

# 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



Lord, grant that I may always allow myself to be guided by you, always follow your plans, and perfectly accomplish your holy will. Grant that in all things, great and small, today and all the days of my life, I may do whatever you require of me. Help me respond to the slightest prompting of your grace, so that I may be your trustworthy instrument for your honour. May your will be done in time and in eternity by me, in me and through me.

Amen

October 13, 2024 \* Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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## *A Letter from Father Marcin*

Dear Parish Family,

This week on October 15th we will celebrate the memorial of St. Teresa of Jesus also known as St. Teresa of Avila. She was a Spanish mystic and is declared by the Church the Doctor of Prayer. St. Teresa was involved in the reform of Carmelite order, and she found Descalced Carmelites which live a more austere life of prayer and penance. St. Teresa desired to return to the original rule of the order of Carmel. She was inspired by the life of the prophet Elisha who encountered the Lord on the mount Carmel and was faithful in carrying out God's every wish. In the similar way she had a great devotion to St. John the Baptist who lived a simple life of prayer and penance. Although not everyone is called to the vocation of the religious life as a nun or a monk, yet we all can benefit from the wisdom and practical spiritual counsels that St. Teresa offers us.

All of us by the virtue of our Christian Baptism are called to the life of holiness and perfection. Remember how the Lord in the gospel speaks to us and commands us: "Be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect" The Lord did not call to the life of perfection only those living in religious orders, but his every follower, his every disciple. One cannot obtain holiness or perfection of life without a change of life and fervent life of prayer. Notice that a change of life is a first step that we must take to live a holy life, a life of perfection. We must take concrete steps in correcting our daily life, for the life of perfection is lived out through ordinary days of our life. We must change our habits that fill our daily activities. This involves setting our minds on the goal of our life which is the union with God. We cannot have a union with God if our life is not put in order so that there is a harmony in our daily life with the will of God. This requires discipline of mind and heart. We need to constantly remind ourselves and be aware that our daily activities serve as means by which we carry out God's will and grow in virtue. It won't be easy in the beginning, because forming good habits that will enable us to grow in virtue takes time and patience.

We may not be able to control what surprises life brings, but we definitely decide how we can respond to them. Building virtue takes time because it requires of us to make consistently the right decision even if the circumstances change. Each time we succeed in making the right decision, we grow stronger in our mind and heart to make the same choice the next time. Over time our mind and heart will be shaped so that the decision of our mind and heart becomes natural to us. Our will become more disposed to choose the right thing and less tempted to choose what is wrong. Vigilance however must always be present in our mind since it is easy to fall away from the path of virtue and begin to walk in our old habits or return to our old vices. That is why our spiritual life as St. Teresa instructs us is a constant journey and endless effort until we leave this life and are finally united with our God in the glory of heaven. St. Teresa also gives us encouraging thought that as we become more closely united with God in this life, that our work begins to be done with a greater ease and effortlessly, since the life of divine grace will be aiding us in the process to complete the task.

The holiness of Christian life has as its goal the complete union with God. For a Christian to move into a deeper union with God, he must enter through a stage of purification. This stage of moving toward union with God requires of us first, to remove mortal sins from our life. There is no possibility to have a union with God if one is spiritually dead because of mortal sin. Also, the life of virtue will not be possible to attain due to this major obstacle. Once we reform our life so that mortal sins are not part of our Christian living, then we must move on to the removal of venial sins.

St. Teresa compares the venial sins to a nasty, crawling beasts that want to stifle our progress and prevent us from moving closer into union with God. Those venial sins seemingly small must be removed so that our soul is fit for the dwelling of God. It will also allow the divine life to flow into our soul, so the soul may be drawn in to the deeper union with God. The soul needs to be purified from all the attachments of this life, and this is accomplished through suffering and penance or in other word self-mortification. The mortification of the body and the will allows for the soul to take charge and not to be controlled by bodily passions, which oppose the soul in its desire for the union with God. The bodily passions seek comfort and pleasure and produce greater self-love, which stands in the way of the love of God. Once the soul is purified from all the attachments of this life, then it will be the love of God that will pull the soul deeper into union with Him.

