

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 25, 2024 * Second Sunday of Lent



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

Every Friday during Lent we are encouraged to participate in the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. This devotion was established in Christian Europe after Islam's Conquest of middle East prevented the Christians to go to the Holy Land or at least made it dangerous to go. The Christians from the early times of Christianity would go to Jerusalem to visit those holy sites where Jesus died and rose, but also those points along the journey of his passion. If we visited the Holy Land today many of those sites are only marked by a plaque on the side of the building, because the city of Jerusalem from ancient times is buried beneath those buildings. The Christians would walk along those points of Jesus' passion to relive those places about which they heard from the gospels. Since however, those places became inaccessible to Christians from around sixth century, there arose a practice in Europe of building Stations of the Cross, outside and eventually was brought to the inside of the Church, so that the faithful could relive and meditate on Jesus' passion closer to home. There are many places in Europe where the Stations of the Cross were built with elaborate portrayals of life size characters to bring the stations close to Christians who desired to see what Jesus went through, out of love for us and to take away our sins. Some places would do a live presentation of the passion with actors portraying Jesus and all those characters involved in the drama of the calvary. Today the Stations of the Cross is a well-known devotion practices by Catholics throughout the world, particularly in Lent. Whenever we enter Catholic Churches, we can easily identify on the walls the various ways that the Stations of the Cross are displayed, either by images or sometimes by a simple marking with the number.

The Stations of the Cross is a devotion that is of great benefit to our faith. Each station provides us with an opportunity to walk with Jesus in his passion and to reflect or examine our lives to see if we are living our Christian life authentically. Each station speaks to us about the need to follow Christ more closely and to avoid those sins, vices, or behaviors that we need to die to. The stations of the Cross were always a popular devotion and Catholics would participate in this devotion in great numbers. Today however, many Catholics do not go to the stations because it is not an obligation, so it is easy for us to think that I do not need to go. Many Saints have achieved great holiness, perfection in virtue and close relationship with Jesus, because they meditated regularly on the passion of Christ. St. Thomas Aquinas would say that if we seek to learn to practice any virtue, we only need to meditate on the Cross of Christ. We can draw so much strength and inspiration and motivation and wisdom to live a better Christian life when we meditate on the passion of Christ. Today especially where there is so much sin and vice in the world, we Christians need to be a shining light, like stars in the sky of the night. We cannot look into the world for the example of authentic Christian life, but rather into those practices in our Catholic Faith that have been proven time and time again. If we believe the thought that "what we do reveals who we are" then certainly practice of the Stations of the Cross will reveal our love for Christ and our desire to imitate Him in our Catholic living. Let us also remember that partial indulgence is attached to those who devoutly do the Stations of the Cross. If you are not sure what indulgence is then stay tuned to our bulletin and more explanations will follow.

Therefore, make a commitment this Lent to come to the Stations of the Cross as many times as you are able. Know that you will not be wasting your time, but it will be a time well spent. If you seek to grow in humility and greater love, then this devotion is right for you. If you seek to bear your sufferings and difficulties of life with patience and trust in God, then this devotion is definitely right for you. If you seek to know yourself better and walk closer this Lent with Jesus, then "yes" this devotion will help you in that as well. Check the bulletin or listen to announcements before the Mass for time and places for the Stations of the Cross.

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

Fr. Marcin

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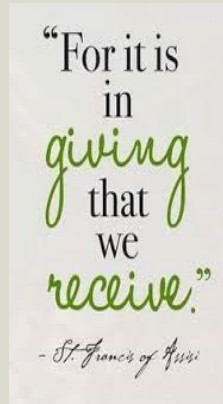
Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, February 17/18, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$737	49 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,944	82 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,534	136 people
Online Giving	\$1,165	42 families
Total	\$5,380	267 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,283	277 people



Saturday/Sunday, February 17/18, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 740	70 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 888	63 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,191	128 people
Online Giving	\$ 787	28 families
Total	\$ 3,606	261 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,967	278 people

- Ash Wednesday \$ 1,042 Thank you!
- Black and Native Americans \$ 525 Thank you!

- Ash Wednesday \$884 Thank you!
- Black and Native Americans \$277 Thank you!
- Interfaith neighbors \$ 1,626 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 .**

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!)

