

# 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

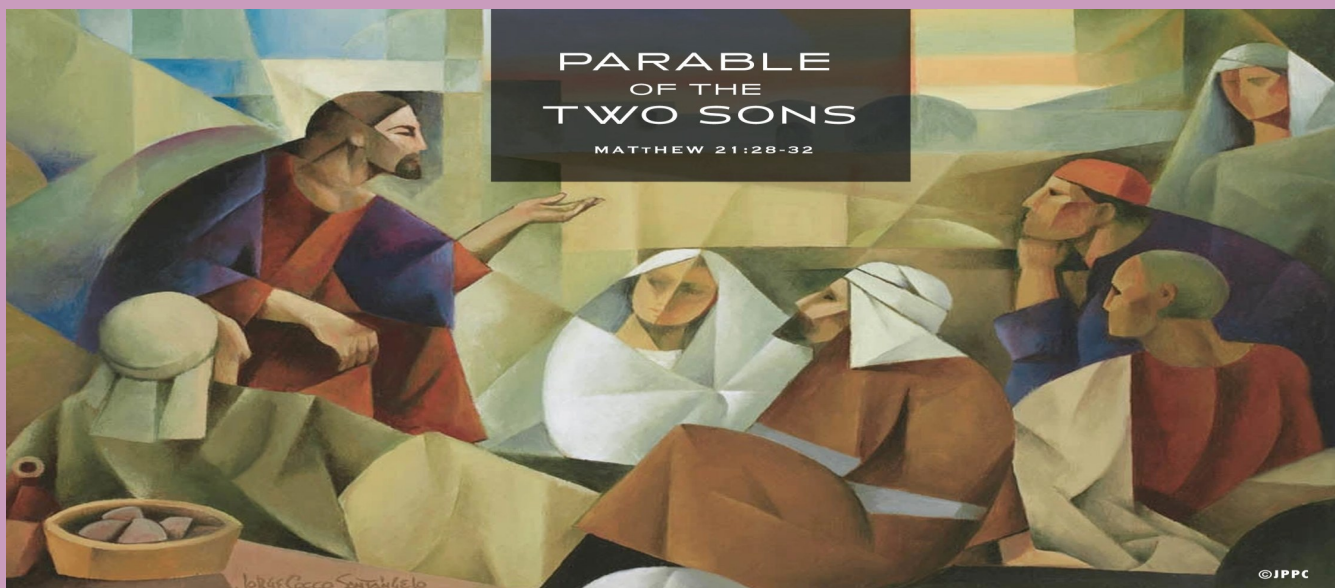


St. Mary of the Assumption Church  
46 Richmond Avenue  
Deal, NJ 07723

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

## Mission Statement

Through the intercession of Mary our Mother and Saint Jerome, we the parish families of Our Lady of Hope are called to live and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to grow as a vibrant and welcoming community through worship, evangelization, and ministry to those in need by sharing the resources, time, and talents given to us by God.



October 1, 2023 \* The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Office Number: 732-222-8686

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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, September 23/24, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$1,065	38 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$1,654	37 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1,441	27 people
Online Giving	\$1,244	40 families
Total	\$5,404	102 people
Last year same weekend total	\$5,148.45	256 people



Saturday/Sunday, September 23/24, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$168	41 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$691	52 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$2122	114 people
Online Giving	\$941	30 families
Total	\$3,922	207 people
Last year same weekend total	\$4,266.00	250 people



**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](mailto:monmouth4life@hotmail.com)

**Learn More...** [40daysforlife.com/shrewsbury](http://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.*



**It's Simple:**

• Log onto our parish website and click on the Parish Giving Logo and follow the easy registration instructions.

**It's Secure:**

• Parish Giving is PCI compliant and uses the strongest SSL encryption technology available.

**It's Convenient:**

• No more searching for the check book on Sunday morning or stops at the ATM machine.  
• You can pick the day of the month for the recurring contributions to be processed.

**Tax Benefits:**

• You will be able to print out a report detailing your contributions for the year.

**Parish Benefits:**

• Weekly or monthly contribution choices  
Significant reduction of parish administrative costs.

Contact the parish bookkeeper with questions or email: [stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stjerome@ladyofhopeparish.org)

