

# 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.



September 24, 2023 \* The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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

Office Number: 732-222-8686

Website Address: [www.saintjermeschool.org](http://www.saintjermeschool.org)



**Pastoral and Support Staff**

Administrator: Reverend Marcin Kania  
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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 16/17, 2023		
4:00 PM Mass	\$399	84 people
7:30 AM Mass	\$2,745	73 people
11:00 AM Mass	\$1259	126 people
Online Giving	\$1,020	41 families
Total	\$5423	283 people
Last year same weekend total	\$7,553.00	256 people



Saturday/Sunday, September 16/17, 2023		
5:00 PM Mass	\$738	66 people
8:00 AM Mass	\$1013	86 people
10:00 AM Mass	\$1679	100 people
Online Giving	\$762	27 families
Total	\$4,192	252 people
Last year same weekend total	\$3,739.00	225 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.

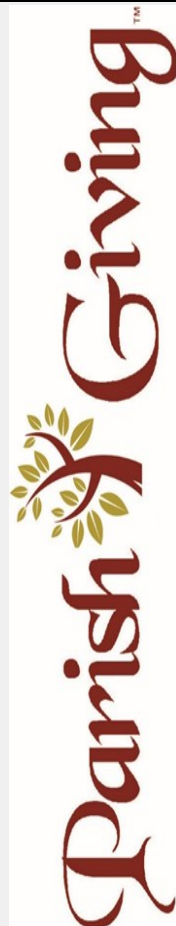
**Vigil Hours:** Monday through Friday 8 am to 6 pm. Saturday / Sunday - at will.

**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,

On this twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, we celebrate Priesthood Sunday. It is a one Sunday that we want to acknowledge the value of priesthood in the Church, in our parishes, and in Catholic Life. We honor and thank our priests for their important work that they do in offering mass and administering the sacraments. We remember and pray for all the priests who in any way have been part of our lives and have help us to grow in faith and love for God. It is important to mention that the value of the priesthood certainly diminishes in our eyes if the work that they do for us is seen as of little value. If we are aware that they are agents of God's grace, because through their work they bestow upon us grace and blessings that we need for our sanctification then we begin to see the importance that priests have for our Catholic Faith. The grace of God is necessary for our salvation. The grace sanctifies our lives and makes them holy. God uses priests as the instruments of sanctification of His people. There are many professions in the world, but only priesthood was established by God and for God. The priesthood in the Old Testament was established for the purposes of the Mosaic Covenant, which was only a foreshadowing and a figure of the true priesthood of Jesus Christ. The priests of the Old Covenant offered prayers and sacrifices on behalf of the people to appease God's wrath for the sins of the people. They offered animal victims in their offerings. Whereas the priests of Jesus Christ offer prayers and sacrifice not of calves and bulls, but a pure sacrifice pleasing to God that not only appeases God's wrath for the sins of the people, but also obtains for them grace, mercy, and forgiveness of sins. The priests of Jesus Christ offer a sacrifice in which the victim or the gift that is being offered is Christ's Body and Blood. They offer the same Body and Blood of Christ that Christ offered on Calvary, on the cross. That is why the sacrifice that the priest offers has great power and efficacy, because it is Christ who in the priest offers His Body and Blood to the Father as an acceptable gift and offering. The sacrifice is pleasing and acceptable to God the Father because it is Christ, the Son of God, who is both priest and victim, that is the one who offers the sacrifice and at the same time he is the victim or offering that is being offered. Because the sacrifice that the priest offers is truly a divine act or work, that is why the sacrifice that priests offer is holy and perfect. The sacrifice that is being offered does not depend on the individual holiness of the priest to be holy, but rather it is because God who is active in the act of sacrifice that makes it holy. It is, however, important that the priest constantly strives for greater personal holiness of his life since his work is at God's service and for the sanctification of God's people. The priest is set apart by God from the rest of the people for divine work. However, this does not mean that the priests should not be with the people, since the priest continues in the work of Christ, who came down from heaven to his people in order that He may lead them to heaven. There is no greater joy for the priest then to see that the people that he serves and cares for are growing in holiness, devotion, and love of God. This is the reason why priesthood is so important for us because the priest leads us to God, to heaven, to our salvation. Today the priests are in great demand, because their numbers have dwindled, yet the crisis of vocations to the priesthood comes not from God ceasing to call men to offer their lives to be at His service and of His people. It is because the priesthood is misunderstood or not seen as something desirable, something vital that is worth giving up one's life for it. If God is not important to me, if my salvation is not important to me, if grace, sacraments, and mass are not important to me then what is the point in considering being a priest. So, the crisis is not so much of vocations, but of Faith. It is the grace of faith that moves us to give ourselves at the service of God, to offer one's life for God to become the instrument of His grace. The more we realize the value of the priesthood of the New Covenant and its importance for our salvation the greater desire we will have to promote this vocation and encourage young men to choose this path of life.

