

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

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.



March 10, 2024 * Fourth Sunday of Lent



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A Letter from Father Marcín

Dear Parish Family,

I shared with you about a beautiful devotion of the Stations of the Cross and its great value for our sanctification in Lent, but also in other times of the year as well. This Sunday I would like to draw your attention to another great devotion that we can practice growing in virtue and holiness during this sacred season of Lent. This devotion is called The Seven Sorrows of Mary. While Stations of the Cross focus us on the sufferings that Jesus our Savior endured, the devotion to Our Lady of Sorrow draws our attention to the sufferings that Mary his mother endured.

This Sunday from the gospel of John we hear that “God so loved the world that he gave his only beloved Son”. Meditation and prayer on Mary’s sorrows will help us grow in love of God through Mary. Let us remember, that no one on earth loved Jesus more than Mary his mother, and she out of all the creation continues to love Him the most. Marys’ heart is so intimately united with the heart of her son that whenever her son’s heart suffers Mary suffers with him. It is that perfect union of love of these two hearts that unites Mary to Jesus so strongly and deeply. Therefore, our devotion to the sorrows of Our Blessed Mother will lead us ultimately to the greater love of her Son.

Many Saints have promoted this devotion of Seven Sorrows of Mary or devotion to the Sorrowful Mary. Mary played a vital part in Jesus’ plan of salvation and her sorrows too, were not without merits. Since Mary was given to us by Christ to be our mother, we should look to her for the example of how to follow Jesus as she did. Mary followed Jesus in everything, including in her sorrows, which for all of us can be a source of wisdom, inspiration, and knowledge. We all follow Jesus in our lives. However, life brings crosses and sufferings, which some of them can be hard to carry. Praying with Mary and reflecting on her sorrows brings us strength and consolation. In a way we are feeling being led by her through our own sorrows and we are learning from Mary our mother how to bear them with humility and trust in God. Not all sorrows of life can be resolved easily, some take much time and endurance, but with all of them we can be encouraged that we are not alone, but Mary our mother is there with us. She knows our sorrows and pains. Her motherly and caring heart is open to us, her children, always waiting to embrace us and comfort us. We do not even need to explain anything to her, for she already knows, with what we are struggling and what we are going through. Mary never leaves our side. Mary was with her son throughout this life, and she is with us throughout our life, until at last we will share with her in the glory of heaven. May this devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows help you to discover the new strength to love God amid suffering and sorrow.

Fr. Marcín

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The Parish of Our Lady of Hope



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Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 9	4:00 PM	Maria G. Inzitari + Req. Danback Family Monica Mandica + (45 years in heaven) Req. John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, March 10	7:30 AM	Susan Fox + Req. Teresa & Greg Bordiuk
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis Bob LeFurge + Req. Wife & Children
Wednesday, March 13	8:30 AM	William Stanton + Req. Irene Ciarla Samuel Scerbo + Req. Paolantonio Family
Friday, March 15	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla
Saturday, March 16	8:30 AM	Annette Dalessio + Req. Monteleone Family
	4:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo + Req. Her Parents Alan Dunphy + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, March 17	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners William Nurthen + Req. Donna & Family
	11:00 AM	Romaine Ferraro + Req. Ferraro Family Donald Curtis + Req. Marie Curtis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 9	5:00 PM	Howard White + Req. Theresa DiLieto Katherine Mueller + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, March 10	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo John McTague + Re. Jim & Sue Berner
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy Donald C. Patt + Req. Rick Martel & Family
Monday, March 11	9:00 AM	Millie McBain + Req. The Parish of Our Lady of Hope Lynn Ward + Req. Dennis & Maureen Melofchik
Tuesday, March 12	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh + John McTague + Req. Carole White & Family
Wednesday, March 13	9:00 AM	Irene Scott + Marge Edelson + Req. Diane Ailor
Thursday, March 14	9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of the Rosano Family Req. Nella Howard White + Req. Carole White & Family
Saturday, March 16	5:00 PM	Howard White + Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo Robert Orsino + Req. Tallarico & West Families
Sunday, March 17	8:00 AM	Alyce & Joseph Shenan + Req. Shenan Family Marge Edelson + Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo
	10:00 AM	Joseph W. Cilento, Jr. + Req. Hughes Family Charles J. Ruggirello + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons

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: Fiona Lytle

Week 2: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico.

