

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

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Celebrating
THE HOLY YEAR

"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"

Romans 5:5



February 2, 2025 * The Presentation of the Lord



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,

This Sunday we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, a feast that commemorates the event when Mary with Joseph brought the baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. During their visit to the temple Mary completed her purification which was required by the Mosaic law forty days after mother gave birth. The blood that the mother shed during birth made her ritually unclean and therefore she had to wait forty days so that she could be ritually pure again. Mary's birth of Jesus was miraculous and so it is difficult to know or predict if there was any blood present, but one thing is certain that Mary was very meticulous in fulfilling every requirement of the Law. She always went far beyond what was needed to please God in everything.

Mary and Joseph also came to the Temple to present Jesus to the Lord and to offer a sacrifice to buyout or redeem his life as the law required for every male child. In bringing Jesus to the Temple, they have fulfilled the prophecy that the Lord would come into his temple. Jesus is God's son, and he is already united to God his father and has no need of dedication. However, we can see how Mary and Joseph want to do everything right and for them too Jesus is a great mystery. They act based on their knowledge of their faith and they leave the rest to God, who is their guide. They are amazed about the things that Simeon speaks to them about baby Jesus. This shows how Mary and Joseph slowly received disclosure about God's plan for the nation of Israel as well as for the rest of humanity. Jesus on the one hand would be the fulfillment of the promises made to Israel and hope for the gentiles and on the other hand Jesus would be the sign that will be contradicted or opposed.

It is in this context revealed by Simeon about Jesus that we celebrate this Sunday the World Day for Consecrated life. The Church desires to highlight the great value that the lives of many consecrated men and women have. The consecrated life is a sign of both hope for eternal life as well as a sign of contradiction to the world. Just like the life of Jesus brought hope to humanity, so too the lives of those who embrace the evangelical footsteps of Christ bring hope of the life that is yet to come. It is those consecrated religious that have given their lives completely to Christ in the spirit of poverty, chastity and obedience that are the hope for all of us that are on the pilgrimage to heaven. Their complete offering of their lives in their service to God provides us with a holy reminder that our lives have their destiny and fulfillment in God. The consecrated man and woman already are embracing the life that we will have in heaven. Because in heaven we will have no use for the riches of this life. In heaven we will not seek bodily pleasures because we will enjoy the joys and happiness that we will have from being present to God and being united to Him. In heaven our wills will be completely aligned and united to the will of God. Therefore, you can realize how consecrated religious are already beginning to live this heavenly life.

In the same way the consecrated men and women are a sign of contradiction to the world. They are witnesses to the world that what the world offers is temporary and passing and only the life with God is permanent and everlasting. They witness to the world that all its riches are of little value in comparison to the richness that comes from God. The consecrated religious witness to the world that all its pleasures and enticements are fleeting and unable to satisfy human's heart desire for true happiness that can be found only in God. They are witnesses to the world that our lives are not for ourselves but rather they have been created to know, love, and serve God.

Therefore, we can appreciate the great value that the consecrated men and women are for the world, the Church and each of us. They are the sign of hope in this world even if the world does not understand their lives and might even consider it to be strange, and unfulfilled life. Yet for us Christians we see in them the life that we hope to have one day in heaven. While not all of us receive the call from God to the consecrated life, this should not stop us from aspiring to live like them. All of us can consecrate ourselves to God in our daily life and strive to live as best we can and in respect to our particular state in life those values that the consecrated religious live by. Therefore, we should pray daily for more vocations to the consecrated life, so that we may have more witnesses of hope to the eternal life that awaits us.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Our Lady of Hope Parish

| St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions | | |
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| Saturday February 1 | 4:00 PM | Tony Strollo + Ivanna Portillo + Req. Mom & Dad Req. parents |
| Sunday, February 2 | 7:30 AM | Living and deceased parishioners and loved ones |
| | 11:00 AM | Julio Cesar Galicia + Francis "Bucky" Grimm + Req. Family Req. Robert & Rose Van Brunt |
| Wednesday, February 5 | 8:30 AM | Rose Lee + Req. Irene Ciarla |
| Friday, February 7 | 8:30 AM | Louis Ciarla + All souls in purgatory Req. Irene Ciarla Req. Karen & Mark Sheppard |
| Saturday, February 8 | 8:30 AM | Dr. Martin Jimenez + Req. Monteleone Family |
| | 4:00 PM | Richard English + William Nurthen + Req. Wife Rosanne Req. Donna & Family |
| Sunday, February 9 | 7:30 AM | Adeline Bruno + Req. Ganley Family |
| | 11:00 AM | Martin Jimenez + Di Cesare Family |

