

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church

254 Wall Street
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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



April 28, 2024 * Fifth Sunday of Easter



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A Letter from Father Marcín

Dear Parish Family,

Once again, this weekend the children of our parish received the First Holy Communion. Their reception of Holy Communion for the first time should give us an opportunity to pause and reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and the need to receive the Lord with the same kind of enthusiasm as if though we too received the Holy Communion for the first time ourselves. The reason to do that is that we may reawaken in us an ever-newer awe and wonder at this great miracle that is truly overwhelming to our mind. Each one of us can remember the day of our First Holy Communion, and what a special day that it was and the joy that we felt knowing that Jesus entered our heart. Because we have received the Lord in the Eucharist since that day so many times we should look back and see the impact the Eucharist had on our lives. How many times the Lord have lifted us up from being down in our troubles and gave us the strength to bear the challenges of life or the sufferings and crosses, whether bodily or spiritual. The Lord in the Eucharist provided us with the grace that we needed to overcome our sinfulness and helped us to grow in virtue of faith, hope and love.

Before we partook of the Eucharist for the first time, we needed to go through a time of preparation. We received instructions in the Catholic Faith to know who we receive in the Eucharist and its importance for our lives. We were instructed about the great and holy gift that Jesus offers us to sustain and further deepen the divine life of God in our souls. We were also instructed about the need to keep our hearts pure from sin so that we may receive our Lord without incurring guilt of receiving Him unworthy. However, if we did commit mortal sin that we needed to go to confession before we can receive the Eucharist in Holy Communion. Because to receive our Lord in the state of mortal sin, would be another mortal sin of sacrilege.

The number of sacrilegious and unworthy receptions of the Holy Communion are on the rise because Catholics do not understand or know the Catholic Faith with regards to worthy reception of Holy Communion. Some receive our Lord without self-examination to know if they are in the state of grace or have they lost it due to committed mortal sin. Some receive Holy Communion knowing that they are with mortal sin on their heart, but because they fear the judgement of others, go to Holy Communion to avoid suspicion of being marked as sinner. Some receive our Lord in Holy Communion with mortal sin because they believe that they do not need to go to confession and that they can only say the act of contrition and that covers it. Some receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin, because they are afraid of confession or do not try to go claiming that: God knows my sins and I just ask Him for forgiveness and that is good for me. Some are not married in the Church and are living in sin, but still claim that they are good in the eyes of God and refuse to accept the teaching of Christ and the Church on marriage. Some live together without marriage, even though they place themselves in occasion of sin, which is a grave matter, still go to Holy Communion as if everything was fine, after all God understands. Some receive Holy Communion in grave sin because they do not make an effort to know well God's commandments and even though they do not know that something there are doing is a serious sin they incur guilt for that act, because each Catholic have an obligation to know the faith well, especially with regards to knowledge about different kinds of sins.

With regards to a child then obviously lack of knowledge would be truly excusable because we need the time to mature in our mind and time to learn the knowledge of our faith. If a Catholic is a teenager in high school the culpability increases due to a much greater ability of mind to make rational judgments between right and wrong but also, they should have decent knowledge by then about various sins that they need to avoid particularly applied to their age and state of life. It is parents grave responsibility to help their children to know their catholic faith and to teach them about various sins, so that they may not receive the Lord unworthy in Holy Communion, but also to make them aware of the danger to their salvation that those mortal sins have if not confessed in sacrament of reconciliation. Just as when we received our First Holy Communion, we need to make a constant effort to be prepared again and again to receive worthy our Lord in the Eucharist. I will continue to share with you about the preparation for Holy Communion next week so stay tuned.

