

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

Celebrating
THE HOLY YEAR
2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE
(HOPE DOES NOT DISSAPOINT)



December 29, 2024 * The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



[Saint Jerome School * National Blue Ribbon School](#)
Office Number: 732-222-8686
Website Address: www.saintjermeschool.org



A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

On this Sunday of the Holy Family, we rejoice in the blessing that the institution of the family is. Family is where hopes and dreams are formed and where we are being trained in the practice of virtue and respect for one another. Family was and always will be the foundation of every society. The better family life is the better society will be in general. God have established the family from the beginning on the foundation of the matrimony, the union of faithful love between man and woman, as husband and wife. Matrimony is the foundation that provides a safe environment that the new life of children can be brought forth. Each child needs a father and a mother to grow up in a stable home and to develop and grow into a responsible adult. The stable family life will help the children to be ready for stable relationships of their own and to promote the common good in human society. Although today the family faces many struggles, yet we must remember that God who created and established the family would not like his institution to be destroyed or undermined. Therefore, the Lord himself highlights to us both the importance of the family and the purpose that it serves for our good and our happiness. The Lord provides this highlight for us by His choice of Divine Will to be born into a family himself. God could have chosen to come among us as already a grown man, yet He chose in his great wisdom to be born as a child into a family. Jesus humbled himself greatly already by His Incarnation, as God becoming a man. This act itself would have been enough to prove to us his great love for us. However, God always surpasses our expectations and fill us with awe and wonder. The Lord highlights for us the value that human life has from its very beginnings and this value cannot be diminished by the arbitrary decisions of the human mind.

The family is important because it gives us an opportunity to practice love and to experience love from others. None of us is born or enters this life with a heart full of love, but rather with infinite capacity to love and to receive love. We are born out of love, because God in his great goodness and love brings us into existence and gifts us with the instruments that are needed to love, which is the intellect to know the object of our love and the free will to choose freely the object of our love. Love is a choice that is made and informed by the knowledge of the one we seek to love. It is also in the family relationship that we experience love and come to know in a small way what love is. In the family we learn that love is to do good for others and not just what is good for ourselves. In the family we train our hearts and minds to make decisions that are good and just, but also, we come to know the truth about why being good and just is in our best interests.

Life of the family is a blessing to every member of the family even if sometimes we do not feel that this is the case. Each member of the family brings in their own personality, character, and preferences. This can create tensions in our interactions of daily life, but also it provides us with the opportunity to practice virtue of humility and understanding. This is where our faith comes into play with those family interactions that make the living of our faith very tangible and practical. Just like Mary and Joseph who needed to practice their faith and to support one another in the challenging moments of their family so the Christian families need to support and encourage each other as well. We need to always remember that Christ was in the center of the Holy Family and was ready to provide them with wisdom and needed help. We too need to keep Christ in the center of our family and to seek his help through prayer and petition so that his divine grace can keep our family together united in love. May this coming year be a new opportunity for our families to discover new ways that our Catholic faith can bring hope into our daily life.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!
Fr. Marcin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday-January 3

3:00-6:00 pm

St. Jerome Church



Fr. Marcin, Fr. Nolan, Fr. Lynch, Deacon Lou and Our Lady of Hope Parish staff Wish you a Happy and Blessed New Year 2025 filled with good health, hope and grace.

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 28	4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Sunday, December 29	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Tuesday, December 31	5:00 PM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Wednesday, January 1	11:00 AM	Rose Lee + Req. Irene Ciarla
Friday, January 3	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla + Req. Irene Ciarla
Saturday, January 4	8:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
	4:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo + Tony Strollo + Req. Parents Req. Mom & Dad
	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones
Sunday, January 5	11:00 AM	Marion Staub + Marie Hausser + Req. Di Cesare Family Req. Robert Hausser

