## The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

Saint 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



Saint Mary of the Assumption Church

#### 46 Richmond Avenue Deal, NJ 07723

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#### 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.



November 27, 2022 \* First Sunday of Advent



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The first Sunday of Advent gives us the opportunity to center our thoughts on Hope.

It's a beautiful chance to remember the hope God offers to our lost and dying world, and that He's given us through Jesus.

#### **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 registered in the parish.
- 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).
- 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.





Collected thus far: \$46,790.77 / 138 Donors 77 % of Goal

Please help us meet our goal, donations can be made on line www.dioceseoftrenton/catholicappeal or cards with envelopes may be picked up near the exits.



#### 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. 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.

#### A Letter from Father Sheldon

Dear sisters and brothers,

Greetings of peace and joy!

It is the Advent season. The beginning of the new liturgical year. A season when we again bring our thoughts and prayers into a mode of waiting. That's what it literally means.. "Ad Venere" = towards the coming. We wait for the coming of the Lord. Advent is liturgically more directed at the first

the coming. We wait for the coming of the Lord. Advent is liturgically more directed at the first coming of the Lord on Christmas, but this also helps us contemplate on the coming of the Lord at the end of time. That means our life is in waiting and our waiting is not just liturgical, but a real one. Therefore the call of the liturgy today is to stay alert. Be watchful.

The beauty of advent is that We give time to think of something that is good that surely will come to us. Hope. joyful expectation. Many spiritually inspired writers have given so much effort to describe what advent is all about, based on scriptures and what the Lord Jesus said. They all say the Lord will come. He will make everything new again. Everything beautiful and peaceful. Whatever it might be you need right now, advent put us on a spiritual path, to meet Jesus, up close and personal, because maybe that is the only thing we need.

Not only this season, but our life on earth can be Advent.

Praying for you...

Fr. Sheldon

#### **Our Lady of Hope Parish Christmas Giving Trees**

#### For St. Jerome's Church

We will be doing a Toy Drive for Interfaith Neighbors to bring the celebration of Christ's birth to their clients. A list of items to donate are listed on the back page of last week's bulletin. Donations are due by Sunday 12/11/22. Place *unwrapped* toys or gifts into boxes at all three entrances of the Church or place a gift card in mailboxes near each of the church doors. Items will be collected until 12/11/22. Questions-call or text Barbara at 732-829-6611.

#### For St. Mary's Church

The 2022 Giving tree supporting Interfaith Neighbors will be in the main foyer of Saint Mary's Church. The tree will be decorated with gift tags indicating items requested by families served by Interfaith Neighbors. Select as many tags as you wish, purchase the items, & return the *unwrapped* gift (with the tag attached) and place it in the container near the tree. All gifts should be returned no later than December 11, 2022. Thank you for your usual generous response and support.





#### **Immaculate Conception**

Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022

Holy Day of Obligation
Our Lady of Hope Mass Schedule

St. Jerome Church:

8:30 AM and 7:00 PM

St. Mary's Church:

9:00 AM

A heartfelt Thank You is extended to all Our Lady of Hope Parishioners that donated to the recent food drive supporting the Mercy Center, Asbury Park. Through your generous efforts, many families enjoyed a hearty Thanksgiving meal.



#### Saint Jerome Church

Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 26	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners Lillie & Frank Rinaldi Lillian Trocchia
Sunday, November 27	7:30 AM	Frank Hudson  Doreen & Dennis Flanagan  Pierre F. Lomet III (In memory of  85th birthday)  The Lomet family
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis Diane Galbavy Susan & Ed Ryscavage
Wednesday, November 30		Andrew P. Immitt The Harmyk family
Friday, December 2	8:30 AM	Mark Valenzano Celia & Jerry Del Vescovo
Saturday, December 3	8:30 AM	In memory of Francesco Gulli The Laugelli family
	5:00 PM	Robert Finnegan  His wife, Rosemary  Tony Strollo  Mom & Dad
Sunday, December 4	7:30 AM	Deceased Laugelli family members  The Laugelli family  Frederick Laug  The Matier family
	11:00 AM	Robert Clarke Ann Clarke Frank Bulzis Doreen & Mark Bulzis

"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

#### Rosary-Altar Society

Membership Meeting Monday, December 5 @ 7 p.m., St. Jerome Rectory Conference Room. We will be having our Christmas party and will also

celebrate RAS' 65th anniversary. Bring photos & memories! Corporate Mass: Saturday., December 10 @ 8:30 a.m., at St. Jerome Church. Looking forward to seeing all our members and guests at our meeting and Mass.

## Pope Francis Prayer Intentions for November Children Who Suffer

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

#### Our Lady of Hope Parish Evening Prayer

Sundays: November 27 and December 4, 11 & 18

@ 4:30 PM at St. Jerome Church

What is Evening Prayer (Vespers)?

