

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

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.



May 12, 2024 * The Ascension of the Lord



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday we celebrate with great joy Jesus' ascension into heaven. Jesus united to our human nature returns to heaven. The same human nature that he united to himself in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that same body that he offered on the cross for our salvation, that same body that rose to a new level of life in his resurrection and in that same body Jesus passes into heaven. In the ascension of our Lord, we rejoice with the hope that we who shared the same human nature with Christ while living on earth will be also united with him one day in heaven. We rejoice that one day we too will pass into the everlasting life of heaven with our bodies and in heaven we will behold the living body of Christ covered in glory.

While we remain here on earth in this life, God allows us to share in his divine life through his son Jesus Christ, through the union of our human nature to his divine nature. The union of those two natures in Jesus Christ brings us into union with God that is utterly amazing and full of mystery. It is precisely because of this reality of incarnation that the passing of Divine Life into ours takes place. Jesus as a perfect mediator provides us with a type of bridge between heaven and earth, between supernatural and natural, between God's life and human life, between eternity and time, between Creator and creation. Because of this mediation, we human beings can live in God and he in us. Therefore, you can understand why when we come to Mass, to a Eucharistic Sacrifice, that the Body and Blood of Christ on the altar that is offered to the Father brings us reconciliation through forgiveness of sins, but also is a source of grace that flows on us who are joined to that offering of Christ to the Father by the Holy Spirit.

Because the human nature of Christ is now glorified in heaven and living a new type of life, that is now supernatural, therefore the body of Christ is no longer bound by the laws of physical nature or laws that are governing this life. Because of this liberty or unlimited life, Jesus is able to be present by his divine power in every single host that is consecrated on the altar and remain in the tabernacles through out the world constantly and ever present, and never being diminished by his presence on earth from his presence in heaven. Jesus simultaneously is present in every host and even the most minute fragment of it, while never leaving his Father side in heaven. This reality is truly awe inspiring at the great power and wisdom of God. That is why when we are present at Mass, we become witnesses of heaven and earth coming together and being united in Christ. Also, we step for that moment from time into eternity because eternal God comes down from heaven and makes himself present on the altar in the present time and by his presence God draws us into himself. Because where is God, there is heaven. Therefore, for that moment while we are at Mass we pass from earth into heaven. Because we anticipate the coming of God on the altar and to acknowledge his divine presence approaching us, we are joining those angels and saints in their heavenly hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of host, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest, Blessed is He who comes in the name of Lord, hosanna in the highest."

As soon as the priest pronounces the words of Jesus over the bread and wine, the Lord, God Almighty is in our midst. That is why we are kneeling in adoration, because God is present and before his divine presence all should bend their knees to acknowledge our lowliness as creatures before our great Creator and God. Once the priest finishes praying the prayer to God the Father on behalf of the people, the people acknowledge to God the Father their union and agreement with the prayer that the priest offered, by uttering the great "Amen."

When we approach the altar to receive our Blessed Lord in Holy Communion, not only we are in heaven, but heaven itself enters our hearts and for that time while the Eucharist remains intact inside our bodies, we are living this divine life of God through Christ, through his glorified body that we have consumed. Because our bodies receive Christ's body we are being sanctified and the life of God is imbued into our souls. Even though we continue to live our human life, yet the life that we live is being changed, transformed, and made ready for the life of heaven. That is why the Eucharist is the foretaste of heaven, for in it we experience this heavenly life although for a moment of the Mass and while the Blessed Sacrament is intact (not broken down by our body). Therefore, as our Lord ascends to heaven, may our hearts and minds ascend with him in hope that where Christ is we too will be one day as well.

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, Pray for us!
Fr. Marcin

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, May 11	4:00 PM	Michael Ioli + Req. Maryanne Ioli & family Richard Bernier + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, May 12	7:30 AM	Mary Beth Yost + Req. Husband
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish
Wednesday, May 15	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla Frank Panzarella + Req. Richard Loeffler
	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla
Friday, May 17	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla
Saturday, May 18	8:30 AM	Angelo J. Lopano MD + Req. Amelia Lopano
	4:00 PM	Paul Mandica + (Happy Birthday in Heaven) Req. John & Kitty Mandica Michael Ioli + (Happy Heavenly Birthday) Req. Love, Maryann & Family
Sunday, May 19	7:30 AM	Peter Cuoco + Req. William & Ganley Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis Donald Curtis + Req. Marie Curtis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, May 11	5:00PM	Pat & Pat Russomanno + Req. May Pat Lehmann Pauline B. Kashi + Req. Repko Family
Sunday, May 12	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Monday, May 13	9:00AM	Dr. Raul Cortes + Req. Mary Lou Arege & Family
Tuesday, May 14	9:00 AM	Parents of Thomas Morrisey +
Wednesday, May 15	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh +
Thursday, May 16	9:00 AM	Blessing for Father Ray Wadas
Saturday, May 18	5:00 PM	Robert Scally + Req. Mary Pat Lehmann Albertina D'Oliviera "Nana"+ Req. Love from grandchildren
Sunday May 19	8:00 AM	Ed Sullivan + Req. Ima Sylvia Ginny Marmora + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy Robert Scally + Req. Neil & Cindy McCaffery

