

# 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: 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,  
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We strive to grow as a vibrant and welcoming community  
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March 21, 2021 \* Fifth Sunday of Lent



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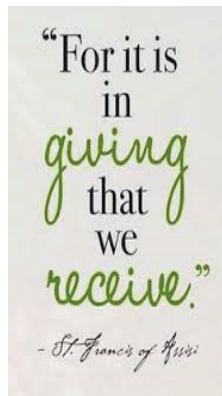
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**Weekly Collection and Attendance**

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

**St. Jerome****St. Mary of the Assumption**

Saturday/Sunday, March 13/14, 2021		
3/14/2021	\$4,374.00	
Online Giving	\$950.00	39 families
Total	\$5,324.00	241 people
Catholic Relief	\$727.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$4,468.00	198 people

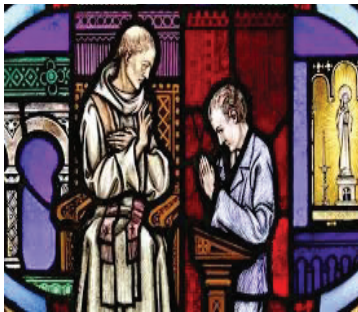


Saturday/Sunday, March 13/14, 2021		
3/14/2021	\$3,075.00	
Online Giving	\$527.00	25 families
Total	\$3,602.00	140 people
Catholic Relief	\$500.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$2,851.00	136 people

## NEIGHBORING PARISHES OF Cohort 17

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## Northeast Monmouth Cohort 17

**UPCOMING EVENTS****CONFESSIONS DURING LENT**

**Christ the King Parish ([www.cklb.org](http://www.cklb.org)):** Every Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Sacristy at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church.

**Our Lady of Hope Parish ([www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)):** Confessions during Lent from 12:00 Noon to 12:45 p.m. alternating between St. Jerome and St. Mary's Churches Saturdays beginning February 20 at St. Jerome Church.

**St. Michael's Church ([www.stmichaelnj.com](http://www.stmichaelnj.com)):** Monday-Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m.; Monday Night after the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:00 p.m.; Sunday after the 7:00 a.m. Mass until 8:00 a.m. and 6:15-6:45 p.m. prior to the 7:00 p.m. Mass; and after the 12:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses on Fridays of Lent for 30 minutes.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Christ the King Parish:** Every Friday during Lent at 6:30 p.m. in English at Holy Trinity Church and at 3:00 p.m. in English at Our Lady, Star of the Sea Church.

**Our Lady of Hope Parish:** Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. at St. Jerome's Church and Mondays of Lent after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Church.

**St. Michael's Church:** Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m.



## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear sisters and brothers,

Peace be with you!

We have entered the fifth week of Lent. The last week before the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, therefore into the Holy Week. WE have gone through some serious business of spiritual cleansing and discipline. I hope we are ready to walk with our Lord into His glorious Passion and resurrection. Let us not settle in His suffering though it is an important part in our commemoration of the way of our salvation. Easter is our goal and we were already assured we will get there only if we walk with Him.

We tried to be faithful in our forty days of Lent. Although I know this was not easy especially in this time of pandemic. Many things in our liturgy have been done differently, to the point of not making sense. But let us not be discouraged. If our hearts are intent on uniting with the heart of the "Suffering Servant" we will surely gain renewed spirit. The fruit of His passion is New Life here and hereafter.

God bless you!

I'm praying for you and with you,

Father Sheldon



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### Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

#### St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus – Nurturer of the Son of God

Considering St. Joseph's role as foster-father of Jesus, St. Julian Eymard reflects, "Saint Joseph's dignity springs from his privilege of being the legal father of the Incarnate Son of God. Here, then, is a man whom the Son of God calls father, one whom he [Jesus] serves and obeys and before whom he kneels for a paternal blessing." (Calloway, *Consecration to St. Joseph*, 37).

