

A close-up photograph of a green palm frond, showing its characteristic parallel veins. A cross is woven into the frond using several strands of the same material. The cross is positioned vertically, with the horizontal bar slightly to the right of the center. The background is a dense, textured pattern of the frond's leaves, creating a strong sense of depth and texture.

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Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

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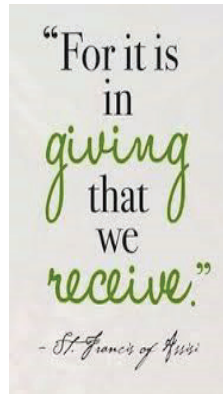
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Weekly Collection and Attendance*May the good Lord bless you for your generosity and presence!***St. Jerome****St. Mary of the Assumption****Saturday/Sunday, March 20/21, 2021****Saturday/Sunday, March 20/21, 2021**

3/21/2021	\$4,010.00	
Online Giving	\$1,390.00	43 families
Total	\$5,400.00	243 people
Last year same weekend total	\$805.00 online	31 families



3/21/2021	\$3,115.00	
Online Giving	\$802.00	27 families
Total	\$3,917.00	171 people
Interfaith	\$1,162.00	
Last year same weekend total	\$332.00 online	22 families

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UPCOMING EVENTS***Mass of Remembrance for the Covid Deceased of The Long Branch and West Long Branch Communities: Saturday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Michael's Parking Lot***

The Roman Catholic parishes of Long Branch and West Long Branch invite all to attend a Mass of Remembrance for the COVID-19 Deceased of our two communities. We will pray for the repose of their souls, for the consolation of their families and friends, in gratitude for the care they received from health care providers and loved ones, and for perseverance, courage, and strength as we and all the world continue toward the end of the pandemic.



The Mass of Remembrance will be on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. outdoors in the parking lot of St. Michael's Church at 800 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch. The Mass will be bilingual in English and Spanish and celebrated by the priests of Christ the King Sea Church and Holy Trinity Parish (St. Jerome's Church and Church), and St. Michael's will be distributed at the conclusion of the Mass



Parish (Our Lady Star of the Church), Our Lady of Hope St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Holy Communion to all the faithful in the cars.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is the Holy Week!

Our journey during Lent may have been challenging. We have seen different ways things were done or not done during the season. I feel bad we did not have our parish retreat for the same reasons that this pandemic restricts us. We will make a plan for next year. Let these temporary changes not discourage us. The Church has always been guiding us in a way that we don't miss all the essentials, still making the Sacraments available, especially confessions, and directing us in our acts of penance. What is important now is that we did our personal best.

Now as we enter the Holy Week, I hope that we are ready to accompany Our Lord through His Passion and cross. Palm Sunday meaningfully draws our minds and hearts into this journey. The palms we will take into our homes can remind us of our willingness to participate in the Liturgical Celebrations during the "Easter Triduum" (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil) whether in church or via livestreams.

The Palm is an ancient symbol of victory. We celebrate this week with triumph already in mind. We know that in the next few days we will remember how Our Lord Jesus Christ won this Victory over Evil for us.

"Hossana in the highest!"

Let us walk together in Christ and His cross.

Father Sheldon



Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph

"Let us love Jesus above all, let us love Mary as our mother; but then, how could we keep from loving St. Joseph, who was so intimately united to both Jesus and Mary? And how can we honor him better than by *imitating his virtues*?" (St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, as quoted in Levy, *Joseph the Just Man*, 147-148.)

Getting to Know You – Litany of St. Joseph

"Who is St. Joseph?" What makes him so great? What are St. Joseph's qualities – virtues – that we should strive to imitate? Answers to those questions may be found in the titles given to St. Joseph in the *Litany of St. Joseph*:

Noble Offspring of David, Light of Patriarchs, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Foster-Father of the Son of God, Zealous Defender of Christ, Head of the Holy Family,

Most Just, Most Chaste, Most Prudent,

Most Courageous, Most Obedient, Most Faithful, Mirror of Patience, Lover of Poverty, Model of Workmen, Glory of Domestic Life, Guardian of Virgins, Pillar of Families, Comfort of the Afflicted, Hope of the Sick, Patron of the Dying, Terror of Demons, Protector of the Holy Church

St. Joseph, Pray for us!

Reflect on the meaning of each title, and as you come to know St. Joseph better through his titles, strive to imitate the virtues and qualities they exemplify. Strive to model St. Joseph by your life!

"Ite ad Joseph!" Go to Joseph!

Your spiritual father will help you.

You can find a copy of the litany online at: dioceseoftrenton.org/year-of-saint-joseph



Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 27	5:00 PM	Stanley "Sonny" Lewandowski Susan & Ed Rysavage Matthew Paul Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) Mom & Dad
Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Judy Dammann Her husband, Ken
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis Marion Marotta The DiCesare family
Wednesday, March 31	8:30 AM	Ellen Johnson Fred & Helene Corcione
Thursday, April 2	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 2	3:00 PM	Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord Service
Saturday, April 3	8:00 PM Vigil	Living and Deceased Parishioners
Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners



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

Angelina Rose Ferragina
Daughter of Joseph and Robyn Ferragina



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

Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 27	5:00 PM	Marie Siciliano Rosa Barrita Joann Fischer Mr. & Mrs. Carvalho
Sunday, March 28 Palm Sunday	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 Mammne-Franze Bianca & Cosimo Franze
Monday, March 29	9:00 AM	Matthew Paul Mandica (Happy Birthday in Heaven) Mom & Dad
Tuesday, March 30	9:00 AM	Rosemary Macksey Her daughter, Margaret
Wednesday, March 31	9:00 AM	Nora T. Flanagan Ann Flanagan & family
Thursday, April 2	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Jerome Church
Saturday, April 3	8:00 PM	Easter Vigil at St. Jerome Church
Sunday, April 4 Easter Sunday	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners

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: Bernice Cobb, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 2: Sam B., Regina Roche

Week 3: Stephanie Sassola

Week 4: Pat Serafino



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 ****

Here's One Positive Encouragement

Written by a fellow parishioner

Today is Palm Sunday, the first day of the Holy Week. The day that Jesus rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on a donkey. The people to whom he had preached processed with him while shouting **"Hosanna! blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel"** while laying down and waving palm branches which were and still today are a sign of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life all of which personified Jesus. Only a King would be greeted this way, this entry of Jesus into the city is what Zachariah prophesied in the Old Testament. Most of Jesus' followers did not understand what kind of king Jesus would be. They expected the Messiah to be a great political or military leader who would free them from Roman tyranny. They did not understand that Jesus was showing them the way to God's Kingdom which is spiritual and not of this earth. This Kingdom could be experienced through love and kindness and be lived in the then and now of their lives with other like-minded individuals. It would be up to them to convey Jesus' message to others and only after the Resurrection will they have proof of the existence of God's Kingdom. Part of that Kingdom was inside each one of them through Jesus' teachings.

Can you imagine what it must have been like living in the shadow of Rome, a supposed republic and having non-elected government officials making decisions on what you could not do and how you were to live your life? It was one thing to follow the rules of your religion with your local religious leaders making laws that upheld your belief system versus them making their decisions based on what Rome dictated. I am sure you understand how they were feeling. Remember that this Lenten season going into Easter is not one of sadness. It is one of **Hope** and of kindness, knowing that better times are coming, that the true Kingdom is in each of us and like Jesus we can withstand any hardship. Jesus is waiting for us in this new Kingdom of Heaven. **Hope** and Heaven are yours for the believing in Him.



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