

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 8:30 AM
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 26, 2023

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

The month of November is coming to an end and this Sunday ends yet another liturgical year during which we celebrated the mysteries of our Faith. I wish to continue to speak about the Last Things. This week I want to address the death or the end of this life. We are born into this world with joy of our families and friends, but when this life is coming to an end, we experience sorrow. Many have asked why this must be, why the Lord permits us to go through this pain of saying goodbye to our loved ones. We must remember that death was not part of God's original plan for humanity or at least not in the same way. God, who is life, takes no pleasure in our experience of death. Death is an act of mercy and justice. When God created Adam and Eve, he intended for them to live but through sin death entered the world. Death became our punishment for original sin and that is why we who have descended from Adam and Eve and inherited their sin must die. Thy is why death is an act of God's justice for our evil. Death is also an act of mercy. Because God did not desire for us to live forever in misery of this life and so death brings the end to that misery and offers us relief from this life sufferings. It is thanks to God's revelation that we are aware of the significance and meaning of death. Without knowing God's plan, death is meaningless and cruel. For us Catholics death is part of our normal life of faith. When we are born, our parents bring us to be Baptized where we die to sin and old self and rise to new life of grace. Every day of our Christian life we seek to die to ourselves to live more freely for God. At every Mass we witness the death of Christ, that act of love which brought sin and death to death. Everyday we are reminded of our own approaching death when we pray for our Blessed Mother intercession: "pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death." Every day and especially during the month of November we pray for the faithful departed. So, death for us Catholics has a meaning because we see it as an instrument and a mean that leads us to life and immortality. We as Catholics should contemplate theses truths regularly so that we may look at this life through the prism of faith. Also, contemplating our final end can help us to grow in wisdom and see this life more and more through God's eyes. Death should not be feared, but it should be welcomed when it comes, because it brings us to eternal life. Death brings our hope of being with God to realization. All those Saints in heaven have passed through the death like through the gate and they are now enjoying the fullness of life, peace, and happiness. That is why the greater desire we have for heaven and our loving union with God, the more death loses its grip of fear on us. We do not seek death to remain dead, but rather that we may become truly alive. That is why, especially during the month of November, we are encouraged to visit cemeteries where our loved ones have been placed to rest. For us Catholics cemeteries are not a place of death, but a place of hopeful waiting for our resurrection. The cemeteries remind us of the shortness of this earthly life and its end, so that we may not waste time, but continue our preparation for eternal life that awaits us. It is therefore a good catholic practice to go to cemeteries to visit and pray. We should clean the place of our loved us resting place to remind ourselves that their remains are sacred and that they have us who remain to take care of that which they cannot do for themselves. When we are there, we also light the candles, which is an act of faith in resurrection of the dead, but also an act of faith in Christ who first rose from the dead. The burning light of the candle reminds us that our loved ones are alive even though their bodies are not. We affirm our faith that we are more than a body and that we also possess an immortal soul. As I grew up in Poland on All Saints Day and All Souls Day, I would travel with my family from one cemetery to another to try to visit as many sites as possible of those deceased that were from my family or known to us. During the evening, cemeteries were lit with thousands of candles as if they were on fire and the glow would be so bright that one would not need light from streetlamps. It is my hope that the visiting of cemetery would also become a family event for every Catholic so that it may help us grow in deeper faith and keep the hope of resurrection and heavenly life more vivid in our minds and hearts.

Our Lady of Hope, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

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, November 18/19, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,531	64 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$2,243	84 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,786	114 people
Online Giving	\$860	38 families
Total	\$3,720	276 people
Last year same weekend total	\$6,616	274 people

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

Saturday/Sunday, November 18/19, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$984	77 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$857	69 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,786	175 people
Online Giving	\$817	28 families
Total	\$3,627	321 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,026	264 people

Interfaith Neighbors 1487.00 Thank you !

