

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

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

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

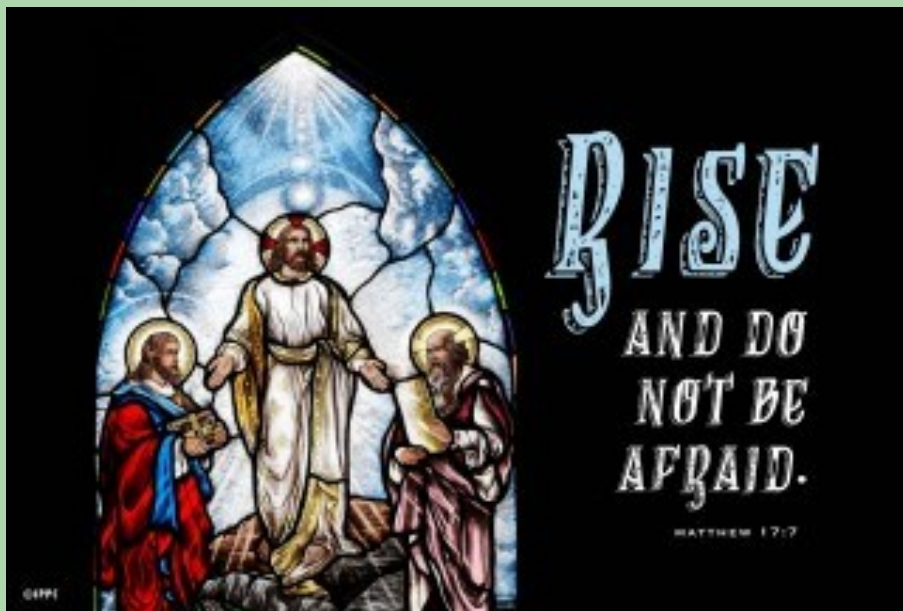


St. Mary of the Assumption Church  
46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ 07723

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.



August 6, 2023 \* The Transfiguration of the Lord



Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee

Office Number: 732-222-8686

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**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, July 29/30, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$791.00	54 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,537.00	88 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,304.00	110 people
Online Giving	\$800.00	40 families
Total	\$4,432.00	252 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,406.66	266 people



Saturday/Sunday, July 29/30, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$635.00	62 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,078.00	87 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,865.00	98 people
Online Giving	\$827.00	29 families
Total	\$4,405.00	247 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,770.00	251 people



**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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org) under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org). Thank you.

**Help Wanted**

Position - **Parish Secretary**, Part Time employment Hours 9am -1pm, Monday through Friday.

We are looking for an individual who is professional and flexible, people person that is polite and kind, respectful, welcoming, and attentive to others needs. The individual should have a good sense of boundaries and confidentiality. Since the position requires communication skills, the individual should have the ability to communicate information with clarity and understanding. There is also a need to have the ability to work with a Publisher program and general computer skills with the use of email, Word document etc. If you know someone that would be interested in this position please contact Fr. Marcin at 732-222-1424 ext. 103 and leave a message or send email to [frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org).

## *A Letter from Father Marcin*

Dear Parish Family,

On the Sunday of Transfiguration of the Lord, the Church recalls the event when Christ revealed his glory to the chosen apostles, Peter, James, and John. Pope Callistus the III established this feast on August 6th in 1457 to commemorate the defeat of Turks at Belgrade. The date also falls forty days before the feast of Exultation of the Cross on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The catholic tradition holds that the transfiguration took place 40 days before the Good Friday. The 40 days have biblical significance that points to a duration of time associated with the Exodus. Moses spent 40 days and 40 nights on mount Sinai where he received the Law from God. Also, the Israelites spent 40 years in the desert before entering the promised land. That is why next to Jesus appears the prophet Moses whose mission was to lead people out of slavery in Egypt to the promised land. Jesus is the new Moses who is going to lead humanity out of slavery to sin, to the promise land of heaven. God called Moses his servant to the top of the mountain, in the same way Jesus, the Son of God, leads his servants to the top of the mountain. The mountain is the place of divine revelation. The mountain represents reality where we leave the plains of ordinary life, and we step on to the higher level of life. Jesus reveals his glory to the chosen few disciples who are going to be the future leaders of God's Church. Jesus offers them this revelation as a gift to strengthen their Faith against the upcoming scandal of His passion and death on the cross.

Today we also remember the painful day in our human history, the dropping of atomic bomb on Hiroshima and later August 9<sup>th</sup> on Nagasaki in 1945. An interesting fact about the atomic explosion over Hiroshima that you may not have heard about. In the city of Hiroshima was a Jesuit church, Our Lady of Assumption and mission. During the explosion four Jesuit priests and four other Jesuit missionaries who resided there did not die and despite being close to the epicenter only suffered minor cuts from the glass of the windows. The Jesuit Fathers were even studied by the US government to try to figure out why they remained in good health despite being exposed to a harmful radiation. They lived to a happy old age without any post radiation complications. So, what was their secret? These four Jesuit priests and missionaries had a great devotion to Our Lady of Fatima. They practiced the First Saturday devotion and regularly prayed the rosary as Our Blessed Mother requested. Our Blessed Mother comes to the aid of those children who are especially devoted to her motherly care and protection.

