

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

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen



November 5, 2023 * The Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Saint Jerome School * Blue Ribbon Awardee

Office Number: 732-222-8686

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A Letter from Father Marcin

Dear Parish Family,

The Month of November is a particular time that we remember in our prayers our loved ones, who have gone in faith to the next life. The month starts off with November 1st celebration of All Saints, followed by November 2nd All Souls Day. On All Saints Day we honor all those saints that are in heaven which are not known to us. The saints that are those faithful departed who have reached their destination of eternal life with God in heaven and are enjoying the fullness of life, happiness, and peace. We honor those saints and all the saints with longing to hopefully join them one day. The saints in heaven have no need of our honors since they are honored by God in a perfect way. However, we honor them with a plea that they will intercede for us before the throne of God for the grace that we may remain faithful to the end of our days in this life. On All Souls Day we mark the day in remembrance of all those faithful departed who although have been found worthy of salvation but are not yet ready to enter the glories of heaven. The souls of those faithful departed are not yet completely holy and perfect and need to go through the process of purgation. They are undergoing the removal of stains from the sins of earthly life. They are completing their penance for venial sins that they have retained on their souls either through neglect or lack of knowledge or awareness of these specific sins. St. John of the Cross explains this through analogy of glass. The glass can appear to be clean, but when the light hits the glass all the stains begin to appear. These souls are also being perfected through suffering from their vices, so that their will is ordered properly to the love of God. Once the souls complete their purification they will shine with beauty and brilliance of God's divine light, like stars in the sky. These souls cannot shorten their time in purgatory, since their life was already judge by God and all that they have done in earthly life cannot be amended or changed. However, they can receive help from us. We can help those souls to satisfy God's justice, by offering for them prayers, fasting, and good works, works of mercy or even the smallest sacrifices. The most powerful way to aid those souls is to have Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered so that they may receive the bountiful grace of Christ's sacrifice. St. Thomas Aquinas considered that out of all the works of mercy, praying for those souls in purgatory had the greatest merit, because those souls in purgatory will not be able to repay us in the same measure for our help to them. You might say they will forever be in debt to us for our act of love toward them. Remember that any act of mercy that we do to others will not go without merit and the Lord will reward us in heaven for our mercy with greater glory and happiness. Praying for souls in purgatory is a double benefit one to those souls and one to us. Most of us will have to spend some time in purgatory before we go to heaven unless we engage in serious penance in this life. St. John of the Cross commented on this point that one hour of suffering in this life will have more efficacy on our soul than one hour of suffering in purgatory. In this life there is a limit to intensity of suffering that we can bear due to limitation of our bodies, unlike in purgatory where we will be only with our soul, which is a nonphysical reality. However, it is important for us to remember that not all suffering in this life can account for paying down our debt for our sins to shorten the time in purgatory. We must always remember that we must make a conscious resolution, a choice, to unite our suffering with that of Christ on his cross and offer it for the sins of our past life or suffering souls in purgatory. Otherwise, our suffering will have no merit toward the next life. Therefore, during this month of November particularly, but even beyond it let us be aware of those suffering souls in purgatory who await our loving help. Let us pray for them and do whatever we can to help them in their need. Let us not forget about them, because they could be our loved ones, who we might think are already in heaven while they are still in purgatory and would be eternally grateful for our help and compassion. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful depart through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Fr. Marcin

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 10/30/2023 Pledged: \$43,151.23 paid so far \$42,276.23 which is 70% of our goal from 160 donors. Thank you.**

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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, October 28/29, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,538	71 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,747	66 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,316	108 people
Online Giving	\$304	7 families
Total	\$4,601	245 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,399	244 people



Saturday/Sunday, October 28/29, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$542	70 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$916.24	65 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1,987	112 people
Online Giving	\$807	27 families
Total	\$3,445.24	247 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,621	269 people

Interfaith Neighbors \$1215.00

World Mission Sunday \$ 2,239.75



St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 4	4:00 PM	Tony Strollo + Elaine Sonnenberg + Mom & Dad Danback Family
Sunday, November 5	7:30 AM	Norma Sigismondi + Schiavone Family
	11:00 AM	Aldo Giovanucci + Mr & Mrs. Joseph Greca Michael Dannunzio + Mom & Dad
Wednesday, November 8	8:30 AM	Rose Lee + Irene Ciarla
Friday, November 10	8:30 AM	Louis Ciarla + Irene Ciarla
		Kurtis Backiel + Michael Blette
Saturday, November 11	8:30 AM	Martha Nirschl + Richard Loeffler
	4:00 PM	Mary Ann Felice + Ivanna Portillo + Her loving Family Her parents
Sunday, November 12	7:30 AM	Frank Colaguori + Rose Marie Baret
	11:00 AM	Valentino Gabrieli + Frank Bulzis + Gabrieli family Doreen & Mark Bulzis



St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, November 4	5:00 PM	Ginny Marmora + - In Memory of Her Birthday Stephen Podracky + Req. Joe Req. Coyne Family
Sunday, November 5	8:00 AM	Noel Vassallo + Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo
	10:00 AM	Frank J. Peterpaul + Pasquale Ferragine + 5 Anniversary in Heaven Req. Dino Fornicola Req. Kent & Maris Croft
Monday, November 6	9:00 AM	Elizabeth Wengler + 25th Anniversary Req. John
Tuesday, November 7	9:00 AM	Ludwig Wengler + 47th Anniversary Req. John
Wednesday, November 8	9:00 AM	Ethel Cavanagh +
Thursday, November 9	9:00 AM	Current and former members of the military
Saturday, November 11	5:00 PM	Manuel Grova + Mary Ann Mazza DeLisa + Req. Carvalho Family Cousin, Theresa J. Trocchia
		Baby Michael Benedict Adamatis +
Sunday, November 12	8:00 AM	Anna & Frank Rosano + Eleanor Vecchia + In Memory of Her Birthday Req. Nella Req. Vecchia Family
	10:00 AM	

Our Lady of Hope Parish

Commentary on Financial Summary

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to report this week on the financial results for the parish for the 2022/2023 fiscal year [July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023] and the budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. Our goal each year is to be transparent about your parish's financial activity, which includes St Jerome and St Mary Churches and St Jerome School. This summary has been reviewed and approved by the parish's Finance Council.

