

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

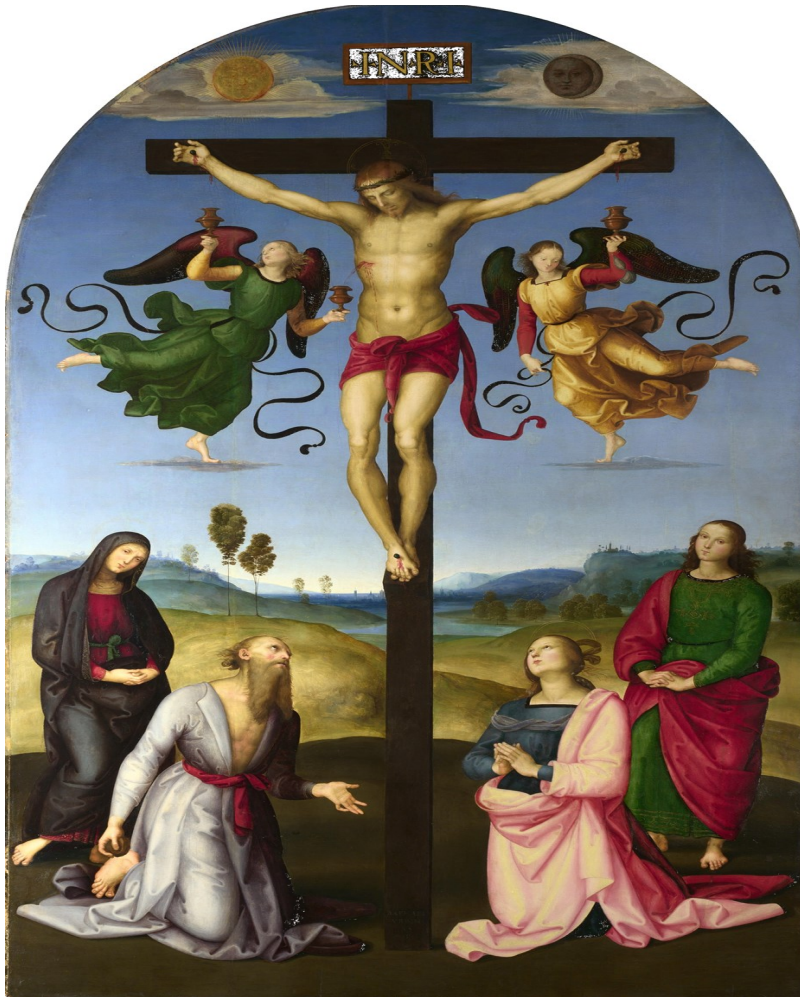
St. Jerome Church  
254 Wall Street  
West Long Branch, NJ 07764

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



July 7, 2024 \* fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**Saint Jerome School \* Blue Ribbon Awardee**

**Office Number: 732-222-8686**

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**[www.saintjermeschool.org](http://www.saintjermeschool.org)**



## *A Letter from Father Marcin*

Dear Parish Family,

This past week we celebrated the fourth of July. I hope all your plans, barbeques and fireworks brought you joy, much laughter and a good time with your family and friends. On the fourth of July we celebrate with great gratitude that we are living in this country and for the many blessings that we receive in being able to live in freedom to pursue life and happiness. This year I am celebrating 25 years of being able to live in this country and 15 years of being American citizen. I love this country and I am glad that I was able to come here to live among my Catholic brothers and sisters, whom many I have come to know and enjoy in my past years. On the fourth of July we feel the pride of being American and gratitude for those who in the past sacrificed their blood and lives so that we could live a better life. Because to be free and enjoy liberty requires sacrifice, we must always fight and keep vigilance so that we do not lose what others have given us at such a great cost, by giving even their all.

The month of July is a month dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus and it is so fitting that we celebrate our Independence Day during this month. Jesus spoke to the pharisees in John's gospel: "If the son frees you, then you will truly be free." However, they objected to Jesus that they were never in bondage, but Jesus explained to them that they are in bondage because of sin. Sin takes away our freedom and our liberty. The sin binds us in darkness and prevents us from coming to the light of God. The sin binds us in error that we can be happy without God and those lesser goods that we pursue will be able to satisfy our heart desire for love. Jesus truly knew that he needed to be bonded and led to the cross so that by his sacrifice and shedding of his precious blood he may purchase us back and obtain our liberty, our freedom of being truly children of God.

