

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church
254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

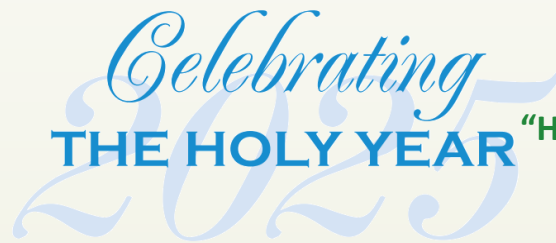
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30AM
Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM



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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE



"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"

Romans 5:5

You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



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January 12, 2025 * The Baptism of the Lord



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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Baptism of the Lord. This feast highlights the important event from Jesus' life, when he goes to St. John the Baptist to receive the baptism in the river Jordan. Jesus is sinless and does not need baptism of repentance that John offers. However, in his baptism God the Father declares to John and those present that Jesus is his beloved son. This testimony is completed by the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus in the form of a dove for the purpose of anointing or consecrating Jesus' body. Although Jesus was called Nazarene associated with the town that he came from, Jesus was also called the Christ which from Greek means 'anointed one.' The name 'anointed one' can also be understood as a 'chosen one' and Messiah. Each of these understandings is proper to Jesus since he was chosen by the will of God the Father as the promised savior of the world, the one who will consecrate himself for the world and is consecrated or dedicated from the conception in Mary's womb. Jesus belongs to God the Father as his son and as son is here to do the will of the Father.

This event helps us to understand better our baptism that we have received. When we were baptized, we were washed clean from sin, but also, we were baptized with the Holy Spirit, who consecrated our bodies and our souls. This consecration changed us on the deep level of our being because it dedicated our bodies and our souls for the holy presence of God. That is why St. Paul will remind the Corinthians of this by telling them that their bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. Because of the baptism that we receive from Christ we therefore bear the name of Christians. We are 'chosen ones' or 'anointed ones.' Therefore, we too like Christ are here to do the will of the Father and make the message of the Gospel, God's revelation, known. Our bodies and our souls are dedicated to God and are to be used for holy things of God. Therefore, you can understand why when Christian commits a sin such an act becomes not only more offensive to God, but undermines our own identity, who we are and how we ought to be. Therefore, Christian that seeks to live a holy life or a life of a saint is not just an ideal to strive for, but a reality of living the identity of who I am.

Even though we are prone to sin, we can never forget that we have received the grace of God, which counteracts the desire in us to do our own will. It is therefore crucial for our identity as a Christian to seek to obtain more grace of God, whenever we can find it. The most powerful sources of God's grace are found in the sacraments of the Church. Whenever we receive sacraments, the divine life of grace increases in our life, in our body and in our soul. Therefore, you can see why the sacraments are so important for us Christians and Catholics and why they are indispensable for growing in holiness as well as for our salvation. The sacraments provide us with a special type of grace called sanctifying grace. The name of this grace is as the name describes to sanctify, to make holy. The sacrament of Baptism opens us to the life of holiness and the Eucharist increases in us the gift of God's life and makes us more holy. The sacrament of the Eucharist, however, cannot be used as a substitute for the life of virtue. If the Christian does not make a conscious effort to live virtuous and holy life, the sacrament of the Eucharist will not do it for him. If we do live a virtuous life, then the grace will raise those virtues to a newer level of perfection. There are three virtues that we cannot obtain just by our own efforts but are a gift of God and can only be increased by divine grace. These virtues are faith, hope and love. These virtues are supernatural virtues because they cannot be practiced on natural level without assistance of God's grace. Every time we receive sacraments we grow in these supernatural virtues. During this Holy Year we will be focusing on one of them, the Hope. Even though they are interconnected, each virtue has a distinct role and purpose. As we will be going through this Holy Year, I will be helping you to know those differences so that you may better come to know the virtue of Hope and know it more deeply.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 11	4:00 PM	William Nurthen + Rene Langlois + Req. Donna & Family Req. Loving Wife
Sunday, January 12	7:30 AM	Albert Del Maestro + Dotti Dodd (Happy Birthday) Req. Phyllis Del Maestro Req. Seinfeld Family
	11:00 AM	Marion Staub + Donald Curtis + Req. Deacon Tony & Gretchen DiCesare Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, January 15	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowskiak + Req. Irene Ciarla
Friday, January 17	8:30 AM	Mary Anne Falcone + Req. Rosemary Finnegan
Saturday, January 18	8:30 AM	Rosemary Loeffler + Req. Richard Loeffler
Sunday, January 19	4:00 PM	Julio Cesar Galicia + Req. Family
	7:30 AM	Thanksgiving mass for Ben D'Silva (50th Birthday) Phyllis Thompson + Req. Family Req. Greg & Terry Bordiuk
	11:00 AM	Jean Lenzo + Frank Bulzis + Req. Marie Curtis Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 11	5:00PM	Boris Suloveitchik + Mr. Yoon Suk-Yeol, President of South Korea Req. Patty Carvalho & Family Req. Helen Kong
Sunday January 12	8:00 AM	Anne Waitt + Pat & Pat Russomano + Req. Bob & Mary Waitt Req. Mary Pat
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Robert Stratton + Marjorie Edelson + - 1st Anniversary Req. His Wife, Sandy His Wife, Barbara Req. Edelson Family
Monday, January 13	9:00AM	Thomas Cavanagh +
Tuesday, January 14	9:00 AM	Blessing for Patrick Chang Req. His Mom
Wednesday, January 15	9:00 AM	Jack Lumley + Req. Donna Scally
Thursday, January 16	9:00 AM	John Song & Family + Req. Helen Kong
Saturday, January 18	5:00 PM	Deceased members of McCormick Family + Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, January 19	8:00 AM	Elizabeth Chang & Family Dr. Thomas Young -Tae Kong Req. Helen Kong Req. Helen Kong
	10:00 AM	Deceased members of Scally Family+ Charles Ruggirello + Req. Donna Scally Req. His Wife, Sandy