So, the question we may ask: what else can I do? We must go to Our Lord and beg Him to send us good and holy priests. He himself said: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for His vineyard" that is petition God to send His servants for the care of His vineyard, the Church. It should be our regular prayer that we offer for the new priestly vocations and there is no better place to ask then during the mass and during Eucharistic Adoration. If we do not exert the effort to pray and ask our Lord for this intention, then we will find ourselves in situation where there are going to be so few priests, that there will be no Mass regularly available, no Eucharist, no sacraments, especially of Reconciliation and Last Rites. If we know how hard is to stay on the path of salvation with the help of sacramental grace, imagine not having access to it. The Lord is with us in our midst, and He cares for his flock, if we do not wish to be left without the shepherd's guidance and care then let us plead to Christ to send us new shepherds.

Our Blessed Mother, Mother of God, Mother of the priests, Pray for us!

Fr. Marcin

## Our Lady of Hope Parish

St. Jerome's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, September 23	4:00 PM	<b>Mary Ann Felice +</b> Her loving family <b>Ivanna Portillo +</b> Her parents <b>Richard E. English +</b> Rich & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, September 24	7:30 AM	<b>Living and Deceased Parishioners</b> <b>Rosemary Loeffler (10th Anniv.) +</b> Richard Loeffler
	11:00 AM	<b>Joyce Klohn +</b> Rich & Connie Dominguez <b>Susan Yuchinskas +</b> The Ferraro family
Wednesday, September 27	8:30 AM	<b>Charles Holtz</b> Charles Holtz <b>Lauri &amp; Michael Brogen and family</b> Special Intentions
Friday, September 29	8:30 AM	<b>Joel Holtz</b> Charlie Holtz <b>Stanley Family (living)</b> Sova Family
Saturday, September 30	8:30 AM	<b>Ed &amp; Wilma Scholtz</b> Ed & Christine Scholtz
	4:00 PM	<b>Joyce Klohn</b> Rosary Altar Society <b>Alan Dunphy</b> Richard & Connie Dominguez
Sunday, October 1	7:30 AM	<b>Rosemary Loeffler</b> Richard Loeffler Dr. John Vjda Monteleone Family
	11:00 AM	<b>Michael Dannunzio</b> Mom & Dad

