

The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

St. Jerome Church
254 Wall Street
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

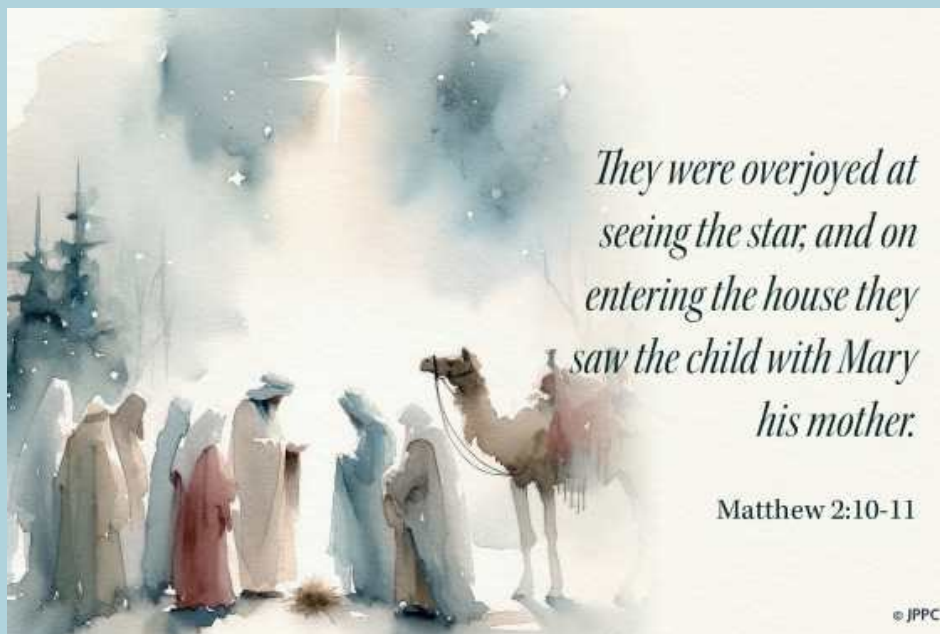
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM and 11:00 AM
Daily: Wednesday-Friday-Saturday 8:30AM
Confessions: Saturdays 3:00-3:45 PM



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

Celebrating THE HOLY YEAR 2025



January 5, 2025 * The Epiphany 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,

With this first Sunday of the year there is so much hope and expectation as we embark on the journey of our faith leading us through this Holy Jubilee Year. Throughout this year we will have many opportunities to draw our attention to the virtue of Hope. This virtue is definitely needed in our times as there are many who struggle to have hearts and minds filled with hope. Throughout the year we will be moving through another year of grace and reliving the work of our salvation, and I will be bringing to you my parish family messages of hope. Also, throughout the year I will be bringing to your attention the articles of our faith as expressed in Nicene Creed that we proclaim every Sunday and Solemnity. Sometimes, we speak the words of the creed simply because we have memorized it by repetition. I will seek to help you appreciate more the words that you speak in professing faith. Hopefully, this will allow you to profess faith with deeper understanding so that it will not be just words, but meaningful declarations of the faith that we know, understand, proclaim, and love.

Knowledge of our faith is important to us. First, we need to be aware that this knowledge is a gift of God's own revelation. It is not just expression of some people's experience of God. It is God himself who speaks to us about himself so that we may come to know him as he is and not as we think he is. This an important point that we need to remind ourselves of occasionally, because it is easy to fall into the way of thinking about God that may not be accurate or imaginary. Each one of us can have different experience with God in our relationship with him and events of our life that have impressed upon us different view of God. Our Catholic faith, however, provides us with objective truth from God himself, who makes himself known to us. This compels us to shape our view of God in accordance with his Divine Revelation. It is true that sometimes we can use even divine revealed truths that God offers us about himself, and we can still draw wrong conclusions. Like many times you might have heard people say: "God is love, so it doesn't matter how I live my life, God still loves me just the way I am." This is just a small example how one can use a truthful statement that God revealed to us that He is love and fall into mistaken notion that God therefore must love my life even if it is not lived in accordance with his commandments.

