

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 8:30AM
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.



December 15, 2024 * Third Sunday of Advent



[Saint Jerome School * National Blue Ribbon School](#)
Office Number: 732-222-8686
Website Address: www.saintjermeschool.org



A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

On December 14 we remember St. John of the Cross a Carmelite priest and doctor of the Church. St. John along with his contemporary St. Theresa of Avila desired to reform the Carmelite order to return to the original rule and way of monastic life. St. John was met with much opposition and was even imprisoned by his fellow monks in trying to dissuade him from his intention. St. John spend an entire year in his imprisonment until he finally escaped. St. John found new monasteries that embraced his guidance in renewal of monastic life. However, St. John received his title as a doctor of the Church, because of his expertise in the field of mysticism and that is why he is called Mystical Doctor. St. John acquired this knowledge through both study of other saints' writings, but also through his own experience in the practice of meditative prayer.

This Sunday in our second reading St. Paul encouraged and instructed Christians to use prayer as a means to remove anxieties of life and to find peace of God. This instruction in reference to prayer relates to the life of St. John of the Cross, who experienced much anxiety while being held in prison. During that trying time St. John spend much time in prayer and especially meditation, which allowed him to discover the better understanding of himself and his relationship to and with God. It was during this time of suffering, discomfort, and abandonment that St. John realized the profound value that these serve in our ability to draw closer to God. During these trying times St. John turned to prayer with greater trust in God. He realized the wisdom of God that permits us to go through difficult time only that we may be able to use these trials for our sanctification and cleansing of our soul. He reminded us of that by his spiritual guidance in his writings. St. John emphasized that the cleansing of our soul and detachment from this life requires suffering. Our senses can be cleansed and subdued from the desires of our passions by leading them through thickets of suffering. Although suffering is undesirable yet like a bad tasting medicine it brings healing to our soul and the senses of our bodies. Many times, when we experience or go through some kind of suffering, or trial we tend to abandon prayer as something undesirable, because we either blame God for allowing this suffering to afflict us or because we might feel that the prayer does not provide us with enough comfort. However, it is precisely when we undergo some kind of trial or suffering that prayer is more efficacious, because it is more demanding, it asks more of us to give.

Notice how Christ prayed before and during his passion and the incalculable amount of strength it provided for him, and it will provide for us. It is prayer that enables us to pass through suffering by giving us deeper meaning in what we are going through and the opportunity to deepen our trust in God. It is in the prayer while undergoing sufferings that we realize our limitations and need to rely more on God for the care of our life. We will grow in humility as well because our own will is going to be mortified and our love of comfort and our vain desires are going to be stripped away. We may ask and why this is so important for our spiritual growth and deepening of our relationship with God? because all these things that suffering helps us to let go off is actual the cause of our anxiety and lack of true peace of God. Since we are wired in a certain way to God, those things that undermine our connection or union with God fill us with anxiety. They cause us to experience a type of shock or interference that deprives us of true peace and only by removing interference or repairing the wiring that we will be able to have a true peace in our hearts. Thanks to St. John's instruction on these spiritual practices that we can make advances toward greater union with God, which is a union of love. Since God chose the mean to obtain for us salvation through suffering, it should help us to better understand why suffering is such a great instrument to make ready our human nature for the union with God. While suffering prepares our nature for the union with God it is prayer that inflames our heart with love to seek the union with Him. St. John of the Cross helps us with his insights to better understand the path that leads us to our union with God. May we put into practice his practical wisdom and we will see profound results in our relationship with God and the way that we live our Christian life.

St. John of the Cross, pray for us! Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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.



