Evening of Recollection with Father PJ, Wednesday, March 11 @ 7:00 PM, St. Jerome Church.

**All are welcome!**

Contact Shirley Camp for Information: 732-229-3324

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2020** began with the celebration of Mass and Open house on Sunday, January 26th. The week's activities included a visit from Bishop O'Connell, STEM activities, collection of items to fill for the Blessing Bag Brigade, PTA ice skating social for the students, First Reconciliation and honoring Coach Michaels for his years of service during the annual Spaghetti dinner.







**SAINT JEROME SCHOOL** celebrated its **FIRST HEROES DAY** on Friday, February 21, 2020. During the Mass the school community honored active and retired military personnel, West Long Branch and Long Branch Police, Fire and First Responders. Mayor Tucci, The NJ State Police, Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, and Daughters of the American Revolution were also among the honorees. The Long Branch High School JR ROTC presented the "Colors". The celebration continued after Mass as the School hosted breakfast for all the guests. Over fifty guests attended including Father Silva (Army ret.) Deacon Lou (Army ret.) and graduate Amanda Prascsak '13 (Coast Guard ) as well parents and relatives who are veterans/active service.





# Mercy Awaits.

All are welcome.

"Even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with your whole heart."

Joel 2:12



## Cohort 17 Parishes

Lenten Reconciliation Week 2020

**Monday, March 23, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. Michael's Church, Long Branch**

**Tuesday, March 24, 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
**St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Deal**

**Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**St. Jerome's Church, West Long Branch**

**Thursday, March 26, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church, Long Branch**

**Friday, March 27, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**St. Michael's Church, Long Branch**

## Adult Faith Formation News!

### Break Open the Word For Lent -Sunday Readings: a Reflection

#### **WHEN?**

Thursdays: 7:00PM - 8:15PM (+/- 15min)  
beginning February 27 for 5 consecutive Thursdays

#### **WHERE?**

SJ Rectory Meeting Room

#### **PARTICIPANT FEE?**

\$8.00 (approx) - resource printing fee  
or

Free – print your own copy of the reflection  
resource from the Prayer Journal for  
Break Open the Word Cycle A for the 1st,  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sundays of Lent found on  
Formed.org.

#### **HOW TO REGISTER?**

Contact Christine Scholtz

732-222-2927 or cmscholtz@verizon.net

Can't commit to 5 weeks? Come when you can!

Undecided? Come one day and check it out!

Prefer to stay at home? Do it yourself –Access Break Open  
the Word: Cycle A via FORMED.ORG



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## Annulment Information Session

Are you a divorced person who wants to be  
married in the Catholic Church? Or are you  
seeking information about marriage annulments  
through the Catholic Church?  
Come and find guidance at these sessions  
prepared especially for you.

All are welcome. No registration or fees  
required.

For more information, contact the Office of  
Canonical Services and Tribunal (609) 406-7411.

**Monday, March 23, 2020, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**Christ the King, Long Branch (Spanish)**

**Monday, March 30, 2020, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM**

**St. Thomas More Church, Manalapan (English)**





A warm welcome to the following parishioners who have just registered in our Parish:

*Claudia Sousa and her son, Gael  
and  
Carol Magarino  
and  
Jeff and Moira Largiader*



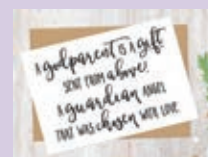
## GUIDELINES FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

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.

## Saint Jerome School

Thank you ...

to all the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope for your generosity in support of Saint Jerome School.

We are happy to report that we have raised **\$9,334** thus far (September through January)!

Grocery gift card program	\$2,173	Bake sales	\$1,536
Barnes & Noble bookfair	\$1,193	Chipotle Dine-out	\$1,124
TV raffle	\$965	Clothing bin	\$598
Monteleone bakery sales	\$690	Box Tops	\$560
Jersey Mike's Dine-out	\$495		

**The funds raised enabled us to purchase 20 new laptops for the students this year!**

And THE WINNER OF THE TV RAFFLE IS ...

The Casper family – Scott, Ana Paula, Emily (grade 5) and Stephanie (grade 4)!

We hope you enjoy your new TV!

We are so happy for you!



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Christ the King ([www.cklb.org](http://www.cklb.org))

**LENTEN PARISH RETREAT MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> FROM 6-8PM AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH**

Come join us for some Spiritual Refreshment and prayer. Make this part of your Lenten "TO DO" List. Fr. Fernando and Deacon Somma will present reflections on and showing them God's love and infinite mercy. Let's fill the Church. Please call the business office to register. two Gospels. On the Evening of March 5<sup>th</sup>, Father Vince Lampert from the Diocese of Indianapolis will speak on his work as a priest and Exorcist.

St. Michael ([www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com))

The next Baptism Preparation Class for parents and god-parents will be on Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 p.m. Please register in advance by phoning the parish office. A Certificate of Completion will be provided to those in need of such documentation.

## February 26 - April 5, 2020 40 DAYS FOR LIFE THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

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[monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury).

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

***Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!***

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