

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



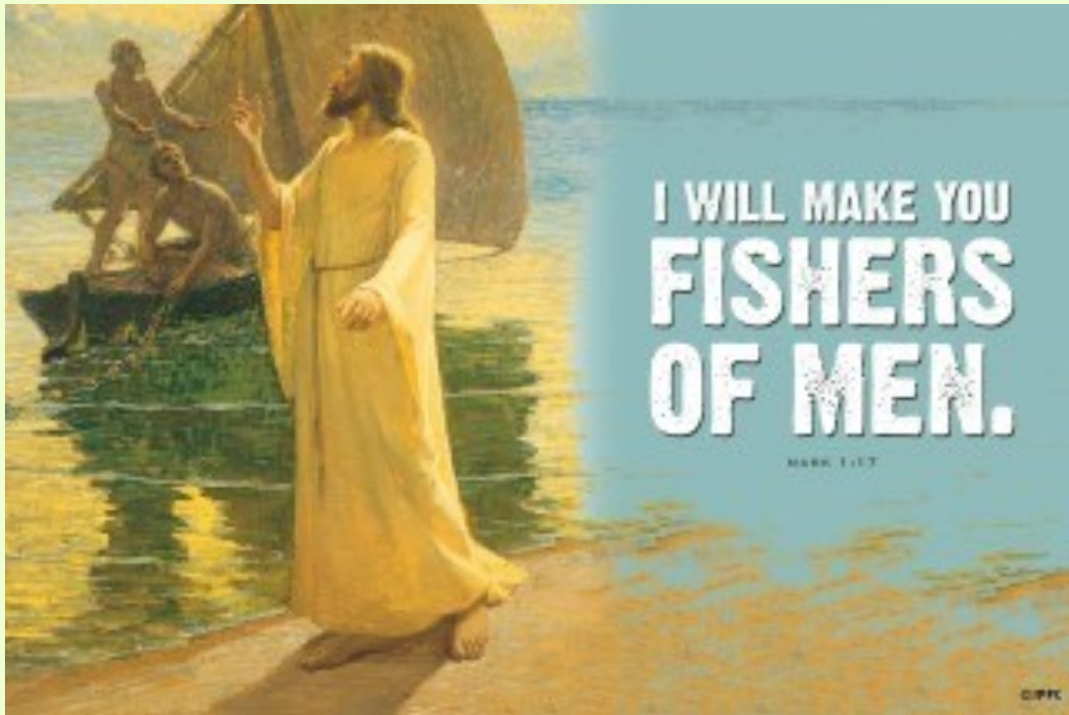
St. Mary of the Assumption Church
46 Richmond Avenue
Deal, NJ 07723

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

Sunday of the Word of God

“Indeed, the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12



January 21, 2024 * Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Word of God. Pope Francis like his other predecessors urges us to take time in reading, meditating, and praying with the Holy Scripture, the Bible, the Word of God. The Word of God is an inexhaustible source of wisdom, knowledge, and inspiration. Whatever may happen in the moment of our life, the Word of God provide us with guidance, instruction, and motivation. If we regularly pick up the bible and slowly read line by line the sections of the word of God, we will continue to discover new ways to live our life, to build virtue or good habits and to draw strength to live our Catholic faith. It is our duty as Christians and disciples of Christ to listen to the Word of God so that the Divine Word will become an essential fabric of our life. We need to shape our mind in accordance with God's Word so that the decisions that we make in everyday life are based on it. In the past, majority of Christian people were illiterate, and they needed to rely on the clergy to help them to know the Word of God. Today when Christian people can read and the Sacred Scripture is widely accessible, reading of the Word of God should be part of our daily spiritual life. The regular reading of the Word of God should be part of our daily devotion since God wants to speak to us and to make himself known. We do not need to read large portions of the Sacred Scripture. Sometimes it can be a line, or two. Reading of the Word of God is not like reading any other book. We need to take time to think, to reflect on what the Lord is saying to us. Because the Holy Spirit works in us, we must always pray before we begin to read the Sacred Scripture that He may open our mind and heart to receive God's word with Faith and trust. We need to also ask the Holy Sprit that He may guide us in understanding of God's Word, so that we may not be led astray or seek to interpret the Word of God by considering purely our own understanding. We must always remember that we should not seek to interpret the Sacred Scripture as we believe what it says, but rather to seek to know the true meaning of the text, so that we may not misunderstand what the Word of God is saying or draw bad or erroneous conclusions. We must remember what in the 2nd Letter of Peter chapter 1 verse 20-21 we are told: "Know this first of all, that there is no prophecy of scripture that is a matter of personal interpretation, for no prophecy ever came through human will; but rather human beings moved by the holy Spirit spoke under the influence of God." We should seek to know what God is saying here and not what "I believe" God is saying here. Commentaries to the Sacred Scripture will be of great help since they help us in knowing what is the context of the passage that we read and what is the interpretation of this passage of Scripture. It is also good to read the Word of God with the knowledge of our Catholic Faith, its doctrines, its teachings. We can have a greater confidence then that we will not interpret the Word of God erroneously since the doctrine of our Catholic Faith is based on the Word of God that is both written and unwritten. The Sacred Scripture and the Doctrine complement each other and are not opposed to each other. The Sacred Scripture and the Doctrine are one and complete Word of God. If we have not yet made a commitment to read the Word of God, may this Sunday of the Word of God be for us a reminder and a call of God, and a call of the Church to begin. Sometimes we may be uncertain where to begin and so my recommendation is that we first begin with the gospels and then the rest of the New Testament. Once we complete reading the New Testament then we should begin reading the first five books of the Bible. After those we can read historical books, psalms and wisdom literature and lastly prophetic books. Please remember that we are not trying to read the Sacred Scripture just to get it done, but rather to listen to the Word of God. It is God's Holy Word, his revelation to us, so take time. Also know that it will take long time to read the bible and you may find yourself not getting far by the end of this year. Let us remember our parish patron Saint Jerome who said: "Ignorance of scripture is the ignorance of Christ." Let us pick up our bibles and begin an amazing journey with the Word of God.

