

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church  
254 Wall Street  
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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  
Confessions: Saturdays 4:00-4:45 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.



January 15, 2023 \* Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Website: [www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)

St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409

Email Address: [stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org)

### Weekly Collection and Attendance

*May the good Lord bless you for your generosity*

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 31/Jan. 1, 22/23		
5:00 pm Mass	\$2,279.50	79 people
7:30 am Mass	\$1,813.00	63 people
11:00 am Mass	\$2,539.00	126 people
Online Giving	\$1,563.00	40 families
Total	\$8,194.50*	268 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,746.00	199 people

\*Amount is weekly and Solemnity of Mary envelopes

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 31/Jan.1, 22/23		
5:00 pm Mass	\$513.00	57 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,618.00	65 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,809.00	97 people
Online Giving	\$567.00	26 families
Total	\$4,441.00	219 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,539.00	148 people



Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 7/8, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$954.00	78 people
7:30 am Mass	\$2,561.00	75 people
11:00 am Mass	\$1,596.00	142 people
Online Giving	\$1,173.00	43 families
Total	\$5,111.00	295 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,746.00	199 people

Pro Life: \$1,850.00 —Thank You!

Saturday/Sunday, Jan. 7/8, 2023		
5:00 pm Mass	\$371.00	63 people
8:00 am Mass	\$1,368.23	70 people
10:00 am Mass	\$1,681.00	110 people
Online Giving	\$887.00	30 families
Total	\$4,307.23	243 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,539.00	148 people

Pro Life: \$1,830.00 —Thank You!

\* The Christmas collection total will be posted at a later date \*

### 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,

Be proud. Be loud. Jesus is your Savior.

We all have televisions. I believe we notice that television commercials often tend to be louder than the main feature we are watching. It is so loud and intrusive and annoying that many people complained. But that's what commercial advertisement do. Grab attention. One way is to be loud, make an abrupt interruption. Another use of an attractive image that will stick in our minds.



In the gospel this Sunday, John the Baptist was performing his preaching ministry. In a way he was advertising. Jesus appeared. He made an abrupt interruption, and probably his voice got louder when he saw Jesus. "Behold, the Lamb of God" In other words: "Look there is the Lamb of God!". It may be likened to a television commercial. But this was not just a commercial ad. John the Baptist was proclaiming the truth. The Messiah was there. Present and real. And True.

John was performing his Role and mission. He was pointing the people to Jesus. He had to get the attention of people not to himself but to the Real Messiah, "whose sandals strap he was not even worthy to untie."

Part of our Christian duty is to point others to Jesus. We must be a walking advertisement for Jesus. We don't need to be loud preachers. But our actions speak louder than Jesus is our Lord and Savior.

God bless you!

Fr. Sheldon

### MARCH FOR LIFE 2023, WASHINGTON, D.C., FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2023

The 50th Annual National March for Life is scheduled for Friday, January 20, 2023 in Washington, DC. Please save the date.

Our Lady of Hope is partnering with St. Michael's Parish and with Christ the King Parish (Star of the Sea and Holy Trinity) on a three-parish bus collaboration. The bus will be departing from the St. Jerome's parking lot at approximately 6:45 a.m. following a 6:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Jerome's Church. For additional information and to sign-up for the bus, please contact Kathryn Perez at (732) 581-9735 or [prolifekp@aol.com](mailto:prolifekp@aol.com).

The fee for the bus is \$10.00 per passenger. Cash or check payable to St. Michael's Church may be mailed to the St. Jerome's parish office or dropped-off at the St. Jerome's parish office. The deadline is Monday, January 16 for reserving a seat on the bus by phoning or emailing Kathryn Perez. Seating on the bus is very limited (maximum of 24 passengers) so it is important to sign-up for a seat as soon as possible. The bus will return to the St. Jerome's parking lot at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Friday night.



Students may travel on the bus at no charge. Teenagers and children under 18 years of age accompanied by a parent may travel on the bus at no charge.

Please pray for an end to abortion; for competent and compassionate care for pregnant women and new mothers in need; and for conversion, reconciliation, and healing.

Also, please note that NJ Right to Life's "Rally for Life" in Trenton will no longer take place in January, but will be moved to June 24, 2023 in celebration of the first anniversary of the overruling of *Roe v Wade*.

### 2023 Mass Book is now OPEN

For mass intentions, please call or email the Parish Office for Church of request. The \$10 stipend is due at time of request for each mass intention once availability is confirmed. Please include who mass is for and requested by.



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### 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 at 732-222-8686.





