

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church  
254 Wall Street  
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM  
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM



St. Mary of the Assumption Church  
46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ 07723

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM  
Daily: Monday - Thursday at 9:00 AM  
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 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 26, 2023 \* Fifth Sunday of Lent



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### Weekly Collection and Attendance

*May the good Lord bless you for your generosity*

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, March 18/19, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$1,228.00	82 people
7:30 am Mass	\$2,132.00	83 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,575.00	156 people
Online Giving	\$1,053.00	42 families
Total	\$5,988.00	321 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,400.00	243 people



Saturday/Sunday, March 18/19, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$818.00	83 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,419.00	72 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,038.00	101 people
Online Giving	\$712.00	29 families
Total	\$3,987.00	256 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,917.00	171 people

Interfaith Neighbors: \$1,420.00 —Thank You!



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Holy Land Sculpture will be selling Olive-wood handcrafted items at all Masses for both worship sites next weekend April 1 and 2, 2023. Forms of payment accepted are cash, check, credit card and apple pay.

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## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear Parish Family,

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we listen to the voice of Jesus, calling Lazarus to come out of the tomb. Lazarus has been dead for days. The power of the voice of Jesus raised Lazarus back to life. Lazarus came out of his tomb and began to live a new life. But this new life surely united him ever more closely to Jesus, that he no longer will be afraid of death.



Of course Lazarus had to die again. For even if he died again he will live forever in God. Anyone who has been raised to spiritual life by the words of Jesus, physical death is just like going to sleep and waking up with Christ.

We have been baptized. We have become friends of Jesus but sometimes we feel we are dead, when our faith is challenged very often because of sin. You see, we who are living right now separated from God through sin is just like dead. We are in darkness. Sometimes it is hard for us to go back to life again. I'm sorry to say, that it's like We are in our graves already. We need the same divine help of Jesus to wake us up from spiritual death.

Jesus continues to call us to come out. Let us try to listen to his voice. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we enter into the realization of the darkness of our sins. But we are assured His mercy and forgiveness will cleanse us, refresh us and come out with a new life.

I will continue to pray for you. Please pray for me.

Fr. Sheldon

### Our Lady of Hope Rosary-Altar Society



We'll have **Palm Crosses** available for sale at all Masses at both churches on March 25 & 26. RAS Masses/Meetings will be at the 8:30 Mass at St. Jerome's on April 1 and May 6. All are welcome!



### Please join Our Lady of Hope Parish



*Our Lady of Hope Stations of the Cross*  
Friday @ St. Jerome Church at 7 PM  
Mondays @ St. Mary's after 9 AM Mass



## February 22 to April 2 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

### HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

**Vigil Location:** Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

**Vigil Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.  
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

**Local Contact:** [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!**


40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.

Please follow current COVID-19 Protocols.

Save THE Date

# 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BLUE MASS

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**Thursday, April 13, 2023 | 10:30 AM**  
Principal Celebrant: Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.  
**St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral**  
61 Georgia Road, Freehold



## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25	5:00 PM	Christian Ericksen (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica Matthew Mandica ( Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, March 26	7:30 AM	Silvino Lopes His family Grace Mari Dr. Arthur Mari
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Mary Falvo Her children Romaine Ferraro The Ferraro family
Wednesday, March 29	8:30 AM	Matthew Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica Special Intentions for Vincent John Mandica Birthday Mom, Dad & Gianna
Friday, March 31	8:30 AM	Dusty Baldwin Charlie Holtz
Saturday, April 1	8:30 AM	Jean Barbara Gilson LeTendre family In honor of Sacred Heart of Jesus & Mary Maria Celeste Gago
	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Monica & Domenica Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, April 2 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	7:30 AM	Gennaro Meffe The Monteleone family Mary Piro & Grace Torre Nancy Torre
	11:00 AM	James Lawlor Darren, Rasa & Ellen Ryan Marie Hausser Robert Hausser



### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of long time parishioner :

