

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

“Listen and let it penetrate your heart...do not be troubled or weighed down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection?”



December 10, 2023 *Second Sunday of Advent



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This coming week, December 12th, we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. This feast is not just relevant to the people of Mexico, but to all of America's continents. When in Europe in the 1520's the protestant revolt against the Catholic Church was on its way, on this side of the Atlantic the missionaries worked hard to evangelize the people of the new world. Although, the missionaries worked with much dedication, yet their efforts had a small response on the part of the native people of these lands. One of the missionaries, however, had a vision in which he saw a great multitude of people coming to be Baptized. Of course, he was skeptical about his vision since he did not know what could cause such an event to take place. Although, the Spaniards stopped the human sacrifices offered to pagan gods of Aztec people, yet the natives continued in their beliefs and worship of these false deities. On December 9th, 1531, a native convert to Christianity Juan Diego was on his way from his village to Mexico City to attend the daily Mass. While he was passing over the hill called Tepeyac, he encountered the sight of a beautiful lady, radiating with light, who was dressed like an Azteca princess. She addressed Juan Diego with endearing words, calling him my little Juanito. She told him that she is the virgin Mary, Mother of the true God, through whom all things live. She asked Juan to go to the bishop in Mexico City and ask him to build a chapel upon this hill to the honor of the Holy Virgin. Juan was a humble man and he set out to deliver the message as this lady requested of him. He waited a long time to finally be able to speak with the bishop, however the bishop did not believe him. He returned to the lady and asked her to send someone else. However, the lady asked him to go again, and he did go the next day. Bishop responded to Juan's message that he needs a proof to know whether this request is authentic, to believe him. Juan Diego returned home and found his uncle that lived with him to be not well. He cared for his uncle as best as he could. His uncle was not getting better so Juan on the morning of December 12th, decided to go to the Mexico City to get a priest to give his uncle last rites. Juan Diego did not want to be detained by the lady on the hill, so he decided to go around the hill instead. While passing the hill on the side, the lady appeared to him who said to him with sweet voice: "My little Juanito, am I not your mother who cares for you?" She told him that his uncle should be well by now and that he should not be anxious about him. She asked Juan Diego to go to the top of the hill and bring the flowers to her that are growing there. It was a winter and when Juan Diego got to the top of the hill he noticed in the snow beautiful Castilian roses, which only grow in Spain. He gathered them into his apron called tilma and he brought them to the lady, who arrange them in his apron and told him to bring them to the bishop and that this will be a sign to him, that Juan Diego's message is true and authentic. Juan went down to the bishop's place, and he would not let anyone see what he carried in his apron. He asked to see the bishop. He was led into the large room, where the bishop was present along with other people in his company. Juan Diego said to the bishop that he brought him the proof that the bishop asked for. As Juan Diego opened the apron and the roses fell down, the bishop and the people facing Juan beheld an image that appeared on his apron of the lady radiant with the sun. Juan did not immediately realize what happened and only after he was asked to remove the apron that he noticed it had an image of the lady that appeared to him at the hill of Tepeyac. The bishop brought the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe to his chapel and began preparation to build a chapel on the top of Tepeyac hill. The news of this event began to spread and especially among the natives, who began to come in multitudes and requesting to be Baptized. Due to this great miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, thousands of native people converted to Christianity. There were so many people that wanted to be Baptized that the missionaries could barely keep up. Our Lady of Guadalupe brought the native and Spanish settlers together as one people. The Devotion to Our Lady of Guadalupe, helped the Mexican Catholics endure persecution by Communists and Free Masons in the twentieth century. Also, it helped them to preserve the Christian faith, which during that period, the freedom to publicly exercise faith was outlawed. If you are interested in the hidden messages and miraculous stories involving the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, I will share it with you the following Sunday, so stay tuned.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania

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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, December 2/3, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,085	68 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,366	87 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,392	113 people
Online Giving	\$1,010	37 families
Total	\$3,843	268 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,636	274 people



Saturday/Sunday, December 2/3, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$1,184	76 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,046	70 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,047	95 people
Online Giving	\$697	26 families
Total	\$3,277	241 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,977	276 people

Legacy Fund \$2,192 Thank you!

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.



