

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

Saint Jerome  
Church

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Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM  
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30 AM  
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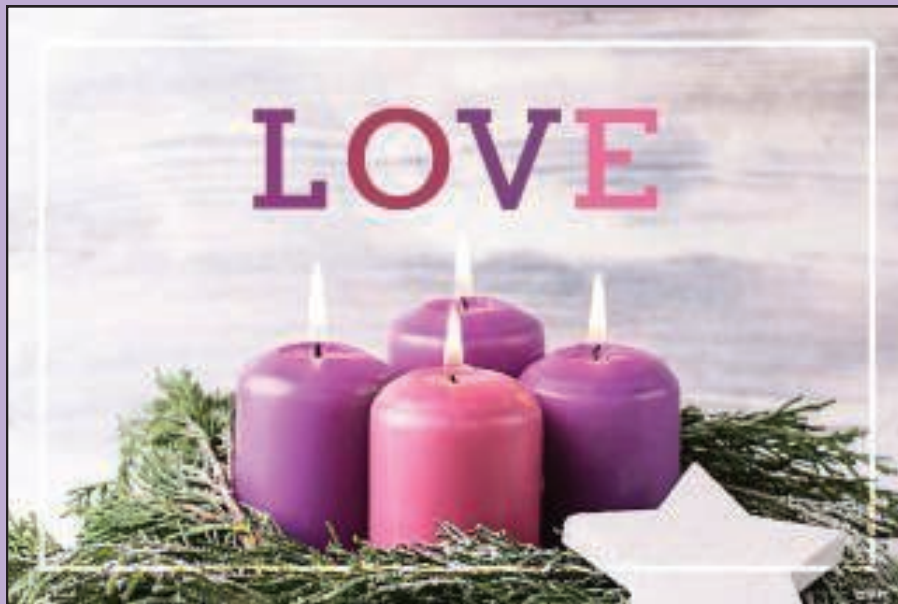


Saint Mary of the  
Assumption Church

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 18, 2022 \* Fourth Sunday of Advent



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### 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.
- 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).
- 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.**



### **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.

### **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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear Parish Family,  
Happy Advent!

Most of us are fascinated by Love Stories. The more it is fascinating when it is the love story of people dear to us, like our moms and dad's. It is exciting for the whole family to talk about parents' or grandparents love stories, right? Very often, over dinner, that was the most interesting subject for me and my siblings especially when I was old enough to understand. Of course, mom and dad were always willing to share with us their story. Do you know your parents' Love Story?



Jesus have parents. They were Joseph and Mary. This Fourth Sunday of Advent gives us glimpse of their Love Story. It is not a very common story of romance, like what we are used to hear. Nothing of that sort. But there were also challenges. One thing for sure, there was Love. But it was the Love for God that strongly bound them together. Their love for each other clearly responded to the call of God, and showed their faith and trust in His will.

The Gospel passage this Sunday however focuses on Joseph. It tells us how difficult it was for him to face the situation. Mary too must have her share of the hardship. But both were faithful to God the Father. That showed them the light to make the right decision. They proved their love for each other and for God. Jesus was born. And it was for all of us. That means the love story of the parents of Jesus was also for us.

I pray for you and with you.

Fr. Sheldon



The Fourth Sunday of Advent symbolizes **Love**. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation. ... "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

### Our Lady of Hope Parish Holiday Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve—Saturday, December 24

4:00 PM - St. Jerome ( Children's Mass)  
5:00 PM - St. Mary's  
9:00 PM - St. Jerome ( Las Posada)

#### Christmas Day—Sunday, December 25

7:30 AM - St. Jerome  
8:00 AM - St. Mary's  
9:30 AM -St. Jerome  
10:00 AM—St. Mary's  
11:00 AM—St. Jerome  
12 Noon —St. Mary's

#### New Year's Eve Vigil —Saturday, December 31

5:00 PM—St. Jerome  
5:00 PM—St. Mary's

#### Solemnity of Mary - Sunday, January 1

7:30 AM-St. Jerome  
8:00 AM—St. Mary's  
10:00 AM—St. Mary's  
11:00 PM —St. Jerome



### Our Lady of Hope Rosarian Christmas Sale

The Jr. Rosarians and Rosarians have been working very hard in crafting tabletop Christmas trees and pinecone angels. We will be selling them at St. Jerome's Church the weekend of Dec. 17/18th while supplies last.

The Christmas trees will sell for \$10.00.  
The pinecone angels will sell for \$5.00.

The proceeds will be for the benefit of the St. Jerome School, please support this worthy cause.

Amelia Lopano  
Jean Beegle



The members of The Rosarian Altar Society wish all Our Lady of Hope Parishioners a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!