## *A Letter from Father Marcin*

Dear Parish Family,

The Season of Fall has already started, and the beauty of creation is revealed in the change of the weather, the color and smell of the leaves falling from the trees in preparation for the winter season. The Fall season particularly inspires us to turn a leaf, to detach ourselves from those things that have overgrown our lives that we need to let go, that we need to let it fall off and die. We need to rake and clean up our lives so that the watering of God's grace can bring about new growth in virtue and holiness. The stripping of ourselves from those things that clutter our lives can help us to reveal what is truly important in life and for life. This is what saints did with their own lives so that they could make more room for their relationship with God. This Sunday falls on October 1<sup>st</sup> which is a memorial of the beloved Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus from Lisieux, France or also known as "little flower". St. Theresa gave up her desires for her own family, to be a mother of her own children, to share the beauty of marriage life. She chose to enter religious life as Carmelite nun, to detach herself from this world and to give herself completely to contemplative life. She gave up searching for her beauty, for nice clothing, and instead she embraced the covering of plain brown habit. She devoted herself to a life of prayer and love of her God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Even though she lost her mother while she was a young girl and died from tuberculosis while being only twenty-four years old, she has learned to love God in her brief life so intensely that she is an inspiration and example of love to Catholics throughout the world. She was declared a Saint by pope Saint John Paul II and Doctor of the Church on love. Her detachment from the things of this world became and continues to be a source of blessing and grace for countless who seek through her intercession to obtain various petitions and favors. Detachment from the things of this world will also be a blessing for us and like St. Therese we will be able to grow in greater love for God. This Wednesday on October 4<sup>th</sup> we also have a memorial of St. Francis of Assisi. He also like St. Theresa gave up all that he desired for this life and embraced the life of poverty, simplicity, and charity. St. Francis took to the heart the words of Christ who calls us to detach ourselves from this world "If you want to be my disciples then you must deny yourself, pick up the cross and follow me". He was a son of a rich merchant family, and he could have an easy life and a comfortable life, instead St. Francis chose Christ above all things of this world. He believed that to lose all things for Christ was not a loss, but gain. Because of St. Francis' love of Christ many other Christian man were inspired to follow Christ like him. This radical love of Christ also inspired St. Clare who like St. Francis desired to leave all for Christ. Following St. Clare many Christian woman were inspired to live a monastic life in poverty, chastity, and obedience. St. Francis by leaving all for Christ became a source of inspiration and motivation for countless Saints, missionaries, man, and woman from all walks of life. This is what a love of Christ can do with the world, it can truly transform it. However, to cultivate the true love of Christ, as both these saints would attest, is required the contemplation and love of the cross. It is the cross of Christ that gives us the strength and courage necessary to let go of things that hold us back from embracing the love of Christ with our whole heart. St. Francis spend long hours in contemplation of the cross and drew the strength from his prayer to practice the charity for the poor. During one of those moments of contemplation St. Francis received stigmata, that is a visible wounds of Christ on his own body, so that he could even more fully share in the sufferings of Christ and in result in greater love of Christ. Even though St. Francis saw in created world the love and goodness of God, yet he sought to love not the creation, but the Creator. Today people attribute to St. Francis wrongful depiction of his life, that he was about love of creation and animals. In truth St. Francis was about love of Christ and his cross and for this reason he must be an example and inspiration for every Catholic that seek to love and follow Christ like him. St. Francis was not an activist about saving animals, environment, or the planet. Unfortunately, in the confused world that we live even the saints can be used to further personal agendas instead of helping us to live a more authentic Catholic Faith and a more authentic love of Christ.

Fr. Marcin

St. Theresa of Child Jesus, Pray for us! St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us! Our Guardian Angels, Pray for us! Our Lady of Hope, Pray for us!

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, September 30	4:00 PM	Joyce Klohn + Alan Dunphy + Rosary Altar Society Richard & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, October 1	7:30 AM	Rosemary Loeffler + Dr. John Ujda + Richard Loeffler Monteleone Family
	11:00 AM	Michael Dannunzio + M.F.P Mom & Dad
Wednesday, October 4	8:30 AM	Rose Lee Eileen Largey Eucharistic Adoration 10/4 Wed from 9:00AM -1:00PM Irene Ciarla Laura Buono
Friday, October 6	8:30 AM	In honor of Saint Bruno Dr. John Ujda + John & Kitty Mandica SJS Faculty & Staff
Saturday, October 7	8:30 AM	Robert Holtz + Charlie Holtz
	4:00 PM	Tony Strollo Richard English III + Mom & Dad John & Kitty Mandica
Sunday, October 8	7:30 AM	George & Helen Sova M.F.P Lillian & Daniel Sova
	11:00 AM	Joyce Klohn + Anna Goldy

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, September 30	5:00 PM	Ethel Cavanagh + Anne & Thomas Repko + Req. Repko Family
Sunday, October 1	8:00 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Parish
	10:00 AM	Brian Rogers, Jr. + Frank J. Peterpaul + Req. Hughes Family Req. John & Joanne Heavey
Monday, October 2	9:00 AM	Patricia Flanagan Stefanile + Req. Ann Flanagan Family
Tuesday, October 3	9:00 AM	Jean Paparella+ 13th Anniversary Req. Rudy Paparella
Wednesday, October 4	9:00 AM	Peggy Lillis Ulrich + Frank & Anna Rosano + Req. Ann Flanagan Family Req. Nella
Thursday, October 5	9:00 AM	Forgotten Nuns & Priests
Saturday, October 7	5:00 PM	Eleanor Lillis + Ginny Marmora + 1st Anniversary Garry Kramer+ 2nd Anniversary in Heaven Req. Ann Flanagan Family Req. John & Joanne Heavy Req. Theresa J Trocchia
Sunday, October 8	8:00 AM	Roger J. Cleary + Heather Melofchik Sullivan + Req. Hughes Family Req. Melofchik Family
	10:00 AM	Ruth Douglas + John Squeo + 1st anniversary Req. Marge & Paul Edelson Req. Janis & David Henderson

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.



