

# 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,  
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.



November 29, 2020 \* First Sunday of Advent



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

*Shaun and Caren Carney and their children, Ryan, Emma and Ryleigh  
&  
Jonas and Martinique Costa and their son, Jonas  
&  
Jose and Robyn Delgado and their children, Sebastian, Isabella and Carole*



## Blood Drive at Monmouth University

Co-Sponsored by the University,  
Our Lady of Hope Parish, Christ the King Parish  
St. Michael's Church, and Other Campus  
organizations and Local Community Organizations

### Save the Date:

Wednesday, December 2 – 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 3 – 10:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Location: Anacon Hall in the Rebecca Stafford Student Center at Monmouth University - 2nd floor

(Use Larchwood Ave. gate to enter campus)

Appointments are strongly encouraged and available at [rwjuhdonorclub.org](http://rwjuhdonorclub.org)  
or by calling 732-235-8100 ext 221.

Conducted by the Blood Services Department of RWJ Barnabas Health

Jersey Mike Subs, raffles for gift cards and tee shirts for all donors! Social distancing and enhanced disinfecting

## 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 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

### Pastoral and Support Staff

Pastor: Fr. Sheldon Amasa

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## *A Letter from Father Sheldon*

My dear friends in Christ,

*Be alert! Be watchful!*

That is the main theme of the entire season of Advent. This first Sunday invites us to reflect on the master of the house who went on a journey. He left his servants in charge. The master did not tell his servants when he was returning. He only told them to be watchful. He also warned them that he might come in suddenly and find them not ready.



What happens if the servant is not ready? I can only guess that the master won't be pleased. If the servant is not ready, its possible he did not complete his task thinking that master won't be coming back soon. That servant is most likely to be fired that is if we think the master is not so kind and forgiving.

Let us take a look at the master. I think he was so trusting to put his servants in charge of his property. A privilege on the part of the servants. However, they will lose that trust and privilege if they are not wise and careful in handling their duties.

WE are merely stewards of the world's goods. These goods are property of the Master Creator. We have been given by Him the privilege to take care of them. We have our duties according to our abilities to make sure these goods are handled according to God's expectations.

The message of the parable is to think that when our time comes to its end we have handled our tasks well. We are not exactly certain when that time will come. All we need to do is always as expected. When that time comes suddenly. God will be pleased. He will not take away from us our privilege as His trusted servants.

In our parish here at Our Lady of Hope, we have the privilege to be in the different church ministries. WE serve our Master in this way. Let us thank Him for the gifts he gave us and allowing us to share them. We are not masters but servants. Serve Him honestly and humbly.

Happy Advent!

Father Sheldon

### ***Our Lady of Hope Parish 2020 Christmas Gift Giving***

As with all things 2020, the Parish of Our Lady of Hope's Christmas Gift Giving will be different this year. Instead of gifts or toys, only gift cards will be accepted.

If you wish to participate in this year's Gift Giving, please place gift cards (suggested donation \$25) in the specially marked boxes at the entrances of the Church.

Donated gift cards will be collected and given to the organizations on December 14, 2020. This will allow time for the families being assisted to shop for their Christmas celebration.



Suggested gift cards: Shop Rite, Wegman's, Foodtown, Stop N Shop, Visa, Walmart, Target, Five Below, McDonald's, Burger King, Wendy's, Popeye's, Taco Bell, Macy's, Marshall's, gas cards, etc.

Anyone wishing to purchase grocery gift cards can contact St. Jerome School at 732-222-8686. This will also help them in their fundraising program.

St. Jerome Church: collecting for Interfaith Neighbors

St. Mary's Church: collecting for Interfaith Neighbors and Emmanuel Cancer Foundation for Children and Families

May you all experience the peace of Christ and the Joy of His birth this Christmas Season!



## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Dr. Alexander C. Baret <span style="float: right;">Rose Marie Baret</span>
Sunday, November 29	7:30 AM	Frank Hudson <span style="float: right;">Doreen &amp; Dennis Flanagan</span> Celesto Mazza <span style="float: right;">His wife and daughters</span>
	11:00 AM	Joseph Nirschl <span style="float: right;">Marina &amp; Greg Christopher</span> Donald Curtis <span style="float: right;">Marie Curtis</span>
Wednesday, December 2	8:30 AM	Maria Geiger <span style="float: right;">Don</span>
Friday, December 4	8:30 AM	In Memory of all Deceased Laugelli & Giancotti families <span style="float: right;">The Laugelli family</span>
Saturday, December 5	8:30 AM	Katie Zapcic <span style="float: right;">The Monteleone family</span>
	5:00 PM	Tony Strollo <span style="float: right;">Mom &amp; Dad</span> Donald Curtis <span style="float: right;">Marie Curtis</span>
Sunday, December 6	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners <span style="float: right;">Kevin O'Grady, Jr.</span> Mary, Pat & Tom Piro <span style="float: right;">Nancy Torre</span>
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis <span style="float: right;">Marie Curtis</span> Silvio & Celeste Varone <span style="float: right;">Their family</span>