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

Week 2: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 3: Fiona Lytle, Candace, Barbara Compton, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 4: Matthew & Julia Heasley, Nick Greico.

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 **



REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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



**Katherine Sparendeo
Dr. William F. Beagle**

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

Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts

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.

Our Lady of Hope Parish

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



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.

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.



Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary

First two weeks of May the Sanctuary candle is being lit

"In Loving memory of Vincenzo Covello & Maria Covello"

Second two weeks of May the Sanctuary candle at St. Mary will be lit "In

Loving memory of John Covello"

Candle on the Blessed Mother's altar in St. Mary for the entire month of May:

"Healing of Vincent Covello, Jr"

Req. Rosemarie & Michael Lyons



Parish Giving

Enhancing Stewardship through
Electronic Funds Transfer



- It's Simple
- It's Secure
- It's Convenient

Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church, and offices. Other ways to donate may be found on our website 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 **\$55,000**. As of **05/06/2024** paid so far **\$ 25,444** which is **46%** of our goal from **103 Donors**. Thank you!

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal 2024

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, May 04/05, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,099	71 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 2,133	80 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,507	122 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,120	41 families
Total	\$ 5,859	273 people

Saturday/Sunday, May 04/05, 2024

5:00 PM Mass	\$ 692	69 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 940.33	67 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,531	117 people
Online Giving	\$ 867	30 families
Total	\$ 4,030.33	253 people

“For it is
in
giving
that
we
receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

Diocesan Assessment : \$986 Thank you!

Diocesan Assessment : \$752 Thank you!

GUIDELINES FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program? It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone that a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a sponsorship form signed and sealed by the Pastor, please keep the following in mind:

- I am age 16 or older.
- I am actively registered in the parish for at least 6 months.
- If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on a regular basis.
- I contribute to the support of the Church, as best I can. (Attendance is taken by the envelopes in the collection basket, even if empty).
- I receive Sacraments according to the Laws of the Church, and I fulfill the requirements listed above.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor would be based on the person's dedication to the faith and regular practice thereof. **Please do not ask us to sign if you do not meet criteria above.**

“Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening”

PARISH MISSION

Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine

61 Georgia Road– Freehold, NJ

Saturday, June 1 thru Tuesday, June 4 at 7:00 PM

(Morning Sessions at 9am Mass)

Fr. Kevin MacDonald is a Redemptorist priest from Woburn, Massachusetts, about 10 miles north of Boston. He entered the Redemptorist Missionary Order after attending Boston College and playing seven years of professional baseball with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization and overseas in Holland and Australia. He is a member of the Boston College Hall of Fame. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1991 and has worked as a parish priest in Dominica, New York, Boston, St. Lucia, and the Virgin Islands. He is currently assigned to the Redemptorist Community at San Alfonso Retreat House in Long Branch, NJ.

Pastoral and Support Staff

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Gratitude

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again. Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all.

Philippians 4: 4-7

God is so good and we have so much to remember with gratefulness. First, we honor all mothers living and deceased. God knew we would need someone to guide us and love us through life and so he gave us our mothers, grandmothers and aunts. Most of all, He gave our Blessed Mother as an example of pure love.

Happy Mother's Day to all!

First Communion

On April 27th, our Religious Education children and On May 4th our Catholic School children received their First Holy Communion. We pray that their parents will continue to accept their responsibility to bring their children closer to God each week to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.



Annie JR.

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Limited Tickets sold

No reserved seating...First come ...First Serve

Performances:

Saturday, May 18th at 7:00 pm

Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 pm

Support Saint Jerome School Drama Club

The Saint Jerome Drama Club not only help develop a love of musical theater but our program provides students with a chance to develop confidence and team-work skills in a safe and comfortable environment.

Tickets

Adults: \$10.00/ Children (13 and younger) \$7.00

Checks payable to: Saint Jerome School

**Please call school office to purchase tickets
and for more information.**