St. Mary's Church Mass Intentions		
Saturday, September 23	5:00 PM	<b>Robin Horner +</b> The Repko family <b>Helen &amp; Rui Nunes +</b> Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Carvalho
Sunday, September 24	8:00 AM	<b>Noel Vassalo +</b> Joseph & Kelina Vassallo
	10:00 AM	<b>Jean (2nd Anniv.) &amp; William Glynn</b> <b>30th Anniv.) +</b> The Glynn family <b>Eileen McGurl +</b> The McGurl family
Monday, September 25	9:00 AM	<b>All Victims of Natural Disasters</b>
Tuesday, September 26	9:00 AM	<b>John &amp; Thelma Paolantonio +</b> Req. Glynn Family <b>Grace Foley +</b> Re. Bob & Mary Waitt
Wednesday, September 27	9:00 AM	<b>Edith Salva +</b> Req. Elaine Salva & Vincent Troniec
Thursday, September 28	9:00 AM	<b>Dr. Harold V. Garrity, Jr. +</b> Req. Kathleen Garrity <b>Ethel Stroin + - 8th Anniversary</b>
Saturday, September 30	5:00 PM	<b>Ethel Cavanagh +</b> <b>Anne &amp; Thomas Repko +</b> Req. Repko Family
Sunday, October 1	8:00 AM	<b>Living &amp; Deceased members of the Parish</b>
	10:00 AM	<b>Brian Rogers, Jr. +</b> Req. Hughes Family <b>Frank J. Peterpaul +</b> Req. John & Joanne Heavey

**REQUIESCAT IN PACE**

Please remember in your prayers the happy repose of the soul of:


***Richard English***

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him*

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***Be Blessed as You Present the Gifts***

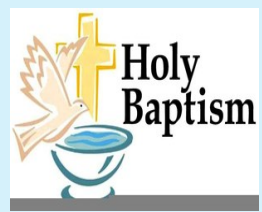
*Would you like to present the Bread and the Wine at mass? Please see Dennis, Ed or any of our ushers for your preferred weekend Mass time.*



**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.



**Holy Baptism**

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. The next prep class is Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

## 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: Karen Daly, John Day, James Shanahan, August Wreiole

Week 2: 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 3: David Applegate, Fr. Doug Freer, Fr. Michael Lynch, Sr. Angelina Pelliccia, Bob Scally, Howard White

Week 4: Fiona Lytle, Arthur Marshall, Bill Nurthen

*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 response 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: grocery stores

Gift cards: 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

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St. Mary: 732-531-1409

[stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org](mailto:stmary@ladyofhopeparish.org)

**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!

# Saint Jerome School

OVER THE PAST YEAR, STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND TEACHERS CULTIVATED GARDENS AND A LOVE FOR NATURE WITH OUR CHILDREN. RECENTLY, WE WERE HIGHLIGHTED IN THE RECENT MONITOR MAGAZINE. HERE ARE SOME OF OUR HIGHLIGHTS!

Saint Jerome students took education beyond the classroom walls this past year with the creation of two new gardens - a beautifully colorful and tranquil butterfly garden and a lush and productive vegetable garden. Each of these gardens was created and tended by a small group of students, who were each led by Saint



Jerome school parent volunteers. These projects aimed to teach the students about the wonders of nature, the importance of sustainable practices, and the joy of growing their own food.



**The Butterfly Garden** was designed by Ms. Janna Montague, the parent of a Saint Jerome 3rd grade student. It was carefully designed to attract and support local butterfly species, providing a haven for their growth and development. Students in Pre-K and Kindergarten witnessed the remarkable transformation from caterpillar to butterfly in their classrooms and were able to release their butterflies directly into the butterfly garden. The benefits of the garden extend beyond the academic realm. It serves as a peaceful retreat for students, offering a tranquil environment where they can connect with nature and take a break from their daily routines. **The**

**Vegetable Garden Club** consisted of 16 members, with boys and girls from Grades 5 through 7. The goal of this club was multi-fold - to provide an opportunity to learn about the lifecycle of plants firsthand, to learn the steps in planning out a new garden from ground up, to learn how



to maintain a vegetable garden throughout the season, to encourage healthy eating, and finally, to harvest delicious, nutritious vegetables.

**Goals were met and students beamed with pride!** Vegetables were harvested by garden club members, and distributed to family, friends, and the faculty and staff of Saint Jerome School. The club looks forward to expanding next year and creating some new goals! Saint Jerome School has demonstrated, through the creation of their gardens, that education can flourish outside the traditional classroom. By nurturing a love for nature and sustainable practices, students are empowered to become environmentally conscious citizens and fostering a lifelong connection to the natural world.

