FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The parish nurses say: In addition, all adults should receive the flu vaccine yearly if there is no medical contraindication. This vaccine changes each year. It is developed each year based on the strain of flu that is expected to prevalent that year. For the most part, the only side effect for most people is maybe a sore arm.

The Parish Nurses are once again coordinating a **Red Cross Blood Drive** from 1:00 to 7:00 PM on September 27th at St. Jerome's in the Faith & Life Center. Following Hurricane Harvey, the need for blood remains high. The Red Cross now takes reservations to reduce your waiting time. Parish nurses will be in the commons this weekend to put you on the schedule and answer any questions. Ask about the new Rapid Pass. You may also go online to redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: "St Jerome" to make your reservation. Email Regina Asaro at griefwork@cox.net or call 833-8093 if you have any questions. Remember: Your gift of blood is the gift of life. Thank you.

"Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near." Encourage those moments by enjoying a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend with your spouse. The next weekends are: Nov 10-12, 2017 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC and Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

Eucharist Procession: In celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, please join us for the multi-parish Eucharistic Procession on the Virginia Beach Boardwalk on Sunday, October 8th, from 3:00-5:00 pm. The procession begins at Star of the Sea Church on Pacific Ave., and we are anticipating a large turnout. Come join us as we publicly honor our Eucharistic King during this special anniversary year! For more details, visit www.Eucharistia.us.

Highlights Tours: Take an hour and a half and come see what OLMC School is like! OLMC serves students in Pre K through 8th grades, and we are led by the Dominican Sisters of the Congregation of Saint Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee. So, whether you are interested in sending your child(ren) here, or you have heard good things and would like to see for yourself, we would love to show you why we think this is a special place. Come see and hear about the "Highlights" of our school. Our next tour is being held on Wednesday, September 27th beginning at 8:15 am. Please RSVP to Kathy McKenna at 757-596-2754 Ext. 166 or email us at kmckenna@olmc-school.com. You can also go online to the school website http://www.olmc-school.com/support-our-school/highlights-tours/ . Private tours can also be scheduled at your convenience, so contact us today

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 26-OCTOBER 1, 2017

Sep 26, Tuesday		Armando Salvano ✞
Sep 27, Wednesday		Tomas Asuncion Jr. ✞
Sep 28, Thursday		Ernesto Felipe ✞
Sep 30, Saturday		Estelle Hamshire ✞
Oct 1, Sunday	7:00	John Plowright ✞
	9:00	Joseph Stumpo Sr. ✞
	12:00	David Walker III ✞

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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 25-OCTOBER 1, 2017

Sep 25, Monday	Ezr 1:1-6, Ps 126:1-6, Lk 8:16-18
Sep 26, Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12B, 14-20, Ps 122:1-5 Lk 8:19-21
Sep 27, Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9, (Ps) Tb13:2, 3-4, 7-8, Lk 9:1-6
Sep 28, Thursday	Hg 1:1-8, Ps 149:1-6, 9, Lk 9:7-9
Sep 29, Friday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14, or Rv 12:7-12A Ps 138:1-5, Jn 1:47-51
Sep 30, Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15A, (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Lk 9:43B-45
Oct 1, Sunday	Ez 18:25-28, Ps 25:4-9, Phil 2:1-11 Or 2;1-5, Mt 21:28-32

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 22-OCTOBER1, 2017

NO DAILY MASSES on Tuesday to Friday from the 26th of September to 27th of October 2017, Father Patrick is on vacation.

Sep 26, Tuesday	Divine Will Mercy Group 9:00 AM Parish Nurses 1:30 PM
Sep 27, Wednesday	Blood Drive 12Noon Youth Music Practice 7:00 PM
Sep 28, Thursday	Rosary Prayed 9:30 AM Adult Choir Music Practice 7:00 PM
Sep 30, Saturday	1st Confirmation Workshop 9:30 AM (2ND Option) Baptism/Leah & Danielle Jimenez 11:00 AM Baptism/Victor Rivera 11:30 AM
Oct 1, Sunday	Adult/Children Religious Education Classes 10:30 AM Family Retreat/Let's Make Saints10:15 AM Carmelites Group 11:45 AM St. Jerome Feast 1:00 PM

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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:

The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, October 22nd, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. in the Faith and Life Center classroom. **Parents and Godparents must SIGN-UP to attend!** A Nursery will be available. Please call St. Jerome parish office to register for the class at 877-5021.

CHURCH:

"Parish Pastoral Council Discernment: Four pastoral council members will be completing their three year term at the end of this year. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or someone else for the upcoming discernment process to select new council members. More information is available in the diocesan "Called to Serve" document located in the Communications rack at the back of the church and on the website. Please feel free to ask any current council member (green name tags) questions about the council and/or the discernment process."