Since we are to be in a complete union with God in heaven, then this task of purification from sin and growing in virtue must be taken to heart in this life otherwise we will be forced by the justice of God to complete it in purgatory, which won't be fun time. In all this process of preparation for the union with God our life of prayer needs to be also well practiced and that requires knowledge how to pray. St. Teresa speaks to us that prayer is like a conversation with a friend, but in this instance, it is the Lord to whom we speak. Therefore, our prayer, or conversation with the Lord needs to be appropriate in the manner and choice of words so as not to offend the One with whom we speak. St. Teresa also like other saints emphasized the need for regular participation in the sacrament of reconciliation as a mean to advance in spiritual journey toward union with God.

St. Teresa of Jesus, pray for us!  
Fr. Marcin

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions			St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, October 12	4:00 PM	<b>Don Curtis +</b> Req. Connie & Richard Dominguez <b>Kevin O'Grady +</b> Req. Connie & Richard Dominguez	Saturday, October 12	5:00PM	<b>Tony Caruso +</b> Req. His Wife & Children <b>Peter Klein +</b> Req. Ron, Patty & Family
Sunday, October 13	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased members of the parish and Loved ones</b>	Sunday, October 13	8:00 AM	<b>Noel Vassallo +</b> Req. Joseph & Kelina Vassallo <b>Dr. &amp; Mrs. Byung Woo Kong +</b> Req. Helen Kong
	11:00 AM	<b>The Dunphy &amp; Loftus Family</b> Req. Their Families <b>Donald Curtis +</b> Req. Marie Curtis		10:00 AM	<b>Betty Lumley +</b> Re. Donna Scally <b>Charles Ruggirello +</b> Req. His Wife Sandy
Wednesday, October 16	8:30 AM	<b>Marion Karbowiak +</b> Req. Irene Ciarla <b>All Souls in Purgatory</b> Req. Marc & Karen Sheppard	Monday, October 14	9:00AM	<b>Marie Scally +</b> Req. Donna Scally <b>Jung Won Kim +</b> Req. Helen Kong
Friday, October 18	8:30 AM	<b>Mary Karbowiak +</b> Req. Irene Ciarla <b>Mary Sagevick +</b> Req. Nancy Moore	Tuesday, October 15	9:00 AM	<b>Thomas Cavanagh +</b>
Saturday, October 19	8:30 AM	<b>All Souls in purgatory</b>	Wednesday, October 16	9:00 AM	<b>Robert Scally +</b> Req. The Donna Scally <b>Vincenzo Covello +</b> Req. Mike & Rosemarie Lyons
	4:00 PM	<b>Philomena Ambrosino +</b> Req. Madeline, Jackie, & George Ottino <b>George A. Ottino, II +</b> Req. Madeline, Jackie, & George Ottino	Thursday, October 17	9:00 AM	<b>Howard Douglas +</b> Req. Paul Edelson Family <b>Jack Lumley +</b> Req. Donna Scally
Sunday, October 20	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased parishioners</b>	Saturday, October 19	5:00 PM	<b>Mary Carvalho +</b> Req. Love Maria & Caroline <b>Anne &amp; Tom Repko +</b> Req. Repko Family
	11:00 AM	<b>Frank Bulzis +</b> Req. Doreen & Mark Bulzis <b>Concetta &amp; Pasquale Marotta +</b> Req. Maryanne Ioli & Family	Sunday, October 20	8:00 AM	<b>John Solecki +</b> Req. Bob & Mary Waitt <b>Dr. Thomas Tai Kong &amp; Family+</b> Req. Helen Kong
				10:00 AM	<b>Frank Scally +</b> Req. Donna Scally <b>Charles Ruggirello +</b> Req. His Wife Sandy

### 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:** Jeff Miles

**Week 2:** 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.

**Week 3:** David Applegate, Don Hopkins, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Peggy Hildebrand, Gary Edelson, Vincent Covello Jr.

