

# 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

O glorious Mother of God, so powerful under your special title of Our Lady of Lourdes, to you we raise our hearts and hands to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the gracious heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare and for the special favor we so earnestly seek. Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. Saint Bernadette, pray for us.



February 11, 2024 \* Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee**

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## *A Letter from Father Marcin*

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday the 11th of February is World Marriage Day. During this weekend we want to highlight the great value of marriage and its essential element to the formation of family and prosperity of society. Marriage was instituted by God from the moment of creation of human beings. The first marriage of Adam and Eve was the beginning of human family and the beginning of human history. The marriage of Adam and Eve started in harmony with God and all of creation, but this harmony did not last because of the Devil's envy. Although Adam and Eve fell into sin, the original sin, the institution of marriage did not end, but now was faced with new challenges. Christ by raising our nature from sin into grace, has also raised the marriage into a sacrament. This natural union between man and woman, between husband and wife, was given a new life and a new blessing. The sacramental marriage is drawn into Christ who sanctifies it and offers it a new dimension. Because the married couple receive the life of Christ, God gives them a mean to use this natural vocation for growth in virtue and holiness of life, and for their union to serve as a witness to the love of God, and a way to bring Christ into the world. We cannot forget that marriage's natural end is to bring forth life, to bear children. However, the gift of grace to married couples is now also directed to helping them raise their children so that they may become saints and obtain eternal life of heaven. In this task sacramental marriage established for this life, has also supernatural end. We want to pray particularly this Sunday for all the couples who continue in their fidelity and love to each other, despite the many challenges and difficulties they must face in our trying times. We want to pray that the Lord strengthen them in their commitment to each other, but also to God who brought them into this union of love. We offer thanks to God for all the blessings and graces and favors that He bestowed upon those married couples until now and for all the remaining graces that they will receive in the future.

Happy World Marriage Day!

This Sunday we also have another celebration, the World Day of the Sick. The World Day of the Sick always falls on February 11th, because of the day on which we honor Our Lady of Lourdes. The Church wants to highlight the value of all those who are sick and suffering. Our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Bernadette in Lourdes, France on February 11th, 1858. Holy Mary revealed to her that she wanted this place to be where people would receive comfort and consolation in their suffering. Every year countless pilgrims travel to Lourdes to pray for healing through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother. Although not every person receives the healing, yet many do receive the consolation of peace to bear their sufferings. Lourdes is where Holy Mary shows her tender and loving heart, and her motherly care for all her children and in particularly those who are afflicted with various ailments. The World Day of the Sick, established by pope St. John Paul II, helps us to highlight that even in our sufferings Christ is present and wants us to be united with his redemptive suffering of the cross. During this World Day of the Sick, we want to remember in our prayer all those who are sick and suffering in our parish, our families, our friends, and neighbors. May through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Lourdes they receive comfort, consolation, endurance, and hope. If we can, let us visit them so that they may know that they are not alone in their suffering, that they have not been forgotten. Let us remember what Jesus said in the gospel: "I was sick, and you visited me," and "whatever you did to the least of my brothers, you did it to me."

Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

### **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.  
Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F., School Principal  
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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, February 3/4, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$879	61 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,766	73 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,441	116 people
Online Giving	\$1,165	41 families
Total	\$5,251	250 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,095.75	503 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 3/4, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 713	80 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 939	76 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,092	100 people
Online Giving	\$ 657	27 families
Total	\$ 3,401	256 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,898.00	238 people

Latin America: \$548 Thank you!

Latin America: \$308 Thank you!



**HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!**

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

**Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County**

**Vigil Location:** Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

**Vigil Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm. Saturday / Sunday - at will.

**Local Contact:** [monmouth4life@hotmail.com](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury)

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

**Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!**

*40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot. Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.*

Attention Men!

Join other Catholic men from across the Diocese of Trenton at the 27th Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, February 25, at St. Mary Mother of God Church in Middletown. The theme of this year's conference is "Moored to Mary and the Eucharist." The day runs from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm and will feature

Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop David O'Connell; Joe Klecko, renowned for his formidable presence on the defensive line with the New York Jets during the late 1970s and 1980s with significant impact in the Pro Bowls of 1981, 1983 and 1984; author, national and international speaker, and author and international speaker Tim Glemkoski is the Chief Executive Officer of the National Eucharistic Congress; and Xavier Reyes-Ayral, the best selling author of, "Revelations – the hidden secret messages and prophecies of the Blessed Virgin Mary" along with being a nationally sought after podcast guest and speaker as well as a fourth degree Knight of Columbus and Grand Knight.

Cost is \$50 per person in advance (\$60 at the door); \$20 for students. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. For more information or to register online go to [www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org](http://www.catholicmenforjesuschrist.org). To register by mail, send the name(s) of each person registering, your check, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Catholic Men for Jesus Christ  
P.O. Box 266  
Clarksburg, NJ 08510

**Mondays at 10:00 a.m., 12:00 Noon, and 2:00 p.m.  
during these 40 Days for Life .**

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.



## Our Lady of Hope Parish

### 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, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith, Holger Lozano.

Week 2: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico.