Our Lady Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us!
Fr. Marcín

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27	4:00 PM	Theresa A. Fisher + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez Catherine L. Mandica + (Happy Birthday in Heaven) Req. John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, April 28	7:30 AM	James Harmer + Req. Maria Mazza
	11:00 AM	James Harmer + Req. Pare Family Dotti & Richard Dodd (Blessing Mass Living) Req. Tony & Carl Seinfeld
Wednesday, May 1	8:30 AM	Rose Lee + Req. Irene Ciarla Jane Meccia Cuddy + Req. Paolantonio Family
Friday, May 3	8:30 AM	Dennis Golden + Req. Patricia Golden
Saturday, May 4	8:30 AM	Salvatore Pepitone + Req. Dennis, Eileen Pepitone & Family Claire Farrell + Req. Richard Loeffler
	4:00 PM	Robert Finnegan + Req. Connie & Richard Dominguez Tony Strollo + Req. Mom & Dad
Sunday, May 5	7:30 AM	James Harmer + Req. Maria Mazza
	11:00 AM	Rosemary Loeffler + Req. Connie & Richard Dominguez Salvatore Ferraro + Req. Ferraro Family

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, Candace, Barbara Compton, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 2: Matthew & Julia Heasley.

Week 3: Nick Greico.

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 ****



St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 27	5:00PM	Chris Lehmann + - 1st Anniversary Req. Mary Pat Lehmann
Sunday, April 28	8:00 AM	Karen Daly + Req. Woodward—Ellsworth Families Millie Mc Bain +, Sons William +, & Joseph+, & Granddaughter Lauren + Req. Betty Mc Bain & Family
	10:00 AM	Charles J. Ruggirello + Req. Frances Minneci Robert Scally + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Monday, April 29	9:00AM	Dr. James Smith +
Tuesday, April 30	9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Morrissey Family + Piccolo Carmine & Family + Req. Anthony Dellomo
	9:00 AM	Margaret Medoff +
Thursday, May 2	9:00 AM	Baby Leon Christopher Heasley +
Saturday, May 4	5:00 PM	Deceased members of Wojcik Family + Req. Armand Zambrano Karen Daly + Barbara Compton
	8:00 AM	John Arege + Req. Mary Lou Arege & Family Karen Daly + Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo
Sunday May 5	10:00 AM	Charles J. Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy Robert Scally + Req. Father George, Betty, & Tanya

Sanctuary Candle at St. Mary

First two weeks of May the Sanctuary candle is being lit

“ In Loving memory of Vincenzo 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



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.

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.**



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.

Rosary Altar Society: Next Mass and meeting, **SECOND Saturday, May 11.** Mass at 8:30 am, at St. Jerome's, followed by a brief but special meeting, our last one for this fiscal year.. We will have a May crowning and a brunch. Details will be in our President's e-mail to our members at the appropriate time. In the meantime, **HEADS UP:** There's another bake sale coming--at St. Mary's Masses on June 22-23! If anyone would like information on joining the Rosary Altar Society, please call Rae at 732-859-7538 or 732-222-6399

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!** **As of 04/22/2024 paid so far \$ 23,934 which is 44% of our goal from 97 Donors.**



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, April 13/14, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$673	61 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,580	88 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,421	109 people
Online Giving	\$1,180	41 families
Total	\$4,854	258 people

The Legacy Fund : \$4,337 Thank you!

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 928	66 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,118	78 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 3,775	113 people
Online Giving	\$ 847	30 families
Total	\$ 6,668	257 people

Interfaith Neighbors : \$1,205.24 Thank you!



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- 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.

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- Weekly or monthly contribution choices

Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email:

stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org



Second Collection next week is for:
Diocesan Assessment
Thank you!



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Saint Jerome School



Welcoming Alumni and 2024 Graduates!

Alumni fondly remember their days on the red carpet while we congratulate our 2024 graduates!

The Fashion Show and Auction were a great success. Thank you to our alumni who supported the new graduates!



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EARTH DAY 2024



Garden Club with Mrs. Marcantonio continued to spruce up our vegetable garden. Our children participated in various activities. Seedlings are growing and stating in June we hope to have a "vegetable stand for the parishioners after the Masses!

A special thank you to Mrs. Montague and her daughter Mila (Grade 3) who came in Monday evening to freshen up the Butterfly garden for the Spring. We will also spruce up the Blessed Mother's Garden in time for May! God bless our children, teachers and parents!

Saint Jerome School Players will present Annie on Saturday, May 18 and Sunday May 19, 2024. The children are hard at work preparing for "Tomorrow"! More information to follow next week. Remember to save the dates!



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