

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



January 7, 2024 * The Epiphany of the Lord



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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord, which as the word epiphany means it is a revelation of God to the world. In some cultures, this celebration is called the feast of Three Kings, because it is believed that the Magi could have been kings although more likely they were members of astrologers, who worked for or at the royal court. Nevertheless, they seek the newborn king, who, without them realizing, is a Divine King on account of being the Incarnate Son of God. The Magi offer their gifts as a tribute, of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were the three most valuable gifts that one could offer to a king at that time in middle east. We Christians see in these gifts a manifestation of who Christ is. The gold stands for symbol of Christ' kingship, frankincense stands for symbol of Christ' divinity and myrrh stands for symbol of Christ' suffering and death. The Epiphany Sunday is immediately followed by the Feast of Baptism of the Lord, literally the next day. The Feast of Baptism of the Lord concludes the Christmas Season and Ordinary Time begins. Because the Feast of Baptism of the Lord is not a holy day of obligation, I would like to share with you a little about the significance of this feast. There is not much known about Jesus' years of growing up, apart from his visit to the Temple with his parents at the age of twelve. Those years of Jesus' life are hidden because his public mission was not yet inaugurated, and it is a time of preparation for the public ministry. The Baptism of Jesus in the river Jordan by John the Baptist is an event that inaugurates and officially begins Christ's public ministry. This event not only begins Jesus' public work, but also it is an epiphany, because while John baptizes Jesus the heavens open and God the Father speaks: "This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased" and the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus in the form of a dove. The Baptism of Jesus is an epiphany because God reveals himself in three Divine Persons. God the Father who speaks about his son, God the Son who is recognized by the Father and God the Holy Spirit that consecrates or seals the body of the Son. The question may arise in our hearts, why Jesus needed it to be baptized, since He was sinless, and the baptism of John the Baptist was an act of repentance in preparation for the coming of the Messiah? There are couple reasons why Jesus came to receive John's baptism. First, as I mentioned above Jesus was beginning his public ministry and this act allowed Him to manifest his presence among the people. Jesus received John's baptism to show his solidarity with sinful humanity that He was coming to redeem. Jesus also received John's baptism so that the water which came in contact with Christ maybe sanctified in anticipation of true baptism with grace and the Holy Spirit. Jesus cleansed the water so that it may become an agent of divine grace. Jesus also manifested his Divine Sonship, that he is truly the only Son of God, that he has come to do the will of his Heavenly Father. Jesus also received the baptism in preparation for his salvific mission culminating in His sacrificial act, in His passion and death on the cross. The descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus showed that Jesus' body was anointed, consecrated, set apart for God's work, for the holy sacrifice of our redemption. The descending of the Holy Spirit on Christ also reveals the active involvement of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' public ministry in accomplishing the mission of salvation. This helps us to understand that accomplishment of our salvation involved all three persons of the Most Holy Trinity. Jesus also received baptism, because as our leader in faith, he always sets for us the example that we must follow. So even though Jesus did not need to be baptized because of his sinless and already holy body, from these few reasons mentioned above we can see that everything that Jesus does is part God's hidden plan through which we are being saved, brought into union with Him. It is good for us on account of celebration of this feast to reflect on our own baptism, to ask ourselves: Do I truly know and understand the meaning of my baptism? What are the goals or promises that this sacrament has? Did I need to be baptized? What responsibilities the baptism places on my life? Am I faithful to my baptism? Do I live my baptism in everyday life?

Our lady of Hope, pray for us! St. John the Baptist, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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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

Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,566	94 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$3,096	63 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$571	64 people
Online Giving	\$850	38 families
Total	\$6,083	221 people

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, December 23/24, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 521	53 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 676	50 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,316	100 people
Online Giving	\$ 867	28 families
Total	\$3,380	203 people

“For it is
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- St. Francis of Assisi

Christmas Collections
\$21,486.00 Thank you!

Christmas Collections
\$14,189.00 Thank you!

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, December 30/31, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,471.75	76 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,817	73 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,231	95 people
Online Giving	\$915	39 families
Total	\$5,434.75	244 people
Last year same weekend total	\$8,194.50	268 people

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, December 30/31, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 536	58 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1,494	59 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,174	110 people
Online Giving	\$ 687	27 families
Total	\$ 3,891	254 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,441.00	219 people

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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.

Thank you.