Are you looking to become involved in the Parish? Serve Our Lord, Serve Your Parish? Do you feel a calling? Do you have a special talent you would like to share with the Parish? Have you been involved in the ministry at a previous parish? We are seeking interested individuals who would like to share their gift, talent and time with the various ministries and groups we have at St Jerome. Come and visit our **Ministry Fair in the Fellowship Hall Saturday-Sunday October 7-8, 2017 after all Masses.** The fair will showcase all our parish ministries and you will be able to see how your particular talents can be used to serve others, or call the parish office at (757) 877-5021 to contact anyone of our ministry or group leaders for more information. **All ages are welcome!**

Food Pantry Ministry: Please bring non-perishables for the needy. Most needed items include:

Canned pasta, stew, hash,	Dry/canned milk
Pasta Sauce,	Peanut Butter & Jelly
Pancake Mix & Syrup	Pudding/Jell-O
Dried Fruit & Nuts	Popcorn
Potatoes Box/Can	Muffin Mix/Pie Crust Mix

The Food Pantry Ministry was able to provide thirteen bags of groceries for the month of June, fourteen bags for July and twenty-seven bags during the month of August to residents of Newport News. Families are provided food based upon the number of persons in the family. **Thank you for your continued support of this ministry!**

Save the Date! 1 October is the **STJ Parish Feast day!** Fun and food and fellowship! Starting at 1:15pm with inflatables, petting zoo, corn hole and horseshoes. Join us for a wonderful opportunity to meet others in your parish family!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Edith Llantada, Linda Smith, Buddy Williams, Margaret Luedtke, Joel Rivera, Judith Ott, Florence Bischof, Harold Przygocki, Marciana Dayrit, Esther Vaughn, Bailey Ann Schaffer, Tiffany Brickhouse, Dorothy Woodward, Therese Reiley, Jon Kenneth Salangsang, Marvin Alba, Fess Balina, Chris Whelan, Angelica Chabo, Imelita Wright, Phil Pace Sr., Joseph (Jo-Jo) Goodwin, Nick Frankie, Blanca O' Brien, Herminia Platon, Romeo Fermin, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandraea Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

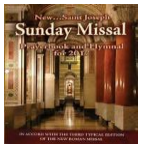
English as a Second Language, Citizenship and HEAL (Health, Literacy and Education) classes at STJ is now in progress at 10:15am located at Sherwood Arms Apartment Complex during the week. Interested participants can call the office (877-3771) for more information. Please let friends and family that might benefit from this class know about these learning opportunities.

On November 14 at Immaculate Conception, Father Jeff Putthoff and Father Greg Boyle will be presenting a talk on **"The Work of Hope**: A Conversation on Breaking the Cycle of Trauma and Violence." Prior to the talk, we will have available the book, *Tattoo's on the Heart* written by Father Boyle and would like to have a conversation regarding the talk and the book on 21 November at 7pm. Books will be available for purchase at the scrip counter. Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

STJ sends a **HUGE thank you** to those busy angels who framed the Stations of the Cross and hung them in the church. Many hours went into placing those frames and STJ is very thankful for your dedication and giving.

Mark your calendar and save the date for 15 October for our newest study, "Every Man's Journey: Becoming the Man God Intended" by James Campbell. Using St. Peter as the case study, this book of meditations explains how God shows us to be the men He wants us to be through our successes and failures. Different local pizza pies with different local beers enjoyed during the study.

Children's Liturgy of the Word is a ministry that is offered during the 9am Mass. If you are interested in helping leading or assisting, please send an email margie@stjeromennva.org or call the office. Training for all those interested in ministering will be held on 27 Sept at 7pm in the Faith and Life Center.



St. Joseph Missal are here! Stop by the scrip counter and get yours today. This missal has the Sunday readings for the liturgical year 2017-18. A $5 donation is greatly appreciated.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM: IT Jeffery Espiritu, Maj. Garrett McGowan, Sgt. Robert McDaniel, SFC Robert Allison III, T/Sgt. Patrick Garvin, PFC Keith Moore Jr., CE1 David Maguire, Capt. Brian Wensel, Lt. Michael Yuenguert, LTC Troy D. Agostino, Maj. John Ferguson, Lt. Cmdr. Jeffrey Alan Dellapenta, Capt. Robert Belkowski III, Capt. Mark Belkowski, sfc Wilbert J. Torres, S/Sgt. Trey Ravenscraft, 1Lt. Jerry Feehery, Lt. Jeremy C. Topp, LTJG Marriane Topp, Capt. Jimmy Thoms, LTC Robert Salire, Capt. Mike Hayes, 2nd Lt. Ryan Bare, SFC Chris Whelan, CPO Nino Villamor, SPC Jonathan J. Belmonte.