Our lady of Hope, Pray for us! St. Jerome, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Pastoral and Support Staff

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Contact Information

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

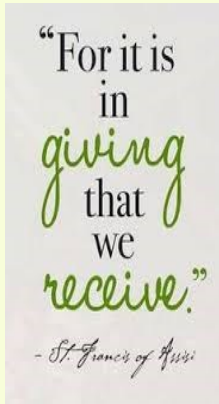
Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, January 13/ 14, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,067	66 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$2,134	89 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,430	110 people
Online Giving	\$735	36 families
Total	\$5,366	265 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,713	285 people



Saturday/Sunday, January 13/ 14, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 973	87 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 918	65 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,234	95 people
Online Giving	\$ 697	28 families
Total	\$ 3,822	247 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,061.38	246 people

Right to Life \$1,350 Thank you!

Right to Life \$780 Thank you!

2023 Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like to receive their 2023 Contribution Statement can cut this out and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. You may also request a Contribution Statement by emailing either:

office@ladyofhopeparish.org

or **stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org**

The statements will be available at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you would like your statement emailed to you, please provide your email address:

Email: _____

The church statements will only reflect the donations given in your envelopes at Church. To get a statement for your online donations, go directly to the Parish Giving Website and log into your account or call 866-307-7140 for additional assistance.

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

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



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.



Our Lady of Hope Parish

Rosary-Altar Society



The Altar Rosary wishes everyone a blessed New Year! Fellow Rosarians are cordially invited to Robin Stillings' home for our meeting on Saturday, February 3. We will begin with the Rosary at 11 am followed by our meeting and a pot-luck luncheon afterwards. Please rsvp to Robin if you will be attending and if you're planning to bring something! Carpooling is a great option if you don't want to make the drive alone! For further information, call 732-859-7538.



Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week for :
Catholic Education

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, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

Week 2: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

Week 3: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico, Catherine Troglen.

Week 4: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

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 **



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.

Baptized
IN THE NAME
OF THE
Father
THE
Son
AND THE
Holy Spirit

The Parish of our Lady of Hope
Welcomes our Newly Baptized

Isabella M. Ceppaluni
Daughter of:
Stephen J. Ceppaluni & Brady Grace Hohn

It's Simple:

- Log onto our parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

It's Secure:

- Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

It's Convenient:

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

Tax Benefits:

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish Benefits:

- Weekly or monthly contribution choices
- Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email: stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org



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St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 20	4:00 PM	Frank Minton + Eileen & Dennis Pepitone Raymond Camire + Eileen Pepitone
Sunday, January 21	7:30 AM	Edgar V. McGinley + The Mills Family William Galvin + Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Doreen & Mark Bulzis Irene Kallighan + Doreen & Mark Bulzis
Wednesday, January 24	8:30 AM	Daniel Del Tufo + Diane Magliato Richard Loeffler, Sr + Richard Loeffler
	8:30 AM	Constance Panzarella + Richard Loeffler Marlene Mosko + Frank & Denise Colford
Saturday, January 27	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	4:00 PM	Jayne M. Natoli + Eileen & Dennis Pepitone Joanne Caltabiloto + Maryanne Ioli & Family
Sunday, January 28	7:30 AM	Armido Sigismondi + (10th Anniversary) Schiaivone Family
	9:30 AM	Frances & Guido Monteleone + Monteleone Family
	11:00 AM	William Nurthen + Marguerite Nugent Dolores Lewis + Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 20	5:00 PM	Howard White + Req. Catherine McCabe
Sunday, January 21	8:00 AM	Howard White + Req. Sue & Jim Berner
	10:00 AM	Robert Stratton + Req. Frances Minneci Eileen McGurl + Req. Her Children
Monday, January 22	9:00AM	For Legal Protection for Unborn Children
Tuesday, January 23	9:00 AM	Marge Edelson + Req. Parish of Our Lady of Hope
Wednesday, January 24	9:00 AM	Healing for Victor Giunco + Req. His Family
Thursday, January 25	9:00 AM	Caitlin Nora Rochon + Req. Flanagan Family
Saturday, January 27	5:00 PM	Richard English III + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, January 28	8:00 AM	Robert J. Stratton + Req. Sue & Jim Berner
	10:00 AM	Howard White + Req. McCarthy-Leonard Family Yvonne S. Boice-Zucaro + In memory of Devoted Aunt Req. Beegle & Jurman Families

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

**Glenn Morgan
Marjorie Edelson**


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



Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Dennis, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

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 01/08/2024 Pledged: \$45,451.23 paid so far \$45,251.23 which is 75% of our goal from 163 donors. Thank you.**

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2023
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We're Back!
Join us for an evening of fun!
Sit Down Dinner!

PASTA WITH A PURPOSE
TO BENEFIT SAINT JEROME SCHOOL
SPORTS PROGRAM



When: Saturday, February 10, 2024
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Where: Saint Jerome School, Sister
Angelina Pelliccia Hall

How: Sit Down Buffet Dinner

What to Do: Go to
saintjermeschool.org or
ladyofhopeparish.org
SIGN UP ONLINE, PAY ONLINE.

Call Mrs. Monteleone
for payment in person.

Cost: 12.00 per Adult

6.00 per child (12 and under)

Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Dessert

PREPARED BY TASTE OF ITALY

THANK YOU JIMMY AND STAFF!

For more information: Call 732.222.8686