Prior to World War II St. Maximilian Kolbe went to Japan to establish Franciscan Mission to bring the gospel of Christ to Japanese people. He arrived in Nagasaki without any money to establish the mission. In two months after arriving to Japan and not knowing any Japanese language St. Maximilian has published first edition of his Franciscan bulletin in Japanese. St. Maximilian looked for the place to establish a mission and he was offered a building in center of the city of Nagasaki, particularly close to the many Catholics living there. St. Maximilian refused the offer saying that in few years a fire ball will fall from the sky, and he chose to establish a mission on the hill overlooking the city. His prophetic words came true, but the Franciscan mission that he established remained intact after the atomic blast with only broken windows. The Franciscan missionaries went down to the city after atomic blast to help with care for the wounded survivors. Once again, Our Blessed Mother showed herself to be a protection to those who were completely dependent on her help. Certainly, in our times the world seems to be on the verge of major war. Our Blessed Mother asked that we pray for peace in the world and reminded us that with prayer we can change history and outcomes. Therefore, let us heed her plea to pray the rosary like our life depends on it for who knows from what unexpected dangers she will rescue us and protect us. Our Lady of Hope, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church and offices. Other ways to donate may be found [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://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 \$60,000. **As of 7/24/23 paid so far \$36,506 which is 61% of our goal. Thank you.**

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

### St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5	4:00 PM	<b>Tony Strollo</b> Mom & Dad <b>Fr. Joe D'Silva</b> Rich & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, August 6	7:30 AM	<b>Carmine J. Monteleone</b> The Monteleone family
	11:00 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Dorothy Ferro</b> George & Marie Frazza
Wednesday, August 9	8:30 AM	<b>Louis Ciarla</b> Irene Ciarla
Friday, August 11	8:30 AM	<b>William Stanton</b> Irene Ciarla <b>Robert Finnegan</b> Rosemary Finnegan
	8:30 AM	<b>Walter Holtz</b> Charlie Holtz
Saturday, August 12	4:00 PM	<b>Steve Strollo (Happy Birthday)</b> Funzie Strollo <b>Paul Mandica (3 years in heaven)</b> John & Kitty Mandica
	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>
Sunday, August 13	11:00 AM	<b>Michael Dannunzio</b> Mom & Dad <b>Frank Bulzis</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis

### St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5	5:00 PM	<b>Silvestro Graffeo</b> Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carvalho <b>Rina Caproni</b> Lea Tallarico & Carmela West
Sunday, August 6	8:00 AM	<b>Noel Vassallo</b> Joseph & Kalina Vassallo
	10:00 AM	<b>Michael Berzansky (IMO Birthday)</b> Joan Berzansky
Monday, August 7	9:00 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b>
Tuesday, August 8	9:00 AM	<b>Parents of Thomas Morrissey</b>
Wednesday, August 9	9:00 AM	<b>Blessings for Sr. Angelina</b>
Thursday, August 10	9:00 AM	<b>Terry Lawdan</b>
Saturday, August 12	5:00 PM	<b>Catherine Zulinski (30th Anniversary)</b> The Repko family
Sunday, August 13	8:00 AM	<b>Walter Surowiec</b> Lorraine Shaheen & family
	10:00 AM	<b>Sarine Tebele</b> The Martel family <b>Healing for Vincent Cavello, Jr.</b> Mike & Rosemarie Lyons

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

**Ava Kathleen Toscano-Velasquez**  
**Daughter of William Velasquez and Kiara Toscano**



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.

**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.

### 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

Week 2: Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, August Wreiole

Week 3: Bob Scally

Week 4: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Howard White



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 \*\*





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“Jesus led them up a high mountain by themselves. He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun.”

**Sheepish Question:**

Recently, where have I seen the mystery of God? How have I experienced the presence of his Son?



Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Our Lady of Hope Parish Assumption Mass Schedule

**St. Mary's Church:**

Vigil Mass Monday, August 14 at 7 PM

Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00 AM

**St. Jerome's Church:**

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 PM

The parish offices will be closed Tuesday, August 15.

The mission of St. Joseph's Trust, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is to improve the lives and well-being of individuals, families and households, Christian and non-Christian, throughout the Tamil Nadu region of Southern India. The trust endeavors to educate and empower the poor and marginalized via training and tools to provide them opportunities which will allow them to rise above their obstacles and become productive and participating members of society.

Fr. Eugene Savarimuthu, the founder of Saint Joseph's Trust, was born a Dalit and knows firsthand the pain of being treated as less than a person. He hopes to educate people about this problem in hopes that one day all people will be recognized for their inherent human dignity as children of God.

Due to the lingering effects of the caste system in India, many of the poor are Dalits, and they are still treated as outcasts. Dalit means "broken people." and were formerly known as "untouchables." They live at the bottom of India's rigid social order known as the caste system. There are 165 million Dalits in India-about 1/6th of the total population. Most of the people who are helped by Saint Joseph's Trust are Dalits.

**Recent Completed Projects:**

**Battered Women Support, School Furniture, Tuition and School Fees, Provided Sanitary Facilities, Providing Decent Housing, Providing Medical Care for the Sick, Sewing classes for local women.**

How can we reach out to this most afflicted? What does God want from me today?

If His grace touches us, we can reach out, Not matter how small, it alleviates someone's distress. It can bring life and joy to the needy. Even a dollar can help a hungry person with a one-time meal. A few dollars extra can help a family of four. Every penny counts together to save someone. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you. May God continue bless you and yours.

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**Joseph Dellera '06, Assistant Prosecutor,  
Essex County, NJ**



For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact Registrar at 732-222-8686  
or email [registrar@saintjermeschool.org](mailto:registrar@saintjermeschool.org)