

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



December 17, 2023 *Third Sunday of Advent



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

Last Sunday I shared with you about Our Lady of Guadalupe and the image that she left of herself on Juan Diego apron. On this third Sunday of Advent as we rejoice in the approaching celebration of Christ's birth, I want to share with you more about the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The original image remains in the shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, in Mexico City. This image is a living miracle, and the following details will help you understand why it is so. The first fact about this image we need to consider is the fabric that the image of our Blessed Mother is imprinted on. The material that the apron was made from was cacti, which is a very rough fabric, and it remains intact mostly up to 15 years. Secondly, after examining the samples of the fibers from the image they found no trace of paint on them. This type of fabric does not allow the paint to stick to it well. The investigators of the image have created painted copies of the image of our Blessed Mother on this type of material and they allowed them to hang in the chapel where the original image was kept. After only 2 years of being exposed to the environment of the chapel, the copies began quickly to deteriorate from excessive moisture and insects, while the original image continues to be in perfect condition even though nearly 500 years have passed. The image of Our Lady of Guadalupe portrays Mary as an Aztecan princess, whose dress is covered in flowers that indicate the presence of God. She has a sash tied around her waist indicating that she is pregnant. Mary's figure is veiled with an outer shawl covered with golden stars. The location of those stars is a precise reflection of the constellation of the stars in the skies that could have been observed over Mexico City on December 12th, 1531. The only difference is that those stars are reflection of the stars in the sky as if one looked down from the sky and not look up to the sky. The color of the shawl is green for earth. Mary's hair loosely coming down indicated to Azteca people that she is a virgin maiden. Golden rays of the sun surround Mary. The Azteca people worshiped the god of the sun. Mary's hands have two shades, one darker and one brighter, that represent two races that live in those lands. Over the womb of Mary there is a Jasmine flower which for Azteca people is a sign of divine and the center of the cosmic order. Mary stands over the crescent moon as woman from the Book of Revelation, while for the Azteca people it showed that she stands and crushes with her feet their serpent moon god. Much of the symbolism was coded to Mary's image that can only amaze us how Our Blessed Mother spoke to the natives of Mexico to bring them to Christ and to the one true faith. In the most recent history, due to scientific advances a new discovery in the image was made that was not yet known. While examining the image under the electronic microscope, to the investigators surprise, they found that the eyes of Our Blessed Mother contain an image of those individuals who were present in the room when the image originally appeared on the tilma. However, the image in Mary's eye is upside down indicating the lens of the Mary's eye behaves like a living eye. During open persecution of Catholic Church in 1920's in Mexico, the freemasons and the communists sought to destroy the image of Our Blessed Mother. While people were gathered inside the chapel to pray and venerate the image a member of freemasons brought a bomb hidden inside the flower basket. He placed it on the chapel main altar above which behind regular glass was displayed the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The chapel was packed with people, so it was not easy for him to leave quickly. While he was still leaving the chapel the bomb exploded. The blast from the explosion pushed people away and made them collapse, especially those closest to the blast. The stained-glass windows blew up and even the windows of the homes nearby shattered as well. The giant altar-cross that stood on the altar was bent and much of the structure of the altar was damaged. However, to everyone's surprise, the glass that covered the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe did not suffer even a scratch. The man responsible for bringing the bomb was known to the people, but they let him go, because with their own eyes they witnessed that our Blessed Mother would not allow her image to be destroyed. I hope that these amazing facts about the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe will help you to grow in devotion to our Blessed Mother, I know it helped me and because of this miracles image I am being constantly reminded that our Heavenly Mother is with us, and we can count on her unflinching protection and support. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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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 9/10, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$806	70 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,409	78 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,244	171 people
Online Giving	\$995	36 families
Total	\$4,454	319 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,142	334 people



Saturday/Sunday, December 9/10, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$557	69 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$995	78 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,309	107 people
Online Giving	\$1,002	30 families
Total	\$3,863	254 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,410	247 people

Immaculate Conception \$914 - Thank you!

Immaculate Conception \$ 560 -Thank you!

Religious Retirement \$ 1,740 -Thank you!

Religious Retirement \$1,114 -Thank you !

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

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 Belem Perez **609-403-7133** bperez@dioceseoftrenton.org.

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



Our Lady of Hope Parish Holiday Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve — Saturday, December 24

**St. Jerome 4:00 pm –Children Choir Sings
9:00 pm La posada and Adult Choir
St. Mary : 5:00 pm**

Christmas Day Masses — Sunday, December 25

**St. Jerome: 7:30 am & 11:00 am
St. Mary: 8:00 am & 10:00 am**

New Year’s Eve Vigil—Saturday, December 31

St. Mary: 5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary—Sunday, 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: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.
Week 2: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico, Catherine Troglen.
Week 3: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 4: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

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 **



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

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



The Sacrament of reconciliation will be available

Thursday December 21, at St. Mary’s from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Friday December 22, at St. Jerome from 5:00 to 8:00 PM .

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



Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16	4:00 PM	William English + Roseanne & Richard English Ivana Portillo + Her parents
Sunday, December 17	7:30 AM	Josephine Chiyera + 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
Wednesday, December 20	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowskiak + Irene Ciarla Jayne M. Natoli + The Monteleone Family
Friday, December 22	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowskiak + Irene Ciarla William Nurthen + Donna & Family
Saturday, December 23	8:30 AM	Sara Marowitz + Her Son & Daughter in Law Marija Katkuvieni + The Ryan Family
	4:00 PM	William Nurthen + Lou & Mary Jakub Donald Curtis + Rich & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, December 24	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 16	5:00 PM	Jean & John Wengler + Req. The Wengler Family Richard E. English III + Req. 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
Monday, December 18	9:00 AM	Ethel Caravanagh + Ed Sullivan + Req. Deacon Bob
Tuesday, December 19	9:00 AM	Howard White + Req. Parish of our Lady of Hope
Wednesday, December 20	9:00 AM	Philip Wilderotter + Req. Don & Linda Hopkins Art Potter + Req. Norma
Thursday, December 21	9:00 AM	Healing for Vincent J. Covello Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons William Northen + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Saturday, December 23	5:00 PM	Jean Papparella + - In Memory of Her Birthday Req. Rudy Papparella Bianca & Antimo Russo & Family Req. The Russo Family
Sunday, December 24	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones



This week, write down things in your life that cause you to rejoice. Then, thank God for those blessings. True joy ultimately comes through following God's will for our lives.

REQUIESCAT IN PACE



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

Vincenza Parrino

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

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 12/11/2023 Pledged: \$44,876.23 paid so far \$44,421.23 which is 74% of our goal from 162 donors. Thank you.**

ANNUAL
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Saint Jerome School



They're Back! Over a year of civil war, where all were dispersed, the children returned as soon as the Sisters were able to open the doors! They were so happy to know they were receiving food from us. They always question with a grateful heart, why people so far away would care about them? Easy, it is what we do! Thank you! We raised 3,510.00 during our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. This money will go toward food and begin to give teachers some pay they lost duering the war. God bless all of you!



Christmas Caroling At Villa Walsh



The halls of Villa Walsh were alive with the Sound of music as students and paranets brought Christmas jy to Sister Angelina and the Sisters this Christmas season.

Sister Angelina expressed her joy and thanked the children and eminded them that everyday she prays for all of them and each parishioner during her morning prayers. Please keep praying for her too. She is still praying for a miracle! God bless all of you ! From Sister Angelina and the Villa to you, *Merry Christmas!*