Week 3: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 4: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

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.

THE SEVEN DOLORS (SORROWS) OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

According to a form approved by Pope Pius VII (1815)

V. O God, come to my assistance;

R. O Lord, make haste to help me

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

(The Hail Mary is said after each verse.)

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)

I grieve for you, O Mary, most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon. Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the anguish of your most affectionate heart during the flight into Egypt and your sojourn there. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of generosity, especially toward the poor, and the gift of piety.

Hail Mary....

3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in those anxieties which tried your troubled heart at the loss of your dear Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart so full of anguish, obtain for me the virtue of chastity and the gift of knowledge.

Hail Mary....

4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the consternation of your heart at meeting Jesus as He carried His cross. Dear Mother, by your heart so troubled, obtain for me the virtue of patience and the gift of fortitude.

Hail Mary....

5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the martyrdom which your generous heart endured in standing near Jesus in His agony. Dear Mother, by your afflicted heart, obtain for me the virtue of temperance and the gift of counsel.

Hail Mary....

6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the wounding of your compassionate heart, when the side of Jesus was struck by the lance before His Body was removed from the cross. Dear Mother, by your heart thus transfixed, obtain for me the virtue of fraternal charity and the gift of understanding.

Hail Mary....

7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, for the pangs that wrenched your most loving heart at the burial of Jesus. Dear Mother, by your heart sunk in the bitterness of desolation, obtain for me the virtue of diligence and the gift of wisdom.

Hail Mary....

Let Us Pray: Let intercession be made for us, we beseech You, O Lord Jesus Christ, now and at the Hour of our death, before the throne of Your mercy, by the Blessed Virgin Mary, Your Mother, whose most holy soul was pierced by a sword of sorrow in the hour of Your bitter Passion. Through You, O Jesus

LENTEN WEEKLY CHALLENGE

PRAY EACH DAY OF THE WEEK THE SEVEN DOLORS (SORROWS) OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (on page 4)

Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

St. Jerome School every Friday of Lent at 1:30 pm.

7:00 Pm at alternating Churches.

- ♦ Feb 16—St. Jerome
- ♦ Feb 23—St. Mary
- ♦ March 1—St. Jerome
- ♦ March 8—St. Mary
- ♦ March 15—St. Jerome
- ♦ March 22— St. Mary



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Rosary Altar Society: Palm Crosses (at \$10) will be available at all Masses at both St. Mary's & St. Jerome's on March 16 & 17.



Holy Week

March 28 — Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm St. Jerome

March 29 — Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon St. Mary

Good Friday Service 3:00 pm St. Jerome

March 30 — Holy Saturday

Blessing of food 11:00 am St. Mary

Blessing of food 12:00 noon St. Jerome

Easter Vigil 7:30 pm St. Mary

March 31 — Easter Sunday

St. Jerome

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:00 am

St. Mary

8:00 am

&

10:00 am

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**. Thank you!

Upon reaching our Goal 15% will be returned to the Parish and any additional amount donated above our Goal 50% will be returned to our Parish.

ANNUAL
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May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

Saturday/Sunday, March 2/3, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,388	54 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$2,052	76 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,469	142 people
Online Giving	\$1,170	40 families
Total	\$6,079	272 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,866	328 people



St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, March 2/3, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 537	63 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 869	70 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,317	98 people
Online Giving	\$ 627	28 families
Total	\$ 3,350	231 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,641	294 people

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.**

CONGRATULATIONS

Steven M. Owens & Alexa N. Paolantonio

on their marriage Saturday, March 2, 2024.

May God bless them in their new life

together as

husband and wife.



April 20, 2024

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

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Contact Information

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