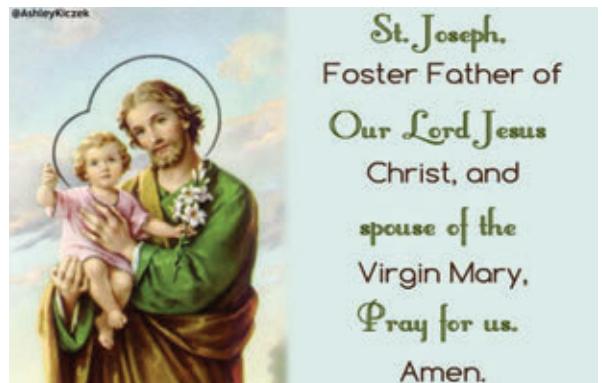
Did you ever wonder, "Why did Jesus need a father, since God is his Father?" Certainly to fulfill Scripture, as legal father of Jesus, St. Joseph made Jesus a descendant of the royal house of David. Also, keep in mind that "the divine nature of Jesus did not need anything from St. Joseph but the human nature of Jesus did require the fatherhood of St. Joseph." (Calloway, *Consecration*, 103). "Jesus needed the fatherhood of St. Joseph as a model of masculinity for him to imitate." (Calloway, 104). St. Joseph is the perfect model of true masculinity for all boys and men to imitate. St. Joseph is the perfect model of true fatherhood for all fathers to imitate.

Go to St. Joseph and let him be your spiritual father.

***Noble Offspring of David, pray for us!***

***Foster-Father of Jesus, pray for us!***

***Head of the Holy Family, pray for us!***



## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20	5:00 PM	Jane & Edward English Roseanne & Richard English Ivanna Portillo Her parents
Sunday, March 21	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Judy Dammann Her husband, Ken Dr. Angelo Lopano Doreen & Dennis Flanagan
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Romaine R. Ferraro The Ferraro family
Wednesday, March 24	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowiak Irene Ciarla
Friday, March 26	8:30 AM	Hank & Edith Holtz Charlie Holtz
Saturday, March 27	8:30 AM	Jackie Holtz Charlie Holtz
	5:00 PM	Stanley "Sonny" Lewandowski Susan & Ed Rysavage Matthew Paul Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) Mom & Dad
Sunday, March 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Judy Dammann Her husband, Ken
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Donald Curtis Marie Curtis Marion Marotta The DiCesare family

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

**Marion Marotta**

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

### Congratulations

**Nicholas Lotito and Dana Gilbertson**

on their recent marriage this past Friday,  
March 12, 2021.

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



## Holy Week

### at St. Jerome Church

#### April 1 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM Adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament \*church open for one hour  
after Mass\*

#### April 2 – Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy  
Communion 3:00 PM

#### April 3 – Holy Saturday

Blessing of the Easter Food outdoors on the front steps  
of Church – 12:00 PM

The Easter Vigil – 8:00 PM

There is **no 8:30 AM or 5:00 PM Mass**

#### April 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

Mass - 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### at St. Mary's Church

#### April 2 – Good Friday

Solemn Stations of the Cross outdoors behind the  
church -12:00 PM

#### April 3 – Holy Saturday

There is **no 5:00 PM Mass**

#### April 4 - EASTER SUNDAY

Mass - 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope  
joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:

**Avery, Hannah & Michael Holceker**  
**Children of Eric and Pamela Holceker**



*Baptized  
in the name of the Father  
the Son  
and the Holy Ghost*



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 20	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rosemary K. Macksey Her daughter, Margaret Giuseppe Dellomo His wife, Palmina & children
Sunday, March 21	8:00 AM	Marie Conti Bianca & Cosimo Franze Rosa Mammone Rose Russo
	10:00 AM	Chief Pat Russomanno Daniel Erwin Richard Martel Joann Fischer Clare McTague The Buckley & McTague families
Monday, March 22	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Tuesday, March 23	9:00 AM	Forgotten nuns & priests
Wednesday, March 24	9:00 AM	Leo & Florence Morrissey Zenaïda Sylvia The Sylvia family
Thursday, March 25	5:00 PM	Alfred Augustus Vecchia (10th Anniversary) The Vecchia family
Saturday, March 27	5:00 PM	Marie Siciliano Joann Fischer Rosa Barrita Mr. & Mrs. Carvalho
Sunday, March 28 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dr. Robert Carroll (In remembrance of his birthday) Joe & Ginny Marmora Rose Lucchi
	10:00 AM	Lorraine McCarthy The Hughes family Rosa Mammone-Franze Bianca & Cosimo Franze

