# 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

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.

St. Thomas Aquinas



January 28, 2024 \* Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee





## A Letter from Father Marcín

Dear Parish Family,

This Sunday begins the celebration of National Catholic Schools Week. The Catholic Schools have been a vital element in transmitting and preserving the Catholic Faith. When in the past, Catholics migrated to United States, they were faced with persecutions from the dominant Protestant presence in these lands. When the public schools were organized by the US government, the Catholics who attended those schools were being pressured to abandon their Catholic Faith for the erroneous Protestant Gospel. The Bishops of United States saw this as a serious threat to the salvation of those Catholics who would give in to pressure and become Protestant in the belief. The bishops initiated throughout the dioceses of United States great effort to begin building Catholic Schools so that the Catholic faithful would be able to educate their children in safe and Catholic environment. The Catholics schools became eventually a desirable place to send your kinds, because of the promotion of Catholic values, discipline, excellent education. Those kids that attended the Catholic Schools were also a great source of new vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Whenever a new parish would be established a lot of times the first building that was erected would be a Catholic school, followed by the rectory, convent and lastly the Church. The Catholic Schools were a source of pride to the parishioners and well supported by them. However, as the time progressed, and the Catholics open discrimination diminished. Some parents would begin to send their children to public schools. The cost of education has also increased, and the free Catholic education was no longer the possibility. Despite the rising costs of Catholic education, many Catholic parents would prefer to send their kids to Catholic school so that they would receive the great education as they did. Unfortunately, even in our present time the emphasis on Catholic education stresses academic excellence over the intended end that is promotion and preservation of Catholic Faith. Today we can even hear reports about different Catholic Schools that openly oppose Catholic teaching and sometimes promote the values of the present culture. This shift in some Catholic schools' standards or values reflects the loss of Catholic Faith among the Catholics and sometimes just lack of knowledge of Catholic Faith. The Catholic Schools are still a valuable investment for the children of Catholic parents; however, one needs to be aware of the reality that just because one goes to the Catholic school this will not necessarily mean that the child will grow in Catholic Faith. If kids who attended Catholic school are now open atheists, or agnostics or are Catholics who no longer practice the Catholic Faith then we need to ask ourselves, what went wrong? It is clear that if the Catholic Faith is fervently lived in the family, then the Faith will be an important element of the child's life. When the Catholic Faith is not lived at home then the Catholic School will not be able to replace family's life where the values are most integrated into child's life. The home is always the important place to promote and grow in Catholic Faith. We are fortunate that our parish still has a Catholic School and that we are blessed with Filippini sisters running it. We are also grateful to many Catholic parents who have decided to be part of our Catholic School as teachers and school staff. We need to pray that the work of St. Jerome's School will bear the good fruit in not only preparing these young people for life, but especially for a life of Catholic Faith well lived. Because even if one is successful in this life, this does not necessarily translate into obtaining eternal life, for Our Lord said: "what is for a man to gain a whole world and to lose his soul" This Sunday falls on January 28th which in Sanctoral Calendar (Calendar of the Saints) is a memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, who is a patron saint of Catholic schools, colleges and universities. Let us pray through his intercession that the Catholic schools may deepen their Catholic identity and promote with ever greater fervor the One and only True Faith of Jesus Christ, the Catholic Faith. St. Thomas Aquinas, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

#### Pastoral and Support Staff

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania Rev. Michael Lynch \* Rev. Jerome Nolan Deacon Louis Jakub 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**

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 Email Address: stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org frmarcin@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	Assum	ption
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Saturday/Sunday, January 20/21, 2024						
4:00 PM Mass	\$836	67 people				
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,780	70 people				
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,509	220 people				
Online Giving	\$1,095	40 families				
Total	\$5,220	357 people				
Last year same weekend total	\$6,361	360 people				



	Saturday/Sunday, January 20/21, 2024				
	5:00 PM Mass	\$ 436	46 people		
	8:00 AM Mass	\$ 862	53 people		
	10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,043	109 people		
	Online Giving	\$ 692	28 families		
	Total	\$ 3,033	208 people		
	Last year same weekend total	\$6,773	249 people		

#### Interfaith Neighbors : \$1,243 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.

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 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

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

#### **Rosary-Altar Society**



The Altar Rosary wishes everyone a blessed New Year! Fellow Rosarians are cordially invited to Robin Stillings' home for our meeting on Saturday, February 3. We will begin with the Rosary at 11 am followed by our meeting and a pot-luck a luncheon afterwards. Please rsvp to Robin if you will be attending and if you're planning to bring something! Carpooling is a great option if you don't want to make the drive alone! For further information, call 732-859-7538.

#### LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Please pray for the sick, the homebound and those who have requested us to remember them in prayer, especially:

<u>Week 1:</u> Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

<u>Week 2:</u> David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Charlie Ruggirello, Peggy Hildebrand.

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

<u>Week 4:</u> Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico, Catherine Troglen.

Also, we continually keep in our prayers all those who are serving in our Armed Forces .

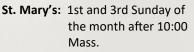
\*\*The names will be listed for four weeks unless you contact the rectory office at office@ladyofhopeparish.org or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\*

#### WANTED: PART-TME COOK FOR THE CHRISTIAN

BROTHERS IN LINCROFT. TWO YEARS OF COOKING EX-PERIENCE NECESSARY. VERY COMPETITIVE HOURLY RATE. IF INTERESTED PLEASE CALL



**BROTHER JOSEPH AT 732-380-7926, EXT. 103** 



St. Jerome: 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after 11:00 Mass.

Baptismal preparation classes are held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm 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.



Son of: Zachary Feindt & Angela Malgeri

#### 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. Thank you.

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions			
Saturday, January 27	4:00 PM	Jayne M. Natoli + Eileen & Dennis Pepitone Joanne Caltabiloto +	Saturday, January 27	5:00 PM	Richard English III + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia
		Maryanne Ioli & Family	Sunday, January 28	8:00 AM	Robert J. Stratton + Req. Sue & Jim Berner
January 28	7:30 AM	Armido Sigismondi + (10th Anniversary) Schiavone Family	Monday, January 29	10:00 AM	Howard White + Req. McCarthy– Leonard Family Yvonne S. Boive– Zucaro + In Memory of Devoted Aunt Req. Beegle & Jurman Families
	9:00 AM	Frances & Guido Monteleone + Monteleone Family			
	11:00A M	William Nurthen + Marguerite Nugent Dolores Lewis +		9:00AM	Robert B. Wade + -11th Anniversary Req. The Family
	0.00	Anthony and Gretchen DiCesare	Tuesday, January 30	9:00 AM	Glenn Morgan + Req. Carole White
Wednesday, January 31			Wednesday,	9:00 AM	Thomas Morrissey +
Friday, February 2	8:30 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving Patty Golden James De Rosa + Frank and Denise Colford	January 31 Thursday, February 1	9:00 AM	Glenn Morgan + Req. Carole White
Saturday, February 3	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and loved ones	Saturday, February 3	5:00 PM	Howard White + Req. Patricia White
	4:00 PM	Jayne M. Natoli + Durnien & Smith Families Tony Strollo + Mom & Dad			John McTague + Req. Theresa J. Trocchia
			Sunday, February 4	8:00 AM	John McTague + Req. The White Family
Sunday, February 4	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners and loved ones		10:00 AM	Howard White +
	11:00 AM	Richard English III + John & Theresa Addeo			Req. Frances Minneci Marie Ferriagino + 16th Anniversary Req. Maria & Kent Croft

# EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Friday-February 2

3:00-6:00 pm St. Mary Church.

Flowers at all Altars in Memory of Devoted Aunt, Yvonne S. Boice– Zucaro.

Requested by: The Beegle & Jurman Families

#### It's Simple:

• Log onto our parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

#### It's Secure:

• Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

#### It's Convenient:

- No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine.
- You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

#### **Tax Benefits:**

• You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

#### **Parish Benefits:**

• Weekly or monthly contribution choices

Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email: stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org

### Saint Jerome School

# We're Back! Joín us for an eveníng of fun! Sít Down Dínner !

# **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