## Saint Jerome Church

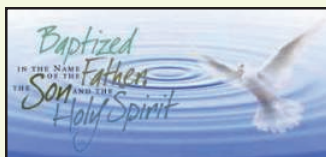
### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14	5:00 PM	<b>Michele (Mike) Inzitari</b> The Danback family <b>Judy McShea</b> Rosemary Finnegan
Sunday, January 15	7:30 AM	<b>Albert DelMaestro</b> Phyllis DelMaestro <b>Dr. Alexander C. Baret</b> Rose Marie Baret
	11:00 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Frank Bulzis</b> Doreen & Mark Bulzis <b>William Yuchinskaskas</b> The Ferraro family
Wednesday, January 18	8:30 AM	<b>Maria Karbowiak</b> Irene Ciarla <b>Rosemary Loeffler</b> Richard Loeffler
Friday, January 20	8:30 AM	<b>Mary Karbowiak</b> Irene Ciarla
Saturday, January 21	8:30 AM	<b>Rita &amp; Ted Molinowski</b> Ed & Christine Scholtz
	5:00 PM	<b>Rene Langlois</b> His loving wife <b>Anthony Esposito</b> Marie Danback & family
Sunday, January 22	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Grace Zofrea</b> Maria Graziano <b>Richard Loeffler, Sr.</b> Richard Loeffler
	11:00 AM	<b>Valentino Gabrieli</b> The Gabrieli family <b>Donald Curtis</b> Marie Curtis <b>Joanne Caltabilota (Happy Heavenly Birthday)</b> Maryanne Ioli

"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

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope  
joyfully welcomes our newly baptized:

**Austen Paul Gann**  
**Son of Paul and Laura Gann**



## 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

### Attention Ladies Bowlers Needed

Join the St. Jerome Bowling League and help support the St. Jerome PTA

We bowl Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM Shore Lanes at the Asbury Circle

Call Kitty Mandica for more details or to join  
732-259-0406



### Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for January

#### For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

### Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 14	5:00 PM	Maria Di Iusto Ginny Marmora Mr. & Mrs. Kulka Theresa Di Lieto
Sunday, January 15	8:00 AM	Ginny Marmora Anne Wait Rosemary Heine Bob & Mary Waitt
	10:00 AM	Terry Bolan John Squeo Sally & Bob Selden George & Kathleen Tongring
Monday, January 16	9:00 AM	Jean West Prayer Cenacle
Tuesday, January 17	9:00 AM	Rita Cittadino ( 1st Anniversary) Nella Harvey
Wednesday, January 18	9:00 AM	Forgotten Souls in Purgatory Joseph Kelina Vassallo
Thursday, January 19	9:00 AM	Terry Lawdan
Saturday, January 21	5:00 PM	Maria & Cesare Di Iusto Ft Conneliose Chang Maria & Dan Falzarano Helen Kong
Sunday, January 22	8:00 AM	Blessings for Joseph & Kelina John Squeo The Hughes family
	10:00 AM	George Hiotis Francis Minneci

### REQUIESCANT IN PACE

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

**Nancy Martin  
&  
Josephine Santandrea**

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

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

**John J. and Mary Grace Finn**



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“In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to  
do your will, O my God, is my delight.”

### Sheepish Question:

What living offering will I make  
for Jesus' purposes this week?

### 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: Fr. Doug Freer, Cathy Mueller, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

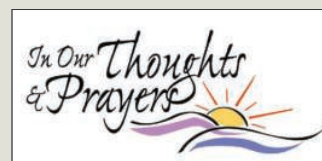
Week 2:

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

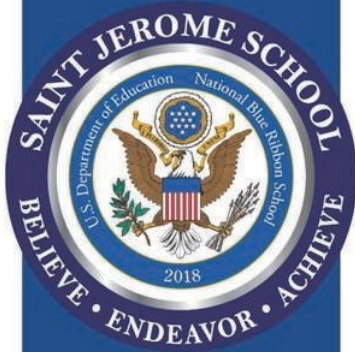
Week 4: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Joseph Mandica, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Stephanie Sassola, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

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  
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One year ago, we open the doors to the 350th Anniversary of Saint Lucy's birth. During Catholic Schools Week, we will have the formal ending of this year of celebrations. The Sisters thank you for your many kindnesses to the Sisters during this wonderful year.

The following is the prayer approved by Pope Francis for this special year and for the plenary indulgence. Please pray this prayer as we continue to honor Saint Lucy and thank God for the many blessings that we receive. Thank you for your goodness to the Sisters.

God bless you.

Sisters Elizabeth, Sister Angelina, Sister Donna and  
Sister Elizabeth Seton.

### **Prayer to Saint Lucy Filippini**

Saint Lucy Filippini, Holy Teacher, in this jubilee year, we invoke your particular protection. Obtain for us from the Lord the grace to live in fidelity to the commitments of our Baptism and to face the challenges of our time with serenity and courage.

Grant that following your example, we can be credible witnesses of human and Christian values, and know how to welcome and love each other as brothers and sisters. Intercede for us. May our homes be places of communion and cenacles of prayer. Saint Lucy, Holy Teacher, pray for us.

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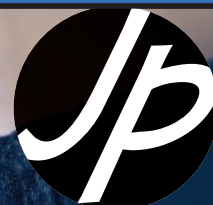
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