

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 9, 2025 * Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*



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,

On this Sunday we celebrate the World Marriage Sunday. The relationship between man and woman has been blessed by our Creator and established for the good of the children, for the good of the family, and for the good of the world. Marriage is a sacred bond between the husband and wife, and a vocation. Marriage binds two distinct individuals into a union of love and fidelity. Love binds the husband and wife in their heart and in their will. However, this love depends on the fidelity that provides a necessary commitment to authenticate relationship that seeks the good of the other spouse and is not swayed by desires of the body.

Marriage provides a necessary stability and security to the man and woman through their partnership to bring forth life of their children into the world. The children are a natural outcome of the loving relationship that the couple have because love is always fruitful and life giving, it never remains sterile. In today's world, however, the choice to have many children is often met with fear and worry. Our Catholic Faith always encouraged the parents to have many children, because the children are considered a blessing and a gift from God, but also because of our understanding that God seeks to bring people into heavenly life and there is going to be a plenty of space there. We will not be able to overpopulate the heavens because the power and love of God is not limited by our understanding of space and time. Those children that are brought forth by their parents after receiving the grace and faith of Jesus Christ are destined to become saints and to live with God in heaven.

Sometimes people are worried that the world is too small to accommodate the growing population, because of the limited space on earth and limited natural resources. However, we should never forget that it was the Lord who created the Earth and not man. The Lord, as a supreme being with supreme intellect and with full knowledge of all time and space most certainly was aware that as the population increased that space and resources would be needed to sustain human life on earth. The Lord's command to the first parents to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth and subdue it was full of wisdom and right judgement. Let us consider the fact that God was able to sustain the nation of Israel in the desert for a long time. It was at the Lord's command that the manna fell into Israelites camp and the Israelites did not need to sow, plow, and reap to eat bread. The Israelites also received meat in the form of quails and water gushed forth from the rock to quench the thirst for this great multitude of people and flocks that accompanied them.

We should not forget that the Lord provided man with intellect and will to put it to use to create new technologies, to use rationally this natural world to advance means by which we can grow more food and live in a better standard of living. This creativity we share with our Creator who made us in His image and likeness enables us to make amazing things that allow us to put into use in our day-to-day lives and make our lives easier. All the creation was given by our God and Creator at our disposal for the betterment of our lives here on earth. However, the man's destiny is not just to live this brief life on Earth, but rather it is just a steppingstone to our ultimate destiny in God. If we focus only on this brief moment of life and lack the view of life that follows, then obviously our mind and heart can be filled with fear and worry. We will only be preoccupied with trying to grasp this earthly life and to make the best of it, for tomorrow may not come. We Christians who walk in this life with faith and should put those worries aside. We are called to be a sign of hope to the world. We should live with hope in our marriages and families and bring forth plenty of children knowing that our good Lord will sustain us and provide us with all that we need in this life so that we may enter eternal life with him. St. Paul therefore in writing to the Christian communities would remind them of living simple lives and be content with what they had. Just because one does not have a luxurious life it does not therefore make us a lesser person or at a disadvantage for eternal life. That is why on this Sunday of Marriage, let us pray for married couples that their love and fidelity may continue to deepen and the gift of children that they receive from our Creator may give hope and joy to the world. May this hope remind us that we all are being cared for by our God who made us, gave us life, and will sustain us in this life, until at last we enter our heavenly home.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

Parish Giving
*Enhancing Stewardship through
Electronic Funds Transfer*




Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts
Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.

Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 8	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
Wednesday, February 12	8:30 AM	William Stanton + Nick & Marie Fornarotto (70th Wedding Anniversary) Req. Irene Ciarla Req. Ganley Family
Friday, February 14	8:30 AM	Marion Karbowskiak + Rosemary & Marie Loeffler + Req. Irene Ciarla Req. Richard Loeffler
Saturday, February 15	8:30 AM	Dr. Samuel Thomas + Req. Monteleone Family
	4:00 PM	Antonio Falvo + (29th Anniversary in Heaven) Richard English + Req. His Children Req. Connie & Richard Dominguez
Sunday, February 16	7:30 AM	Maryann Soberg + Req. Monteleone Family
	11:00 AM	Frank Bulzis + Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, February 8	5:00PM	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
Monday, February 10	9:00AM	Michael Berzansky + 3rd Anniversary Req. His wife, Joan
Tuesday, February 11	9:00 AM	Thomas Cavanagh +
Wednesday, February 12	9:00 AM	Robert Scally + John P. Flanagan + Req. Donna Scally Req. Flanagan Family
Thursday, February 13	9:00 AM	Deceased members of the Rosano Family + Req. Nella
Saturday, February 15	5:00 PM	Maria & Vincenzo Covello + John Covello + Chris Lehmann + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Req. Mary Pat
Sunday, February 16	8:00 AM	Donald Fornicola + Peter & Terry Bolan + Req. Daughter Kristie Linington & Family Req. Bob & Sally Selden
	10:00 AM	Joseph Cilento + Vera Ciavaglia + Req. His wife, Cheryl & Family Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons



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

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Deacon Louis Jakub

Maria Lozano * Parish Secretary
 Carolyn Silva * Bookkeeper
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 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

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Our Lady of Hope Parish




**The Parish of our Lady of Hope
 Welcomes our Newly Baptized**
Olivia Joan Sierchio
Daughter of:
Derek S. Sierchio & Jessica L. Garbolino



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.

