

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

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

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 8, 2023 \* The Epiphany of the Lord



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**Weekly Collection and Attendance**

*May the good Lord bless you for your generosity*

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 24/25, 2022		
4 & 9 pm Mass	\$1,569.00	524 people
7:30 & 9:30am	\$1,040.00	84 people
11:00 am Mass	\$620.00	61 people
Online Giving	\$968.00	40 families
Total	\$4,197.00	669 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,746.00	199 people



Saturday/Sunday, Dec. 24/25, 2022		
5:00 pm Mass	N/A	247 people
8:00 & 10 am	N/A	183 people
12:00 pm Mass	N/A	115 people
Online Giving	\$847.00	28 families
Total	N/A	545 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,539.00	148 people

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

\*\*The St. Jerome collection had weekly envelopes as well as Christmas envelopes, weekly reported above.

**Interested in Becoming a Member of a Local Pre-Cana Team?**

At the twin parishes of The Church of the Precious Blood and St. Dorothea's, a move is underway to restart the Pre-Cana ministry. Apparently, the number of programs throughout the Diocese of Trenton has fallen significantly, and there is an increased need to meet the demand for this program, which is a requirement for couples intending to get married in the Catholic Church. We are therefore opening our invitation to volunteers from neighboring Catholic parishes, as we could use more help—and some parishioners may be interested in finding a local parish that offers this ministry when their own parish does not. Generally, the commitment includes 2 separate Saturday events per year—from 9 AM until the closing of the 5:30 PM Mass at Precious Blood (beginning in 2023). In the past, we offered a spring event and a fall event. If you think this ministry is of interest, please join us for an information meeting hosted by Peg Hensler (phensler@dioceseoftrenton.org), Director of Pre-Cana for the Diocese of Trenton.

**Date: Wed., January 11, 2023**

**Time: 6:30-7:30 PM (followed by an optional question-and-answer period from 7:30 – 8:00 PM)**

**Place: The Church of the Precious Blood rectory, Monmouth Beach, dining room**

Please RSVP by phone or email: 732-233-4085 (Dee Bulvanoski) 908-675-0015 (Steve Bulvanoski) mbulvano@gmail.com (Dee's email) Also, please feel free to contact us with questions—and pass the news around to other parishioners who might be interested. Thank you

## A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear Parish Family,

Do you want to be a "Star"? Follow Jesus.

The story of Christmas is filled with other wonderful, even magical, stories. Today's feast of the Epiphany is one but it completes the entire story of Christmas. Epiphany is about the three kings from the east who went looking to pay homage to the baby, they believed, was the anointed messiah. The magi, as scriptures tell us, represent the Gentiles the who have no idea of the one true God. They looked for this new born Messiah. They travelled far following the unusually bright star that led them to meet Jesus. Through them, the newborn baby in Bethlehem is revealed, as the savior, the king of Kings.

Epiphany is manifestation or revelation. It speaks of light. But it is not just the light of the star that brought the magi to Jesus. Because the greatest light of epiphany is Jesus himself. The baby in the manger, who will be king of all people's for he will bring light to the whole world. His birth brought light to humanity living in the darkness of being separated from God. However only those whose hearts are open to this light, can see the saving power of God.

We all constantly search for meaning of life. We need the light. But it is only the light of Christ that we should seek. We don't need to look anymore to the skies to find that bright star to guide us for a brighter life. The light is already here with us. And we, by the grace of the sacraments have shared his light. That also means, We ourselves have become epiphany to the world. We have become God's light for others, especially those who have not seen the light of Jesus. Our life in Christ should serve as a guiding star for others still seeking the deeper meaning of life. So you can be a "Star". Follow the light of Jesus.

I pray for you and with you.

Fr. Sheldon



### 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org) under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org). Thank you.