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25	4:00 PM	Toni Strollo + Connie & Rich Dominguez Robert Finnegan + Connie & Rich Dominguez
Sunday, November 26	7:30 AM	Thankful Blessings for all living and Deceased Parishioners
	11:00 AM	William Nurthen + Rich & Connie Dominguez Lorraine Hausser + Robert Hausser
Wednesday, November 29	8:30 AM	M.F.P
Friday, December 1	8:30 AM	Robert Finnegan + Rosemary Finnegan
Saturday, December 2	8:30 AM	Hollie Lyn Formen + (1 yr.) OLH William Nurthen + The Monteleone Family
	4:00 PM	Toni Strollo + Mom & Dad William Nurthen + The Sita Family
Sunday, December 3	7:30 AM	Paul Ledwell + Dennehy Family & McNamara
	11:00 AM	Peter Aliseo + Cathy Longano Frank Bulzis + Doreen & Mark Bulzis

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25	5:00 PM	Peter Bolan + Req. Mary Catherine Mahon Edward Sullivan + Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
Sunday, November 26	8:00 AM	Nancy Maloney + Req. Lee & Harry Copperthwaite
	10:00 AM	Giovanna & Luigi Dellomo + Req. Caroline & Ferdinando Guiscardo Pasquale Dellomo + Req. Anthony Dellomo
Monday, November 27	9:00 AM	Richard English III + Req. Anthony Dellomo
Tuesday, November 28	9:00 AM	Donald Curtis + Happy Heavenly Birthday Req. Marie Curtis
Wednesday, November 29	9:00 AM	Frank & Elaine Fisher
Thursday, November 30	9:00 AM	Lynda Newman Miller + Req. Joann Fisher
Saturday, December 2	5:00 PM	Edward Sullivan + Req. Diane Ailor Deceased Members of the Tallarico Family + Req. Lea Tallarico & Family
Sunday, December 3	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo
	10:00 AM	Joseph Dellomo Req. Caroline & Ferdinando Guiscardo

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Saint Mary's Angel Giving Tree – 2023



Please be an angel and select an angel tag from our 2023 Giving Tree supporting Interfaith Neighbors to make the holiday season a little brighter for those in need.

Beginning Saturday November 23, our Angel Giving Tree will be located in the main entrance to Saint Mary's Church. When you select your angel from the tree, purchase the item(s), attach the

angel to the UNWRAPPED gift and return to the Church no later than Sunday December 18, 2023. Interfaith Neighbors will collect, organize, and distribute the donated gifts.

Thank you for your usual generosity and support.

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: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

Week 2: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole.

Week 3: Sam Britton, Bernice Cobb, Frank Marsico, Carole Mueller, Rob Norman, Regina Roche, Frank Signorelli, David, Myra, Maureen Walther, and Sammi Yanni, Alfred Trapanese.

Week 4: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Howard White, Charlie Ruggirello.

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****



Rosary Altar Society: Thanks to all Rosarians and Parishioners who supported our October Bake Sale at St. Jerome's! Surprise! Surprise! --we're having another one in the Spring at St. Mary's!! (Yummy!) Next MM (Mass & Meeting) on the first Saturday, December 2; Mass at 8:30 am at St. Jerome's (or the Rectory Conference Room), followed by our Christmas brunch at Amy's Omelette House. Member Rosarians, let us know if you're coming--either wait for and respond to Robin's e-mail or call Rae at 732-859-7538 to reserve your place. **LOOKING AHEAD:** Next MM/RR (Mass & Meeting; Rosary & Refreshments) will be February 3 (no meeting in January, but you can make the January first Saturday Mass at 8:30 am on your own.) To St. Jerome & St. Mary parishioners--**WE WISH YOU ALL A BLESSED THANKSGIVING**

The Parish of our Lady of Hope Welcomes our Newly Baptized

Isabella Blanca Gallo
Daughter of Albert Joseph Gallo
And Gabriella Diaz

*Baptized
IN THE NAME
OF THE
Father
Son
AND THE
Holy Spirit*



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
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Second Collection

There will be a second collection next week for **The Legacy Fund**.

ADORATION

December 1 from 3-6 pm At St. Mary's

2023 St. Jerome's Giving Tree Program

Interfaith Neighbors Suggestions for Adopt-A-Family Program. Suggested Donation Guidelines -\$25.00 Whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated.