We are grateful to those who sacrificed much or all so that we could have liberty on this land, how much more grateful should we be for the liberty that Jesus Christ obtained for us through his sacrifice so that we may be welcomed into the heavenly land. Those in the past who fought for freedom knew the cost it would require of them to obtain liberty from the oppression of those rulers who used their power not for the good of their subjects, but for their own ambitions and selfish purposes. How many of us are aware of the cost that our liberty from the oppression of sin required? This is truly a great mystery, because we cannot comprehend the scope of the evil that sin has had, has, and will have on our lives. Only God truly knows the depth of the impact that the sin has on our lives. We experience or know this impact in a limited human way. However, the depth of this mystery is revealed in the cross of Christ, in his sacrifice and shedding of his blood. The cross reveals to us how our sins destroy and disfigure our nature. It shows the tremendous suffering that the sin brings to our lives and our relationship with God. The cross shows how sin wounds our nature. The cross shows us how sin immobilizes us and takes away our liberty to extend helpful hand and to walk in the path of righteousness. The cross shows us how sin pierces our heart and mind and drains us from joy and peace.

In the sacrifice of Jesus, we see the great mystery of how the sin to be removed requires an offering of oneself in an act of perfect love. Only the love that is so great that it seeks nothing for itself, but all for the one that it seeks to love. This selfless love has the power to break the bond that selfish love ties up the heart. The sacrifice of the Jesus is a gift of God's perfect and infinite love for which nothing can be exchanged but only received with humble and never-ending thanksgiving.

Many in the past offered great treasures to pay for the liberty and for their life but nothing is of greater and priceless value than the precious blood of Christ, by which our debt of sin was paid and our life was purchased back. This precious blood of Jesus is of such a great and priceless value that even death itself is too little and it cannot match its worth. The precious blood of Jesus has such a power that it breaks the power of hell and extinguish its unquenchable fires. It is the precious blood of Jesus that restores us to true health, enriches us with grace, binds our wounds, restores us peace and joy, ends our suffering and brings us harmony with God. It is the precious blood of Jesus that brings life to our souls and love to our hearts. It is the precious blood of Jesus that puts us on path of righteousness and enables us to use our freedom for the good of our neighbor and for the glory of God. If only we could realize what a great gift a one drop of Jesus's precious blood can accomplish then pouring out his entire blood would fill us with great astonishment and awe that God in his goodness and mercy has shown to us, who deserved nothing, such a generosity. Then we would desire to offer constant praise to God for the priceless gift of his most precious blood.

O Most Precious Blood of Jesus, Save us!

Fr. Marcin

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, July 6	4:00 PM	<b>Bruno J. Mandica +</b> Req. Req. John & Kitty Mandica <b>Tony Strollo +</b> Req. Mom and Dad
Sunday, July 7	7:30 AM	<b>Albert &amp; Marie Del Maestro +</b> Phyllis Del Maestro
	11:00 AM	<b>Robert Finnegan +</b> Req. Rosemary Finnegan <b>Donald Curtis +</b> Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, July 10	8:30 AM	<b>Louis Ciarla +</b> Req. Irene Ciarla <b>Eileen McGinley +</b> Req. Mills Family
Friday, July 12	8:30 AM	<b>William Stanton +</b> Req. Irene Ciarla <b>Joan B. Hiles +</b> Req. Mills Family
Saturday, July 13	8:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased members of the Parish</b>
Sunday, July 14	4:00 PM	<b>Marion &amp; Joe Marotta +</b> Req. Maryanne Ioli & Family <b>Funzie Strollo ( Happy Birthday )</b> Req. Steve
	7:30 AM	<b>Marija Katkuviene +</b> Req. Ryan Family
	11:00 AM	<b>Marilyn Ferraro ( 12th anniversary ) +</b> Req. Ferraro Family <b>Marion &amp; Joseph Marotta +</b> Maryanne Ioli & Family