| St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions | | |
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| Saturday, February 1 | 5:00PM | Rimas Lukas + - In memory of his Birthday Sophia Chang & Family Req. Joann Fischer Req. Helen Kong |
| Sunday February 2 | 8:00 AM | John McTague + James Meola + Req. White Family Req. Jamie & Donato Saponaro |
| | 10:00 AM | Rob Stratton + Marie Ferragine + 17th Anniversary Req. His Wife, Barbara Req. Maria & Kent Croft |
| Monday, February 3 | 9:00AM | Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally |
| Tuesday, February 4 | 9:00 AM | Ethel Cavanagh + |
| Wednesday, February 5 | 9:00 AM | Deacon Paul & Patricia Serafino + |
| Thursday, February 6 | 9:00 AM | Frank Scally + Anna Rosano + Req. Donna Scally Req. Nella |
| Saturday, February 8 | 5:00 PM | James Carr + In memory of his Birthday Dr. Don-Woo Choi + Req. Sally Welch Req. Helen Kong |
| Sunday, February 9 | 8:00 AM | Martin Kramer Beck, Jr + Robert Burke Maloney + Req. Ellie Martel Req. Mr. & Mrs. Harry Copperthwaite |
| | 10:00 AM | Marge Edelson + Rob Stratton + Michael Berzanaky + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. His wife , Joan |



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.



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

www.saintjermeschool.org

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Congratulations Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, Ed.D.!



The Amerigo Vespucci Society, the nation's oldest Italian American Mutual Aid Society (founded in 1875 and incorporated in 1893), will be honoring

Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio Ed.D. with the **Mother Cabrini Award**.

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

Eagle Oaks Country Club

Farmingdale, New Jersey

\$125.00 per person ~ 6:00 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7:00 p.m. - 11:00p.m. Plated Dinner ~ One-hour open bar

You are invited to attend and are welcome to purchase an ad or sponsorship.

~ Also HONORING ~

Joseph Sirianni Man-of-the-Year Award

Cosmo Scardino Business Proprietor Award

Luanne Peterpaul, Esq. (New Jersey Assemblywoman) Public Service Award

Christine Giordano Hanlon, Esq. (Monmouth County Clerk) Public Service Award

Dr. Richard Neibart MD Medical Professional Award

Contact **Roberto Ferragina** to purchase tickets, ads, sponsorships.

732-245-6135 / ROBFERRAGINA@GMAIL.COM

NB: Tickets will not be sold at the door. Checks made payable to Amerigo Vespucci Society.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday-February 7

3:00-6:00 pm

St. Mary Church



Parish Giving
Enhancing Stewardship through
Electronic Funds Transfer



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:

Week 2: 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 3: 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 4:

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 **



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.

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, Jan 25/ Jan 26, 2025 | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 4:00 PM Mass | \$1,013 | 79 people |
| 7:30 AM Mass | \$ 1,441 | 65 people |
| 9:00 AM Mass | \$1,074 | 171 people |
| 11:00 AM Mass | \$ 912 | 68 people |
| Online Giving | \$ 1,173 | 38 families |
| Total | \$ 5,613 | 383 people |



| Saturday/Sunday, Jan 25/Jan 26, 2025 | | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 5:00 PM Mass | \$ 1,130 | 90 people |
| 8:00 AM Mass | \$ 721 | 64 people |
| 10:00 AM Mass | \$ 1,072 | 86 people |
| Online Giving | \$ 622 | 25 families |
| Total | \$3,545 | 240 people |

Catholic Education: \$1,656 Thank you!

Catholic Education \$967.22 Thank you!

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



**The Parish of our Lady of Hope
Welcomes our Newly Baptized
Vincent Anthony Buck**

Son of:
Ryan M. Buck & Katie E. Catanzaro

Flowers at the Blessed Mother Statue
(St. Mary)

In loving memory of: **Marie Ferragine**
Requested by: **Maria & Kent Croft**

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.



2024 Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like to receive their 2024 Contribution Statement can cut this out and return it to the Parish Office or place it in the collection basket. You may also request a Contribution Statement by emailing either:

office@ladyofhopeparish.org
or **stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org**

The statements will be available at the end of January.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

If you would like your statement emailed to you, please provide your email address:
Email: _____

The church statements will only reflect the donations given in your envelopes at Church. To get a statement for your online donations, go directly to the Parish Giving Website and log into your account or call 866-307-7140 for additional assistance.

YEAR OF HOPE CORNER

"Therefore, a person who has hope, hopes to attain God, and hopes to obtain through him all necessities, however difficult, and to repel through him all harms, however difficult."
St. Thomas Aquinas

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen"
St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

BELIEVE ENDEAVOR ACHIEVE



As always, Catholic Schools week was a great success! The theme, “Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service.,” highlighted all our activities. Thank you to the teachers and PTA who worked so hard. Thank you to our parishioners who always support us. On Wednesday, January 29th, Bishop O’Connell celebrated Mass with the children.

After the Liturgy, the Bishop along with the children went over and blessed the STEM mobile classroom. Pictures will follow next week!

This year we are proud to once again partner with Blessing Bag Brigade NJ to help deliver bags of hope and comfort to the homeless of Monmouth County and surrounding areas. We are extending the due date for articles for the Blessing Bag Brigade. Please feel free to drop off items until Sunday, February 9, 2025. God bless you for your generosity.