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

*Samantha Gullace*

*Derek and Jeanine Orth and their  
daughters, Kaelin and Kelsey*

*Brenden and Samantha Santiago and their  
daughter, Everly*



### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

During our Lenten journey, have we taken this opportunity to set aside time for INTROSPECTION (the examination or observation of one's own mental and emotional process)? We all know that the three people in the Holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, are there for us to call upon any time or do we think first of the unholy Trinity of me, myself, and I? Upon reflecting on the above, we do have **HOPE**. We can apply these simple positive actions to our daily lives to follow the Creed of the Holy Trinity, not letting the unholy Trinity to even enter our minds. Surely, we can fast more than is required and take more time to meditate on our prayers and rosary, slowly listening to the meaning of the words and not just saying them by rote. There is no race when praying. When was the last time you said the rosary, spending not 15 or 20 minutes but 30 minutes really meditating and reflecting on the mysteries and what they mean? I believe if we try to include the following suggestions in our daily life during Lent, they could carry on even after the Lenten season so that we will not think of the unholy Trinity as much.

**Rather than** gossip, we should be discerning with our statements to others or be silent.

**Rather than** criticize someone, we should be affirming to people rather than complaining about something; we should count our blessings and share joy with others.

**Rather than** holding a grudge against others, we should offer and give forgiveness.

If we implement these actions through our daily interactions during Lent, they will hopefully carry forward after Lent. We will have lessened our thinking about the unholy Trinity that being, me, myself and I. We can then move on with our further introspection, knowing that there is **HOPE** for a chosen relationship with the Holy Trinity and our fellow men.

### 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 B., Regina Roche

Week 2: Stephanie Sassola

Week 3: Pat Serafino

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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\***





## RITE OF ELECTION

We, the Church celebrate God's invitation to Baptism as the first step into the Catholic Faith. On Wednesday, March 17, 2121, we celebrated with Christian ( Gr. 3) and Darya (Gr. 5) Talapila as Father Sheldon accepted them in the Rite of Election. We continue to pray for the children as well as their parents as they take this courageous step into the Faith. God bless all of them.

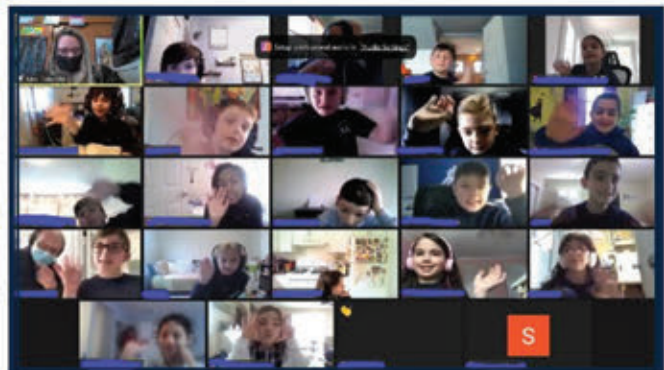
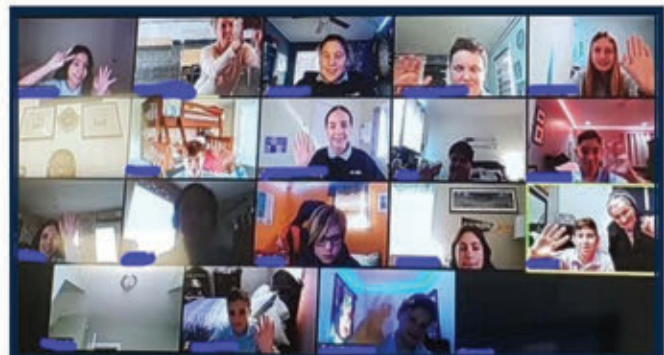
## BLESSING BAG BRIGADE

Once again, Saint Jerome School children reached out in service to others. On Tuesday, March 16, 2021, the students working with Kevin Garrison of The Blessing Bag Brigade NJ, shared in the mission to "show compassion ... to those in need". Our mission is to help them find some comfort. The fact of the matter is, there are homeless that can't afford basic necessities. Thank you parents and students. Your generosity filled over 250 bags of necessities for those less fortunate than ourselves. God bless you!



## NUNS ON THE RUN...AGAIN!

SJS students continue to excel in and out of the classroom. Sister Elizabeth Seton decided to go virtual as well. Can you find her?!





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