

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church
254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, NJ 07764



St. Mary of the Assumption Church
46 Richmond Avenue
Deal, NJ 07723

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

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



February 18, 2024 * First Sunday of Lent



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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

With Ash Wednesday this past week we began the Holy Season of Lent. During this time, we will be attentive to the works of penance so that we can prepare ourselves for the solemn celebration of the mystery of our salvation. Each Lent provides us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus more closely and to contemplate his passion that he endured for the forgiveness of our sins. While we pass through Lent, we are given an opportunity to examine our lives and to let go of those things or practices or attachments that hinder us from entering a deeper relationship with Jesus. In recent times more Catholics are focused on doing more things versus giving up things. Good Catholic practice is usually more about “both...and” rather than “either...or” We must always look to the example of Christ and the Saints, who teach us the right way to go. Christ did many good deeds for the people, but he also bore the cross and endured suffering and pain. The Saints practiced works of charity in helping the poor, caring for the sick, teaching the ignorant, but they also fasted, mortified their bodies through various forms of penance, afflicting themselves with suffering. Therefore, you can see that we need to incorporate to our Lenten journey both so that we can truly make a progress in our relationship with God. The practices of charity or works of mercy will help us grow the love in our hearts. The practices of self-denial or giving up will help us to grow in virtue of self-control and discipline, to direct our will in our heart and mind to be set on God, our Supreme Good. We cannot do one and neglect the other, because they are both needed in our Lenten journey.

Because our Christian life is a life of penance, it demands from us that we practice both works of mercy and works of self-denial. Penance always involves those two sides of the coin. On one hand we need to do works of mercy to increase in virtue, and on the other hand we need to strip ourselves from our vices, evil and sin. The works of mercy are easier to do because by doing them we experience great satisfaction in showing our love for those who are in need. Through those works we make a difference in their lives, but also in the world. The removal of vices, evil and sin is a much more challenging work, because it requires from us a change in our thinking, our living, our speaking. Notice how easy it is for us to try to change others, but not ourselves. Jesus did not need to change himself, because being God he was already perfect, but he did humble himself in taking on our human nature and in bearing the punishment for our sins. The Saints changed the world through their deeds, but they also worked very hard in changing themselves. The Saints, through their own personal change, also helped change others, by setting their good example and by providing inspiration to live a virtuous and holy life.

We need to beware of using Lent as a time for self-improvement. We are not doing the Lenten penances to help us improve our health, looks or talents, etc. We must always remember that our goal is always to deepen our relationships with God, because we hope to share an eternal life with Him in heaven. Our Lenten practices are to help us grow in grace so that our lives can be more pleasing to God. We always need to keep our eyes fixed on eternal life and not on the passing temporary life of this world. We need to remember that we can only increase in grace in this life. Once we pass from this life, we won't be able to obtain more grace or glory, but we will only share in the joy and happiness that is in accordance with the level of grace that we attained in this life. Therefore, let us be mindful of this fact when we might feel that we are good as we are and there is nothing more to achieve or attain. Let us keep in our minds the words of Jesus “Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect”, “Be holy as your Heavenly Father is holy.”

Therefore, may our Lenten resolutions be bold and generous in both works of mercy and self-denial, so that we may rejoice in the Lord that this holy season was fruitful, a success worth our time and effort, and spent for God's greater glory.

Our Lady of Sorrows, pray for us! St. Francis of Assisi, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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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 10/11, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$681	81 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$2,058	79 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,264	165 people
Online Giving	\$1,295	40 families
Total	\$5,218	325 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,670	262 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 10/11, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,014	76 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 659.15	64 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,592	123 people
Online Giving	\$ 687	29 families
Total	\$ 3,952.15	263 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,723	265 people

Diocesan Assessment: \$926 Thank you!

Diocesan Assessment: \$747 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

Learn More... 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.*

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

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. 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

OFFICE CLOSED

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT'S DAY. WE WILL REOPEN TUESDAY, FEB 20TH.