**Elmer Michael Petercsak**

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



## Holy Week

### Our Lady of Hope Parish at St. Jerome Church

#### April 6 – Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper – 7:00 PM \*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 PM after Mass\*

#### April 7 – Good Friday

Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, Holy Communion 3:00 PM \* Adoration until 6 PM\*

#### April 8 – Holy Saturday

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

The Easter Vigil – 7:30 PM

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

#### April 9 - Easter Sunday

Mass - 7:30 AM , 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM

### Our Lady of Hope Parish at St. Mary's Church

#### April 7 – Good Friday

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

#### April 8 – Holy Saturday

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

**\* Easter Vigil at St. Jerome Church\***

#### April 9 - Easter Sunday

Mass - 8:00 AM , 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

### Our Lady of Hope Parish

### Lenten Reconciliation Service

Tuesday, March 28 @ 7:00 PM St. Jerome Church

Everyone welcome!



Priests will be available for Confession after the prayer service concludes.

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 25	5:00 PM	William (Bill) Prihel Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Kristen's father Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, March 26	8:00 AM	Calvin & Jennie Applegate David Applegate John Wengler Barbara & Victor Calvo
	10:00 AM	Eileen McGurl Tony & Kate Chambrovich Kaitlyn E. Peterson Dennis & Maureen Melofchik
Monday, March 27	9:00 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests Alfred Augustus Vecchia (In memory of his birthday) The Vecchia family
Tuesday, March 28	9:00 AM	John Wengler Elizabeth Hardy
Wednesday, March 29	9:00 AM	Jim Roper Ann Flanagan family
Thursday, March 30	9:00 AM	Nora T. Flanagan Ann Flanagan family
Saturday, April 1	5:00 PM	Robert Burney (1st Anniversary) Evamarie Keller Mary Carvalho Mr. & Mrs. Kulka
Sunday, April 2 <b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:00 AM	Father Joseph Henchey (2nd Anniversary) Norma John Wengler Bob & Mary Waitt
	10:00 AM	John Squeo His loving wife & daughters Rosemary Heffernen Pamela & Anthony Fenelon-Mauro

Thank you to the 12 volunteer Apostles

**Washing of your feet at Mass**

**Holy Thursday , April 6 at St. Jerome Church 7:00 PM**

Inez Bruno, Nicholas Bruno, Nina Bruno, Tommy  
Bruno, Marie Curtis, Rich Dominguez, Herbert  
Hagmann, Charlie Holtz, Maureen Kawas, Patricia  
Mackin, Christopher and Kate Sbailo.

Alternate: John Mackin



"You shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and have you rise from them."

### Sheepish Question:

In what ways do I need to strengthen my belief in God's power, particularly in the truth of resurrection?

### 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: Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, Howard White, August Wreiole

Week 2: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Bob Scally, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3: Fr. Michael Lynch

Week 4: Arthur Marshall, Shirley Rible

*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 \*\*



*Pre-order Tickets Now!*

**Saturday, April 1, 2023**

**PRIZE LEVELS**

LARGE: \$100-\$200 value

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\*Values are approximate



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\*Please Note: Advance packs only include Large, Super & Mega Tickets. Any 50/50 or special Raffle Tickets are to be purchased separately at the event. No refunds on ticket packages.

**Tickets can be purchased through the Sign-up Genius page by 3/25.**

[www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2023](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2023)

**Pay through Venmo @sjsgiftauction**

*Scan with phone  
to sign up and  
purchase tickets*



Or complete the form below and return it along with your check payable to St. Jerome PTA in an envelope labeled "Gift Auction Advance Tickets".  
Mail to St. Jerome School, 250 Wall Street, West Long Branch, NJ 07764. (Must be postmarked by March 18, 2023)  
Your tickets will be waiting for you at the check-in table upon arrival.

Name	Number of \$50 Pre-packs	Number of \$100 Pre-packs	Number of \$200 Pre-packs	Total Amount Due

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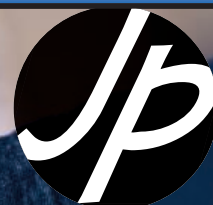
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