Week 3: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 4: David Applegate, 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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\*



### Adult Faith Enrichment – Lent 2024

“Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

Scripture is the inspired word of God through which we can experience the living word of God speaking to us and sharing divine life with us. But how do we listen in a way that enables us to hear him? One way is by the practice of *lectio divina*. This practice of prayerfully reflecting on sacred scripture helps cultivate our ability to listen deeply - to hear “with the ears of our hearts.”

Would you like to learn how to prayerfully read scripture? Would you like to participate in a weekly small group gathering, hinged in prayer, to share aspects of your reflection experiences and discuss the Sunday readings?

If you answered yes, then contact Christine Scholtz ASAP. As always, hot coffee/tea and breakfast treats will be available - so come early and enjoy the fellowship!

Thurs. Mornings: 10:00AM - 11:15AM(+/-15min)

Feb. 15- Mar 21

SJC Parish Office Conference Room

Interested in Participating?

contact Christine Scholtz - 732-222-2927

### Lenten Regulations

We enter the desert of Lent like Jesus, led by the Holy Spirit, to face our devils, our temptations head on. But we are not alone. The Lord Jesus Christ is with us. And so, too, is the Church, the entire community of faith observing Lent. Here is what the Catholic Church in the United States requires of us as baptized Catholics:

1. The days of FAST (only one full meal) and ABSTINENCE (no meat) are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. No dispensations are granted on these solemn days except for reason of sickness or those provided in canon law below. ALL OTHER FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of ABSTINENCE.

The pastor of a parish has the faculty to give a dispensation to individual parishioners in his parish and the Diocesan Bishop alone has the authority to dispense groups of Catholics but only for a serious reason.

2. Those who are automatically dispensed from fast and abstinence regulations outside the age limits noted below include: the physically or mentally ill, especially individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also included in the dispensation are women who are pregnant or nursing. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.

3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to FAST (only one full meal) as noted above. From the age of 14, people are also obliged to ABSTAIN: this obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not eggs, milk products or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

4. The obligation to observe the laws of fast and abstinence is a serious one for Catholics. Failure to observe one penitential day in itself is not considered a serious sin. It is the intentional failure to observe any penitential days at all, or a substantial number of penitential days, that must be considered a serious matter.

5. The obligation, the privilege really, of receiving the Eucharist at least once a year --- often called “**Easter duty**” --- for those in the state of grace should still be fulfilled during the period from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 17-18, 2024, to Trinity Sunday, May 25-26, 2024**. However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 10	4:00 PM	Antonio Falvo +( 28th Anniversary) Req. His Children In memory of Catherine L. Mandica (59 years in heaven) Req. John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, February 11	7:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
	11:00 AM	Lorraine Hausser + Req. Robert Hausser
Wednesday, February 14	8:30 AM	Ash Wednesday
Friday, February 16	8:30 AM	William Staton + Req. Irene Ciarla Siguard Ericksen + (Happy Birthday in heaven) Req. John & Kitty Mandica
Saturday, February 17	8:30 AM	Angelina Calabrese + (1yr) Req. O.L.H William Nurthen + Req. Donna & Family
	4:00 PM	Ivanna Portillo + Req. Her parents Eva Barrios + Req. Her son
Sunday, February 18	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 10	5:00 PM	Marge Edelson+ Req. Theresa J. Trocchia Frank Pompili + Req. Kimberly & Joseph Repko
Sunday, February 11	8:00 AM	John Higginbotham + Req. Roseann Marano & Philomena Marolda Brian Gilligan + Req. Dennis & Maureen Melofchik
	10:00 AM	Howard White + Req. The Edelson Family Marge Edelson + Req. Dallas Grove
	9:00 AM	Tony Caruso + 16th Anniversary Req. Wife & Children John P. Flanagan + Req. The Flanagan Family
Monday, February 12	9:00 AM	Tony Caruso + 16th Anniversary Req. Wife & Children John P. Flanagan + Req. The Flanagan Family
Tuesday, February 13	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh + Richard English III + Req. The Marmora Family
Wednesday, February 14	9:00 AM	Ash Wednesday
Thursday, February 15	9:00 AM	Vincenzo & Maria Covello + In memory of their Birthdays Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons The Rosano Family + Req. Nella
Saturday, February 17	5:00 PM	John Covello + In memory of his Birthday Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Emil Nemetz + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, February 18	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo John Mc Tague + Req. John & Collen Mauceri
	10:00 AM	Marge Edelson + Req. Carole White Joan McCreesh + Req. Joe & Terry Williams

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR ANYONE SEPARATED OR DIVORCED

We have many offerings for anyone experiencing the pain and hurt of losing a marriage relationship. It doesn't matter if you are contemplating divorce, newly separated, going through the divorce process, recently divorced or divorced many years. You could have been married 4 years or 40 years, it doesn't matter, this program has help for everyone that attends!

We are currently offering a 12-Week Program Beginning Thursday, March 7, 2024 From 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm St. Leo The Great, Parish Center Meeting Room Located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ

To register or to have one of the Facilitators give you a call to find out more information,

please email: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com). For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

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



**The Parish of our Lady of Hope Welcomes our Newly Baptized**

*Baptized*  
IN THE NAME OF THE *Father*  
THE *Son* AND THE *Holy Spirit*

**Augustine Hojnacki**

Son of:  
**Kevin Hojnacki & Katherine Vieira**

**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.**

**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).

**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.

**Second Collection**  
**FEBRUARY 14th ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**Central & Eastern Europe**