

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

“O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to the.”



December 3, 2023 *First Sunday of Advent



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

We begin the month of December, which is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. While we are busy getting ready for Christmas Holidays, we should take time to prepare ourselves interiorly. That is why the four weeks prior to Christmas are dedicated as a time of penance and prayer. The Advent season is short yet when spent well, in the right spirit and disposition of heart can bring a good fruit in our spiritual life. During this season we hear about the joyful expectation of the coming of Christ. God was preparing for the coming of his Son for a long time. The theme of waiting and preparing are emphasized. While there are many events and historical details that led to realization of God's plan, yet there were many events or happenings that were also hidden and full of mystery. One of those great mysteries is the Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary was preordained by God to become the mother of the Son of God. She out of all the women in human history was given this great privilege and favor. We could just stop here and marvel at this great honor that Mary received. Yet God in his great wisdom and power sought to make Mary not just a vessel for his son, but truly a mother that would be perfect in everyway and worthy of such election. While sometimes Catholics may be confused about whose conception we are talking about, it is important to remember that Immaculate conception refers to the mystery of Mary being conceived in the womb of her mother St. Ann. The mystery of the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb we celebrate on March 25th, which is the Solemnity of the Annunciation. Because as soon as Mary said her fiat, YES, to the Archangel's message, she conceived Christ in her womb. From the Solemnity of Annunciation is exactly 9 months to Christmas Day. Whereas the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception of Mary on December 8th is celebrated exactly 9 months prior to September 8th when we celebrate Mary's birthday. I hope this clarifies the confusion. Although Christmas is an important event in our Christian celebration of our Salvation, yet Mary's Immaculate Conception only further highlights the significance of Christ coming, his birth, his work of redemption. Mary received God's favor and was given the grace of Christ's redemption in the very moment of her conception. Apart from Mary, each one of us have been born with original sin and only later at our baptism that we received the grace of Christ's redemption. So, we may ask what is a big deal about the timing of receiving God's grace? The difference lies in the fact that because we were born with original sin, we also in effect suffer the consequences of original sin that are: suffering and death, darkened intellect, weakened will and concupiscence. Because Mary, by God's favor, was not conceived with original sin, she also was preserved from its effects. By the virtue of being preserved from original sin, Mary was always from the moment of her conception in fullness of grace. This was revealed to her and to us through the Archangel Gabriel greeting during the Annunciation, "Hail, full of grace". We are grateful to Mary for sharing with us the details of that special visit by Archangel Gabriel otherwise we may have only known about this great mystery in heaven. Knowing what God accomplished through Mary fill us with great hope and joy and helps us to receive new fervor in striving for greater holiness and virtue in our lives. Mary is a shining star of hope for us who still walk this life and must bear the burden of sin. She is our refuge and strength when we face our weak nature, because she reminds us that with the help of God's grace we can be changed, our nature can change, and our lives can change all for the better. Therefore, let us turn to Mary and ask our Holy Mother to obtain for us the grace of greater purity, greater holiness, and virtue. She is pure for she is the Immaculate Conception, and with the help of her prayers, she can obtain for us from her Son the grace that we may be preserved from falling into sin and never to offend Holy God again. Let us pray to our beloved mother with hearts full of trust and confidence "O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to the."

Fr. Marcin



Immaculate Conception

Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday December 7, 2023

St. Mary 7:00 PM Vigil mass

Friday December 8, 2023

St. Jerome 8:30 AM

St. Mary 9:00 AM

St. Jerome 7:00 PM

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, November 25/26, 2023

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| 4:00 PM Mass | \$613 | 65 people |
| 7:30 AM Mass | \$2,050 | 80 people |
| 11:00 AM Mass | \$1,189 | 91 people |
| Online Giving | \$860 | 35 families |
| Total | \$3,852 | 236 people |
| Last year same weekend total | \$5,300 | 304 people |

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

Saturday/Sunday, November 25/26, 2023

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| 5:00 PM Mass | \$828 | 66 people |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$1,011 | 72 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$1,345 | 125 people |
| Online Giving | \$967 | 29 families |
| Total | \$3,184 | 263 people |
| Last year same weekend total | \$4,607 | 287 people |

Thanksgiving \$1,580 Thank you!

Thanksgiving \$ 261 Thank You !

2023 St. Jerome's Giving Tree Program

Interfaith Neighbors Suggestions for Adopt-A-Family Program. Suggested Donation Guidelines - \$25.00 Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Lego and Duplo Blocks, Sports equipment: Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, pogo stick, bicycles, skateboards, etc., Barbies and accessories, Matchbox and Hot Wheels cars, Larger cars and trucks, Remote control vehicles, Stuffed animals, Musical instruments: Recorders, drums, guitar, shakers, xylophones, etc., Actions Figures: Marvel and DC characters, superheroes, transformers, etc. Activity toys for children under 3: rattles, shape sorters, Vtech learning toys, etc. Dolls and accessories, Pretend items: Doctor kits, dress up clothes, kitchen sets, etc. Board games: Candyland, Connect Four, Monopoly, Trouble, Clue, etc. Art supplies: Coloring books, crayons, markers, paint, etc. Art kits: Jewelry making, painting, crocheting, etc. Sticker books, Play-Doh, Card games: Uno, Go Fish, standard deck of cards, etc., Puzzles – all ages, Books – all ages. Food Gift cards: Shop Rite, Stop N Shop, Aldi's, Lidl, McDonald's, Popeye's, Chick-Fil-A, other. Gift Cards Walmart, Target, Five Below, Dollar Stores, Home Goods, etc.

DONATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/11/23 to allow time to set up at Interfaith Neighbors. TOYS/GIFT: PLACE UNWRAPPED GIFTS IN THE COLLECTION BOXES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH. GIFT CARDS: PLACE IN MAILBOXES AT EACH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

Problems, Questions: Text or Call Barbara at 732-829-6611 with your question. Will respond same day. Thank You for your support of this program. Barbara, Kathy and Donna



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.



Evening Prayer

Sunday Dec. 3, 10 & 17

4:30 PM

St. Jerome Church

What is Evening Prayer?

Evening Prayer is short collection of psalms, hymns, canticles and intercessions. It is the prayer of the Church, prayed around the world as night silently falls upon the earth. It is “a prayer of thanksgiving, not only for what God has done through Jesus Christ, but for what God is doing now in our lives and in our world.”

Come!

Lift your voice with us to the heavens!

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Saint Mary's Angel Giving Tree – 2023



Please be an angel and select an angel tag from our 2023 Giving Tree supporting Interfaith Neighbors to make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Beginning Saturday November 23, our Angel Giving Tree will be located in the main entrance to Saint Mary's Church. When you select your angel from the tree, purchase the item(s), attach the

angel to the UNWRAPPED gift and return to the Church no later than Sunday December 18, 2023. Interfaith Neighbors will collect, organize, and distribute the donated gifts.

Thank you for your usual generosity and support.

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

Week 2: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

Week 3: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith,.

Week 4: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole.

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 **



The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolizes Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming.

First Sunday of
Advent



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

**Alfred Rubulotta
Howard White
Robert Stratton**

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

RIP

Rest in peace



Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania
Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan
Deacon Louis Jakub
Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. * Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F.
Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F., School Principal
Maria Lozano * Carolyn Silva
Norma Adamitis * Joann Fischer
John Dufford * Christine Scholtz
Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, December 2 | 4:00 PM | Toni Strollo + William Nurthen + Mom & Dad The Sita Family |
| Sunday, December 3 | 7:30 AM | Paul Ledwell + Dennehy Family & McNamara |
| | 11:00 AM | Peter Aliseo + Frank Bulzis + Cathy Longano Doreen & Mark Bulzis |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 8:30 AM | Rose Lee Irene Ciarla |
| Friday, December 8 | 8:30 AM | Prayers for The Military |
| Saturday, December 9 | 8:30 AM | Antonio Falvo + His Children |
| | 4:00 PM | David Miller + Assunta Zaffiro + The Danback Family Rose Mellaci & Robert Van Brunt |
| Sunday, December 10 | 7:30 AM | Amelia Lopano Living (In Honor of Her Birthday) Rose Marie Baret |
| | 11:00 AM | Marie Hausser + Eugene Vesnesky + (35th Anniversary) Robert Hausser His Family |

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

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| Saturday, December 2 | 5:00 PM | Edward Sullivan + Deceased Members of the Tallarico Family + Req. Diane Ailor Req. Lea Tallarico & Family |
| Sunday, December 3 | 8:00 AM | Noel Vassallo + Debbie Nissim + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo Req. Dennis & Maureen Melofchik |
| | 10:00 AM | Joseph Dellomo Req. Caroline & Ferdinando Guiscardo |
| Monday, December 4 | 9:00 AM | Paul Johnson + |
| Tuesday, December 5 | 9:00 AM | William A. Nurthen II + Parish of Our Lady of Hope |
| Wednesday, December 6 | 9:00 AM | Terry Lawdan + |
| Thursday, December 7 | 9:00 AM | Phillip J. Wilderotter + Parish of Our Lady of Hope |
| Saturday, December 9 | 5:00 PM | Carmella D' Auria Capibianco + Richard E. English III + Req. Granddaughter Theresa J. Trocchia Req. Michael & Carmela Sylvester |
| Sunday, December 10 | 8:00 AM | Josephine Adamitis + Lois Garbarine + Req. Norma Req. Norma |
| | 10:00 AM | Theresa Bariscillo + Living and Deceased Members of the Guiscardo Family Req. Wengler Family Req. Caroline & Ferdinando Guiscardo |

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

Lisa & Michael Zeto



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.

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 11/27/2023 Pledged: 43,626.23, paid so far \$ 43,126.23 which is 72% of our goal from 160 donors. Thank you.**

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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