

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.



December 1, 2024 * First Sunday of Advent



[Saint Jerome School * National Blue Ribbon School](#)
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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This week we will traditionally observe the memorial of Saint Nicolas on December 6th. St. Nicolas was a Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor who lived in the fourth century. He was known for his great charity for the poor and especially children from poor families. St. Nicolas did not want the people to know about his charitable giving and therefore he would go out in the middle of the night to those homes that he knew were struggling to support their own families. Nicolas would place coins inside the shoes of the children who left them in front of the doors of their homes. The news about these secret donations became known among the people and therefore the people, in their curiosity, decided to find out who this generous donor was. They waited until nightfall and were watching for this unknown individual. Nicolas although walking through the streets discreetly was spotted by the curious group, who then pursue him until they reached the home in which St. Nicolas resided. Then they realized that it was their bishop who was the generous helper. The knowledge about this discovery became known to the public. St. Nicolas however did not stop his charitable work and even inspired others to show greater Christian charity to the poor and the needy. In gratitude to this holy bishop the people buried him in a casket made from pure silver. The place where the relics or holy remains are in today's country of Turkey. So, if you ever have plans to visit that country make sure you plan to make a visit to the tomb of this great saint.

That is why St. Nicolas is such a great example to our Catholic faith, in showing the love for the poor. Because of the events from St. Nicolas' life the tradition developed among the Catholics to set up shoes and place inside them different gifts. This is the reason the practice of setting up stockings for Christmas has become an element and symbol of celebrating Christmas Holidays. It is therefore important that we continue to uphold these traditions and customs of Christmas Holidays, because they enable us to practice our Catholic Faith in a very real and tangible way. It is those small traditions that we pass down from generation to generation that help us to cultivate Christian culture.

It is also important to note that St. Nicolas was a great defender of the purity of the faith. St. Nicolas was one of the faithful bishops who attended the Ecumenical Council of Nicaea in 325. The reason I call him 'faithful' it is because a great majority of the bishops at that time fell into heresy of Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. During the Council meeting St. Nicolas hearing the heretical opinions of Arius who was present at the council lost his temper and walked over to Arius and slapped him across the face. This was a great shock to other bishops who were present. They knew St. Nicolas as a kind and humble man, so they were caught a little bit by surprise. However, we must know that during the council the tensions were extremely high and disputes on the issues of faith were of no small concern. Of course, St. Nicolas' defense of the faith did not take place only at the council, but constantly throughout his episcopal ministry in teaching authentic faith and correcting errors. Because we must be aware that concern for right faith and correcting those who fall into erroneous belief is also an act of love and mercy. An important fact that I would like to share with you is that this year 2025 we are going to celebrate the 1700-year anniversary of that important council. I hope that throughout this year we will be able to celebrate a double dose of hope and joy in our Catholic Faith, because on one hand we will have a celebration of Holy Jubilee Year and at the same time anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. I am looking forward with great enthusiasm to the celebration of these two important events with the Church and you, my dear parish family.

St. Nicolas, pray for us! Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Holy Day of Obligation

Monday, December 9, 2024

St. Jerome 8:30 AM

St. Mary 9:00 AM

St. Jerome 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 30	4:00 PM	Richard E. English + Req. Dennis, Eileen Pepitone & Family
Sunday, December 1	7:30 AM	Charlie & Mary Holtz + Req. Son, Charlie Holtz Samuel Charles Thomas III + Req. Marcantonio Family
	11:00 AM	Patrizia Scerbo + Req. Mary Ann Vecchia
Wednesday, December 4	8:30 AM	Rose Lee + Req. Irene Ciarla Josephine Benigno + Req. Schiavone Family
	8:30 AM	Robert Finnegan + Req. Rosemary Finnegan William Doerflinger + Req. Richard Loeffler
Saturday, December 7	8:30 AM	Charlie & Mary Holtz + Req. Son, Charlie Holtz
	4:00 PM	William English + Req. Rosanne English Tony Strollo + Req. Mom & Dad
	7:30 AM	Charlie & Mary Holtz + Req. Son, Charlie Holtz
Sunday, December 8	11:00 AM	Antonio Falvo + Req. His Children Donald Curtis + Req. Marie Curtis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 30	5:00PM	Marie Scally + Req. Donna Scally Edith Salva + Req. Elaine Salva & Vincent Troniec
Sunday December 1	8:00 AM	Sammy Boyd + Req. Koar Family Patrick & Lisa Chang Req. Helen Kong
	10:00 AM	Marie Scally + Req. Donna Scally Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy
Monday, December 2	9:00AM	Leo & Florence Morrissey + Bianca & Antino Russo + Req. His Wife & Russo Family
Tuesday, December 3	9:00 AM	Deceased members of Morrissey Family +
Wednesday, December 4	9:00 AM	Frank Scally + Req. Donna Scally
Thursday, December 5		Ethel Cavanagh +
Saturday, December 7	5:00 PM	Jerry H. Kaplan + Req. Repko Family Zoltan S. Nagy + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, December 8	8:00 AM	Deceased members of Scally Family + Req. Donna Scally Rimas Lukas + Req. His Family
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Re. His Wife , Sandy Rob Stratton + Req. His Wife, Barbara

Did you know you can request Sanctuary Lamp dedication for the week ? Call or email either St. Jerome or St. Mary's church office to make arrangements.



Contact Information

The main office is operating preferably by phone, email or appointment **Monday—Friday 9 AM—1 PM**

254 Wall Street, West Long Branch, NJ 07764

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Email Address: office@ladyofhopeparish.org

Website: www.ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409

Pastoral

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1st Sunday
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday-December 6

3:00-6:00 pm

St. Mary Church



RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This process is for anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church. It is also for any baptized Catholic who needs to complete their initiation by receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information please call Sister Elizabeth Toft.