**Week 4:** Fiona Lytle, Candace, Barbara Compton, Alfred Trapanese, Linda Boxer.

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 \*\*



**Rosary Altar Society:** Bake Sale: Oct. 26, 4 pm Mass and Oct. 27, 7:30 am 11 am Masses. Look for the goodies!

**Parish Office Closed: Monday, October 14, 2024 in Observance of Columbus Day.**



**"Forty Days for Life" is from Sept. 25 to Nov 3. Members of our parish and surrounding parishes pray to end abortion in front of Planned Parenthood, Newman Springs Rd., Shrewsbury, on Mondays at 10 am, 12 pm, and 2 pm.**

**Second Collection Next Week:  
Mission Sunday**



## Our Lady of Hope Parish

Dear Parishioners:

I am pleased to report this week on the financial results for our parish for the 2023/2024 fiscal year [July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024] and the budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Our goal each year is to be transparent about our parish's financial activity, which includes Saint Jerome and Saint Mary Churches and Saint 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 2023-2024 declined by \$36,000 from the budget we reported last year to \$17,300, and we project a decrease in 2024-2025 to \$14,000.

The primary reasons for the decline from budget were a disappointing \$37,000 decrease in weekly collections, higher security fees and lease costs of \$51,000 and an increase of \$21,000 in school salaries and benefits. These factors were partially offset by a net increase of \$35,000 in Pre-k and After School income and a delay in the installation of the electronic sign at St Jerome.

Our operating income in 2024/2025 is projected to decrease slightly to \$14,000. The key assumptions in the 2024/2025 budget include:

- a—an increase in K-8 enrollment to 210 students and a decrease in the PreK program to 38 children
  - b—an assumption that weekly collections will be in line with the 2023/2024 level
  - c--- decreases in school salaries and benefits of \$16,000 and security fees and lease costs of \$15,000
  - d—an increase of \$39,000 in utility, maintenance and insurance costs
- Capital projects—

We have segregated various capital projects and their funding sources in the summary to highlight them. In 2023/2024 we completed the new Saint Jerome Church roof project and began work on exterior of the Saint Mary rectory that was not in the original budget but was funded by reserves. We also utilized donations to outfit a new modular classroom. For 2024/2025, we hope to install the electronic sign, finish the Saint Mary rectory project and received a donation for new textbooks.

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

Thank you again for your support. Please help us increase the weekly collections, which are vital for the health of our parish.

Father Marcin

### PARISH OF OUR LADY OF HOPE FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	2023 ACTUAL	2024 BUDGET	2024 ACTUAL	2025 BUDGET
<b>INCOME</b>				
TUITION & FEES	\$ 1,120,513	\$ 1,128,000	\$ 1,141,722	\$ 1,178,000
PREK & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS	270,751	290,000	325,024	275,000
PTA INCOME, NET & FUNDRAISING	165,000	120,000	205,076	215,000
<b>CHURCH COLLECTIONS</b>				
WEEKLY	544,303	544,000	507,177	505,000
CHRISTMAS, EASTER & HOLYDAYS	89,757	87,000	84,737	84,000
DIOCESAN ASSESSMENT & OTHER	67,080	67,000	63,439	64,000
SPECIAL SERVICES, CCD & STIPENDS	46,410	46,000	53,479	50,000
DONATIONS	112,460	85,000	82,633	89,000
TUITION ASSISTANCE BEQUESTS & OTHER	8,398	50,000	44,532	40,000
RENTAL INCOME & OTHER	25,985	25,000	16,096	18,000
LEGACY FUND & FEMA GRANT	29,305	20,000	16,664	15,000
GRANTS & DONATION FUNDING OF PROJECTS	56,998	130,000	201,867	80,000
INVESTMENT INCOME	16,276	24,000	21,611	25,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,553,236</b>	<b>2,616,000</b>	<b>2,764,057</b>	<b>2,638,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
SCHOOL SALARIES & BENEFITS	1,229,419	1,345,000	1,365,932	1,350,000
CHURCH SALARIES & BENEFITS	263,639	256,000	258,983	276,000
DIOCESAN & OTHER ASSESSMENTS	84,348	97,000	92,654	80,000
SUPPLIES & HOUSEHOLD	140,325	119,000	166,499	161,000
CCD & LITURGICAL SUPPLIES	23,593	23,000	23,960	22,000
MUSIC & SECURITY FEES & LEASES	42,997	53,000	103,543	89,000
UTILITIES	149,061	140,000	115,948	125,000
REPAIRS, MAINTENANCE & CARE OF GROUNDS	129,203	124,000	117,259	127,000
INSURANCE	134,530	143,000	138,861	159,000
CAPITAL PROJECTS & RESERVES	129,933	205,000	210,098	81,000
FUNDRAISING, BAD DEBTS & OTHER	93,751	58,000	153,044	154,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2,420,799</b>	<b>2,563,000</b>	<b>2,746,781</b>	<b>2,624,000</b>
<b>OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 132,437</b>	<b>\$ 53,000</b>	<b>\$ 17,276</b>	<b>\$ 14,000</b>