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 28	5:00PM	Jean Paparella + Req. Rudy Paparella Deceased members of the Scally Family + Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, December 29	8:00 AM	Maria & Vincenzo Covello + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Claire Birmingham + Req. Anthony & Pamela Mauro
	10:00 AM	Charles Ruggirello + Rob Stratton + Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. His Wife, Barbara
Monday, December 30	9:00AM	Tony Caruso + Arnold Criscitiello + Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. His Wife & Children
Tuesday, December 31	9:00 AM	Robert Scally + Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally Req. Donna Scally
Wednesday, January 1	10:00 AM	Joseph Mahedy + Req. Rose & Mahedy Family
Thursday, January 2	9:00 AM	Constance Marie Garrity + Req. Kathleen Garrity
Saturday, January 4	5:00 PM	Jack Lumley + Sophia Farkas + Req. Donna Scally Req. Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, January 5	8:00 AM	Marie & Victor Giunco + John & Josephine Adamitis + Req. The Family Req. The Family
	10:00 AM	Dan Williams + Charles RUGgirello + Zoltan Nagy + Req. Joe & Terry Williams Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. Matt Zieniewicz

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the souls of:

Julio Cesar Galicia
James Meola

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



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

Phone 732-222-1424 • Fax 732-222-2291

Email Address: office@ladyofhopeparish.org

Website: www.ladyofhopeparish.org

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

Pastoral

Reverend Marcin Kania, Administrator

frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org

Weekend Assistant Priests

Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan

Support Staff

Deacon Louis Jakub

Maria Lozano * Parish Secretary

Carolyn Silva * Bookkeeper

Norma Adamitis - Joann Fischer * Volunteers

Christine Scholtz * Adult Faith Formation

John Dufford * Maintenance

Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., * Trustees

School Staff

Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M. P. F., School Principal

Sr. Joan DiRienzo, M.P. F., Assistant Principal

Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F., Director Religious Education

Mrs. Stella Monteleone, School Secretary

Saint Jerome School Contact Information

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

Our Lady of Hope Parish Holiday Mass

Schedule

New Year's Eve Vigil-Tuesday, December 31

St. Jerome: 5:00 PM

Solemnity of Mary—Wednesday, January 1

St. Mary : 10:00 AM — St. Jerome: 11:00 AM

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, 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 **



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.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We are looking for men 18 and over to join our council and be part of a global organization dedicated to service, charity, and faith. If you are interested please contact Gary Seals at 732-542-1009.



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.

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.



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.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Monday December 23— January 1

Mass for Life & Life Expo

STANDING TOGETHER FOR Life

CELEBRATED BY



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.

PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE

Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM

Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life

DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST 2025 10AM

8th-12th grade
Notre Dame H.S. Lawrence, NJ

Advance Registration \$25
Walk-in Registration \$35
dioceseoftrenton.org/dyc

Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary. (Is 40:31)

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.

Parish Giving
Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer



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 Parish office : **732-222-1424** or Email office@ladyofhopeparish.org 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

Saint Jerome School



The holiday season is a time of warmth, a time of gratitude, and a time of giving. As we near the end of the year, we reflect on what we've achieved together. We've seen our students reach new heights and take significant strides toward their dreams. Students have started using the New STEM Lab. There is a love for learning in our Catholic School. Your support has made it possible to create an environment that allows these dreams to flourish. As we continue to work together during the Advent season of Hope and in the coming Jubilee year of Hope, I hope you consider offering your support to Saint Jerome School. This kind of support has transformed not just the individual lives of our students but the very core of Saint Jerome School.

Because of people such as yourselves, we continue to help students and families achieve their goals of a quality Catholic Education. This deep sense of community and faith is what makes our Saint Jerome family so extraordinary and brings to life our motto, "Believe, Endeavor, Achieve"!

Please consider a gift during this beautiful season of Advent and Christmas. Your gift is an investment in the future of Catholic Education and in Saint Jerome School. It ensures that all of our deserving students have access to a quality Catholic education in the finest tradition, enhances our resources that foster academic and personal growth, empowers our amazing faculty and launches innovative initiatives such as our new STEM Lab.

As we usher in the Christmas season and look to 2025, the Jubilee year of Hope, I ask you to contribute to our Educational Fund. Together we ignite dreams and transform lives together! Thank you for your on-going support of our students, teachers and the Filippini Sisters. Your dedication helps fulfill the Filippini Sisters mission, "Go and Teach the Word of God"!



God bless you.

Sister Elizabeth Seton Dalessio, MPF
Principal

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Gift Amount: ____ \$500 ____ \$250 ____ \$100 ____ \$ 25 ____ Other \$ ____

Name: _____ Class Year (If Alumnus/a): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

____ Check Payable to Saint Jerome School

____ Credit Card Payment please visit saintjermeschool.org or ladyofhopeparish.org