

# 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

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December 31, 2023 \* The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph



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## A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

On the last Sunday of the year and Second Sunday of Christmas we celebrate the feast of Holy Family. The reason this family was holy because Jesus Christ the Son of God was in its center. When our families keep God in their center then our families will also become holy. We need to remember that we were called to the relationship with God the Father, and God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We were called to a relationship that is a communion of love. We too are called to love one another, and especially in our relationship with our immediate family members and the family of the Catholic Church. The Holy Family was a family that desired to love goodness, justice, humility, and all the rest of the virtues. If our families will desire to grow in virtue and walk in right relationship with God, then we too will become a holy family. The Holy Family was always concern with doing the will of God, to do all that would please Him, to surrender their own plans and to serve God in carrying out His plan. This is not an easy task to do for our families, because this requires a great faith and trust in God's Divine Providence. The lessons of Christmas are particularly helpful in living our lives with faith and trust in God's Divine Providence. Mary and Joseph did not have an easy time raising their son, even though they lived good and virtuous lives. Sometimes we are doing all the good that we can, yet life brings its own challenges and difficulties. We should not be disheartened that they come, but rather use them as means to grow in greater faith and trust in God's providential care. It is then, especially, that we need to believe and surrender with trust to God, knowing that He will help us to go through it and He will provide for us a good resolution in His own time. To help our families to grow in faith and trust in God's Divine Providence, I would recommend the devotion to the Infant Jesus of Prague. This devotion began some time in the 16th century when the figure of the infant Jesus was brought from Spain to Bohemia and was venerated by the aristocratic family from that territory. When the protestant king of Sweden invaded the those lands the figure end up laying along side with the rubles of the destroyed churches. The Carmelites that came to settle in Prague found this figure of the infant Jesus, which was missing hands. One Carmelite brother while praying heard the voice coming from the figure: "repair my hands," and "the more you honor me, the more I will bless you." The brother did what he was asked. He repaired the hands of the statue of the Infant Jesus. Afterwards the Carmelite brothers began great devotions, prayers, and supplications in honor of the Divine Infant Jesus. As the time went on their poor monastery began to receive great support from different strangers so that they were able to repair the monastery and had little concern for their basic needs to run the monastic life. Once again, the land of Prague went back to the protestant control and the Carmelite monks had to leave the monastery. After some time when another catholic king reclaimed these lands, the Carmelite monks returned to their monastery. However, this time they paid little attention to the statue of the infant Jesus, which they left behind when they had to abandon the monastery previously. They found themselves struggling to support their monastic life. The brother who first heard the voice and repaired the statues hands realized that the monks fell away from their devotion to the Divine Infant Jesus. As soon as the brothers began a new their devotion to the Infant Jesus, it was not long after that their lives began to improve, and they began to receive the support for their basic necessities to be able to live a monastic life in peace once again. This background for the origin of the Infant Jesus of Prague can help us to appreciate this devotion and power of God's care to provide for our necessities so that we may be able to have tranquility in carrying out our devotion and dedication to Him. We are fortunate to have the statues of the Infant Jesus of Prague at both Churches. It is my hope that we can rekindle this devotion in our parish, so that the more we will honor Infant Jesus, the more blessings we will receive for our parish and our families. Infant Jesus of Prague, we Love you and we Adore you and we Praise you, we place all our trust in your loving care!

Happy New Year to you all my Parish Family! May this new year 2024 bring us greater faith, hope and love. May with the help of God's grace we will be able to reach new heights in our spiritual life and our parish will be blessed with new zeal and fervor to win more souls for Christ. God Bless You!!!

Fr. Marcin

### **Pastoral and Support Staff**

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### **Contact Information**

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**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, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 2: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello.

Week 3: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

Week 4: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico, Catherine Troglen.

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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\*



## Our Lady of Hope Parish

### 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org) under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org).

Thank you.

### 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)



**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.

*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.*



**All donations, contributions, and payments to the Parish for both churches including Inter-faith Neighbors should be made payable to:**

**The Parish of Our Lady of Hope**



### CONGRATULATIONS

**Alfonse A. Dimino & Carolina A. Carvalho**  
on their marriage Friday, December 15, 2023.

May God bless them in their new life together as husband and wife.