## Saint Jerome Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 17	5:00 PM	Armando DaCruz His children William English Roseanne & Richard English
Sunday, December 18	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners In memory of Giacomina Paonessa Gulli The Laugelli family
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis Marie Curtis Lorraine Hausser Robert Hausser
Wednesday, December 21		Mary Karbowiak Irene Ciarla
Friday, December 23	8:30 AM	Marija Katkuvienė The Ryan family
Saturday, December 24 <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
	9:00 PM	
Sunday, December 25 <b>Christmas</b>	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
	9:30 AM	
	11:00 AM	

"The Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Hope Parish," invites everyone to reserve flowers in front of the Blessed Mother and Sacred Heart Statues at St. Jerome Church. The donation is \$15 each and can be for loving memorials, birthdays, anniversaries, or any special intentions. Please contact Robin Stillings for available dates at 908-309-2976 or email: gymwrat51@gmail.com

### 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: Cathy Mueller, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

Week 2:

Week 3: Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, John Wengler, Howard White, August Wreiole

Week 4: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni



*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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\***

## **National Eucharistic Revival**

The Church needs healing. And the world needs the Church. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation.



**Jesus needs each one of us to be his  
hands and feet throughout this  
Eucharistic Revival.**

  
*I am the living bread that came down from heaven;  
whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread  
that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.*  
*John 6:51*

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

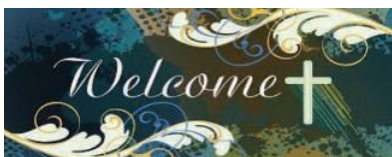
**Hollie Forman**  
*Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon her*

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 17	5:00 PM	<b>Jean &amp; John R. Wengler</b> Their family <b>Maria Di Iusto</b> Mr. & Mrs. Vincenzo Illiano & family <b>Terry Bolan</b> Robert & Sally Selden
Sunday, December 18	8:00 AM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Mr. & Mrs. Ben Harvey <b>Samuel Boyd, Sr.</b> Nancy & Joe Cozza
	10:00 AM	<b>Mildred &amp; William Pfeifer</b> Their family <b>Michael Berzansky</b> Joan Berzansky <b>Joseph Formichella</b> The Formichella family
Monday, December 19	9:00 AM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Elizabeth Hardy
Tuesday, December 20	9:00 AM	<b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> Gemma
Wednesday, December 21	9:00 AM	<b>Special Intentions for Patrick, Sophia &amp; Elizabeth Chang</b> Their Mom, Helen Kong
Thursday, December 22	9:00 AM	<b>Jean &amp; John Wengler</b> John Wengler <b>Jean Paparella (In memory of her birthday)</b> Rudy Paparella
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A warm welcome to the following parishioners who have just registered in our Parish:

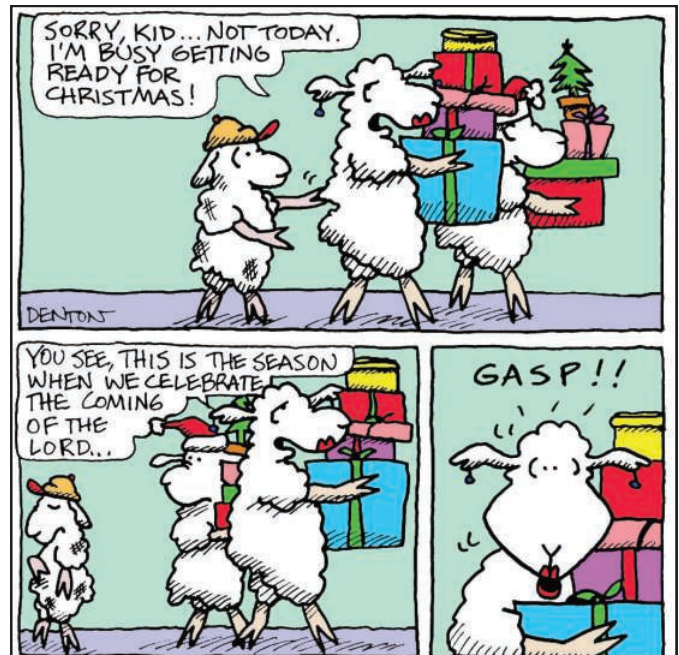
**Ms. Dianne Forrester  
&  
Douglas and Patricia Weaver**



### Our Lady of Hope Parish Evening Prayer

Sunday, December 18

@ 4:30 PM at St. Jerome Church



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"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means God is with us."

### Sheepish Question:

Where have I recognized Christ coming into my life this week?

### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for December Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.



Sr. Elizabeth Toft is reaching out to parishioners who may want to sing in the choir for Christmas Eve, 9:00pm Mass at St.

Jerome Church. If you would like to join in with us, please contact Sister Elizabeth Toft via email so she can get back to you with rehearsal times. Thank you and God bless you [etoft@saintjeromeschool.org](mailto:etoft@saintjeromeschool.org)



All donations, contributions, and payments to the parish, including Interfaith Neighbors should be made payable to:

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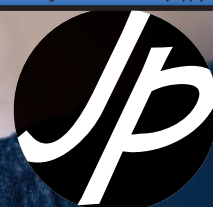
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