

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
2025

"HOPE DOES NOT DISAPPOINT"

Romans 5:5



**"A GOOD TREE DOES NOT
BEAR ROTTEN FRUIT, NOR
DOES A ROTTEN TREE BEAR
GOOD FRUIT."**

LUKE 6:43

March 2, 2025 * Eighth 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,

This Sunday Jesus in the gospel speaks to us about the types of trees that produce the fruit. One tree which is good and another which is bad. Both trees produce fruit, but each in accordance with the type of tree that it is. Jesus uses this analogy to describe different kind of people. This Monday March third we honor St. Catherine Drexel. She was definitely a good tree, because she was deeply rooted in her Catholic Faith, and she drew her strength and nourishment from her life of prayer and especially from the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Catherine Drexel was a daughter of a wealthy Drexel family who established the Drexel University in Philadelphia. Catherine lost her parents at a young age, and she inherited great wealth. However, her heart was seeking to give herself completely to God and she founded the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. St. Catherine was moved by her love for Christ, and she desired to pour out that love in the works of charity, to love Christ in the poor. She understood the value of education that the poor needed to help them to be lifted from their impoverished state. She established Catholic Schools and Catholic Missions, with a particular care for the Native Indians and the Black people. Even though her work seemed controversial in her time, she remained undeterred in her desire to help those in need, because we all were created by God and Christ offered himself in love on the cross for all people.

St. Catherine is the example of the disciple of Christ, who knows that all the work that we do needs to be supported by the grace of God in order that it may be truly good. The grace to carry out works of charity must draw its strength from the source of love and grace that is found in Christ. St. Catherine spend much time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, so that the work she sought to accomplish may be blessed and supported by the Lord. She believed and trusted the words of her teacher and Lord Jesus Christ, that without him we can do nothing. It is amazing that St. Catherine followed the same order of love as so many other saints who were involved in the works of charity. All those saints had always a profound devotion to the Blessed Sacrament that empowered them to pour themselves out in the works of charity. All of us should seek to imitate the saints in this movement of love, which begins with the Lord present in the Eucharist and then moves to the love of the Lord in the needy and the poor. It is amazing that the more those saints spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament the more and with much ease they were able to accomplish the works of charity.

It is important to notice that love by its nature leads to action, because love always seeks to love others and to pour itself out for the good of others. Since the Blessed Sacrament is the living Christ who is love, therefore we can understand why adoring Christ in the Blessed Sacrament transforms us into vessels of love who then carry this love to others. Just like the wood exposed to the source of fire catches the flame and begins to burn with that flame, so we too when we come before the Eucharistic Lord, we are set a flame with love. This flame of love softens our heart, burns out from our heart selfishness, and warms our heart by removing the coldness of indifference. This flame of love within us will drive us to give of oneself to others in whatever capacity or need they are found. In our parish every first Friday of the month we have the opportunity to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. What a blessed opportunity we have to be empowered in our hearts with God's love. May this coming first Friday of the month will become the first of many Fridays that we will participate in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. May the love of Christ transform us, so that always we may be a good tree, which is able to produce good fruit.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK
BLACK & NATIVE AMERICAN
THANK YOU!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Friday-March 7
3:00-6:00 pm
St. Jerome Church



Parish Giving
*Enhancing Stewardship through
Electronic Funds Transfer*




*All donations, contributions, and payments to the Parish
for both churches including Interfaith Neigh-
bors should be made payable to:*
The Parish of Our Lady of Hope



Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 1	4:00 PM	Tony Strollo + Rene Langlois + Req. Mom & Dad Req. Loving wife
Sunday, March 2	7:30 AM	Clement & Margaret + Req. Vito & Liz Paolantonio
	11:00 AM	Michael Patrick Turner + Julio Cesar Galicia + Req. Ann Clarke Req. Family
Wednesday, March 5	8:30 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY
Friday, March 7	8:30 AM	Rose Lee + Req. Irene Ciarla
Saturday, March 8	8:30 AM	All souls in Purgatory
Sunday, March 9	4:00 PM	Gertrude Vona + Ivanna Portillo + Req. Daughter Rosanne Req. Her parents
	7:30 AM	Rose Mahedy +
	11:00 AM	Julio Cesar Galicia + Maria Galicia + Req. Family Req. Family

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 1	5:00PM	Young –Wan Maria Kong Joe & Ginny Marmora + Req. Helen Kong Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, March 2	8:00 AM	Robert Scally + 1st Anniversary Rose Mahedy + Req. Donna Scally Req. Carole White & Family
	10:00 AM	Rob Stratton + Anna Marie Pugliese + Req. His wife, Barbara Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Monday, March 3	9:00AM	Joseph Dellomo + Mr. Jung-Won Kim + Req. Wife, Palmina & Children Req. Helen Kong
Tuesday, March 4	9:00 AM	Frank Rosano + Req. Nella
Wednesday, March 5	9:00 AM	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thursday, March 6	9:00 AM	Joseph Marmora + Req. A Church Friend
Saturday, March 8	5:00 PM	Jack Lumley + Dr. & Mrs. Byoung—Woo Kong Req. Donna Scally Req. Helen Kong
Sunday, March 9	8:00 AM	Betty Lumley + Arline Solecki + & Jerome Foley + Req. Donna Scally Req. Mary & Bob Waitt
	10:00 AM	Gina Grieco + Rose Mahedy + Req. Ann Sears Req. David Dingott



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.