# 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, Oct 5/Oct 6, 2024		
4:00 PM Mass	\$ 1,484	65 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$ 1,667	68 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,160.75	89 people
Online Giving	\$ 1,400	47 families
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,711.75</b>	<b>222 people</b>

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

Saturday/Sunday, Oct 5/Oct 6, 2024		
5:00 PM Mass	\$ 566	53 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$ 1,418	67 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$ 997.24	79 people
Online Giving	\$ 802	27 families
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,783.24</b>	<b>199 people</b>

Thank you!

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### 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.**

## RETREAT FOR CATHOLICS IN RECOVERY



### “WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?”

#### WHO IS THE RETREAT FOR?

**Catholics in Recovery** who are seeking an encounter with Christ.

- Have you fallen away from your Catholic Faith?
- Are you searching for God in your life?
- Are you a practicing Catholic seeking to deepen your faith?

#### THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

Conferences    Guest Speaker  
Adoration    Confessions Available

*Payment: QR Code below or mail check with Registration form to Church of Epiphany.*

*Registration Form can be found at: [www.churchofepiphany.org](http://www.churchofepiphany.org) under the Parish Events tab.*

*Registration Deadline: 10/25/24*



#### PRESENTERS

FR. MIKE SANTANGELO

SR. BRUNILDA RAMOS, MPF

KIM LORENTZEN, DRE

#### GUEST SPEAKER

“MURPH” 31 YRS OF SOBRIETY

**SATURDAY, NOV. 2, 2024**  
9:30 AM - 3:45 PM  
MASS: 4:00 PM

**CHURCH OF EPIPHANY**  
615 THIELE ROAD  
BRICK, NJ 08724  
(732) 458-0220  
KIM@CHURCHOFEPIPHANY.ORG

RETREAT FEE: \$35 which includes Light Breakfast, Lunch, & Donation to St. Joseph By The Sea Retreat House.  
Scholarship Available

### Contact Information

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

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Rev. Michael Lynch \* Rev. Jerome Nolan

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Christine Scholtz \* Adult Faith Formation

John Dufford \* Maintenance

Dennis Melofchik & Theodore Ferraro, Jr., \* Trustees

#### School Staff

Sr. Elizabeth Dalessio, M. P. F., School Principal

Sr. Joan DiRienzo, M.P. F., Assistant Principal

Sr. Elizabeth Toft, M.P.F., Director Religious Education

Mrs. Stella Monteleone, School Secretary

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Saint Jerome School PTA  
presents

# Designer Bag

**B I N G O**

Sister Angelina Pelliccia Hall  
250 Wall Street, West Long Branch



SCAN HERE FOR INFO and TICKETS!

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

Games begin at 6:30  
Packages start at \$45

Questions?

Contact Stefanie Fiore at 732-539-3809