

# The Parish of Our Lady of Hope

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



St. Mary of the Assumption Church  
46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ 07723

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

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



March 24, 2024 \* Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



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

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

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



## A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

Our Catholic Faith uses many different symbols, traditions, and practices to give an external expression to our faith. These symbols help our mind to draw our attention to those truths and realities of our faith that cannot be experienced through our senses. These truths and realities that we believe in and live by. On the Ash Wednesday we used ashes as a sign of penance and desire to die to ourselves, so that we can be more alive in Christ. This Sunday we bless and receive palm branches, to symbolize our joy in the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem as our King and Messiah, who is coming humbly and in meekness to offer himself as a sacrificial victim, as a sacrificial lamb on the altar of the cross.

Another tradition or custom that we practice in anticipation of the resurrection of Christ is a blessing of Easter foods. This unique custom although not practiced in our country as widely as in other countries can help us to express our Catholic Faith in Christ's redemption in a very meaningful way. Living in Poland, this custom was always popular even for those Catholics who neglected the practice of their faith. Sometimes those simple expressions of faith kept the faith alive, especially under the oppression of atheistic communist government. I would like to share with you the deep meaning that this tradition has for our Catholic faith and in a way encourage you and your extended families to participate in the practice of this custom.

The food is normally placed in a wicker basket. The basket that is made from dried reeds and bound together which reminds us of the baskets that were used during the multiplication of the breads and fishes, the great miracle where Christ by his divine power fed thousands of people who followed him. We too follow Christ, and we seek to be fed by his truth and grace. The baskets are decorated with greenery to show the life that we have is also attached to Christ. The life of Christ brings life to our life that is dried out from lack of grace and those various sins that binds us or entangle us. The opening of the basket can be covered by nice cloth for the protection of foods from any dust or dirt that could fall on them while we are bringing the baskets for the blessing to the church.

Each food that goes into the basket has particular meaning connected to faith. The first food that is a symbol of new life are eggs. These should be hard boiled eggs that can be cooked with different colors to stain the eggs shells. My family cooked eggs with dry onion skins, which gave the eggs wonderful brown color. The reason that we color the eggs is because Christ's redemption and resurrection brings life and beauty to our gray and mundane life. These eggs will be cracked and eaten during the Easter breakfast. The cracking of the egg's shells on Easter Sunday will remind us that Christ broke open the tomb in his resurrection. The eggs that we will partake of will symbolize the receiving of this new Life of Christ, just as we through our sacrament of baptism partook in rising to the new life of grace with Christ.

The Second food that we place in the basket is some type of bread. This food symbolizes that Christ is for us a bread that came down from heaven, and this true bread that Christ is for us and on whom we are feed, sustains and increase in us this new life of grace that Jesus obtained for us in his Paschal Mystery, by his death and resurrection. Each person should partake of the piece of this bread on Easter as sign of hope that we place in Christ, who leads us to eternal life of heaven.

The third food that we place in the basket is some type of meat. It can be ham, bacon, sausage, lamb, something that is already cooked. The meats are a symbol of Christ as a paschal lamb. The Israel people were told to eat the flesh of roasted lamb during Passover feast to commemorate being set free from the bondage in Egypt, which was a prefigurement of Christ, the true lamb on whom the people of God would feed and the lamb of God that truly sets us free from sin and preserve us from eternal death. The links of sausage are a symbol of the chains of death that Christ broke through his resurrection.

The fourth food is cakes and sweets. This food symbolizes for us the new life of Christ, by which we experience the delights that his grace and love brings to our hearts and souls. We partake of these cakes and sweets as a reminder of the hope that is in store for us in the life of heaven with God and the joy that Christ victory over death brings to our hearts.

The fifth food is salt and spices. Jesus said that we are 'the salt of the earth.' Salt is the symbol of the grace of faith that we have received, which preserves us from the corruption of sin. The spices symbolize the faith in Christ, which like the salt brings flavor to our life.

The sixth food is a horseradish a symbol of the bitterness of the slavery in Egypt and the passion that Christ endured for our salvation.

The seventh food is cheese which is a symbol that should remind Christians to practice moderation in everything.

We can place a lamb made from butter or cake or chocolate as a symbol of Christ our Paschal Lamb, who through the sacrifice on the cross and resurrection have won the victory over sin and death and have brought reconciliation between us and God. The butter is a symbol of the richness of the grace that overflowed from Christ's death and resurrection.