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



Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 14	4:00 PM	Clement Corbo Jr. + Req. Vito & Liz Paolantonio Ivanna Portillo + Req. Her Parents
Sunday, December 15	7:30 AM	Denise Ingoglia Mullin + Req. Dawn Miller Rocky Christopher + Req. The Bordiuks
	11:00 AM	Eugene Venesky + (36th Anniversary) Req. Wife & Children Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis
Wednesday, December 18	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla Josephine Chiyera + Req. Richard Loeffler
Friday, December 20	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla James O'Connor + Mark & Karen Sheppard
Saturday, December 21	8:30 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests
	4:00 PM	Marija Katkuvieni + Req. Ryan Family William Nurthen + Req. Donna & Family
	7:30 AM	Phyllis Thompson + Req. Terry & Greg Brodiuk
Sunday, December 22	11:00 AM	Lorraine Hausser + Req. Robert Hausser Allan Dunphy + Req. His Loving Wife, Sally

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 14	5:00PM	Christine Sutton + Req. Evamarie Keller Birthday wishes for Irene Burney Req. Evamarie Keller
Sunday, December 15	8:00 AM	Danielle Mason + Req. John & Joyce Armstrong Maria & Vincenzo Covello + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
	10:00 AM	Dr. Joseph Formichella + Req. Formichella Family Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy
Monday, December 16	9:00AM	Marie Siciliano + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Tuesday, December 17	9:00 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests
Wednesday, December 18	9:00 AM	Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally
Thursday, December 19		Healing for Vincent J. Covello, Jr. Req. Donna Scally Marge Edelson + Req. Paul Edelson
Saturday, December 21	5:00 PM	Anthony Tallarico + 20th Anniversary Req. The Family Frank Scally + Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, December 22	8:00 AM	Katherine Mueller + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Dale Cavalero + Req. Anthony & Pamela Mauro
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy Thomas Mahedy + Req. Rose & Mahedy Family

Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts

Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

Contact Information

The main office is operating preferably by phone, email or appointment **Monday—Friday 9 AM—1 PM**

254 Wall Street, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

Phone 732-222-1424 • Fax 732-222-2291

Email Address: office@ladyofhopeparish.org

Website: www.ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409

Pastoral

Reverend Marcin Kania, Administrator

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School Staff

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Saint Jerome School Contact Information

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

Our Lady of Hope Parish Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve — Tuesday, December 24

St. Jerome - 4:00 pm —Children Mass with Youth Choir.

St. Mary : 5:00 pm

St. Jerome- 9:00 pm—Mass will include the Meditation, Las Posadas presented by the eighth grade and the Adult Choir.

Christmas Day Masses Wednesday, December 25

St. Jerome: 7:30 am & 11:00 am

St. Mary: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

New Year's Eve Vigil—Tuesday, December 31

St. Jerome: 5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary—Wednesday, January 1

St. Mary : 10:00 AM — St. Jerome: 11:00 AM

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:

Week 2: Jeff Miles, Betty D' Achino.

Week 3: Sam Britton, Regina Roche, Frank Marsico, Frank Signorelli, Rob Norman, Sammi Gianni, David, Myra and Maureen Walther, Bernice Cobb, and Carole Mueller, Anthony Dannunzio, Lynne Britton, Kate, Ben and Claire B.

Week 4: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covello Jr, Nick Grieco, Michael Romano, Fiona Lytle.

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*

SAINT MARY'S 2024 GIVING TREE

Make a wish upon a star and a child's Christmas dream can come true. Beginning Saturday November 30th you can pluck a star from the tree, purchase the suggested gift item, and return the UNWRAPPED item at any time before December 16th. Items are only suggestions and feel free to make any donation of your choice. Your generosity and support in the past to Interfaith Neighbors has been greatly appreciated so let's continue the spirit of giving this Christmas.



THE Joy CANDLE

Also known as the Shepherds' Candle, this third candle of Advent signifies the joy of our coming Savior.

And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior."

—Luke 1:46-47



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 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.