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

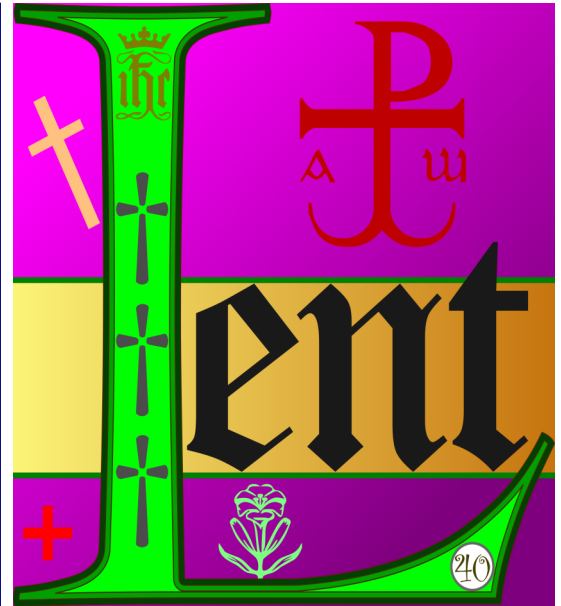
Stations of the Cross

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

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

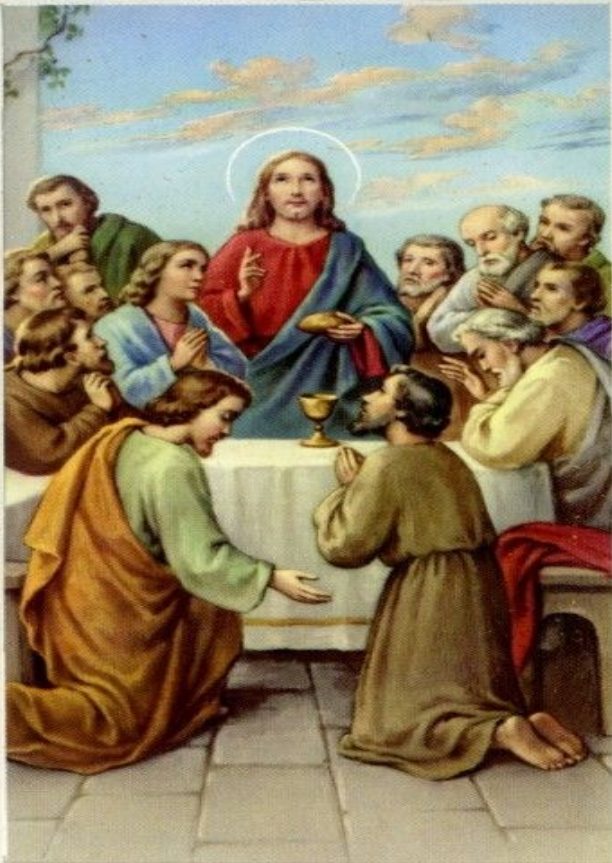
7:00 Pm at alternating Churches.

- ◆ 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

Say a prayer before and after each meal



Meal Prayers

BEFORE MEALS

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts which we are about to receive from Thy bounty, through Christ Our Lord.

AMEN.

AFTER MEALS

We give Thee thanks O Almighty God, for all Thy benefits. Who livest and reignest forever, AMEN.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. AMEN.

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 24	4:00 PM	Jose Flores + Samuel Scerbo + Req. His daughter Req. The Paolantonio Family
Sunday, February 25	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Donald Curtis + Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, February 28	8:30 AM	Mary Karbowskiak + Req. Irene Ciarla
Friday, March 1	8:30 AM	Dennis Golden + Req. Patty Golden
Saturday, March 2	8:30 AM	Clement and Margaret + Req. Vito & Liz Paolantonio
	4:00 PM	Michael Patrick Turrero + (In memory) Tony Strollo + Req. Ann Clark Req. Mom & Dad
Sunday, March 3	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	Robert Apicelli + Req. The Durnien Family

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 24	5:00 PM	Albert Carbone + Howard White + Req. Joann Fischer Req. Beth Wengler
Sunday, February 25	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
Monday, February 26	9:00 AM	Paul Johnson + Millie McBain + Req. Carole White & Family
Tuesday, February 27	9:00 AM	John Wengler + 1st Anniversary Req. Barrett Family
Wednesday, February 28	9:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Morrissey Family +
Thursday, February 29	9:00 AM	John Wengler + 1st Anniversary Req. Carole White & Family
Saturday, March 2	5:00 PM	Carolyn Holmes + John Senyszyn + Req. Her Friend, Patricia White Req. Joseph & Kimberly Repko
Sunday, March 3	8:00 AM	John Mc Tague + Glenn & Peggy Morgan + Req. Mike and Rosemarie Lyons Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo
	10:00 AM	Edmund Leonard + Joseph P. Mc Tague + Req. Sharon McCloskey & Family Req. Martel Family

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, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

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

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

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 ****

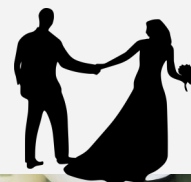


CONGRATULATIONS

Robert Child & Mary Vogt

on their marriage Sunday, February 17, 2024.

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



Marriage



Angels@Work CSW Service Project

The SJS School Community needs help gathering supplies for the homeless in the tri-state area. This gift of giving project will continue to help the **Blessing Bag Brigade**.

Requested Items

Bottled Water (Small)	Toothbrushes (Travel Size)
Breakfast Bars/ Snacks	Toothpaste (Travel Size)
Men's Socks	Soap/Body Wash (Travel Size)
Deodorant (Travel Size)	Body Lotion (Travel Size)
Disposable Razors (Travel Size)	Shampoo (Travel Size)

Scan Me to visit Blessing Bag Brigade Amazon Wish List :-)



Drop off Locations: SJS School and/or SJS Church

Thank you all so much in advance and God Bless!