

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



November 24, 2024 * Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



[Saint Jerome School * National Blue Ribbon School](#)

Office Number: 732-222-8686

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

This week we will gather with our families and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving. It is important to remember the many blessings we have received from God in this past year and to offer our thanks to Him. Giving thanks to God is an important act that teaches us humility and gratitude. It helps us to remember how much we owe to God in bestowing upon us so many good things. Each one of us can express the specific things that we are grateful for and probably there won't be enough time to list them all. However, it is good to name at least ten things that we are grateful for every day, so that we may not lose the sight of knowing how good God is to us.

Thanksgiving helps us in rooting out from our lives those sins and vices that undermine our love of God. Thanksgiving teaches us to live our lives with contentment of what we have. How easily it is for us to look at others and fall into jealousy or envy for their looks, talents, possessions, relationships. Thanksgiving helps us to see that all that we have is a gift from God and therefore what others have, is also a gift. Since it is a gift from God, it teaches us respect for God and his wisdom in distributing the gifts to each one of us in accordance with our needs. When we fall into thoughts of jealousy or envy, we are offending God for being unjust or unwise in his judgment in granting those gifts.

Thanksgiving helps us to grow in greater appreciation of the worth of the things that we have. How easily we can take those things that we have for granted, not realizing that some other person have not receive them and I was blessed to have them. How frequently do we realize the true value of those things that we have only after we lose them. Would not be better to be aware of their worth, while there are in our possession and be moved in our hearts to express our love and gratitude to God for them? If we practice thanksgiving then even if we lose various good things from our life, then we still will be able to express our thanks to God knowing that their loss is not a complete loss, but rather be aware that God will replace one good for another good that will always be better. If we live in the spirit of thanksgiving then we would be able to say like Job "the Lord has given and the Lord has taken away, blessed be the Name of the Lord". Thanksgiving teaches us to be generous with blessings that we have received, because it disposes our hearts to have concern for others. It diminishes in us self-concern and enables us to have a deeper love for others. Thanksgiving teaches us not to harbor good things for ourselves but open our hearts to the needs of others. In consequence thanksgiving helps us to root out from our lives and hearts greed and pride.

Thanksgiving teaches us patience and trust in God. Offering our thanks to God helps us to see that we are completely dependent on God, and it is through his constant care for us that He bestows upon us various blessings. Since all good things come from Him, we also learn to wait for those good things that He grants us to receive in an appropriate time. Because God is never late in giving us what we need, but rather he helps us to grow to trust in Him that even what it might seem like a delay is also a blessing that teaches us to rely on Him.

It is therefore no surprise that God would call us to worship Him by offering a sacrifice of thanksgiving, the Eucharist. Every Mass is a perfect act of thanksgiving, for through it we offer to God the Father a gift of His Son which is always the most perfect gift that we could present as our gratitude for the blessings of forgiveness of sins, and divine life of grace. At every Mass we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude to God in the way that on our own it would not be possible nor sufficient. For what can we offer to God since everything that we have is from Him and there is nothing that God needs from us for He is already perfect and complete in Himself. It is therefore we who are truly benefiting from offering our thanks to God, both for this life and for our eternal life in heaven. Therefore, may we never tire of thanksgiving, but may our entire life be a constant thanks to God. For we can never be thankful enough to God, and thanksgiving will be a never-ending act of praise of Him in heaven. May our Blessed Mother be an inspiration and example in offering our thanks to God.

Our Lady of Hope, pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday-December 6

3:00-6:00 pm

St. Mary Church



Second Collection next week for **Saint Jerome**

The Legacy Fund

Thank you!



Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 23	4:00 PM	Maria Daconceicao—Vieira + Req. Rogelio & Paula Santos Joseph R. Okuszka Sr. Req. Amanda Prascsak, Sister Lucy Battistuz M.P.F, Sister Dolores Bianchi M.P.F Ass St. Lucy Filippini
Sunday, November 24	7:30 AM	Frances Monteleone + Req. Monteleone Family Caterina Bongarzone + Req. Mary Ann Vecchia
	11:00 AM	Lorraine Hausser + Req. Robert Hausser Donald Curtis + Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, November 27	8:30 AM	Samuel Thomas III + Req. Ella , Rasa, & Darren Ryan
Thursday, November 28	8:30 AM	Thankful Blessings for all Living & Deceased Parishioners
Friday, November 29	8:30 AM	Charlie & Mary Holtz + Req. Son, Charlie Holtz
Saturday, November 30	8:30 AM	Andrew P. Immit + Req. Mary P. Harmyk
	4:00 PM	Richard English + Req. Dennis, Eileen Pepitone & Family
Sunday, December 1	7:30 AM	Charlie & Mary Holtz + Req. Son, Charlie Holtz Samuel Charles Thomas III + Req. Marcantonio Family
	11:00 AM	Patrizia Scerbo + Req. Mary Ann Vecchia

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 23	5:00PM	Frank Rosano + Req. Nella John & Carol Sages—60th wedding Anniversary Req. Talarico Family
Sunday November 24	8:00 AM	Marc Adamitis + In memory of his birthday Req. Adamitis Family Thomas Mahedy + Req. Rose Mahedy & Family
	10:00 AM	James McGurl + Req. The Family Deceased members of Scally Family + Req. Donna Scally
Monday, November 25	9:00AM	Thomas Morrissey Vincenzo Russo + Req. His Wife & Children
Tuesday, November 26	9:00 AM	Betty Lumley + Req. Donna Scally
Wednesday, November 27	9:00 AM	Robert Scally + Req. Donna Scally Kathleen Bruno Celli + Req. Shaun & Aly White
Saturday, November 30	5:00 PM	Marie Scally + Req. Donna Scally Edith Salva + Req. Elaine Salva & Vincent Troniec
Sunday, December 1	8:00 AM	Sammy Boyd + Req. Koar Family Patrick & Lisa Chang Req. Helen Kong
	10:00 AM	Marie Scally + Req. Donna Scally Charles Ruggirello + Req. His Wife, Sandy

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



Contact Information

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

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Our Lady of Hope Parish

Fr. Alphonse Christmas Concert tickets are available ONLINE at www.stmichaelnj.com



**Fr. Alphonse's Christmas Concert
at St. Michael's Church
Sunday, December 22, 2024
1:30 p.m. in the Church
800 Ocean Ave., Long Branch**

Tickets for Fr. Alphonse Stephenson's Christmas Concert at St. Michael's Church are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased **online** by visiting the parish's website at www.stmichaelnj.com which will take you to the ticket-selling website of date to be announced in site, tickets will also be vestibule after some of the nounced. Tickets purchased at the church may be paid for concert seats will be reserved and assigned seating. The pricing levels are \$55, \$50, \$45, and \$40. Tickets will not be available for purchase in the parish business office (except as announced) nor over the phone.



SAINT MARY'S 2024 GIVING TREE

Make a wish upon a star and a child's Christmas dream can come true. Beginning Saturday November 30th you can pluck a star from the tree, purchase the suggested gift item, and return the **UNWRAPPED** item at any time before December 16th. Items are only suggestions and feel free to make any donation of your choice. Your generosity and support in the past to Inter-faith Neighbors has been greatly appreciated so let's continue the spirit of giving this Christmas.



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.



ARE YOU SEPARATED OR DIVORCED? DO YOU NEED HELP GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAY THIS YEAR?

St. Leo the Great Parish is pleased to announce that it is offering a "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar in December this year that will be offered for anyone that is divorced and/or separated.

This year our "Surviving the Holidays" Seminar will be held on **Wednesday, December 11th, 2024 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at St. Leo The Great located at 50 Hurleys Lane in Lincroft.

Please know that this Seminar has been offered since 2014 and it has helped many people. We are laypeople that have been through divorce, and we had found this program helpful to us. We would like to bring it to you and help you!



If interested or if you need any more information to decide if you want to attend, please email Michele Coppola Wilson at healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com. We would be happy to answer any of your questions.

We hope you can join us!

Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church, and offices. Other ways to donate may be found on our website 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**. As of **11/18/2024** paid so far **\$41,968** which is **76%** of our goal from **150 Donors**. Thank you!



The Rev. James B Coyle Knights of Columbus would like to

thank the Students and the Families of Our Lady of Hope Parish for making our Thanksgiving Food Drive a huge success. As a result we were able to deliver 3 full carloads of food to the Mercy Center in Asbury Park. This will bring Joy to the less fortunate in our area. Thank you again and a Happy and Holy Holiday Season.



HELPING HANDS NEEDED: Volunteer help is needed to assist in decorating the interior of Saint Mary's Church for the Christmas season. The task will be accomplished on Friday December 20th, 2024 at 10 a.m. Please mark your calendar and consider donating a few minutes of your time.



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, Nov 16/Nov 17, 2024

4:00 PM Mass	\$ 727	71 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 2,725	94 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,580	127 people
Online Giving	\$ 998	41 families
Total	\$ 6,030	292 people

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

Saturday/Sunday, Nov 16/Nov 17, 2024

5:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,086	72 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 718	78 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,006	104 people
Online Giving	\$ 782	26 families
Total	\$3,592	254 people

Thank you!

Thank you!

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.

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, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covello Jr, Nick Grieco, Michael Romano, Fiona Lytle.

Week 2:

Week 3: Jeff Miles, Betty D' Achino.

Week 4: 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.

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 **

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

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.

ALL ARE WELCOME. ALL BELONG
JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON



SENSORY FRIENDLY SUNDAY MASS



CELEBRATED BY BISHOP DAVID O'CONNELL

CO-CATHEDRAL OF ST.
ROBERT BELLARMINE

DECEMBER 15, 2024

2:00PM

61 GEORGIA ROAD
FREEHOLD, NJ 07728



Join us afterwards for a
Christmas Party.

*Families are welcome to attend this Mass adapted to accommodate individuals with autism or other sensory needs.
Any questions email NORMONHIS@gmail.com*

SAVE THE DATE - FREE ADMISSION

TENDER LOVING CHRIST

Presents

"BLESSED CHRISTMAS STORY"

*THE BLESSED MOTHER'S OWN WORDS
REVEALED TO THE FOUR MYSTICS*

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH
Friday, December 20, 2024, 7:00 pm
Many Holidays Songs Performed

Please join us for this Beautiful Journey



There is a time for Giving

All are invited to participate in the **10:00 am Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 27th 2024**. Each year, the Saint Jerome children very generously give of themselves to raise money for the children and sisters in our missions in Ethiopia. They are our sister school.

Unfortunately, there is a dire need. During the past two years, there was a Civil war that has destroyed the area. The sisters survived and did the best they could to maintain the property. As soon as the war was over, more than 1,400 children came to the school. Now, the government has told the sisters if they do not build another Kindergarten (for school, eating and sleeping) they will shut the whole complex down. The cost to us is \$500,000.00!

Please join us on Wednesday, November 27th at 10:00 a.m. for our Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Together, we pray for ourselves and our families and in a special way for our children and sisters in Adigrat. We ask that you first pray, and if you have the means to be as generous as you can. You may give any donations to Mrs. Monteleone in the school office.



Thanksgiving 2024

Please join the parish community on **Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.** in Saint Jerome Church for the **Annual Thanksgiving Mass**. As we approach Thanksgiving, I'm reminded of the importance of community and of coming together in gratitude for all God has given us. In Psalm 136:1, we are reminded to "give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever".

We thank you for your generosity in helping our children "feed the poor". The parish and school together collected and prepared over **50 baskets of food** that were sent to the **Knights of Columbus** for distribution. **Now we invite you to join us at Mass to praise and thank God our Father, Son and Holy Spirit for their goodness to us throughout the year.**

Be assured of the prayers of the Sisters this Thanksgiving. We thank you for your many kindnesses to us throughout the year but especially this past Thursday as we renewed our vows.

Looking forward to seeing all of you on Thanksgiving Day. As always the children will lead us.

God bless you.

Sister Elizabeth Seton

Principal