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, Dec 7/ Dec 8, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 2,235	87 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,689	68 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,635	177 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,278	42 families
Total	\$ 6,837	332 people

"For it is
 in
giving
 that
 we
receive."
 - St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 7/Dec 8, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 603	59 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 890	84 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,009	95 people
Online Giving	\$ 812	27 families
Total	\$3,314	238 people

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1,615 Thank you!

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REQUIESCAT IN PACE
 Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of:

Joseph Marmora

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



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 Parish office : **732-222-1424** or **Email office@ladyofhopeparish.org** 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

Pope Francis Intentions for 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

RCIA (Rite of Christian 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. 732-222-8686.



Parish Giving

Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer



Evening Prayer every Sunday of Advent 4:30 PM at St. Jerome Church, all are welcome to join.

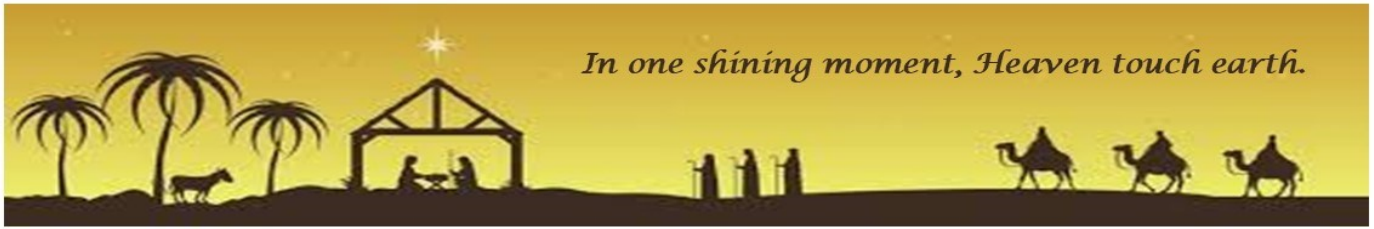


Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church, and offices. Other ways to donate may be found on our website www.dioceseoftrenton.org use parish name or code P3655 when donating. Checks should be written to Catholic Appeal not the parish. Our goal this year is \$55,000. As of 12/08/2024 paid so far \$42,133 which is 77% of our goal from 152 Donors. Thank you!

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2024



Saint Jerome School



In one shining moment, Heaven touch earth.

The holiday season is a time of warmth, a time of gratitude, and a time of giving. As we near the end of the year, we reflect on what we've achieved together. We've seen our students reach new heights and take significant strides toward their dreams. Students have started using the New STEM Lab. There is a love for learning in our Catholic School. Your support has made it possible to create an environment that allows these dreams to flourish. As we continue to work together during the Advent season of Hope and in the coming Jubilee year of Hope, I hope you consider offering your support to Saint Jerome School. This kind of support has transformed not just the individual lives of our students but the very core of Saint Jerome School.

Because of people such as yourselves, we continue to help students and families achieve their goals of a quality Catholic Education. This deep sense of community and faith is what makes our Saint Jerome family so extraordinary and brings to life our motto, "Believe, Endeavor, Achieve"!

Please consider a gift during this beautiful season of Advent and Christmas. Your gift is an investment in the future of Catholic Education and in Saint Jerome School. It ensures that all of our deserving students have access to a quality Catholic education in the finest tradition, enhances our resources that foster academic and personal growth, empowers our amazing faculty and launches innovative initiatives such as our new STEM Lab.

As we usher in the Christmas season and look to 2025, the Jubilee year of Hope, I ask you to contribute to our Educational Fund. Together we ignite dreams and transform lives together! Thank you for your on-going support of our students, teachers and the Filippini Sisters. Your dedication helps fulfill the Filippini Sisters mission, "Go and Teach the Word of God"!



God bless you.

Sister Elizabeth Seton Dalessio, MPF
Principal

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Gift Amount: ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___ \$ 25 ___ Other \$ ___

Name: _____ Class Year (If Alumnus/a): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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Credit Card Payment please visit saintjermomeschool.org or ladyofhopeparish.org