

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 22, 2024 * Fourth 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,

In a few days we will begin the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord. On the evening of this solemn celebration Pope Francis will officially begin the Jubilee Year of Hope. He will inaugurate this Jubilee by opening four Holy Doors of the four different Churches in Rome that are traditionally used during the holy year. The pilgrims will use these Holy Doors to pass through them so that they may obtain plenary indulgence. Although not all of us will be able to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year we will still have the opportunity to participate in this celebration in our local church communities. In our diocese there will be four locations that we will be able to visit and obtain indulgence. In Monmouth County, the Star of the Sea parish will be one of those places closer to us that we will be able to go to. We will try to go there together as a parish on one of the days during the Jubilee Year. However, even though the day may not work for some to be able to participate with the group of pilgrims, anyone may be able to make a journey on their own and still receive the indulgence.

The Jubilee Year is going to be celebrated with the theme “Hope does not disappoint.” This theme is drawn from the letter of Saint Paul to the Romans in chapter five and verse five. We need to remember that Saint Paul wrote this letter to the Christians in Rome that were undergoing a great distress of persecution for their faith in Christ. Saint Paul wanted to remind and encourage the Christian communities about the hope that their faith in Christ have. Today too we need to be reminded and encouraged about the hope that Christ brings into our lives, so that we may live our Catholic Faith with greater confidence, fervor, and enthusiasm. In the midst of the radically changing world and plenty of uncertainties that it brings to our daily life, there is steady, unchanging and certain foundation that we can rely on and that is Christ and our faith in Him. This therefore offers us a great hope because what Jesus Christ offers us is worthy of our trust. We will not be disappointed by placing our hope in God, because his promises will not fail us unlike the promises that the world offer us do. For what Christ promises us, he has the power to fulfill, whereas the world offers us empty promises that are fleeting and ephemeral. It is ever more urgent in our times that we turn to our faith so that we can live full of hope, because hope gives us strength of the will of mind and heart to persevere and not to give up.

This Sunday we will hear how Mary travels to visit her cousin Elizabeth with great hope and expectation, because she receives from Archangel Gabriel good news that her cousin Elizabeth, who although already advanced in years and barren has received a blessing of being with child. We too possess the good news of the Gospel, the good news of our Catholic Faith, which in turn should also fill us with great hope and expectation, because as Archangel Gabriel said to Mary: “nothing is impossible to God.” May we too enter into the celebration of this Jubilee Year with that same firm hope that no matter what tomorrow brings with God all will be possible. Because the grace and power of God will uphold us and sustain us so that we may be able to endure and pass through even the most difficult moments of our life. As we are going to be journeying through the Jubilee Year it is my hope that this year-long celebration will revitalize the faith and devotion of our parish and bring us closer as a Catholic community traveling together on the pilgrimage of Faith, led by Christ, interceded by Mary Mother of God, Saints and Angels and supported by one another and with hope that we will obtain that blessing of heavenly life in happiness and peace.

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 21	4:00 PM	Marija Katkuvieni + William Nurthen + Req. Ryan Family Req. Donna & Family
Sunday, December 22	7:30 AM	Phyllis Thompson + Req. Terry & Greg Brodiuk
	11:00 AM	Lorraine Hausser + Allan Dunphy + Req. Robert Hausser Req. His Loving Wife, Sally
Tuesday, December 24 Mass with Youth Choir	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones.
Tuesday, December 24	9:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones.
Wednesday, December 25	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Wednesday, December 25	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Friday, December 27	8:30 AM	First Responders and Volunteers
Saturday, December 28	8:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Sunday, December 29	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 21	5:00PM	Anthony Tallarico + 20th Anniversary Frank Scally + Req. The Family Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, December 22	8:00 AM	Katherine Mueller + Dale Cavalero + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Anthony & Pamela Mauro
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Thomas Mahedy + Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. Rose & Mahedy Family
Monday, December 23	9:00AM	Jack Lumley + Req. Donna Scally
Tuesday, December 24	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Wednesday, December 25	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Wednesday, December 25	10:00AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Thursday, December 26	9:00 AM	First Responders and Volunteers
Saturday, December 28	5:00 PM	Jean Paparella + Deceased members of the Scally Family + Req. Rudy Paparella Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, December 29	8:00 AM	Maria & Vincenzo Covello + Claire Birmingham + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Anthony & Pamela Mauro
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Rob Stratton + Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. His Wife, Barbara

If you are looking for a reliable caregiver to support your loved one, please contact Natalie Khonelia for more information. 848-303-4868



Contact Information

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

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Pastoral

Reverend Marcin Kania, Administrator

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Weekend Assistant Priests

Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan

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Christine Scholtz * Adult Faith Formation

John Dufford * Maintenance

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School Staff

Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M. P. F., School Principal

Sr. Joan DiRienzo, M.P. F., Assistant Principal

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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 – Mass with Youth Choir.