732-222-8686.

Rosary Altar Society: Our next Mass is the first Saturday, Dec. 7, 8:30 am at St. Jerome's, followed by the recitation of the Rosary in church. Following Mass will be our Christmas brunch at Amy's Omelette House, Ocean Ave., Long Branch.



December will be our final get-together this year. Thinking ahead to 2025, there will be no meeting in January, but if you're making the First Saturdays, please attend Mass even if there is no meeting. Starting our M & M's and R & R's in **2025** will be our *Mass & Meeting and Rosary & Refreshments* on **February 1**. After that, stay tuned for our 2025 activity and events.

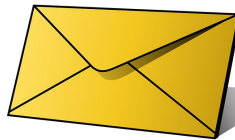
If you would like to join the Rosary Altar Society, you may want to know more about us first. We are dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to the Rosary, which we recite before every meeting. We maintain the altar linens and help with the cleaning of the altar and church. We plan spiritual activities, such as an Evening of Recollection during Lent, and support "40 Days for Life". We raise funds to help support the church and St. Jerome School. We attend Mass together, followed by our meeting, the first Saturday of each month from September through May. Dues are \$10/year. There may be more you would like to know. If so, call Rae at 732-859-7538. Our members wish all Our Lady of Hope parishioners a very merry & blessed Christmas!

Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



retiredreligious.org



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK :

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

THANK YOU

SAINT MARY'S 2024 GIVING TREE

Make a wish upon a star and a child's Christmas dream can come true. Beginning Saturday November 30th you can pluck a star from the tree, purchase the suggested gift item, and return the **UNWRAPPED** item at any time before December 16th. Items are only suggestions and feel free to make any donation of your choice. Your generosity and support in the past to Interfaith Neighbors has been greatly appreciated so let's continue the spirit of giving this Christmas.



HELPING HANDS NEEDED: Volunteer help is needed to assist in decorating the interior of Saint Mary's Church for the Christmas season. The task will be accomplished on Friday December 20th, 2024 at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendar and consider donating a few minutes of your time.



Our Lady of Hope Parish

SAVE THE DATE • FREE ADMISSION

TENDER LOVING CHRIST

Presents

"BLESSED CHRISTMAS STORY"

THE BLESSED MOTHER'S OWN WORDS
REVEALED TO THE FOUR MYSTICS

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
Friday, December 20, 2024, 7:00 pm
Many Holidays Songs Performed

Please join us for this Beautiful Journey



Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts

Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

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, Anthony Dannunzio, Lynne Britton, Kate, Ben and Claire B.

Week 2: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covello Jr, Nick Grieco, Michael Romano, Fiona Lytle.

Week 3:

Week 4: Jeff Miles, Betty D' Achino.

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 **

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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 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 Society of St. Cecilia
at the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
presents

George Frideric Handel's

Messiah

Part One

featuring the combined
choirs of St. Anthony of Padua &
the Diocesan Festival Choir
with the Orchestra of St. Cecilia

Friday December 6, 2024 7:30 p.m.

Admission:
A Free Will Offering

For Further Information contact the
Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ 07701
(Use the Chestnut Street Entrance)
(732) 747-0813
web.stanthonysofredbank.net



ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL BELONG
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**SENSORY FRIENDLY
SUNDAY MASS**

CELEBRATED BY BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL

**CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST.
ROBERT BELLARMINE**

**DECEMBER 15, 2024
2:00PM**

61 GEORGIA ROAD
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728

Join us afterwards for a
Christmas Party.

Families are welcome to attend this Mass adapted to accommodate individuals with autism or other sensory needs.
Any questions email NORMONHIS@gmail.com





Confirmation

*Congratulations to the 2024
Confirmation Class of
Our Lady of Hope Parish.
We welcome you to adulthood in our faith.*



Our Lady of Hope Parish celebrated with the class of 2024 on Thursday, November 14, 2024. Monsignor Rosie, Vicar General for Monmouth County and Pastor of Saint James Red Bank conferred was the celebrant and conferred the Sacrament of Confirmation.

<i>Luis Joseph Agostinho</i>	<i>Matthew Joseph Flammia</i>	<i>Autumn Diana Palutis</i>
<i>Gianna Catherine Angioletti</i>	<i>Luke Dominic Savio Farina</i>	<i>Isabella Rita Patino-Gallego</i>
<i>Isabella Dymphna Beach</i>	<i>Alice Margaret Ferreira</i>	<i>Matthew Bernard Popes</i>
<i>Andrew Peter Calabrese</i>	<i>Emma Abigail Flanagan</i>	<i>Euniece Cecilia Semira</i>
<i>Thaleia Lorenzina Castillon</i>	<i>Khloe Teresa Giocondo Souza</i>	<i>Nolan Maximillium Skurat</i>
<i>Jake Thomas Catena</i>	<i>Bette, Angelina Kane</i>	<i>Aiden Sebastian Smith</i>
<i>Isabel Kateri Tekakwitha Cocco</i>	<i>Kevin Patrick Kelly</i>	<i>Gabriel Inigo Tubig</i>
<i>Liam Sebastian Cziryak</i>	<i>Liam Patrick McQuade</i>	<i>Maceo Francis Viragh</i>
<i>Kayla Helen Delia</i>	<i>Lila Catherine McQuade</i>	<i>D'Sean Sebastian Voltime</i>
<i>Vivian Catherine Delia</i>	<i>Rome Damien Olivadoti-Hirsch</i>	<i>Margaux Bernadette Wall</i>
<i>Luciana Lucy Dellomo</i>	<i>Manuella Catherine Oliveira</i>	