**Rosary Altar Society:** Great year ahead--next meeting, Mon., Oct. 2, Rectory Conference Room, 7 pm--Rosary, short meeting, and refreshments! A Birthright Baby Shower Sept. 30 & Oct. 1 at St. Jerome's and St. Mary's. What can you bring? For baby items needed, please see details elsewhere in this bulletin or call Mary Richards at 908-433-3779. Also, to support pro-life that same weekend, NJ Right to Life raffle tickets will be available. Hope to see you at our Baby Shower, Ticket "Window," our Oct. meeting and all future meetings and events. Stay tuned!

### CONGRATULATIONS

**Timothy Oechsner & Jaqueline Jones**

on their marriage Friday, September 22, 2023.

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



*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**



## Our Lady of Hope Parish

### Respect Life

On the weekend of Sept. 30-Oct. 1, Our Lady of Hope Parish will celebrate Life by holding the annual Car Raffle to benefit New Jersey Right to Life. This is the State's oldest and largest pro-life organization dedicated to protecting human life from conception to natural death.

Grand Prize: 2024 Volvo AWD SUV

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$1,000 Shop Rite Grocery Card

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: \$ 750 Shop Rite Grocery Card

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: \$ 750 Shop Rite Grocery Card

Please show your support for Life by purchasing a raffle ticket. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Drawing will be on Nov. 17, 2023.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE campaign begins on Sept. 27, 2023 and extends through Nov. 5, 2023. Please come and pray with us at Planned Parenthood in Shrewsbury where the majority of abortions locally are done.

Once again, our parishioners and those from other nearby parishes pray at Planned Parenthood on Mondays. Our first Monday for this vigil will be Oct. 2, 2023.

### 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, Arthur Marshall, Bill Nurthen

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

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

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

*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 \*\*



### LIFE

The month of October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and it is also Respect Life Month.

The members of the Rosary Altar Society of Our Lady of Hope Parish thought it fitting to hold a "Baby Shower" this month to support our local pregnancy resource center, BIRTHRIGHT, located in Red Bank.

BIRTHRIGHT provides care and support for needy moms, families, and babies during the first year of the babies' lives. BIRTHRIGHT is a non-profit organization funded entirely by donations and is staffed by volunteers.

We would like to help BIRTHRIGHT to support these moms, families, and precious babies by sponsoring this "Baby Shower." Our Lady of Hope Parish will have a collection area at the front door of St. Jerome's and St. Mary's on the Sept. 30-Oct. 1 weekend. Look for the "Baby Shower" area and leave your baby gifts there. They will be delivered that week to BIRTHRIGHT.

#### "Baby Shower"

#### Items Requested

Diapers, Size 1 – 3

Wipes

Bibs

Infant gowns

Blanket sleepers, Size 3 mos.

Boys and girls winter clothing – 6 to 18 mos.

Gift cards: \$25 grocery stores

Gift cards: \$25 Walmart (for strollers)

### 2024 Mass Book is now OPEN

For mass intentions, please call or email the Parish Office for Church of request. The \$10 stipend is due at time of request for each mass intention once availability is confirmed. Please include date and time of preferred mass, who intention is for and requested by. Please note mass intentions are on a first come first serve basis as only 2 are scheduled per mass.

St. Jerome: 732-222-1424 of-  
fice@ladyofhopeparish.org

St. Mary: 732-531-1409  
stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org





## SJS Angels Cross Country News!

Despite 3 inches of rain, Storm Ophelia did not dampen the spirits of the SJS Angels who represented the school in an outstanding cross country track meet. As one parent stated, " In a tropical storm, with awful conditions, we had more runners show up than any other school . Our runners showed resilience, bravery and ran their hearts out! " Thank you students for your spirit! We also give a shout out to the coaches, Mrs. Schlogl and Mrs. Marcantonio and the parents who come out to assist and cheer.



Congratulations to our wonderful students:

- Lucy Marchitelli (6th place for girls in her age group)
- Connor Widdis (4th place for boys in his age group)
- Anna Farina (first place for girls in her age group)
- Lucas Sonnabend ( 3rd place for boys in his age group)
- Savannah DeLorenzo 5th place for girls in her group)
- Laura Sonnabend
- Dylan Schlogl (4th place for boys in his age group)

- Frank Marcantonio
- Christian Diaz
- Luke Farina
- Andrew Beach
- Andrew Calabrese
- Isabella Gago
- Kaylee Widdis
- Brady Schlogl (5th place for boys in his age group)
- Antonio Gago