Evening Prayer, from the Liturgy of the Hours, is a collection of psalms, hymns and intercessions, that the universal Church prays as night silently falls upon the earth, thereby sanctifying the time of dusk. It is "a prayer of thanksgiving, not only for what God has done through Jesus Christ, but for what God is doing now in our lives and in our world."

What makes Evening Prayer spiritually uplifting? *YOU!*Please Come! Lift your voice to the heavens!



#### LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer, especially:

<u>Week 1:</u> Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Marge Edelson, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Maureen & Myra Walther, Sammi Yanni

#### Week 2:

Week 3: Marie Curtis, Bill Prihel, Dan Sloan

<u>Week 4:</u> Peter Bernhardt, Karen Daly, Bob & Joan Day, Fr. Doug Freer, Jim Shanahan, Howard White, August Wreiole

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 \*\*



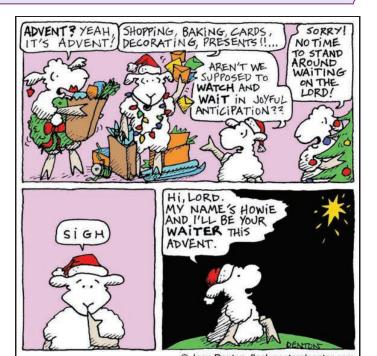
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Saturday, November 26	5:00 PM	Genaro De Sane  Eugene Dello For all good cooks  Theresa J. Trocchia	
		Andrea Russo & family Rose Russo & family	
Sunday, November 27	8:00 AM	Ginny (Virginia) Marmora  The Hughes family	
	10:00 AM	Mildred & William Pfeifer	
		Their family  John Squeo  John & Joanne Heavey	
Monday, November 28	8:30 AM	Donald Curtis (In memory of his birthday) Marie Curtis	
Tuesday, November 29	9:00 AM	<b>John Squeo</b> Judith M. Moran	
Wednesday, November 30	9:00 AM	Father Joseph Miele Our Lady of Hope Parishioners	
Thursday, December 1	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh	
Saturday, December 3	5:00 PM	Mike & Rosemarie Lyons ( I honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary) Their friends Joseph Dellomo	
Cunday	8:00 AM	Palmina & Sons Virginia (Ginny) Marmora	
Sunday, December 4	o.UU AIVI	David Applegate	
	10:00 AM	Sammy Boyd, Sr. Patty & Charlie Brown	

#### **HELP NEEDED!**

Decorating the interior of Saint Mary's Church for Christmas will take place on Saturday December 17, 2022 at 11 AM. Help is always needed and the more hands we have will get the task done more quickly. Hope you can help in making the Church more beautiful for the Holy Season.



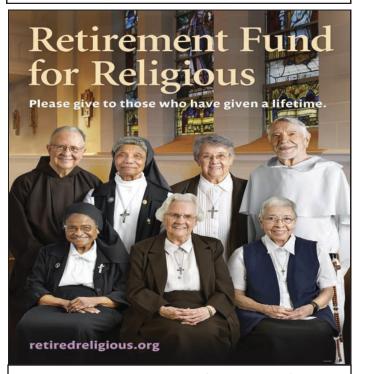


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"It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

#### Sheepish Question:

What holiday preparations are taking my attention away from the coming of the Lord?



Next weekend will Our Lady of Hope Parish's second collection will be to support the Retirement Fund for Religious, please be as generous as you are able.

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#### **ADVENT - ONE DAY AT A TIME**

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Advent is the beginning of a new Church year. But we aren't promised a whole year, are we? Each day is given to us — singly — as a gift. So, each day it's important to listen to what God is saying and to pay attention to what God is doing. The quiet of Advent — the stillness of hunkering down for an imminent winter — are the perfect conditions for listening and focusing. Let us go forth together one day at a time on our Advent journey to Jesus. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom \$20

#### **ZOOM ONLY TRINITY MEANS RELATIONSHIP**

Wednesday, November 30

9:30 AM - Noon

Come and explore together how the Holy Trinity is grounded in relationships. Richard Rohr is our guide as we reflect on portions of his book, *The Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* and his daily meditations which will help us understand how "God is the dance and...we're all invited in." Donation: \$20

DRAWN INTO LOVE: THE WRITINGS OF ST. CHARLES de FOUCAULD

Friday, December 2

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Let the writings and life of St. Charles de Foucauld, canonized on May 15, 2022, draw you into passion and love for Jesus. The message of his life was simple: love Jesus, stay close to Jesus and love everyone as brothers & sisters. *Charles de Foucauld (Modern Spiritual Masters): Writings* will be used for reflection. Led by Jill Snyder. Donation: \$25, includes lunch. Zoom \$20

#### Offerings at Francis House of Prayer

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