Secondly, the knowledge of our faith helps us to know ourselves. From ancient times acceptance and conversion to the one true faith, the Catholic faith was called Enlightenment. It meant that our mind was given the light of divine truth, and this truth enabled us to understand and grasp realities that without the faith we could never know or understand. How many times people ask the question: "what is the meaning of life? why are we here? Where are we going? These big questions can be difficult to answer for many and probably many too will just simply and honestly admit that they do not know. This is why faith is likened to light because the light helps us to see those things that without the light cannot be seen or comprehended. This of course does not mean that there are many things in this life that we can come to know and comprehend without the use of faith and simply using reason. However, even from the point of reason there is limit, because whenever we come to know one thing countless other things emerge, and we can never satisfy our mind or exhaust the knowledge that can be known. Faith provides us with rational answers about life and about ourselves, and the goal of our life. As a result of this knowledge, we can begin to live our lives with great hope and confidence, with assurance and certainty, with a clear path that leads us to the source and true end of our life that is found in God, the source of life. Therefore, my brothers and sisters in Christ, may we seek to know our Catholic faith well and deeply then the

knowledge of God as he reveals himself to us and deeper knowledge of ourselves with help us to better live our Catholic faith.

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, January 4 | 4:00 PM | Ivanna Portillo + Tony Strollo + Req. Parents Req. Mom & Dad |
| Sunday, January 5 | 7:30 AM | Living and Deceased Parishioners and Loved Ones |
| | 11:00 AM | Marion Staub + Marie Hausser + Req. Di Cesare Family Req. Robert Hausser |
| Wednesday, January 8 | 8:30 AM | William Stanton + Req. Irene Ciarla |
| Friday, January 10 | 8:30 AM | Marion Karbowiak + Req. Irene Ciarla |
| Saturday, January 11 | 8:30 AM | All Souls in Purgatory |
| | 4:00 PM | William Nurthen + Rene Langlois + Req. Donna & Family Req. Loving Wife |
| Sunday, January 12 | 7:30 AM | Albert Del Maestro + Dotti Dodd (Happy Birthday) Req. Phyllis Del Maestro Req. Seinfeld Family |
| | 11:00 AM | Marion Staub + Donald Curtis + Req. Deacon Tony and Gretchen Di Cesare Req. Marie Curtis |

| St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions | | |
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| Saturday, January 4 | 5:00PM | Jack Lumley + Sophia Farkas + Req. Donna Scally Req. Theresa J. Trocchia |
| Sunday January 5 | 8:00 AM | Marie & Victor Giunco + John & Josephine Adamitis + Req. The Family Req. The Family |
| | 10:00 AM | Dan Williams + Charles Ruggirello + Zoltan Nagy + Req. Joe & Terry Williams Req. His Wife, Sandy Req. Matt Zieniewicz |
| | 9:00AM | Ethel Cavanagh + |
| Monday, January 6 | | |
| Tuesday, January 7 | 9:00 AM | Townley Carr + Patrick & Eleanor Donzi + Req. Sally Welch Req. Barbara Harwood |
| Wednesday, January 8 | 9:00 AM | Frank Scally + Adelaide Bariscillo + Req. Donna Scally Req. Beth Wengler |
| Thursday, January 9 | 9:00 AM | Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally |
| Saturday, January 11 | 5:00 PM | Boris Suloveitchik + Mr. Yoon Suk-Yeol, President of South Korea Req. Patty Carvalho & Family Req. Helen Kong |
| Sunday, January 12 | 8:00 AM | Anne Waitt + Req. Bob & Mary Waitt |
| | 10:00 AM | Charles Ruggirello + Robert Stratton + Marjorie Edelson + - 1st Anniversary Req. His Wife, Sandy His Wife, Barbara Req. Edelson Family |

The staff at Interfaith Neighbors has expressed their heartfelt appreciation for the generous support Saint Mary's parishioners and friends have provided through the Christmas Giving Tree project. With your support they were able to assist many families and brought smiles and excitement to children of all ages. **THANK YOU!**



Contact Information

The main office is operating preferably by phone, email or appointment **Monday—Friday 9 AM—1 PM**

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Pastoral

Reverend Marcin Kania, Administrator

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Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan

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Deacon Louis Jakub

Maria Lozano * Parish Secretary

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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

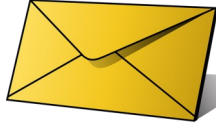
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Our Lady of Hope Parish

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK :
PRO LIFE
THANK YOU!