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, July 6	5:00PM	<b>Howard White +</b> Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons <b>Deceased Members of the Mc Cormick Family+</b> Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, July 7	8:00 AM	<b>Anne Waitt +</b> Req. Bob & Mary Waitt <b>Thomas McDonagh +</b> Req. Celmer & McDonagh Families
	10:00 AM	<b>Charles Ruggirello +</b> Req. Wife, Sandy <b>Robert Scally +</b> Req. Father George, Betty & Tanya
Monday, July 8	9:00AM	<b>Russell &amp; Sharon Levitt +</b> Req. Ima Sylvia
Tuesday, July 9	9:00 AM	<b>Thomas Cavanagh +</b>
Wednesday, July 10	9:00 AM	<b>Thomas Morrissey +</b> <b>Karen Daly +</b> Req. Dee Ritota
Thursday, July 11	9:00 AM	<b>Marie Scally +</b> Req. Donna Scally <b>Francis Waitt +</b> Req. Bob & Mary Waitt
Saturday July 13	5:00 PM	<b>Katherine Mueller +</b> Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons <b>James Dix +</b> Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday July 14	8:00 AM	<b>Dr. William "Bill" Beegle +</b> Req. Rosemary Finnegan <b>Dr. William "Bill" Beegle +</b> Req. Friends & Family
	10:00 AM	<b>Robert Scally +</b> Req. Beegle Family <b>Joe Cilento +</b> Req. Charles & Patty Brown

Schedule your weekly offering online!

### LEARN ABOUT E-GIVING

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### Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts

Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Dennis, Ed or 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.

RITE OF  
CHRISTIAN  
INITIATION  
FOR ADULTS



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**



**Second Collection Next week:  
Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Thank you!**

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

### 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org) under the About us tab or email or call the Parish Office 732-222-1424 or [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org).

# 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 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.



*Journey of Faith*  
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# 11-Day

*Eucharistic Miracle Pilgrimage to Italy*  
September 29 - October 9, 2024



SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR:  
REV. MARTIN O'REILLY,

MORE INFORMATION/ REGISTRATION

[WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/TRENTON24](http://WWW.JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM/TRENTON24) | CAROLYN NORBUT | 732-216-8073 | [CAROLYN@JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM](mailto:CAROLYN@JOURNEYOFFAITHTOURS.COM)

Please join us, the Associates of Saint Lucy Filippini, on a spiritual and pleasurable pilgrimage to Italy from November 4 to 14, 2024. We celebrate the life of Saint Lucy visiting places in Rome; Vatican City, Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel, Tarquinia, Montefiascone, Castel Gandolfo, Santa Maria Goretti's Shrine and more. Some of the special highlights will be joining Pilgrims from the world over for a Papal Audience with Our Holy Father Pope Francis and a visit with the Generalate of the Filippini Sisters. For further information please contact Sr. Lucy Battistuz ...[lucybattistuz@gmail.com](mailto:lucybattistuz@gmail.com)

(Note from Rae Marsico: I have been on this pilgrimage and it's a wonderful experience. You may call me for information as well at 732-859-7538.)

## Saint Lucy Filippini

1672-2022

## Celebrating 350 Years

ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
*Appeal* 2024



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

### 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:** David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

**Week 2:** Fiona Lytle, Candace, Barbara Compton, Alfred Trapanese, Rimas Lukas, Linda Boxer.

**Week 3:** Nick Greico, Michael Romano.

**Week 4:** Sam Britton, Regina Roche, Frank Marsico, Frank Signorelli, Rob Norman, Sammi Yanni, David, Myra and Maureen Walther, Bernice Cobb, and Carole Mueller.

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](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org) or call 732-222-1424 to extend \*\*



### 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 Parish office : **732-222-1424** or **Email [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)** 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](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)



### 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  
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Email Address: [office@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:office@ladyofhopeparish.org)  
Website: [www.ladyofhopeparish.org](http://www.ladyofhopeparish.org)  
St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409  
Email Address: [stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org)  
[frmrcin@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:frmrcin@ladyofhopeparish.org)



**Catholic War Veterans of America  
Monmouth County Post 714  
Presents two scholarships  
for the President's Outstanding  
General Excellence Award**

Thank you to the Catholic War Veterans Post 714 for their support of Saint Jerome School's finest tradition of Catholic Education.



Students received awards for both the National Anthology Contest and the Monmouth County Fair housing Contest where we had three first place winners; Gael Souza, Aayusshi Medidi, Michaela Redd.



We did it! Under the direction of Ms. Asmar and Mrs. Imperato, Saint Jerome School now has a girl's basketball team. We will join the

*As we begin...*

*So shall we go!*

We began the year asking for God's blessings and now we conclude thanking God for all the blessings we received and looking forward to a restful summer and hope for the future.