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



Standing Together for Life – Mass for Life; Lunch & Seminar

On Friday Jan. 19, 2024, the faithful of the Diocese of Trenton will come together in prayer and solidarity to proclaim the sanctity of all human life! All are invited to an 11 a.m. Mass for Life celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M., in St. Robert Bellarmine Co-Cathedral, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold. No registration is needed for the Mass, seating is first come first served. Mass will be livestreamed on

[Youtube.com/trentondiocese](https://www.youtube.com/trentondiocese)

The Mass will be followed by a Lunch & Seminar in the Co-Cathedral's Dentici Hall. A panel of local expert speakers will offer practical, actionable, ideas and resources to take back to parishes where they can be immediately applied to build a culture of life in a spirit of inter-ministry collaboration and radical solidarity with vulnerable pregnant women and families. Advanced registration to attend the Lunch & Seminar is required by Jan. 10, 2024.

Full details for the day's events, including a registration link for the Lunch & Seminar can be found here: dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life. Questions, contact Bel-em Perez 609-403-7133 bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org.



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



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

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope



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: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico, Catherine Troglen.

Week 2: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 3: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

Week 4: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith,.

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 **

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



retiredreligious.org

This weekend Our Lady of Hope Parish's second collection will be to support the Retirement Fund for Religious, please be as generous as you are able.

Welcome

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

The Roselli Family

Baptism

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.

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St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 9	4:00 PM	David Miller + The Danback Family Assunta Zaffiro + Rose Mellaci & Robert Van Brunt
Sunday, December 10	7:30 AM	Amelia Lopano (Living)n Honor of Her Birthday Rose Marie Baret
	11:00 AM	Marie Hausser + Robert Hausser Eugene Vesnesky + (35th Anniversary) + His Family
Wednesday, December 13	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla + Irene Ciarla Angelina Scibetta (1 yr) + OLH
Friday, December 15	8:30 AM	William Stanton + Irene Ciarla Concetta Iannuzzelli + OHL
Saturday, December 16	8:30 AM	M.F.P
	4:00 PM	William English + Roseanne & Richard English Ivana Portillo + Her parents
Sunday, December 17	7:30 AM	Josephine Chivera + Richard Loeffler Richard Loeffler (living) in Honor of his Birthday Rose Marie Baret
	11:00 AM	William Nurthen + Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare Lorraine Hausser + Robert Hausser

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 9	5:00 PM	Carmella D' Auria Capibianco + Req. Granddaughter Theresa J. Trocchia Richard E. English III + Req. Michael & Carmela Sylvester
Sunday, December 10	8:00 AM	Josephine Adamitis + Req. Norma Lois Garbarine + Req. Norma
	10:00 AM	Theresa Bariscillo + Req. Wengler Family Living and Deceased Members of the Guiscardo Family Req. Caroline & Ferdinando Guiscardo
Monday, December 11	9:00 AM	Harvey Family + Req. Nella
Tuesday, December 12	9:00 AM	John & Matilda Gizenski +
Wednesday, December 13	9:00 AM	Agnes Sally +
Thursday, December 14	9:00 AM	Clement Corbo, Jr. + Req. Vito & Liz Paolantonio
Saturday, December 16	5:00 PM	Jean & John R. Wengler + Req. The Wengler Family Richard E. English III + Daniel & Maria Falzarano
Sunday, December 17	8:00 AM	Dr. Joseph Formichella + Req. The Formichella Family Howard White + Req. Kathleen & George Tongring
	10:00 AM	Eileen McGurl + Req. The McGurl Family Mildred & William Pfeifer + Req. The Family

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

Jayne M. Natoli

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



On the Second Sunday, the Gospel reading recalls the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord"

Second Sunday of

Advent



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. Checks should be written to Catholic Appeal not the parish. Our goal this year is \$60,000. **As of 12/04/2023 Pledged: \$44,626.23 paid so far \$44,171.23 which is 74% of our goal from 161 donors. Thank you.**

ANNUAL
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Saint Jerome School PTA Pancake Breakfast!

Join us on December 17th for a Pancake Breakfast in Sister Angelina Pelliccia Hall, 250 Wall Street, West Long Branch, NJ. Seatings are from 8am (after 7:30 am mass) to 12pm. Please purchase tickets and register for your seating by December 8th. Santa Claus will make a special appearance during breakfast and there will be a live Nativity from 12pm to 2pm outside.

**Children 3 and under are Free
Children 8th grade and under \$10
Teens and adults \$15
To-Go orders available**



Pancakes, sausage, bacon, coffee, tea, juice, and hot cocoa bar.

Questions? Email saintjeromepta@saintjeromeschool.org or call M. Costa at 609-954-6254