# 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

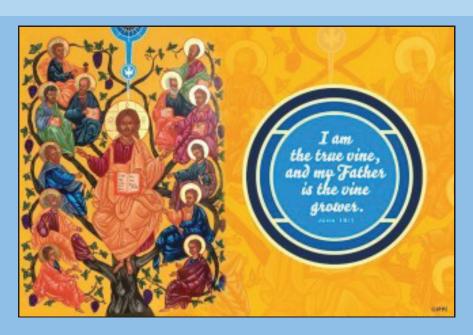
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## Mission Statement

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.



May 2, 2021 \* Fifth Sunday of Easter



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#### Weekly Collection and Attendance

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

#### St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, April 24/25, 2021				
4/25/2021	\$4,536.00			
Online Giving	\$825.00	41 families		
Total	\$5,361.00	240 people		
Catholic Home	\$614.00			
Last year same weekend total	\$7,955.00	Mail In		

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Saturday/Sunday, April 24/25, 2021				
4/25/2021	\$5,609.00			
Online Giving	\$637.00	27 families		
Total	\$6,246.00	171 people		
Catholic Home	\$678.00			
Last year same weekend total	\$7,247.00	Mail In		

St. Mary of the Assumption

#### 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.

Anyone interested in receiving the Sacrament of Matrimony, please contact Patty Carvalho at 848-466-0807 to book a wedding

More information regarding Sacraments can be found under the Sacrament link @ www.ladyofhopeparish.org

date and for additional documentation and paperwork that will need to be completed.



2021 Pew Missals now available to pick up for your personal use at home or to bring to and from Mass

# Suggested donation \$5

Please contact the parish office if you would like to make arrangements to pick one up.

St. Jerome – 732-222-1424 or office@ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary – 732-531-1409 or stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

My dear joyful friends in Christ.

Are you well connected?

We often think that to be successful in some endeavor, especially in a materialistic society, one has to know people.---To have the right connections. Many times this works.

We now live a very Technological world. Connectivity is one essential aspect in everyday life. WE drive our cars using GPS. WE go to restaurants, gyms, schools and churches and Wifi is available. No one can function well if cellphones and other devices are not connected to a signal. WE often want to connect to a faster and huge server.

A meaningful life only needs one connection. Jesus. In our Sunday's Gospel He said: "He is the vine, we are the branches. The Father is the vine grower." That means we cannot have life unless we are connected to Jesus. Our lives also cannot be fruitful apart from Him. By the Wisdom of God, he gave us the church and the Sacraments. Through them we can live a life according to the purpose He created us.

Our finance Council informed me our Sunday collections has gone up despite COVID restrictions. Please try attending Sunday Mass in Person. I notice most of our Mass Times don't reach the limited of allowed attendance. *Be connected!*\*Reconnect!

I pray for you and with you!

**Father Sheldon** 

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL - IN ACTION!



#### Our Lady of Hope Parish Goal: \$60,000

Please help us meet our goal, donations can be made **on line www.dioceseoftrenton/catholicappeal or** cards with envelopes
may be picked up outside the rectory from the box where the
bulletins are kept.

#### CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

#### The Story of St. Joseph the Worker - Celebrated May 1

"To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the "May Day" celebrations for workers sponsored by Communism, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. The feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors." (https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-joseph-the-worker)

Today through his intercession, Saint Joseph "brings light into the darkness of erroneous movements that seek to strip people of their human dignity and eliminate God from the minds and hearts of families and nations. Whether he is confronting communism, fascism, or any other kind of political ideology, St. Joseph is the protector of human dignity. He is the "Terror of Demons!" (*Consecration to St. Joseph*, Donald Calloway, 218).

Let us pray: "God our Father, creator and ruler of the universe, in every age you call man to develop and use his gifts for the good of others. With Saint Joseph as our example and guide, helps us to do the work you have asked and come to the rewards you have promised." *Opening Prayer for the Memorial of St. Joseph the Worker*.

St. Joseph, Model of Workmen, Pray for us! St. Joseph, Terror of Demons, Pray for us!

#### Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, May 1	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo  Mom & Dad  Marion Marotta
		Ed & Chris Father Fred Jackiewicz Ann Clarke
Sunday, May 2	7:30 AM	Catherine Colford (1st Anniversary)  Our Lady of Hope Parish  Gennaro Meffe  The Pagano family
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis
Wednesday, May 5	8:30 AM	Anthony A. Acerra (1st Anniversary) Our Lady of Hope Parish Holly & Theresa Geiger Don Geiger
Friday, May 7	8:30 AM	Thomas Darby  SJS Faculty & Staff  Bruno Torchia  His daughter
Saturday, May 8	8:30 AM	Charles & Mary Holtz Charlie Holtz Rosemary Loeffler Rich & Connie Dominguez
	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Marion Marotta Bill & Nancy Montgomery George Decos John & Georgie Mandica & family
Sunday, May 9	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Mother's Day	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish



# Pope Francis Prayer Intensions for May The World of Finance

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

"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 loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Donna Tomaino for available dates at 732-996-6037 or email: tomainotippycat@comcast.net

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

Glenn and Jennifer and their children Bailey and Bodhi



# The Grocery Gift Card Program supporting Saint Jerome School PTA is resuming operations!

If you are interested in purchasing ShopRite, Wegmans or Foodtown gift cards,

please contact Richard Loeffler via text message or phone call @ (732) 614-1838.