### 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 at 732-222-8686.





## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 30	4:00 PM	<b>Mary Ann Felice +</b> Her Loving Family <b>Jayne M. Natoli +</b> The LeTendre Family
Sunday, December 31	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones</b>
	11:00 AM	<b>S. Michael &amp; Celeste Varone +</b> The Sita Family <b>Donald Curtis +</b> Marie Curtis
Wednesday, January 3	8:30 AM	<b>John R. Rathjens (1yr) +</b> Our Lady of Hope <b>Rose Lee +</b> Irene Ciarla
Friday, January 5,	8:30 AM	<b>Anthony &amp; Mary DiCesare +</b> Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare <b>Leonard &amp; Bernadine DiCesare +</b> Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare
Saturday, January 6	8:30 AM	<b>Rita and Ted Malinowski +</b> Christine & Ed Scholtz <b>Arthur &amp; Rose Marie DiCesare +</b> Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare
	4:00 PM	<b>William Nurthen +</b> Eileen & Dennis Pepitone <b>Tony Strollo +</b> Mom & Dad
Sunday, January 7	7:30 AM	<b>Andrew Munchak</b> Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare <b>Anthony Wrieole</b> Anthony & Gretchen DiCesare
	11:00 AM	<b>Marie Hausser +</b> Robert Hausser <b>Donald Curtis +</b> Marie Curtis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, December 30	5:00 PM	<b>Tony Caruso +</b> Req. His Wife and Children <b>Olga Laraine Wolfe +</b> Req. David & Giovanna Kulka
Sunday, December 31	8:00 AM	<b>The Families of Patrick , Lisa, &amp; Sophia</b> Req. Mom <b>Mother &amp; Father of Unsung +</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Robert Stratton +</b> Req. Parish of Our Lady of Hope
Sunday, December 31	5:00 PM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners &amp; Loved Ones</b>
Monday, January 1	10:00AM	<b>Clement Corbo +</b> Req. Vito & Liz Paolantonio <b>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Byung-Woo Kong +</b> Req. Kong Family
Tuesday, January 2	9:00 AM	<b>Constance Marie Garrity +</b> Req. Kathleen Garrity <b>Frank Peterpaul + - In Memory of His Birthday</b> Req. Maria Peterpaul Quinn
Wednesday, January 3	9:00 AM	<b>Mr. Joong-Won Kim +</b> Req. Kong Family
Thursday, January 4	9:00 AM	<b>Howard White +</b> Req. Don & Linda Hopkins
Saturday, January 6	5:00 PM	<b>Martha Gomber +</b> Req. Kim & Joe Repko <b>Healing for Tom S.</b> Req. Neighbor Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, January 7	8:00 AM	<b>Patrick &amp; Eleanor Donzi +</b> Req. Barbara Harwood <b>Howard White +</b> Req. Bob & Mary Waitt
	10:00 AM	<b>Natalina Catalano +</b> Req. Sue & Jim Berner <b>Robert Stratton +</b> Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons

### REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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



**Maryanne Napolitan**  
**Rosemary Goldrick**

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



### Sanctuary Candle

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**Antonio and Mary Falvo**

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# Surprises



From Polar Express, to decking the halls with the sights of Christmas, the children celebrated the true meaning of Christmas both here in school and with their families Christmas 2023!

## A New Year Prayer

We Pray...

- For healing...prepare us for surprises.
- For strength...prepare us for surprises.
- For vision...prepare us for surprises.
- For transformation...prepare us for surprises.
- For messengers and messages...prepare us for surprises.
- For community...prepare us for surprises.
- For acceptance - of ourselves and others...prepare us for surprises.
- For making room at our tables...prepare us for surprises.
- For Truth-seeking...prepare us for surprises.
- For support...prepare us for surprises.
- For Common Ground...prepare us for surprises.



*Written by Sister Mary Ann Barret, O.P.*

**We pray that Our lord fill your year with surprises and graces  
God bless you.**

**Sisters Elizabeth Seton, Elizabeth, Donna**

