

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

Mission Statement

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Jerome,
we the parish families of Our Lady of Hope
are called to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
We strive to grow as a vibrant and welcoming community
through worship, evangelization, and ministry to those in need
by sharing the resources, time, and talents given to us by God.



February 4, 2024 * Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

The Month of January is nearing completion. It was the month during which we had many events and celebrations. The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church calls us to a greater devotion and respect for Jesus' name because it is the name that God the Father gave to his beloved Son. The name of Jesus is also holy because by calling upon his name we call upon God, who commands us to use his name "whatever you ask the Father in my name it will be granted to you." The name Jesus means "God saves" and this meaning helps us to understand the great work of our salvation, that God accomplishes through his Son. In John's gospel Jesus says: "God so loved the world that he sent his Son so that whoever believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. God send his Son not to condemn the world, but that the world may be saved through him." Also, the reverence and honor that is due to the name of Jesus is reference in Paul's letter to Philippians chapter 2 'Jesus' "humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on the cross. Because of this God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Therefore, it a good and pious practice that whenever we say or hear the name of Jesus, we should at least bow our heads as a sign of reverence for Holy Name of Jesus.

We who believe and call upon the Holy Name of Jesus are called Christians. However, not all who claimed to be Christians or call upon his Name are truly following Him and rightly can be called Christians. From the time of the apostles and throughout the history of the Church, there was always the understanding that one can truly be called Christian if one is following and accepts all of Christ's teaching. If one was to renounce even one truth of our Faith, then one would no longer be a true Christian or true follower of Christ. Christ in his great mandate before his Ascension commanded "Go and make the disciples of all the nations (...) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." If one seeks to be authentically Christian, then such an individual must accept and follow Jesus' entire teaching. Even St. Paul warned the early Christians, that they should hold on to the entire gospel if they desire to be faithful followers of Christ. He also warned the Christians against those who would change or propose different teaching than the one that they have received. He saw in that a great evil, since to change the Gospel of Christ would be leading people a stray and endangering their salvation. Although St. Paul provided the warning this however did not stop the individuals throughout Church's history to alter the teaching of Christ. Different individuals would lead groups of Christians to erroneous teaching or in other words a heretical teaching. Those heretical teachings would cause divisions among the Christians into those who followed sound doctrine of Christ and those who would not. It was the ongoing work of the Catholic Church to preserve the authentic teaching of Christ and to fight those who would seek to undermine it. If you have a chance to read the early Church Fathers, you will see for yourself how important an issue this was. The popes would call for the Ecumenical Councils, which were a large gathering of Catholic Bishops, during which false doctrines were condemned and true doctrine reaffirmed. You may wonder why do I share this with you? So that we Catholics may have a clear understanding why we pray for Christian unity.

The Christian unity can only be possible by the unity of faith. There can be no true Christian love without the complete truth of faith. Therefore, our prayer for Christian unity expresses our desire that all those who are separated from us, because of heretical teaching, false gospel, rejection of the papacy, would abandon their errors and enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, by accepting the entire teaching of Christ as the Catholic Church has always authentically taught, transmitted and preserved. That is why we Catholics always hold and believe to be the true and only Church of Jesus Christ, while those communities of believers who acknowledge Jesus Christ yet are not joined to the Catholic Faith stand outside of the Church of Christ are in a real danger of their salvation. Jesus confirms this in the gospel of Mathew when he says: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?' Then I will declare to them solemnly, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.'

Our prayer for Christian unity involves much more than simply getting along or joined effort in the works of charity. It affects or involves the salvation of souls and therefore Christian unity is of greater importance than we might even realize. That is why it is so crucial that we Catholics know our Faith well so that we may be of help to our lost brothers and sisters in leading them back into the fold of Christ's flock. Therefore, let us pray that all who call upon the Holy Name of Jesus may be authentic Christians and members of One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Our Lady, Help of Christians, pray for us! Mary, Destroyer of All Heresies, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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, January 27/28, 2024

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4:00 PM Mass	\$1,044	65 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,290	60 people
9:30 AM Mass	1,643	267 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$873	72 people
Online Giving	\$880	37 families
Total	\$5,730	464 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,049	503 people



5:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,229	75 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 653	83 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,264	84 people
Online Giving	\$ 737	27 families
Total	\$ 3,883	242 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,338.29	246 people

Catholic Education: \$1,395.00 Thank you!

