# 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 5, 2023 \* Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee





#### Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Sheldon Amasa Rev. Jerome Nolan Deacon Louis Jakub Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. \* Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F. Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F. , School Principal Georgie Mandica \* Carloyn Silva Norma Adamitis \* Joann Fischer John Dufford \* Christine Scholtz Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

#### Contact Information

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#### Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

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Saturday/Sunday, February 25/26, 2023				
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7:30 am Mass	\$1,644.00	87 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,981.00	237 people
Online Giving	\$903.00	44 families
Total	\$7,106.00	455 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,702.00	325 people

Ash Wednesday: \$1,727.00 — Thank You!

Heat & Snow: \$1,752.00 — Thank You!

"For it is in giving that of we receive." - St. Jumes of Jussi

	Saturday/Sunday, February 25/26, 2023		
	5:00 pm Mass	\$660.00	90 people
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	10:00 am Mass	\$1,370.00	126 people
	Online Giving	\$857.00	29 families
	Total	\$4,422.00	282 people
	Last year same weekend total	\$3,591.00	168 people

Ash Wednesday: \$850.00 — Thank You! Heat & Snow: \$1,137.55 — Thank You!



5.00

#### Please register as a parishioner

Why is it so important to register with a parish? Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Some people think they automatically are registered just by attending Mass regularly in a particular parish but it requires a form to be submitted to the parish office with copies of

sacrament records. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social and ministerial activities of your parish. Registration is also necessary for certain benefits and administrative purposes such as, scheduling sacraments, obtaining a sponsor or godparent eligibility form if requirements are met, a qualification letter from the pastor and receiving a year end donation tax statement. Weekly collection envelopes are used to track attendance at Mass. Registration in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish. Registration forms may be found on our website www.ladyofhopeparish.org under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or office@ladyofhopeparish.org. 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. Please do not book venue before choosing date with the parish. 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

# A Letter from Father Sheldon

#### Dear Parish Family,

In the world of technological advances, we are becoming accustomed to fast digital communication. Everything should move in digital speed. I have read an article some time ago that said that these fast gadgets and devices only teaches us to become impatient. WE change our lifestyles. We change our relationships quickly. Even in our relationship with God we want things to happen quickly. It seems we now ask God not to make us wait.



Someone coined the words: "Microwave Religion". We want quick prayers. Quick answers.

In the Transfiguration event there was a quick experience of glory by the apostles Peter, James and John. It was a glimpse of heaven and Peter wanted to stay in that experience. But the Lord reminded him the mission is not complete yet. The Lord had to go through Jerusalem.

There is no short cut to glory. Peter and the other disciples did not really understand what they saw. And that is also the reason why Jesus asked them not to tell the other disciples...it might only cause confusion and fear. They already saw a moment in heaven yet later on they will witness in Jerusalem His Suffering and death. We will only understand every moment of trial or success in life by looking at the complete picture. Be patient. Wait until the end.

As Christians we know, The Lord promised us we will share Gods heavenly glory. But no shortcut. Our faith is like that experience. We have a foretaste of heaven and then later, the difficult road; The long and challenging journey. No matter how challenging and slow the journey, we will get there as the Lord promised.

Fr. Sheldon



\* Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church and offices. Other ways to donate may be found www.dioceseoftrenton.org use parish name or code P3655 when donating.\*

Our goal this year is \$60,000.

#### **Please join Our Lady of Hope Parish**

**Observe Lenten Fridays** 

Friday evenings, (Last one is March 24) we will be hosting a simple Lenten Soup Supper, **beginning at 6:00 PM**, downstairs in the Sr. Angelina Pelliccia Hall. Following the supper, everyone is welcome to attend the Stations of the Cross upstairs in St. Jerome Church.



Our Lady of Hope Stations of the Cross

Fridays @ St . Jerome Church at 7 PM

Mondays @ St. Mary's Church after 9 AM Mass





40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a praceful, properful witness. There is no shouting, faul 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.

# Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 4	5:00 PM	Rene Langlois His loving wife Vito Luceno The Danback family
Sunday, March 5	7:30 AM	Kate Holtz Charlie Holtz Mr. & Mrs. Donald Lenz Paul Yost
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Carol Ann Carlesimo Marie Serrao & family Donald Curtis Marie Curtis
Wednesday, March 8	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla Irene Ciarla
Friday, March 10	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla
Saturday, March 11	8:30 AM	John Robert Rathjens Our Lady of Hope Rosary Altar Society Robert Goldrick The Pepitone family
	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Gertrude Vona (14th Anniversary) Roseanne & Dick English
Sunday, March 12	7:30 AM	Dr. Angelo Lopano Rose Marie Baret Margaret Ricci George & Pamela Laufenberg
	11:00 AM	Stephanie Sassola The Scotti family Frank Bulzis (10th Anniversary) Doreen & Mark Bulzis

#### Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts



Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Dennis, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.



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.



#### **Rosary-Altar Society**

Our Evening of Recollection this year

will be on Monday, March 6 at San Alfonso Retreat House, from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. It's San Alfonso's "Soup for the Soul" session, "Living Lent:Choosing Life." Pre-registration and \$25 pre payment is required. If interested, either call San Alfonso at 732-222-2731, Ext. 140, or go online at www.sanalfonsoretreats.org/80.

Congratulations to our new Membership Chairman: Debbie O'Grady! Welcome, Debbie!

Heads up: We will be selling Palm Crosses again this year. Details to follow.

New members and/or guests are always welcome. Any questions, call Rae: 732-859-7538

#### 12 Volunteer Apostles Needed

Washing of your feet at Mass

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

\*Please email office with name and contact information and the first 12 volunteers will receive confirmation & names will be posted in bulletin.\*

#### office@ladyofhopeparish.org

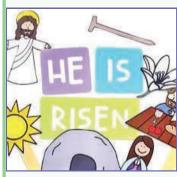


Thank you to the following volunteers that have already signed up:

Herbert Hagmann and Charlie Holtz

# Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 4	5:00 PM	Mary Carvalho Mr. & Mrs. Kulka Joseph Dellomo ( In memory of his birthday) Palmina & Sons
Sunday, March 5	8:00 AM	Brian Rogers, Sr. Nella Blessings for Joseph & Kelina Vassalo
	10:00 AM	Frank Rosano Nella Eileen McGurl The McGurl family
Monday, March 6	9:00 AM	John & Joseph Adamitis Norma
Tuesday, March 7	9:00 AM	Irene Scott Gemma Delisa Angelo Delisa
Wednesday, March 8	9:00 AM	Arline Solecki Bob & Mary Waitt Jerome Foley Bob & Mary Waitt
Thursday, March 9	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh Healing for Tony Masco Helen Kong & family
Saturday, March 11	5:00 PM	Ann Marie Kalada Diane Ailor Antonio Ferrao Patty & Ron Carvalho & family
Sunday, March 12	8:00 AM	Alyce & Joseph Shenan The Hughes family Eileen McGurl Mary Lou Arege
	10:00 AM	Maria Nasta Dena Glynn Terry Bolan Sally & Bob Selden



The Our Lady of Hope Jr. Rosarians

will be selling handmade Easter crafts to benefit St. Jerome School next weekend after all

Masses at St. Mary's Church and the weekend of March 18/19 at St. Jerome Church, while supplies last.



"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

#### Sheepish Question:

Where, recently, have I seen or experienced the glory (Godliness) of Jesus? How can that bolster me when times get tough?

#### 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: Arthur Marshall, Shirley Rible

<u>Week 2:</u> Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, John Wengler, Howard White, August Wreiole

<u>Week 3:</u> 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 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 Jerome School

A MESSAGE TO ALL OUR LADY OF HOPE PARISHIONERS AND DONORS:

There's a rare and special quality in the way some people live...

however, busy they may be, they still have time to give.

Kindness just comes naturally to this rare and selfless few...

special, giving people...people just like you!"

#### **Author Unknown**

Thank you for everything you have done for our school, past, present, and future. You have truly helped to create a very special community for each one of us to learn and grow, in mind, body, spirit and service. We cannot thank you enough for making Saint Jerome School the BEST! God bless you!

Sincerely,

The Students of Saint Jerome School



#### Ash Wednesday

On February 22nd, the SJS community came together to celebrate Ash Wednesday. We took this time to reflect and prepare for the season of Lent. It was a solemn service where Father Sheldon celebrated through prayer, hymns, and bestowed many blessings upon the students, faculty, and parishioners of Our Lady of Hope Parish and Saint Jerome School.