Lego and Duplo Blocks, Sports equipment: Basketballs, footballs, soccer balls, pogo stick, bicycles, skateboards, etc., Barbies and accessories, Matchbox and Hot Wheels cars, Larger cars and trucks, Remote control vehicles, Stuffed animals, Musical instruments: Recorders, drums, guitar, shakers, xylophones, etc., Actions Figures: Marvel and DC characters, superheroes, transformers, etc. Activity toys for children under 3: rattles, shape sorters, Vtech learning toys, etc. Dolls and accessories, Pretend items: Doctor kits, dress up clothes, kitchen sets, etc. Board games: Candyland, Connect Four, Monopoly, Trouble, Clue, etc. Art supplies: Coloring books, crayons, markers, paint, etc. Art kits: Jewelry making, painting, crocheting, etc. Sticker books, Play-Doh, Card games: Uno, Go Fish, standard deck of cards, etc., Puzzles – all ages, Books – all ages. Food Gift cards: Shop Rite, Stop N Shop, Aldi's, Lidl, McDonald's, Popeye's, Chick-Fil-A, other. Gift Cards Walmart, Target, Five Below, Dollar Stores, Home Goods, etc.

DONATIONS ARE DUE BY 12/11/23 to allow time to set up at Interfaith Neighbors. TOYS/GIFT: PLACE UNWRAPPED GIFTS IN THE COLLECTION BOXES AT THE DOORS OF THE CHURCH. GIFT CARDS: PLACE IN MAILBOXES AT EACH ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH.

Problems, Questions: Text or Call Barbara at 732-829-6611 with your question. Will respond same day. Thank You for your support of this program. Barbara, Kathy and Donna



Evening Prayer

Sunday Dec. 3, 10 & 17

4:30 PM

St. Jerome Church

What is Evening Prayer?

Evening Prayer is short collection of psalms, hymns, canticles and intercessions. It is the prayer of the Church, prayed around the world as night silently falls upon the earth. It is "a prayer of thanksgiving, not only for what God has done through Jesus Christ, but for what God is doing now in our lives and in our world."

Come!

Lift your voice with us to the heavens!

Congratulations to our own

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

the newly named Chairman-Elect

of the Committee on Catholic

Education for the USCCB. 

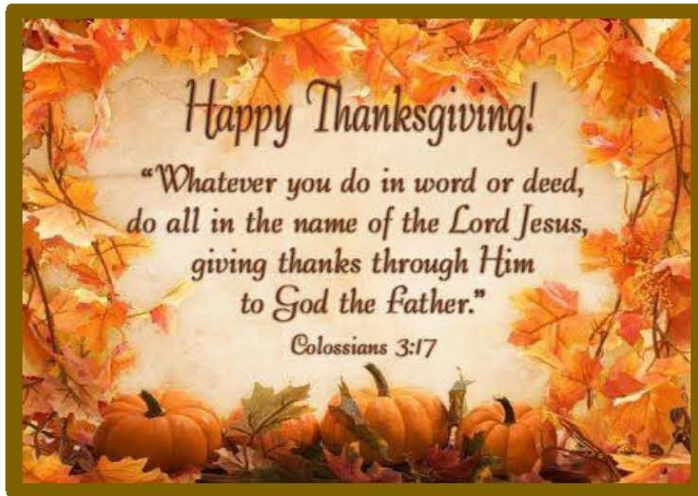


You have our prayers and support as you bring your more than 40 years of ministerial experience in Catholic education to this national post.

We are so very proud of you!

Envelopes may be found in pews, back of church and offices. Other ways to donate may be found 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 \$60,000. **As of 11/20/2023 Pledged: \$43,126.23 paid so far \$42,526.23 which is 71% of our goal from 178 donors. Thank you.**

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On Thanksgiving, a day rooted in the belief in our country that it is right to pause and give thanks to God for all good things, we recommit ourselves to living each day with gratitude in our hearts. Sacred Scripture reminds us over and over again to give thanks to God, including Psalm 118, which says, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever."

The Faculty, Staff, the Sisters and especially the children, thank you our dear parishioners for your support and encouragement. We give thanks for the gifts of our lives, our faith, our families, our friends and all those we hold dear. We remember that all that we have has been provided through God's infinite love and mercy. And let us share our God-given blessings with others, especially the poor and those who are most in need, that they, too, may know the transformative power of God's love.

When so many of our brothers and sisters around the world are suffering in these times of war, unrest, and division, may we gather around our Thanksgiving tables in faith, peace, and unity. As always, we will remember the empty chair again this year. Those who never had the chance for the gift of life, those who won't be home because of the ravages of war, those who have no one to remember them. More importantly we will remember the many blessings God gives us

It is with an abundance of joy and gratefulness that I wish you and your families a most blessed and happy Thanksgiving. The Sisters and children God for you.

May God bless you and those you love.

Happy Thanksgiving !

Sister Elizabeth Seton, MPF