We can also place chocolate easter bunnies, because in accordance with Christian tradition, the bunny who sleeps with eyes open was the first animal that witnessed Christ's resurrection.

In some countries people also place the bottle of wine, as a symbol of the wine of salvation that is the precious blood of Christ, which was shed to obtain for us the forgiveness of sins and the joy of new life in Christ.

This coming Holy Saturday we will have the blessing of Easter foods. It is my hope that all will be able to join in this truly Catholic tradition. It is also my hope that as you partake of these blessed foods on Easter Sunday during your family meal, that you will be able to appreciate even more the deep meaning of the blessings that Jesus bestowed upon us through his Paschal Mystery, his death and resurrection.

"Taste and see that the Lord is good." Psalm 34:9

Fr. Marcin



## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions			St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, March 23	4:00 PM	Ralph Caprio + Req. The Danback Family Matthew Paul Mandica +(Happy Birthday in Heaven) Req. Mom & Dad	Saturday, March 23	5:00 PM	Barry A. Jacobson + Req. Rick Martel Family Catherine Troglen + Req. Diane Ailor
Palm Sunday, March 24	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased Parishioners	Palm Sunday, March 24	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo Robert Stratton + Req. Victor & Barbara Calvo
	11:00 AM	Mary Falvo + Eugenio Ruta + ( 1yr) Req. John * Georgie Mandica & Family Her Children		10:00 AM	Howard White + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons Edward P. Kozmar + Req. Rick Martel Family
Wednesday, March 27	8:30 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish	Monday, March 25	9:00AM	Charles J. Ruggirello + Req. Parish of Our Lady of Hope Giovanna & Luigi Dellomo + Req. Anthony Dellomo
Holy Thursday, March 28	7:00 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper		Tuesday, March 26	9:00 AM
Good Friday, March 29	3:00 PM	Good Friday Service	Wednesday, March 27	9:00 AM	Margaret J. Medoff +
Holy Saturday, March 30 <b>Easter Sunday,</b> March 31	12:00 noon	Blessing of Food	Holy Saturday, March 30	11:00 AM 7:30 PM	Blessing of Food Easter Vigil - Living and Deceased members of the Parish
	7:30 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish	<b>Easter Sunday,</b> March 31	8:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish
	9:30 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish		10:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish
	11:00 AM	Living and Deceased members of the Parish			

### 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: Alfred Trapanese.

Week 2: David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand.

Week 3: Fiona Lytle, Candace

Week 4: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole, Nick Greico.

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 \*\***



### To Register

please contact

Sister Elizabeth

Toft at :

732-222-2016

**April 20, 2024**

**9:30 AM - 3:00 PM**

with

**Rev. Msgr. George Hundt**

Pastor, St. Gerard Majella  
Paterson, New Jersey

OASIS 2024

WOMEN OF FAITH

Spend a day of spiritual reflection and renewal with the Sisters and women on the journey. The day includes:

- Mass
- Conference
- Reconciliation
- Rosary and /or Stations of the Cross
- Eucharistic Adoration

Registration Fee: \$15.00

For more information, contact:  
Sr. Alice Ivanyo, MPF  
[sralicej@gmail.com](mailto:sralicej@gmail.com) or 732-238-9222

At Villa Walsh there are 125 acres of broad space, parking, 2 chapels, and outdoor Stations of the Cross.

Bring your own lunch. Beverages will be available throughout the day. Villa Walsh is handicapped accessible. There is also a Religious Gift Shop.

Hosted by:

The Religious Teachers Filippini  
Villa Walsh  
455 Western Avenue

# Our Lady of Hope Parish



## Holy Week

**March 28 — Holy Thursday**

**Mass of the Lord's Supper** 7:00 pm St. Jerome

**March 29 — Good Friday**

**Stations of the Cross** 12:00 noon St. Mary

**Good Friday Service** 3:00 pm St. Jerome

**March 30 — Holy Saturday**

**Blessing of food** 11:00 am St. Mary

**Blessing of food** 12:00 noon St. Jerome

**Easter Vigil** 7:30 pm St. Mary

**March 31 — Easter Sunday**

**St. Jerome**

7:30 am

9:30 am

11:00 am

**St. Mary**

8:00 am

&

10:00 am

Please pray for the Priests of our Diocese as they renew their priestly commitment during the Chrism Mass, Monday of Holy Week .