Catholic Education : \$875.00 Thank you!

2023 Contribution Statements

Parishioners who would like to receive their 2023 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.

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

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



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

Week 2: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 3: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 4: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

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 **



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 - 732-222-292

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.

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St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3	4:00 PM	Jayne M. Natoli + Tony Strollo + Durnien & Smith Families Mom & Dad
Sunday, February 4	7:30 AM	Charles Shalom Botton + The Monteleone Family
	11:00 AM	Thomas McLaughlin + Richard English III + The Monteleone Family John & Theresa Addeo
Wednesday, February 7	8:30 AM	Rose Lee + Irene Ciala
Friday, February 9	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla + Eric Munsell + Irene Ciarla The Mills Family
Saturday, February 10	8:30 AM	In Honor of Our Lady of Lourdes John & Kitty Mandica Richard English III + Rosanne English
	4:00 PM	Antonio Falvo +(28th Anniversary) His Children In memory of Catherine L. Mandica (59 years in heaven) John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, February 11	7:30 AM	All Souls in Purgatory
	11:00 AM	Lorraine Hausser + Robert Hausser

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 3	5:00 PM	Howard White + John McTague + Req. Patricia White Req. Theresa J. Trocchia
Sunday, February 4	8:00 AM	John McTague + Req. The White Family
	10:00 AM	Howard White + Marie Ferriagine+ 16th Anniversary Req. Frances Minnecci Req. Maria & Kent Croft
Monday, February 5	9:00AM	Marge Edelson + The Marmora Family
Tuesday, February 6	9:00 AM	Parents of Thomas Morrissey +
Wednesday, February 7	9:00 AM	Donald J. Nutter + John McTague + Req. Peter Hughes Req. Dennis & Maureen Melofchik
Thursday, February 8	9:00 AM	Vincenzo & Maria Covello + -In memory of their Wedding Anniversary Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Saturday, February 10	5:00 PM	Marge Edelson + Frank Pompili + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia Req. Kimberly & Joseph Repko
Sunday, February 11	8:00 AM	John Higinbotham + Brian Gilligan + Req. Roseann Marano & Philamena Marolda Req. Dennis & Maureen Melofchik
	10:00 AM	Howard White + Marge Edelson + Req. The Edelson Family Req. Dallas Grove

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

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

**Joseph W Cilento Jr.
Mildred Mc Bain**

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



Parish Giving
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Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania
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Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, M.P.F. * Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F.
Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M.P.F. , School Principal
Maria Lozano * Carolyn Silva
Norma Adamitis * Joann Fischer
John Dufford * Christine Scholtz
Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., Trustees

Contact Information

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St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409
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frmrcin@ladyofhopeparish.org



We're Back!
Join us for an evening of fun!
Sit Down Dinner!

PASTA WITH A PURPOSE
TO BENEFIT SAINT JEROME SCHOOL
SPORTS PROGRAM



When: Saturday, February 10, 2024
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Where: Saint Jerome School, Sister
Angelina Pelliccia Hall

How: Sit Down Buffet Dinner

What to Do: Go to
saintjeromeschool.org or
ladyofhopeparish.org
SIGN UP ONLINE, PAY ONLINE.

Call Mrs. Monteleone
for payment in person.

Cost: 12.00 per Adult
6.00 per child (12 and under)

Includes: Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Bread and Dessert

PREPARED BY TASTE OF ITALY

THANK YOU JIMMY AND STAFF!

For more information: Call 732.222.8686

