

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



April 21, 2024 * Fourth Sunday of Easter



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

I want to continue to share with you about the Eucharist, which in the documents of Second Vatican II is called the source and the summit of Christian life. Because all of the Church's activity flows from it and leads us back to it. The early Christians understood the great value of the Eucharist. While the laws of Roman Empire forbid the Christians to participate in the Holy Mass, they would nevertheless go to it. Any Christian who was caught attending the Holy Mass, was put to death. The leaders of Roman Empire's military would ask the Christians: "Why would you risk your life to go to the Mass?" And the Christians would respond: "Because we Christians make the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes us Christians" The love for the Eucharist was so great among early Christians, because they knew, understood, and believed the entirety of Christian teaching. In the Western World the Christians do not need to fear to go to the Holy Mass, because they might be persecuted or killed for their faith as is the case in other parts of the world. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is widely and easily accessible, but many choose not to come, because the value of the Holy Mass and its gifts are not known, understood, or even believed. The Saints understood the value of the Holy Mass and the Eucharist. Some saints even lived only on the Eucharist and did not consume any other food for many years and were in perfectly good health. Especially in our times it is crucial to come to know and understand the value of the Holy Mass and the Eucharist, because the value of the Holy Mass and the Eucharist goes hand in hand and cannot be separated one from the other. Because there is no Eucharist without the Mass and there is no Mass without the Eucharist.

The purpose of the Holy Mass is to offer God perfect worship and praise. We human beings are finite or limited in what can we do to satisfy the needed praise and worship of God. God is aware of our limitation and that is why it is God who provides us with the means by which we can offer the worship, praise and thanksgiving that is fitting for Him. God aids us in this end so that we can be pleasing to Him, and that we can fulfill our duty to serve him in the most perfect way that He deserves. Christ provided the Church with the essential patterns, elements, and words, by which the worship of God can take place in a way that he demands to be worship. It is Christ, the Son of God who foretold the establishment of this perfect act of worship, when He said to the Samaritan woman: God is a spirit, and he desires to be worshiped in spirit and in truth... God seeks such worshipers." From the words of Jesus, we can clearly understand that true worship involves spiritual reality, the heart and also reason, because reason of our mind is used to grasp or receive truth. The love comes from the heart and understanding comes from our mind. Both heart and mind are needed in order that we may enter into the act of worship of God to the best of ability. That is why God provides us with his grace so that our heart maybe pure from sin, to love sincerely and truth of his teaching to enlighten our minds with the knowledge of realities that we could not come to know on our own. The act of worship of God therefore is an act of love and act of faith. That is why when we come to the Holy Mass, we are never just passively present, waiting until it is over like watching a film at the Movie Theater. We must fully engage our heart and mind so that our worship of God is done to our best. If we neglect to engage either one or both then what we offer to God will be imperfect and we would be guilty of sin of omission, since to slight God in what is justly due to Him is an offense to him. God never slights us when He bestows his gifts on us or when He acts toward us. Therefore, we his creatures and servants should not act in any manner that would humiliate God or give him the reason to be displeas with us. The act of worship of God is an act of justice.

Since the One to whom this act is given is a Supreme Being, the God Almighty who is infinitely perfect and holy, therefore the offense that is done would be of infinite value and injustice. We must always be aware that anything that involves God cannot be judged on the level of the finite, created reality, but always eternal, infinite, and transcending reality. Therefore, as we come to the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass let us be aware why we are here, and always let us prepare and direct our hearts and minds so that we can truly worship God with love and faith.

Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 20	4:00 PM	Richard English + Req. Richard & Connie Dominguez Comcetta & Guglielmo Ioli + Req. Maryanne Ioli & Family
Sunday, April 21	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners William J. Young + Req. Ferraro Family
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis Joseph Cilento + Req. Newell Family
Wednesday, April 24	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowskiak + Req. Irene Ciarla Mary Beth Yost + Req. Husband
Friday, April 26	8:30 AM	Robert F. Scally + Req. Richard Madigan Joyce Klohn + Req. Karen Gorney & Ken Klohn
Saturday, April 27	8:30 AM	Ethel Ericksen + (25 years in heaven) + Req. John & Kitty Mandica
	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 (Living) Req. Tony & Carl Seinfeld

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, April 20	5:00PM	Nadia "Hope" Lopertido + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia Tony Lento + Req. Joe & Kim Repko
Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM	John Wengler + Req. Ima Sylvia Vincent Borelli + 21st Anniversary Req. Angela Borelli
	10:00 AM	Eileen & James McGurl + Req. The Family Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy
Monday, April 22	9:00AM	Karen Daly + Req. Our Lady of Hope
Tuesday, April 23	9:00 AM	Parents of Thomas Morrissey +
Wednesday, April 24	9:00 AM	Terry Lawdan + Robert Scally + Req. Steven & Arlene Levenson
Thursday, April 25	9:00 AM	Christopher Lehmann + 1st Anniversary Req. Ann O'Malley Stacy Sylvia + Req. Ima Sylvia & Family
Saturday, April 27	5:00 PM	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

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: Matthew & Julia Heasley.

Week 2: Nick Greico.

Week 3: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 4: Fiona Lytle, Candace, Barbara Compton.

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 soul of:

Damiano Foderaro

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



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 04/15/2024 paid so far \$ 23,704 which is 43% of our goal from 96 Donors.**

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

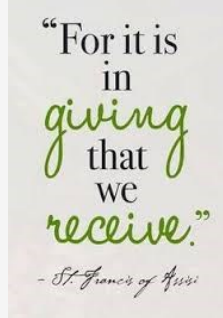
Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,200	91 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,700	95 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,742	125 people
Online Giving	\$775	37 families
Total	\$5,417	311 people



Saturday/Sunday, April 13/14, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 732	66 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,304.22	78 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 2,077	113 people
Online Giving	\$ 762	29 families
Total	\$ 4,875.22	257 people

It's Simple:

- 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.

It's Convenient:

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

Tax Benefits:

- You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

Parish Benefits:

- Weekly or monthly contribution choices

Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email:

stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org



All donations, contributions, and payments to the Parish for both churches including Interfaith Neighbors should be made payable to:

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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.

Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania
Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan
Deacon Louis Jakub
Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. * Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F.
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Maria Lozano * Carolyn Silva
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John Dufford * Christine Scholtz
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SAINT JEROME SCHOOL 43RD ANNUAL FASHION SHOW AND AUCTION
Thank you to not only our generous sponsors, supportive PTA board of directors, enthusiastic participants, but most importantly, our loving parishioners. Your support is essential to the very existence of SJS. We are grateful, as we should be, for your continued active engagement in our parish.

This year, we were able to return to the full Fashion Show and Auction held at “The Venue by Jimmy Pecci - St. George Greek Orthodox Church 1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean Township, NJ” The eighth graders were stunning with outfits from **Monmouth Beach Board Room and Macy’s My Stylist Office, Monmouth Mall**. All the gifts were impeccable with a variety of winners. Hopefully, next week we will have many photos to share!

Thank you for going above and beyond. We would like to take this time to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you, for coming together and helping make our gift auction a success. Every little bit certainly helps! ***Once again, through your goodness, we see the hand of God at work.***

The SJS students, faculty, and staff will be forever grateful for your support, kindness, and love. Indeed, you revealed the true foundation of this church is kindness and love. May the grace of the Lord be with you all.

With deepest gratitude,

God bless you.

Saint Jerome School Faculty, Staff, & Students

Each year our sixth grade students participate in the **Monmouth County Fair Housing Board Annual Poster Contest**.

This year’s theme was equality for all. As always, our students excelled. In fact, they all tied for first place! The award ceremony was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Eatontown on April 14, 2024. Congratulations to our winners: **Aayushi Medidi, Michaela Redd, Gael Souza**.