*May the blessings of the Lord be with you on Palm Sunday and always!*

**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).

**Parish Office Closed**

**The parish office will be closed from Thursday, March 28th through Monday, April 1st. Will Reopen Tuesday April 2nd.**

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.



**Parish Giving**  
*Enhancing Stewardship through Electronic Funds Transfer*

Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church, and offices. Other ways to donate may be found on our website [www.dioceseoftrenton.org](http://www.dioceseoftrenton.org) use parish name or code P3655 when donating. Checks should be written to Catholic Appeal not the parish. Our goal this year is **\$55,000. Thank you!** As of 03/18/2024 paid so far \$ 12,202 which is 22% of our goal from 55 Donors.

**ANNUAL CATHOLIC Appeal 2024**

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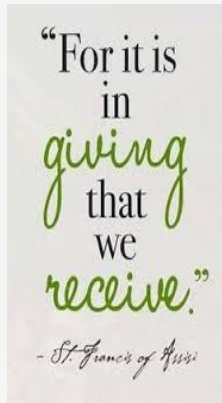
## Our Lady of Hope Parish Weekly Collection and Attendance

May the Good Lord bless you for your generosity

St. Jerome

St. Mary of the Assumption

Saturday/Sunday, March 16/17, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$897	82 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,826	89 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,628	121 people
Online Giving	\$900	39 families
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,251</b>	<b>292 people</b>
Last year same weekend total	\$5,988	321 people



Saturday/Sunday, March 16/17, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 768	92 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 654	67 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,156	112 people
Online Giving	\$ 812	29 families
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,390</b>	<b>271 people</b>
Last year same weekend total	\$3,987.00	256 people

Catholic Relief Services: \$1,450

Catholic Relief Services: \$856

### Rosary Altar Society:

Thank you to all who bought Palm Crosses last weekend. Your support is greatly appreciated. Our next M & M--Mass and Meeting--- will be the next first Saturday, April 6: Mass at 8:30 at St. Jerome's, followed by R & R--Rosary & Refreshments-- in the Rectory Conference Room. All women from St. Jerome's & St. Mary's are invited. Want to know more about the Rosary Altar Society? Call Rae at 732-859-7538.



### 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.**



**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.

### 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  
 Website: www.ladyofhopeparish.org  
 St. Mary's phone: 732-531-1409  
 Email Address: stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org  
 frmarcin@ladyofhopeparish.org

## Palm Sunday Holy Week

Please join us on **Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 10:00 am** for the Passion Program presented by the Saint Jerome School Students. Together, we pray as we enter the Easter Triduum.

### *A message from a special friend...*

To All our Parishioners and School Families!

Thank you for all the visits, cards, letters that I receive from you. I am so grateful for the connections. The Sisters do keep me informed about all the wonderful people and things that go on at Our Lady of Hope Parish.

I am going to miss the Passion Play and the Easter Triduum this year but I will be praying for all of you.

I know the Fashion Show is April 20, 2024. I am very happy that we are going off premises again. What a wonderful theme, Aloha ... Welcome! Please remember to support this because it helps us to provide for our children.

Remember to pray to Cardinal Marcantonio Barbarigo (co-founder of our community) for a miracle for me. I want to walk and rejoin all of you. God bless all of you. **Sister Angelina Pelliccia, MPF**

## *You Are Invited!!!*

St. Jerome PTA Gift Auction 2024



**Saturday,  
April 20, 2024  
11am - 4pm**

### **ST. JEROME PTA 43<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL GIFT AUCTION & FASHION SHOW**

*New Venue this Year!*

The Venue by Jimmy Pecci - St. George Greek Orthodox Church  
1033 West Park Avenue, Ocean Township, NJ

[www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2024](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/sjs2024)

#### **Buffet Luncheon includes:**

Chicken Francese, Penne Vodka,  
Eggplant Rollatini, Salad, Dinner Rolls,  
Dessert, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Tea.

**This is a BYOB event** (glassware provided)

All guests attending must be 21 years of age or older.

#### **2 attendance options available:**

##### **Option 1:**

**Attendance to:** Gift Auction, Luncheon and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fashion Show

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

\*Raffle tickets purchased at additional cost

##### **Option 2:**

**Gift Auction Only-** 10-11:30am

Access to gift room only for ticket drop and link to livestream drawing to watch from home.

Scan with phone  
to RSVP and  
purchase tickets