Our financial results have remained positive, as reflected in the attached Financial Summary. I thank all of you for your support that enabled us to achieve these results.

Our operating income in 2022-2023 declined by \$43,000 from the budget we reported last year to \$132,400, and we project a decrease in 2023-2024 to \$53,000.

The primary reasons for the decline from budget were a \$21,000 decrease in weekly collections, higher utility and maintenance costs of \$38,000 and higher costs of capital projects, net of funding, of \$53,000. These factors were partially offset by a net increase of \$27,000 in fundraising from the Gala and the Gift Auction and a decrease in school salaries and benefits of \$63,000.

The key assumptions in the 2023/2024 budget include:

- a—a decrease in K-8 enrollment to 208 students and an increase in the PreK program to 45 children
- b—an assumption that weekly collections will be in line with the 2022/2023 level
- c—an increase in school salaries and benefits of \$116,000 due to an increase in staff related to expanded academic programs and higher benefit costs
- d—an increase of \$42,000 in bequests and other donations.

Capital projects—

We have segregated various capital projects and their funding sources in the summary to highlight them. Prior to 2021/2022, we did not spend funds on our buildings and fields due to financial limitations. However, we were able to secure several Federal grants totaling \$240,000 and were fortunate to receive several large donations totaling \$95,000 and utilize funds of \$37,000 raised from the Jumpathon fundraisers and prior Faith to Move Mountains rebates of \$40,000. In 2021/2022 these funds paid for a new school roof, major renovations to the church fields, a new Stem classroom and necessary boiler repairs. In 2022/2023, smaller projects were completed—a new rectory roof and siding and school flooring and lighting. For 2023/2024, we have budgeted funds for a new Saint Jerome Church roof, an electronic sign on Wall Street and a potential modular classroom.

We welcome any comments or questions you may have on the financial summary.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and please support the Church through your weekly contributions.

Fr. Marcin

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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Financial Summary

	2022 ACTUAL	2023 BUDGET	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET
INCOME				
TUITION & FEES	\$ 1,139,603	\$ 1,151,000	\$ 1,120,513	\$ 1,128,000
PREK & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	196,526	265,000	270,751	290,000
PTA INCOME, NET & FUNDRAISING	108,676	90,000	165,000	120,000
CHURCH COLLECTIONS				
WEEKLY	565,167	565,000	544,303	544,000
CHRISTMAS, EASTER & HOLYDAYS	81,929	82,000	89,757	87,000
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT & OTHER	67,662	61,500	67,080	67,000
DEBT REDUCTION	6,246	-	-	-
SPECIAL SERVICES, CCD & STIPENDS	51,712	50,000	46,410	46,000
DONATIONS				
TUITION ASSISTANCE	72,810	88,000	112,460	85,000
BEQUESTS & OTHER	27,095	13,000	8,398	50,000
RENTAL INCOME & OTHER	49,720	45,000	25,985	25,000
LEGACY FUND & FEMA GRANT	24,930	15,000	29,305	20,000
FUNDING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS FROM GRANTS & DONATIONS	241,421	215,000	56,998	130,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	(20,462)	20,500	16,276	24,000
TOTAL INCOME	2,613,035	2,661,000	2,553,236	2,616,000
EXPENSES				
SCHOOL SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,189,740	1,292,000	1,229,419	1,345,000
CHURCH SALARIES & BENEFITS	257,392	255,000	263,639	256,000
DIOCESAN & OTHER ASSESSMENTS	71,418	90,000	84,348	97,000
SUPPLIES, FEES & HOUSEHOLD	164,263	161,000	168,322	147,000
CCD & LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	23,146	20,000	23,593	23,000
UTILITIES	124,880	130,000	149,061	140,000
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & CARE OF GROUNDS	115,034	110,000	129,203	124,000
INSURANCE	124,812	140,000	134,530	143,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES	329,458	250,000	144,933	230,000
FUNDRAISING, BAD DEBTS & OTHER	48,585	38,000	93,751	58,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,448,728	2,486,000	2,420,799	2,563,000
OPERATING INCOME	\$ 164,307	\$ 175,000	\$ 132,437	\$ 53,000

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 at 732-222-8686.



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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, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Howard White, Bill Nurthen.

Week 2: Fiona Lytle, Sharon DeVito, Tom Smith.

Week 3: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole.

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

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*



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 Patty Carvalho at 848-466-0807 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

Baptisms



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Jeffrey Schneider & Megan Soto

on their marriage Saturday, October 28, 2023.

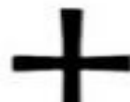
May God bless them in their new life together as husband and wife.



Confirmations

Mark Your Calendars! Our Lady of Hope Parish and St. Jerome School students

Friday, November 10, 2023 @ 4:00 pm @St. Jerome Church



Confirmation

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



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.