Your support of Saint Jerome School is greatly appreciated!

We would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Hope parish who participate in this fundraiser.



#### 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: Pat Serafino

<u>Week 2:</u> Bernice Cobb, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

Week 3: Sam B., Regina Roche & Stephanie Sassola

Week 4: William Gallagher

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 Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, May 1	5:00 PM	Rosa Mammone  The Dilusto family Rosa Barrita  Mr. & Mrs. Freddy Guiscardo
Sunday, May 2	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Margaret Burnes The Reilly family
	10:00 AM	Marjorie Farrell Frances Minneci Thomas & John McKenna Michaele McKenna
Monday, May 3	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh
Tuesday, May 4	9:00 AM	Rosemary K. Macksey Her daughter, Margaret Mary Rosa Barritta Rose Russo John Araege Mary Lou Arege
Wednesday, May 5	9:00 AM	Dr. John Bariscillo (39th Anniversary) John Wengler Mary Crandall Joe & Ginny Marmora Chief Pat Russomanno The Russomanno family
Thursday, May 6	9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Parish
Saturday, May 8	5:00 PM	Rosa Mammone-Franze Marie Siciliano The Dilieto family
Sunday, May 9 Mother's Day	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish



#### **Congratulations**

#### Joseph DeLuca III and Catherine Curran

on their recent marriage this past Saturday, April 24, 2021.

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



## Here's One Positive Encouragement

#### Written by a fellow parishioner

Today while writing this HOPE, I am in my dining room looking out at my neighbors' tree that abuts our property. The tree is about five and a half feet in diameter, stands about 70 feet high and has a spread of about 50 feet. The branch spread would have been greater but over the years, branches were removed ranging from 8 to 16 inches or greater in diameter. This tree must have been around in my opinion before the time of Chief Wanamassa and his tribe, that lived in this area in the 17th century. So why am I talking about a tree? Because at the time this tree started to grow it did not know it would survive this long with the deer, other animals, north eastern storms, and the people living in the area all of which could have prohibited its growth. So, it is with us and our religion, it has gone through many transgressions, weathered many storms, survived many factions, and transitions, guided over the centuries by God who has left the support and its' religious legacy in the hands of fallible men. These same men he has graced with free will and a soul, to guide them, with discernment to continue to grow in the words of Jesus. Here and now we as today's Catholics, have inherited the responsibility and legacy of fighting evil and maintaining and spreading the word of Jesus. As I mentioned last week, we at Our Lady of Hope Parish have a responsibility of helping to fulfill our mission statement which is found on the cover of our bulletin. What did you do last week to help your parish and yourself by sharing your resources, time and talents, to help spread our mission as a Catholic? What do you plan to do in the future to accomplish this? Do you have a little written plan? Remember if you fail to plan you are planning to fail. You can identify other religious laymen by their dress, not our religion, we have no special dress. How do we show our faith? We show our faith by showing our beliefs though our actions of treating others with love, kindness and realistic discussions about our faith through those actions. God made each of us with our own unique abilities to be used to spread the word of Jesus. It is my HOPE we all implement a simple written plan to help continue spreading Jesus words and our religion to others. May our Parish of Our Lady of Hope continue to spread its branches as my neighbors' tree has, growing our parish through our children while spreading our branches though our religious deeds.

## Saint Jerome School

# Congratulations



On Sunday, April 25, 2021, six Saint Jerome School Students received First Communion. What makes this even more special is the fact that the students studied during the year to become full members of our Catholic faith. We commend them, their parents and families for their desire and determination to take this very important step. Welcome to all!. Thank you Sister Elizabeth for preparing these young people.

First row: Christopher Meritzis, (Gr. 4), Shane Williams, (Gr. 5), Scott Williams (Gr. 7)

Second Row: Sr. Elizabeth Toft, MPF, Alexandra Meritzis (Gr. 6), (Emily Vaughan (Gr 4), Sienna Parker (Gr. 4)



#### Religious Teachers Filippini

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, in the past, the sisters with the permission of the pastor, sponsored one fund raiser a year to benefit the retired and infirmed sisters of our Community. Every October, we would sponsor a candy sale and everyone was always very generous.

Due to the current restrictions, we are no longer able to have the fundraiser. Father Sheldon has graciously given us permission to have one collection per year to benefit the Sisters, some of whom have also served here in our parish.

This weekend, the Sisters will speak briefly at each Mass to explain in greater detail the purpose of our collection. You will find in the May 1,2 bulletin an envelope for the purpose of your donation. The collection will take place on the May 8, 9 weekend at all the Masses. Please feel free to place the envelope in the collection boxes, or drop off at either St. Jerome or St Mary Rectory, or the school.

We are grateful for your generosity and pray for all of you every Thursday during our Eucharistic Holy Hour.

God bless you.

Sister Angelina, Sister Elizabeth Toft and Sister Elizabeth Seton

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