2024 Giving Tree Program for Interfaith Neighbors

Thanking all who participated in the 2024 St. Jerome's Giving Tree program. Donations of Gift Cards, Cash and Toys totaled \$2012. God bless you and Happy New Year.



**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR ST. MARY:
INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS, THANK YOU!**



Contact Information

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

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: _____

Check Payable to Saint Jerome School

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

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



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.

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:

Week 3: 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.

Week 4: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covelio 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 **



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.



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.



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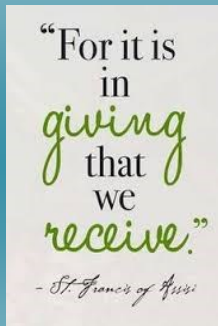
Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 21/ Dec 22, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 712	79 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 2,476	78 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,112	96 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,033	39 families
Total	\$ 5,333	253 people



Saturday/Sunday, Dec 21/Dec 22, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,148	67 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 971	87 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 2,072	122 people
Online Giving	\$ 757	26 families
Total	\$4,948	276 people

Christmas Collection: \$21,346.00 Thank you!

Christmas Collection: \$12,264 Thank you!



St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Dec 28/ Dec 29, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 685	62 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,693	83 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,732	96 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,018	37 families
Total	\$ 5,128	241 people



Saturday/Sunday, Dec 28/Dec 29, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 616	60 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 874	72 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,715	124 people
Online Giving	\$ 732	25 families
Total	\$3,937	256 people

Solemnity of Mary : \$ 2,035 Thank you!

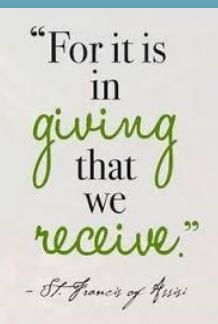
Solemnity of Mary : \$986.25 Thank you!



St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Jan 4/ Jan 5, 2025		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,786	79 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,821	82 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,023	95 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,478	45 families
Total	\$ 6,108	256 people



Saturday/Sunday, Jan 4/Jan 5, 2025		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 822	74 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 967	80 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,046	107 people
Online Giving	\$ 757	25 families
Total	\$3,592	261 people

O Come All Ye Faithful...

The children's choir and altar servers enhanced the solemnity of the Christmas vigil Mass.



Jubilee Year of Hope Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis



Pope Francis opens the Jubilee doors at the Christmas Midnight Mass.

2025 Jubilee Year
Pilgrims of Hope



The logo shows four figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the fraternity, that unites all peoples. The cross is sign of the faith and also of hope, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. The cross ends in the shape of an anchor, another symbol of hope that brings confidence and security in life.