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

**Angelina Rose Ferragina**  
**daughter of Joseph and Robyn Ferragina**  
**&**  
**Liliana Rose Morales**  
**daughter of Benjamin and Erin Morales**  
**&**  
**Alaina Jane O'Brien**  
**daughter of John and Amanda O'Brien**



### 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.



### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November

#### *Artificial Intelligence*

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

#### **Katie Zapcic**

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

### 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: Ashley Cusack , Margaret Dix, William Gallagher, Pat Serafino, James Shanahan ,Marie Siciliano and Rob Stratton

Week 2: Stephanie Bernstein, Christopher Cohalan, Lori Kelly, Diane Latshaw, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Anna Oleinik, Frank Signorelli, Father Ray Wadas, David Walther , Maureen Walther, Myra Walther, and Samy Yanni

Week 3: Joan & Robert Day, Connie Heal, Joyce Klohn, Rimas Lukas and Katie McCann

Week 4: Allison Dutka, Fr. Fred Jackiewicz, and Steve Lazar

*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 \*\***



## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 28	5:00 PM	Joseph Dellomo His sister & family Ralph Williams, Sr. The Pagano family
Sunday, November 29	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Rosemary K. Macksey Her daughter, Margaret Emmett Varley David & Mary McLaughlin
	10:00 AM	Deacon John McCabe Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Justin Smith Jane Hughes
Monday, November 30	9:00 AM	Ralph Williams, Sr. Michelle & Chris Rogers
Tuesday, December 1	9:00 AM	Anne & Bill Ronca Jim
Wednesday, December 2	9:00 AM	Margaret McLafferty Michelle & Chris Rogers
Thursday, December 3	9:00 AM	Michelle Cherbonneau Michelle & Chris Rogers
Saturday, December 5	5:00 PM	Ilona Nagy Gary Edelson Amadeu Carvalho Caroline & Freddy Guiscardo
Sunday, December 6	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Ilona Nagy Marjorie & Paul Edelson
	10:00 AM	Elizabeth Smith Jim Emmett Varley Cleo Boiko

### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



**RCIA**  
**Rite of**  
**Catholic**  
**Initiation of**  
**Adults**

This process is for anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church. It is also for any baptized Catholic who needs to complete their

initiation by receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information please call Sister Elizabeth Toft at 732-222-8686.

### Here's One Positive Encouragement

*Written by a fellow parishioner*

There once was a farmer that grew corn, and every year won an award for its' quality. One year, a reporter interviewed him to learn what he did to have such a great corn crop. The farmer replied that he shared his best seed with his neighbors. "How can you afford to share your best seed with your neighbors when they are entering the same corn competition with you each year?" asked the reporter. The farmer went on to explain that the "wind picks up pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If I am to grow good corn, I must help my neighbors grow good corn."

So, it is with us, our crop being not corn, but a crop of good encounters spreading all that is good, with others we meet. The good seeds that we spread in our fields consist of love, started by seed that God has given our soul through the religion we practice.

Did you ever notice we refer to ourselves as practicing our religion? Doctors are referred to as practicing medicine; attorneys are referred to as practicing law; accountants are referred to as practicing accounting, etc. Even though all the above are well-versed and knowledgeable in their field, they are all still considered as practicing their disciplines.

So, with us, our discipline is our religion in which we practice our beliefs of sowing the seeds of love and kindness that our souls carry to the people we meet. Our mission is to spread love and kindness to the world, a love for each other and our Lord. Are you sharing your best seed with your neighbors? Are you releasing unconditional love and kindness everyday into the world around you?



### Debt Reduction Collection Weekend

**NEXT WEEKEND**



The October debt reduction collection was \$1,124.00 which we paid directly toward principal. **Thank you for your generosity.**



# GIVING CHALLENGE

We currently have a matching gift challenge made possible by a very generous donor. Give to Saint Jerome School before the end of 2020, and your gift will be doubled through the match. Please make your charitable donation check to Saint Jerome School and send to school care of the principal. All donations are tax-deductible.

Thank you.

*Thank you for accepting the challenge. We remember all our benefactors in holy hour every Thursday. God bless you. Sister Elizabeth Seton, Father Sheldon, the Sisters, faculty and always the children.*

Each year, the sisters renew their Oblation (vows) on the feast of the Presentation of Mary in the Temple, November 21, 2021. Due to the current restrictions, the sisters did not travel to Villa Walsh this year but renewed their vows via ZOOM. The Mass was celebrated at Villa Walsh.

Sisters Angelina, Elizabeth and Elizabeth Seton also renewed their Oblation at a special Mass at Saint Jerome with the children present. As always, the sisters are grateful for your kindness and support throughout the years. Please pray that we may be faithful to our consecration and

continue the mission, "Go and teach the Word of God." Every Thursday, the sisters pray for all our parishioners, parents, faculty and especially the children during our Eucharistic Holy Hour. God bless you!



Thank you to all the wonderful parents who came to help. As you can see many hands make light work! We were all kept all of us busy but happy to do something for our children.





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