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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

Week 2: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 3: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

Week 4: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

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 **



Preparing SJ Church for Christmas '23 Garland, Trees & Wreaths — Flowers & Creche

Thank you to the SJC parishioners who set aside time from their busy schedules to help prepare SJ church so beautifully for Christmas:

Ben D'Silva
Richard & Connie Dominguez
Michael & Tracy Paolantonio
Dennis & Eileen Pepitone
Amanda Prascsak
Elizabeth Rathjens and her sister Angela
Kate Sbailo
Ed Scholtz
and the helping hands of SJS students.
May God bless you this New Year!

Christine Scholtz
OLOH Parish Staff

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.



Gather to Celebrate Life

From the moment of conception to natural death, and every moment in between

January 19, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME for the 51st annual MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington DC

The work to build a culture of life in the United States is not finished, even after the overturning of *Roe v. Wade*. Many national legislative battles lay ahead including keeping Hyde protection limiting government funding for abortion.

We, along with thousands of pro-life advocates, will march to voice our support for the unborn and mothers in need! The goal of the national March for Life is to not only change laws at the state and federal level, but to change the culture.

We will continue to march every January at the national level until a culture of life is restored in the United States of America.

Transportation Details

- Luxury coach bus sponsored by St. Michaels, St Luke's, Our Lady of Hope, and Christ the King
- Arrive in time for Rally on the National Mall
- March up Constitution, past the Capitol, and finish between the Capitol and Supreme Court
- \$15 per person – Students and Clergy FREE
- Schedule:
 - 6:30 am – Depart from St. Michael's (mass prior)
 - 7 am – Pick up St. Luke's parishioners at Garden State Parkway Exit 98 (Judy Bloom) Park and Ride lot
 - 9 pm (approximately) – Drop off at Garden State Parkway Exit 98 (Judy Bloom) Park and Ride lot
 - 9:30 pm (approximately) – Return to St. Michael's lot

For details, reservations, and donations, please call Kathryn Perez: 732.581.9735, email prolifekp@aol.com or email by scanning this QR code:



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

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



Our Lady of Hope Parish


St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 6	4:00 PM	William Nurthen + Eileen & Dennis Pepitone Tony Strollo + Mom & Dad
Sunday, January 7	7:30 AM	Andrew Munchak Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare Anthony Wrieole Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare
	11:00 AM	Marie Hausser + Robert Hausser Donald Curtis + Marie Curtis
Wednesday, January 10	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla Irene Ciarla Eric Arpert Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare
Friday, January 12	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla Col. Robert Fiske Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare
Saturday, January 13	8:30 AM	Mass for Parishioners
	4:00 PM	Laura Ryan & Olivia Pepitone Eileen & Dennis Pepitone James Hosey Eileen and Dennis Pepitone
Sunday, January 14	7:30 AM	Albert Del Maestro Phillis Del Maestro Col. William Huffcut Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare
	11:00 AM	William Yuchinskos Ferraro Family Joanne Caltabilota Maryanne Ioli & Family

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 6	5:00 PM	Martha Gomber + Req. Kim & Joe Repko Healing for Tom S. Req. Neighbor Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, January 7	8:00 AM	Patrick & Eleanor Donzi + Req. Barbara Harwood Howard White + Req. Bob & Mary Waitt
	10:00 AM	Natalia Catalano + Req. Sue & Jim Berner Robert Stratton + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Monday, January 8	9:00AM	Ethen Cavanagh + Adelaide Bariscillo + Req. Beth Wengler
Tuesday, January 9	9:00 AM	Phillip J Wilderotter + Req. Marge & Paul Edelson
Wednesday, January 10	9:00 AM	Leo & Florence Morrissey +
Thursday, January 11	9:00 AM	Patrick (Sonny) Sorohan + Req. Hughes Family
Saturday, January 13	5:00 PM	Beth Pfeiffer + Req. Kim & Joe Repko Howard White + Req. Cathy Malta Campanella
Sunday, January 14	8:00 AM	Howard White + Req. Richard & Margaret Buckley Maria Malta + Req. Cathy Malta Campanella
	10:00 AM	Robert Stratton + Req. Hughes Family Donald Fernicolla + Req. Daughter Kristi Linington & Family

All donations, contributions, and payments to the Parish for both churches including Inter-faith Neighbors should be made payable to:

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Attention St. Mary's Parishioners
The Second Collection Envelope for January 14 is for RIGHT TO LIFE.

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 12/27/2023 Pledged: \$45,401.23 paid so far \$45,101.23 which is 75% of our goal from 165 donors. Thank you.**


ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2023
 DIOCESE of TRENTON

Saint Jerome School

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Join us for our **OPEN HOUSE**
Sunday, January 28th following
the 9:30 am Mass

Learn about our school,
visit our classrooms, meet
our teachers, and talk to
current school families
over coffee.

*Call us for more
information!*



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