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### ZOOM ONLY MONDAYS WITH MERTON

5 Mondays 1:00 – 2:30 PM  
January 16 February 6 March 6 April 3 May 1

Mystics are human! Yes, Thomas Merton was human and a mystic. Explore the work of Gregory K. Hillis who was able to see the journals left by Thomas and now, years after his death in 1968, have been open to the public. We will be enjoying Hillis' *Man of Dialogue: Thomas Merton's Catholic Vision*. Donation: \$100

### SPIRITUAL SORORITY

5 Tuesdays 9:30 – 11:30 AM  
January 17 February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2  
Join us for heart-to-heart conversations with iconic women of faith. Allow Edwina Gately's poetry to become a doorway into the spirit found in twelve of our biblical sisters. Discover in them your own timeless wisdom. We will use Edwina's book *Soul Sisters*. Donation: \$100

### EVENING ZOOM SERIES LOVE IN ACTION

5 Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:00 PM  
January 17 February 7 March 7 April 4 May 2  
Sometimes it seems almost impossible to make a difference in the world. Then, out of the blue, we have an opportunity to be compassionate—and the world changes. With the wisdom of Joyce Rupp's book, *Boundless Compassion*, let's explore the power of this everyday virtue. Donation: \$75



## Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, January 7	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Tony Strollo Mom & Dad Ivanna Portillo Her parents
Sunday, January 8	7:30 AM	Hollie Forman The Monteleone family Healing for Marek Vygadlo Ann Clarke
	11:00 AM	Marie Hausser Robert Hausser Irene Kallighan Doreen & Mark Bulzis
Wednesday, January 11	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla Irene Ciarla
Friday, January 13	8:30 AM	William Stanton Irene Ciarla Special Intentions for Religious Teachers Filippini John & Kitty Mandica
Saturday, January 14	8:30 AM	Gloria Bebel Moe Keane
	5:00 PM	Michele (Mike) Inzitari The Danback family Judy McShea Rosemary Finnegan
Sunday, January 15	7:30 AM	Albert DelMaestro Phyllis DelMaestro Dr. Alexander C. Baret Rose Marie Baret
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis William Yuchinskas The Ferraro family

"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


### 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






# 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.



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*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

### 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 7	5:00 PM	<b>Mary Carvalho</b> Mr. & Mrs. Illiano <b>Maria &amp; Cesare Di Iusto</b> Carmela & Michael Sylvester <b>Townley Carr</b> Sally Welch
Sunday, January 8	8:00 AM	<b>Adelaide Bariscillo (39th Anniversary)</b> John Wengler <b>Forgotten Souls in Purgatory</b> Joseph & Kelina Vassallo
	10:00 AM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Charlie & Patty Brown <b>John Squeo</b> David & Janis Henderson
Monday, January 9	9:00 AM	<b>Mr. Soon Yong Koh</b> Helen Kong
Tuesday, January 10	9:00 AM	<b>Ethel Stroin</b>
Wednesday, January 11	9:00 AM	<b>Jeanette Pezzella</b> Our Lady of Hope Parish
Thursday, January 12	9:00 AM	<b>Healing for hospitalized patients</b>
Saturday, January 14	5:00 PM	<b>Maria Di Iusto</b> Mr. & Mrs. Kulka <b>Ginny Marmora</b> Theresa Di Lieto
Sunday, January 15	8:00 AM	<b>Ginny Marmora</b> Rosemary Heine <b>Anne Wait</b> Bob & Mary Waitt
	10:00 AM	<b>Terry Bolan</b> Sally & Bob Selden <b>John Squeo</b> George & Kathleen Tongring

### 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.



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"They were overjoyed at seeing the star... they opened their treasures and offered him gifts."

### Sheepish Question:

Instead of wishing, how can I put my faith in Jesus—the true light of the world—into action?

### 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:

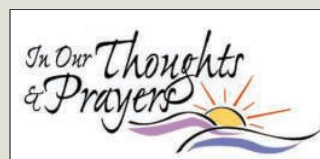
Week 2: Donna Convery, Karen Daly, Joan Day, Jim Shanahan, John Wengler, Howard White, August Wreiole

Week 3: 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

Week 4: Fr. Doug Freer, Cathy Mueller, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

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 call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\*







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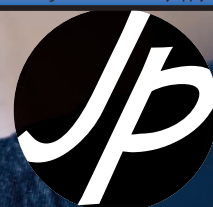
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