

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

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



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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM
Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM

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.

and that repentance, for
the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached
in his name
to all the nations

LUKE 24:47



April 14, 2024

Third Sunday of Easter



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

The Month of April is dedicated to the Most Holy Eucharist. The Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ was instituted at the Last Supper by Christ, so that through the reception of this great gift our souls would be sanctified and grow ever more deeply in the union with God. Every sacrament of the Church that we receive gives us a sanctifying grace which is a type of grace by which our faith, hope and love grows in our soul. The sanctifying grace as the name indicates, sanctifies that is makes us holy. Every sacrament that we receive gives us this grace and accomplishes the end for which the particular sacrament is used. Unlike the six of the seven sacraments that are symbols by which means the Holy Spirit imbues in us the grace and brings about the change in us in accordance with the purpose of that sacrament, the Sacrament of the Eucharist is truly unique, because it truly is what it signifies. Whereas with the other sacraments the elements that are used are the means by which the grace, the life of God, is channeled to us. The Eucharist is the very life of God because God is truly, substantially present. Therefore, the Eucharist is not a symbol, by which only God's life is being given to us, but God himself, that is the gift and the one who offers the gift. That is why the Eucharist is given worship and adoration, because if the Eucharist was just a symbol and God was not truly present, then offering worship and adoration to bread would be considered an act of idolatry. Therefore, God is truly present in the Eucharist and our worship and adoration of this sacrament is a true act of worship of God.

Unlike the ark of the covenant, which was only a symbol of the holy presence of God, the Eucharist is a holy presence of God, for God is truly present in it. This an important point that distinguishes the figures of the past that God used to accustom us to his presence among us, from the reality of God's presence truly being present among us. God is truly present in the Eucharist, and therefore God is truly present in every Catholic Church. All the other Churches, which do not have the true Eucharist also cannot have the true presence of God. We do not need to ask and wonder where is God? Because He is always present in every tabernacle that the Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Since God is truly present in the Eucharist, we have a grave responsibility to receive and treat the Eucharist with utmost care and reverence. Since we truly are receiving God, we need to be aware that how we receive the Eucharist has a profound importance, consequences and effects on this life, our relationship with God and on our salvation.

Since the Eucharist is a gift to us from God, therefore no one has a right to it. We receive the Eucharist undeservedly as we attest to that when we say the response during the Holy Communion "Lord I am not worthy to receive you." If the Eucharist was just a symbol and we received just bread then we would not need to be worthy, because to consume bread does not involve any act of morality. We eat bread because it is a needed nourishment for our bodies and that is all. Since however, we do acknowledge our unworthiness in receiving the Eucharist, it is because God who is truly present in the Eucharist is greater than we are, infinitely more perfect than we are, the Supreme Being that is almighty, and we are just weak and finite beings. Compare to God we are truly nothing and truly unworthy. If the infinite transcendence of God was not enough, we also are sinners that is we fall below our human dignity. It is by the grace of God by which God prepares us and makes us fit to receive him. It is by the grace of the sacrament of Baptism that God make us a fitting dwelling for himself. God also instruct us through his sacred word about the need to keep our hearts pure, because He desires to abide in such hearts. As we approach to receive the Eucharist, may we always be aware of Him who is truly present in it and how unworthy we are to receive Him. May we continuously pray, while waiting to receive him and after receiving him with love and humility in our hearts, together with St. Thomas, the Apostle: "My Lord and My God."

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 13	4:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo + Tony Strollo + Req. Her Parents Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, April 14	7:30 AM	James J. Harmert+ Req. Phyllis & Steve Flaherty
	11:00 AM	Joanne R. Caltabilota + (10th Anniversary) Donald Curtis + Req. Husband and Children Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, April 17	8:30 AM	William Stanton + Req. Irene Ciarla
Friday, April 19	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak+ Req. Irene Ciarla
Saturday, April 20	8:30 AM	William Nurthen + Req. Donna & Family
	4:00 PM	Richard English + Concetta & Guglielmo Ioli + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez Req. Maryann Ioli & Family
Sunday, April 21	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners Req. Our Lady of Hope Parish
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Joseph Cilento + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis Req. Newell Family

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 13	5:00PM	Marge Edelson + Giuseppe & Giovanna Dellomo + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez Req. Maria Andreula
Sunday, April 14	8:00 AM	Robert Scally + Millie McBain + Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo Req. Charlie & Patty Brown
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Karen Crockford + Req. Delia Family Req. Joe & Terry Williams
Monday, April 15	9:00AM	Thomas Cavanagh + Sister Ellen + Req. Ima Sylvia
Tuesday, April 16	9:00 AM	John Capizzi + (20th Anniversary) Req. Liz & Sal Scafidi
Wednesday, April 17	9:00 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Harvey Family Rebecca Foley + Req. Nella Req. Mary & Bob Waitt
Thursday, April 18	9:00 AM	Mary Kelly Lillis + Pasquale Dellomo + Req. The Flanagan Family Req. Anthony Dellomo
Saturday, April 20	5:00 PM	Nadia "Hope" Lopertido + Tony Lento + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia Req. Joe & Kim Repko
Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM	John Wengler + Vincent Borelli + (21st Anniversary) Req. Req. Ima Sylvia Req. Angela Borelli
	10:00 AM	Eileen & James McGurl + Charles Ruggirello + Req. The Family Req. His Wife, Sandy

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: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr.

Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 2: Fiona Lytle, Candace, Barbara Compton.

Week 3: Matthew & Julia Heasley.

Week 4: Alfred Trapanese.

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 **



The Parish of our Lady of Hope Welcomes our Newly Baptized

Allison Rassas

Child of:
Jacob A. Rassas
&
Anna Kumor

Baptized IN THE NAME OF THE Father AND THE Son AND THE Holy Spirit



Our Lady of Hope Parish

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



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.

GUIDELINES FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program? It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone that a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a sponsorship form signed and sealed by the Pastor, please keep the following in mind:

- I am age 16 or older.
- I am actively registered in the parish for at least 6 months.
- If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on a regular basis.
- I contribute to the support of the Church, as best I can. (Attendance is taken by the envelopes in the collection basket, even if empty).
- I receive Sacraments according to the Laws of the Church, and I fulfill the requirements listed above.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor would be based on the person's dedication to the faith and regular practice thereof. **Please do not ask us to sign if you do not meet criteria above.**



St. Mary's: 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month after 10:00 Mass.

St. Jerome: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after 11:00 Mass.

Baptismal preparation classes are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. Both parents and godparents are expected to attend. Please call the rectory 732-222-1424 to register and for further assistance.

Did you know you can request Sanctuary Lamp dedication for the week? Call or email either St. Jerome or St. Mary's church office to make arrangements.



Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church, and offices. Other ways to donate may be found on our website www.dioceseoftrenton.org use parish name or code P3655 when donating. Checks should be written to Catholic Appeal not the parish. Our goal this year is **\$55,000. Thank you!** As of 04/08/2024 paid so far \$ 21,817 which is 40% of our goal from 91 Donors.

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Appeal 2024

Our Lady of Hope Parish

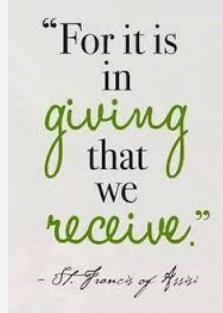
Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, April 6/7, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$556	61 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,754	95 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,178	113 people
Online Giving	\$1,255	40 families
Total	\$4,743	269 people



Saturday/Sunday, April 6/7, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 593	64 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,391	70 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 901	118 people
Online Giving	\$ 907	29 families
Total	\$ 3,390	271 people

It's Simple:

- Log onto our parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

It's Secure:

- Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

It's Convenient:

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

Tax Benefits:

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish Benefits:

- Weekly or monthly contribution choices

Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email:

stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org



All donations, contributions, and payments to the Parish for both churches including Interfaith Neighbors should be made payable to:

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope



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.

Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania
Rev. Michael Lynch * 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
Maria Lozano * Carolyn Silva
Norma Adamitis * Joann Fischer
John Dufford * Christine Scholtz
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St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409
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frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org

Saint Jerome School

My Dear Parishioners !

We are one week Away from Aloha, Welcome Fashion Show! This is the first time that we have had the full fashion show since 2019! Come join us, renew friendships! Make new friends all in the spirit of welcoming!

Call the office if you need assistance. 732.222.8686

Please make sure you join us for a wonderful day on April 20, 2024

Aloha! God bless you! Sister Elizabeth Seton

You Are Invited!!!



**Saturday,
April 20, 2024
11am - 4pm**

ST. JEROME PTA 43rd ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION & FASHION SHOW

New Venue this Year!

The Venue by Jimmy Pecci - St. George Greek Orthodox Church

1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean Township, NJ

www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2024

Buffet Luncheon includes:

Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka,
Eggplant Rollatini, Salad, Dinner Rolls,
Dessert, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea.

This is a BYOB event (glassware provided)

All guests attending must be 21 years of age or older.

*Scan with phone
to RSVP and
purchase tickets*



2 attendance options available:

Option 1:

Attendance to: Gift Auction, Luncheon and 8th Grade Fashion Show

\$60 per person (includes buffet lunch and live viewing of auction)

*Raffle tickets purchased at additional cost

Option 2:

Gift Auction Only- 10-11:30am

Access to gift room only for
ticket drop and link to livestream
drawing to watch from home.