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.

<p style="text-align: center;">Contact Information</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pastoral</p> <p>Reverend Marcin Kania, Administrator frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Weekend Assistant Priests</p> <p>Rev. Michael Lynch * Rev. Jerome Nolan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Support Staff</p> <p>Deacon Louis Jakub</p>	<p>Maria Lozano * Parish Secretary Carolyn Silva * Bookkeeper Norma Adamitis - Joann Fischer * Volunteers Christine Scholtz * Adult Faith Formation John Dufford * Maintenance Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., * Trustees</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School Staff</p> <p>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</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Jerome School Contact Information</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.saintjermoeschool.org Phone: 732-222-8686</p>
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Our Lady of Hope Parish

Ash Wednesday, March 5th Schedule

St. Jerome

8:30 AM Mass

4:30 PM Service

7:00 PM Mass

St. Mary

9:00 AM Mass

12:00 noon Service



YEAR OF HOPE CORNER

“Ours is the Spirit of the Eucharist, the total Gift of Self.”
“The Eucharist is a never-ending sacrifice. It is the Sacrament of love, the supreme love, the act of love.”

My sweetest Joy is to be in the presence of Jesus in the holy Sacrament. I beg that when obliged to withdraw in body, I may leave my heart before the holy Sacrament. How I would miss Our Lord if He were to be away from me by His presence in the Blessed Sacrament!

“The patient and humble endurance of the cross – whatever nature it may be – is the highest work we have to do.”

“If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward and fear nothing.”

“Christ wishes the Christian Community to be a body that is perfect because we work together towards a single end, and the higher the motive which actuates this collaboration the higher, no doubt, will be the union. Now the end in question is supremely exalted: the continuous sanctification of the Body for the glory of God and the Lamb that was slain Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament.”



Saint Katharine Drexel



HELP SAVE LIVES IN MONMOUTH COUNTY!

Protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide witness of prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils, and community outreach.

Take part in 40 Days for Life in Monmouth County

Vigil Location: Planned Parenthood at 69 E. Newman Springs Road, Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

Vigil Hours: Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm.
Saturday / Sunday - at will.

Local Contact: monmouth4life@hotmail.com

Learn More... 40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury

Check our Resources for Educational Information, Prayer and Pregnancy Resources.

Come and Bring a Friend... or 2... or 3!

40 Days For Life/Shrewsbury is a peaceful, prayerful witness. There is no shouting, foul language or graphic signs. As always, stay on the sidewalk or public right of way. Do not go on private property, block driveway or park in Planned Parenthood lot.

Please follow current COVID 19 protocols.

OLH and the nearby parishes usually goes to pray on Mondays 10AM, 12 noon and 2PM. Please come and join us with your rosary and a friend.



The Parish of our Lady of Hope

Welcomes our Newly Baptized

Skylar Anne Gerety

Daughter of:

Graham Patrick Gerety & Chantell Colon

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 Covello Jr, Nick Grieco, Michael Romano, Fiona Lytle.

Week 4: Anthony Lamorte

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 **



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 22/ Feb 23, 2025		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,245	67 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,524	73 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,447	109 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,163	38 families
Total	\$ 5,379	249 people

“For it is
 in
giving
 that
 we
receive.”
 - St. Francis of Assisi

Saturday/Sunday, Feb 22/ Feb 23, 2025		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 765	71 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 539	73 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,720	90 people
Online Giving	\$ 841	26 families
Total	\$3,864	206 people

HEAT & SNOW REMOVAL: \$1,224 Thank you!

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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 March 8-9, 2025, to Trinity Sunday, June 14-15, 2025** However, the Church’s law does permit this precept to be fulfilled at another time during the year when there is a just cause.



**St. Jerome PTA
Gift Auction 2025**

You Are Invited!!!

Saturday, March 29th

11am – 4pm

**ST. JEROME PTA's 44th ANNUAL
GIFT AUCTION & LUNCHEON**

Catering by Buona Sera @
St. George Greek Orthodox Church
1033 West Park Ave Ocean Township, NJ

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2025>

Buffet Luncheon

This is a BYOB event (Glassware provided)
All guests attending must be 21 years of age or older.

*Scan with phone to RSVP
and order tickets.*



Attendance to Gift Auction & Luncheon

- \$60 per person- includes buffet luncheon and live viewing of gift auction (forms of payment are Cash, Checks payable to St. Jerome PTA or Venmo @SJSGiftAuction-PTA)
- Please list guests you would like to be seated with on sign up page. Table Maximum 12.
- BYOB- Guests are allowed to bring wine/beer for your table. Glassware will be provided.
- For additional information, please contact Lori DeLeonardis at 732-245-8305 or email: loridel1999@gmail.com

Option 1:

Attendance to: Gift Auction and Luncheon

\$60 per person (includes buffet lunch and live viewing of auction)

*Raffle tickets purchased at additional cost

Option 2:

Gift Auction Only- 9:30-11:00 am
Access to gift room only for ticket drop and link to livestream drawing to watch from home.

If you are unable to rsvp online, please contact Lori DeLeonardis at 732-245-8305

**Acceptable forms of payment will be cash, Venmo and credit card at check-in.
No checks will be accepted on the day of event.**

Additional Assistance: Please call the office 732.222.8686. We are here to help you!

On behalf of our children, thank you for your support and God bless you!