The Society of St. Cecilia at
 the Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
 presents

Kairy Koshoeva

Classical Pianist

Performing

Preludes by Sergey Bortkiewicz
 Chopin's Ballada No. 3 and
 Rachmaninov's Sonata for
 Cello & Piano with guest
 cellist, Jordan Enzinger.

Sunday
February 23, 2025
3:30 p.m.

Admission
A Free Will Offering



For Further information contact
 The Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua
 27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ 07701
 (732) 747-0813
web.stanthonysofredbank.net

A warm welcome to the following parishioners who
 have registered in our Parish:

Anne Sears
Julia & Matthew Heasley
Molly & Anthony Focht
Kristin & Daniel Perrone
Mark Russell
Elizabeth & Peter Ientile,
Carmela & Jerry West,
Alexandra & Anthony Patrone, Michael Blette.




2025
 Jubilee year of Hope

I ask you to contribute to our Educational Fund. Together we ignite dreams and transform lives together! Thank you for your on-going support of our students, teachers and Filippini Sisters. Your dedication helps fulfill the Filippini sisters mission, "Go and Teach the word of God"!

God bless you.

Sister Elizabeth Seton Dalession, MPP

Principal



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: Anthony Lamorte
Week 2:
Week 3: 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 4: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covello Jr, Nick Grieco, Michael Romano, Fiona Lytle.

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 **



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Name: _____ Class Year (If Alumnus/a): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

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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, Feb 1/ Feb 2, 2025		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,118	66 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,317	62 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,388	114 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,193	40 families
Total	\$ 5,016	242 people



Saturday/Sunday, Feb 1/ Feb 2, 2025		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,179	81 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,487	66 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,139	102 people
Online Giving	\$ 752	25 families
Total	\$4,557	249 people

Latin America: \$412.69 Thank you!

Latin America: \$293 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 office will be closed Monday, February 10th through Monday, February 17th. The office will reopen on Tuesday February 18th. Thank you!



SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK (ST. MARY)

INTERFAITH NEIGHBORS

THANK YOU!



YEAR OF HOPE CORNER

"If I were to meet the slave-traders who kidnapped me and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands, for if that did not happen, I would not be a Christian and Religious today..."

"The best thing for us is not what we consider best, but what the Lord wants of us!"

St. Josephine Bakhita

Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita:

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free. Provide comfort to survivors of slavery and let them look to you as an example of hope and faith. Amen



OLH Adult Faith Enrichment News - Lent 2025

Coming this Lent: The Resurrection and the Life
 "Resurrection does not just describe what happened to Jesus after his death and burial. Resurrection is a past event, a future prospect, and a present reality." (Stephen Binz)

This Jubilee Year of Hope is a perfect time to focus on the source of our Christian hope, the Resurrection of Jesus. Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." What does that mean to us and for us? How does the resurrection of Jesus give purpose to everything we do? How did the notion of resurrection develop? In this 6 week Threshold Bible Study we will attempt to answer those questions and more as we read and reflect on selected passages from the Old and New Testaments of the Bible, and read the informative and insightful commentaries prepared by Stephen Binz.

As a study, there will be assigned readings and reflection questions to completed at home each week, in preparation for the weekly 90 minute gatherings. These reflection questions will provide the topic for discussion during our gatherings. The weekly gatherings will also provide an opportunity for fellowship and prayer. All are welcome to attend, especially first time participants as well as those who are "listeners" rather than "talkers."

WHEN: Thursday mornings: 10:00AM-11:30AM, March: 6, 13, 20, 27 & April: 3, 10.

WHERE: St. Jerome Church, office meeting room

REQUIRED RESOURCE:

Threshold Bible Study: The Resurrection and the Life by Stephen Binz, from Twenty-Third Publications, 2016.

You can purchase a copy through Amazon or twentythirdpublications.com.

Also, I will have 5 copies available for purchase on a "first come, first serve" basis.

Do not hesitate to order your copy - you will need it for the first session!

REGISTRATION & QUESTIONS:

contact Christine Scholtz BEFORE February 23

call: 732-222-2927;

text: 908-309-0030



Saint Jerome School



SAINT JEROME SCHOOL
Believe Endeavor Achieve
Catholic Schools Week 2025



Thank you to All! Catholic Schools Week was such a great success. There are so many stories to tell. This week we will look at the Bishop's Visit. Thank you to our parishioners, parents, teachers and especially the children who made the day such a memorable one! The teachers, parents, and parishioners rededicated themselves to the education of youth. One child summed it up this way. After the Bishop left, the child looked up at the picture of the Bishop in the hallway and said quite unabashedly, " Hey, there's our friend!" Before he left, the Bishop told me that we had such a wonderful school.

The day was busy . In the Bishop's words, we celebrated a "lovely Liturgy". He then went outside to bless the new Mobile STEM classroom. Thank you to all our benefactors who made this possible. Thank you to all the priests in our cohort who came to celebrate the day with us! Enjoy the pictures that reflect the day. Next week , we will highlight the blessing of the STEM classroom and some of the week's activities!