St. Mary : 5:00 pm

St. Jerome- 9:00 pm

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

Week 2:

Week 3: Jeff Miles, Betty D' Achino.

Week 4: Sam Britton, Regina Roche, Frank Marsico, Frank Signorelli, Rob Norman, Sammi Yanni, David, Myra and Maureen Walther, Bernice Cobb, and Carole Mueller, Anthony Dannunzio, Lynne Britton, Kate, Ben and Claire B.

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*

SANCTUARY CANDLE AT ST. MARY

Week of 12/22-12/29

IN MEMORY OF: MICHAEL BERZANSKY

REQUESTED BY: WIFE, JOAN



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday December 23— January 1



CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE BLESSED MOTHER AT ST.

JEROME LIT FOR : DOTTI DODD & RICHIE DODD

(Christmas Blessing) Week of 12/22-12/29

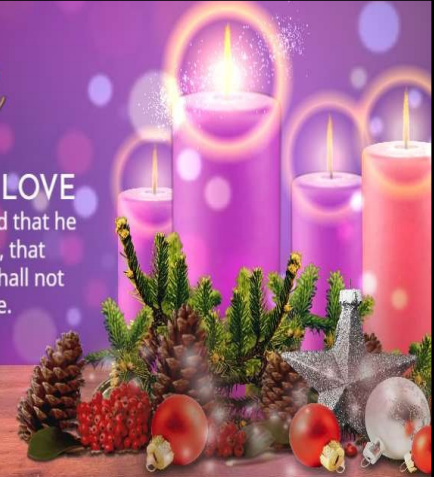


Love

THE CANDLE OF LOVE

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.

John 3:16



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 14/ Dec 15, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 715	83 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,492	81 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,846	121 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,023	41 families
Total	\$ 5,076	285 people

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

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 14/Dec 15, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 711	66 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 844	77 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,407	128 people
Online Giving	\$ 782	26 families
Total	\$3,744	271 people

Immaculate Conception: \$1,029 Thank you!

Interfaith Neighbors : \$1,392.22 Thank you!

Immaculate Conception: \$497 Thank you!

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.



Father Marcin Kania, Fr. Jerome Nolan, Fr. Michael Lynch, Deacon Lou and staff of Our Lady of Hope Parish wish you a joyous Christmas Season. May the peace, love and joy of the Nativity of our Lord bring happiness to you and your loved ones.

Merry Christmas

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 under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or office@ladyofhopeparish.org.

Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer



SANCTUARY CANDLE AT ST. JEROME

week of 12/22– 12/29

In Loving memory of: Antonio & Mary Falvo

Requested by: Their Children



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 12/16/2024 paid so far \$43,000 which is 78% of our goal from 154 Donors. Thank you!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We are looking for men 18 and over to join our council and be part of a global organization dedicated to service, charity, and faith.



ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2024



Las Posadas 2024

The roots of *Las Posadas* stretch deeply into Latin culture. It commemorates Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to



Bethlehem in search of a warm place to stay the night. (*Posadas* is Spanish for "lodgings" or "accommodations.") Mary and Joseph faced the elements of the journey—and in-different innkeepers that night. *Las Posadas* is the story of Christmas: It's about pilgrims and a pilgrimage. The story of Christ's birth has been told and retold so many times it could have lost its luster generations ago. But it hasn't—not even close. Holding on to



something as simple and as singularly important as the Nativity story is a necessity to our faith. Thank you to the eighth grade students and the entire student body and Leo Perri (3 month old baby) for once again, through our Christmas prayer service and telling us the story of *Las Posadas* reminding us that in very humble surroundings, the Son of God came to us, to bring peace.



Blessed Christmas 2024

It is Christmas everytime you let God love others through you...yes, it is Christmas everytime you smile at your brother or sister and offer them your hand."

Mother Teresa

This year we stressed the importance of seeing our smiles through the kindness of each other. More importantly, we see the peace of Christ.

May you and your loved ones be graced with the peace of Christ and enjoy His presence in each other.

Merry Christmas and blessings as we enter 2025.

God bless you.

Sisters Elizabeth Seton, Joan, Elizabeth, Donna