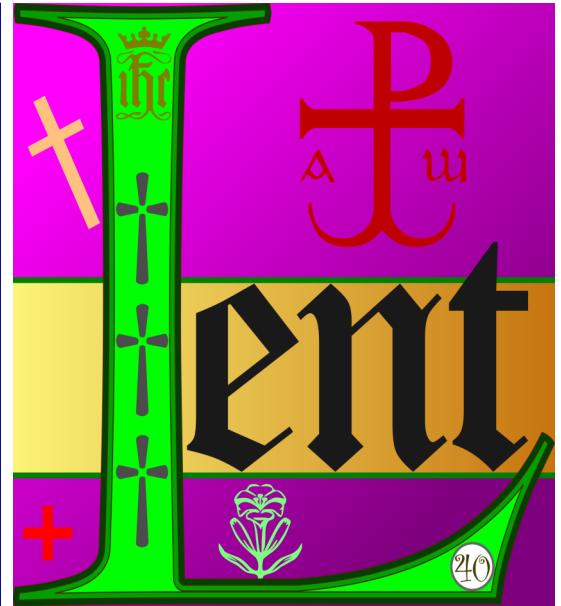
Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross.

St. Jerome School every Friday of Lent at 1:30 pm.

7:00 Pm at alternating Churches.

- ◆ Feb 16—St. Jerome
- ◆ Feb 23—St. Mary
- ◆ March 1—St. Jerome
- ◆ March 8—St. Mary
- ◆ March 15—St. Jerome
- ◆ March 22— St. Mary



LENTEN WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Commit yourself to praying the Angelus daily, three times a day:

In the morning, afternoon, and at 6 pm.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:

And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

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St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 17	4:00 PM	Ivana Portillo + Eva Barrios + Req. Her Parents Req. Her son
Sunday, February 18	7:30 AM	Living & Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Michael Dannunzio + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis Req. Mom & Dad
Wednesday, February 21	8:30 AM	Stephanie Sassola + (1 yr) Marcus Matia + Req. OHL Req. Dad
Friday, February 23	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowskiak + Irene Ciarla
Saturday, February 24	8:30 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests
	4:00 PM	Jose Flores + Req. His daughter
Sunday, February 25	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis + Marie Curtis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 17	5:00 PM	John Covello + - In memory of his Birthday Emil Nemetz + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, February 18	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + John Mc Tague + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo Req. John & Collen Mauceri
	10:00 AM	Marge Edelson + John McCreesh + Req. Carole White Req. Joe & Terry Williams
Monday, February 19	9:00 AM	Thomas Cavanagh + Fran Santanello + 1st Anniversary Req. Rose Capizzi
Tuesday, February 20	9:00 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests Howard White + Req. The Marmora Family
Wednesday, February 21	9:00 AM	Raffaele Bariscillo + Patrick O 'Grady Boyce + Req. Beth Wengler Req. The McNulty Family
Thursday, February 22	9:00 AM	Agnes Sally +
Saturday, February 24	5:00 PM	Albert Carbone + Howard White + Req. Joann Fischer Req. Beth Wengler
	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Kevin Christopher Dolan + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo Req. Rick Martel
	10:00 AM	Howard White + Marge Edelson + Req. The Hughes Family 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: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 2: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith, Holger Lozano.

Week 3: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico.

Week 4: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

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:

Albert Rienzo

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

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

Rosary Altar Society



MMM - Membership Mass & Meeting First Saturday, March 2, at 8:30 Mass at St. Jerome's followed by RR - Rosary & Refreshments in the Rectory Conference Room. New members welcome--join us! Please note that our meetings are now on the first Saturday of the month during our fiscal year from September to May. (An early "heads-up": We'll have Palm Crosses available at the Masses on the St. Patrick's Day weekend!)

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. For more information to help you decide if this program is right for you, please visit: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>.

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ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Sensory Friendly

Sunday Mass
Church of the Nativity

180 Ridge Road

Fair Haven, NJ 07704

February 25, 2024 2PM

REFRESHMENTS AND CRAFTS AFTER MASS

RSVP: NORMONHIS@GMAIL.COM



Families are welcome to attend this Mass adapted to accommodate individuals with autism or other sensory needs.

Any questions email NORMONHIS@gmail.com