Are you looking for a reliable caregiver to support your loved one, if so please contact Natalie Khonelia for more information. 848-303-4868

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



Parish Giving
Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SEEKING NEW MEMBERS

We are looking for men 18 and over to join our council and be part of a global organization dedicated to service, charity, and faith. If you are interested please contact Gary Seals at 732-542-1009.



Baptism

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.

GUIDELINES FOR GODPARENTS/SPONSORS

Have you been asked to be a GODPARENT? Have you been asked to SPONSOR someone ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, or for an adult in the RCIA program?

It is an honor and a privilege to be asked. You are seen as someone that a family, child, teenager, or adult looks up to as living a strong, Christian Catholic faith. You model that behavior in the way that you live your life.

To receive a sponsorship form signed and sealed by the Pastor, please keep the following in mind:

- I am age 16 or older.
- I am actively registered in the parish for at least 6 months.
- If married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church.
- I attend Mass on a regular basis.
- I contribute to the support of the Church, as best I can. (Attendance is taken by the envelopes in the collection basket, even if empty).
- I receive Sacraments according to the Laws of the Church, and I fulfill the requirements listed above.

The Church takes very seriously the role of being a sponsor. Choosing a sponsor would be based on the person's dedication to the faith and regular practice thereof. **Please do not ask us to sign if you do not meet criteria above.**

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 Covelto 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 **



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.


RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This process is for anyone who is interested in joining the Catholic Church. It is also for any baptized Catholic who needs to complete their initiation by receiving the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information please call Sister Elizabeth Toft. 732-222-8686.




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.





Mass for Life & Life Expo

CELEBRATED BY



Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.


PRAY, CONNECT, ENGAGE
Embrace the transformative power of the Eucharist, foster solidarity, and take decisive action to nurture a culture of life that honors every stage from womb to tomb.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- Join us for a special Mass celebrated by Bishop David M. O'Connell, C.M.
- Engage with local organizations dedicated to upholding and promoting human dignity throughout all stages of life.
- Enjoy delicious refreshments, fostering new friendships, and strengthening bonds within our community.

Friday
JANUARY 24
11:00AM
Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine,
Freehold

All are Welcome • No RSVP needed



For full information about the day's events, visit:
dioceseoftrenton.org/standing-together-for-life



DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE

THE JOURNEY

FEB. 1ST
2025
10AM

8th-12th grade
Notre Dame H.S.
Lawrence, NJ

Advance Registration
\$25

Walk-In Registration
\$35

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"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." (Is 40:31)



St. Leo's in Lincroft is pleased to announce its continuing ministry for Separated and Divorced Catholics. It is called "Surviving The Holidays" Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family" (www.catholicdivorce.com). St. Leo's will be hosting an Information Night on Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall located at 50 Hurleys Lane, Lincroft, NJ. This Information Night will help you decide if you would like to attend our upcoming 12 week program starting in March of 2025 on Thursday nights. All the details will be provided to you at the Information Night. If you would like more information about our offerings, please check out our Ministry page at: <https://www.mylifechangecoach.com/divorceministry>. All are welcome! To register or if you are interested and would like more information, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healingheartfromdivorce@gmail.com. Have any questions? Feel free to call or text anytime at 201-753-8485. We hope you can make it!

Saint Jerome School

Christmas 2024 Saint Jerome Students bring The Sounds of Christmas to Life!



From Kindergarten to Eighth grade to everyone in between, the children joyfully sang seasonal songs and carols to bring to life the true meaning of Christmas ! The eighth grade used new software to write an original song! There were over 400 people in attendance! How good that all left that evening to bring the true meaning of Christmas to all beyond our Lady of Hope Parish and Saint Jerome School. Our children are God's gift to us! May all of us bring the the message of Christ which is Hope forward during this Jubilee year! Blessings to all of you in 2025!

