FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Parish Nurses Say: As we prepare for Christmas, let us remember to prepare our hearts and minds for the birth of our Savior. Let us remember that we are here to serve others in many ways. One small deed can make one big difference in the life of someone else.

Unwrap the gifts in your marriage on the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter.** It is a weekend for married Christian couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together. Start your new year out right and sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend on Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Mar 22-24, 2019 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information contact us at 757-690-1369. Or visit our website at: https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ or applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org

Knights of Columbus are looking for a **Few Good Men;** if you are a practical Catholic man at least 18 years old, the Knights of Columbus may be just what you've been searching for. The Knights offer an opportunity for fellowship with men who share the same beliefs and who recognize the same duty to God, family and to the people down the street. If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith and having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. You can become as involved as you wish. For more information please contact Louis Federico at federicolouis98@gmail.com.

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the **March For Life Bus Trip** to Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Please show your support for LIFE (from conception until natural death) by making a public witness at the **Annual March for Life.** For more information contact Carroll Kelley, cgkelley@cox.net.

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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:

The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, December 16th at 10:30 AM in the second floor classroom, #10 in the Faith and Life Center. **Parents and Godparents must SIGN-UP to attend!** A Nursery will be available. Please call St. Jerome office to register for the class, (757) 877-5021.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 18-23, 2018

Dec 18, Tuesday		A. R. Tony Flores ✞
Dec 19, Wednesday		Rat Hoang ✞
Dec 20, Thursday		John Baptist Tran Canh ✞
Dec 21, Friday		Nicolina Rago ✞
Dec 22, Saturday		Genevieve Mae Kerstetter ✞
Dec 23, Sunday	7:00	Joan Nulty ✞
	9:00	Michael J. Lightfoot ✞
	12:00	Tuen-Mei Chan Yeung ✞

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 17-23, 2018

Dec 17, Monday	Gn 49:2, 8-10, Ps 72:3-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Dec 18, Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8, Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
Dec 19, Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a, Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b 16-17, Lk 1:5-25
Dec 20, Thursday	Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Lk 1:26-38
Dec 21, Friday	Sg 2:8-14, or Zep 3:14-18a, Ps 33: 2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45
Dec 22, Saturday	1 Sm 1:24-28, (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd, Lk 1:46-56
Dec 23, Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, Heb 10:5-10, Lk 1:39-45

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 17-23, 2018

Dec 18, Tuesday	Mass/The Gardens 10:00 am
Dec 19, Wednesday	Youth Choir 7:00 pm
Dec 20, Thursday	Advent Penance Service 7:00 pm
Dec 21, Friday	Mass/St. Francis 11:00 am
Dec 22, Saturday	Baptism/Joseph Ming-Hing Yeung
Dec 23, Sunday	NO Religious Education Classes

The next Adoration will be held on Thursday, January 3, 2019 after the 8:00 am Mass and it will end at 7:00 pm.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM: Maj. Garrett McGowan, WO-1. Robert McDaniel, Sgt. Valerie 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, Sgt. Jonathan J. Belmonte, S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz.

CHURCH:

The Rescheduled date for **Festival of Lessons and Carols** is Sunday, December 23, 2018 from 6-7 pm in the church. A small reception to follow at the Fellowship Hall. All are invited to attend!

St Jerome Penance Service will be held Thursday, December 20th at 7:00 pm.

St. Jerome would like **to thank the Fort Eustis Awana Club** for their generous donations of food to our Food Pantry. Your help will feed many families who are in need especialy this time of the year.

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a ministry for those who are not baptized or who have been baptized in another faith tradition and wish to enter the Catholic Church. **Are you hearing a quiet still voice within,** urging you to learn more about the Catholic faith? Do you find yourself coming to St. Jerome for Mass and wanting to be more involved in the community? Do you long for a deeper relationship with God? Contact our parish religious coordinator Margie Curtis at 757-877-3771.

Is your child aged 7-18? Have they been baptized? Baptized in another faith? Has the whole family been away from the church? **The Rite of Christian Initiation for Children is going on now.** Please contact us to set up a time to meet and see how we can help you on the journey at 757-877-3771.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

Dorothy Olmsted, Jeff James, Peter Laban, Zeny Ramirez, Kathia Rodriquez, Mary Thomas, Gloria Topp, Richard Mansfield, Jonathon Buckman, Debbie Pace, James Tully, Jr., Fr. Donald Cavey, Jane Klemenic, Rose Cagne', Mark Woynicz, Patty Varillas, Ann Colleen Schwob, Bob Sanford, Frank Williams, Howard Lee Cawthon, Fred Hake, William Hammond, Mary Coviello, A. J. Wright, Mackenzie Refermat, Gemar Rotoni Roviro, Shirley Causey, Sol Charifa, Tom Davidson, Ann Gutches, Dee Casto, Annette Hodges, Anna Ferreira, Tina Pierce, Maria Janis, Dez J. Castro, Marie Louise McLean, Naureen Sanford, Cristina Gloria, Reco Cotton, Deifilia Lazo, Anna Blood, Yvonne Holmes, Nick Butler, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, Linda Smith, Buddy Williams, Margaret Luedtke, Judith Otto, Florence Bischof, Harold Przygocki, Marciana Dayrit, Esther Vaughn, Bailey Ann Schaffer, Tiffany Brickhouse, Dorothy Woodward, Therese Reiley, Marvin Alba, Fess Balina, Chris Whelan, Angelica Chabo, Joseph (Jo-Jo) Goodwin, Nick Frankie, Blanca O' Brien, Herminia Platon, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandrea Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Robert DeBartolo, Kathryn Brunk, and Kyle Kamrad

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

All High School students are invited to participate in our **Secret Santa**. Each week at our Life Teen Coffeehouse, you are encouraged to bring something little for your secret person. A card, a note, a candy, etc are all perfect! On 16 December, our session will start at 10:20 with class but will end with lunch and a party! Bring something for your special person on 16 December and then reveal who you are! December 16 ends at 1:30.

Due to the Simbang Gabi on 16 December, there will **NOT** be a gingerbread activity that day. All are invited to attend the Simbang Gabi at St Jerome.

All Middle School teens are invited to a New Year's Eve party on 30 December from 6pm – 8pm. Friends are welcome to attend. Parents are needed to help chaperone. Please email margie@stjeromennva.org if you are able to help.

Our last Sunday School classes will be on 16 December (HS will end at 1:30) for those that participated in ALPHA, a day retreat is being planned for all to attend. The first class for 2019 is 6 January. Please pick up a schedule for the upcoming programs.

The next First Communion workshop is on 5 January at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring your bag with your folder to class. See you then!

The study of James will begin on 3 January at 10am in the Faith and Life Center. All are invited to join this study that gives pearls of wisdom as we enter into a new year. Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

All Young Adults (21 - 35 years of age) are invited to a Peninsula potluck at Immaculate Conception on 11 January at 6pm. This will be a "hearing" dinner: an opportunity for the young adults in our region to tell the churches what functions you want to attend! All are invited! Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

Setting up for **PORT** will take place on 6 January at 1pm. Muscles are needed to help move some church equipment to prepare for housing the homeless. All HS teens are invited to come at 4pm and help bake treats for the homeless when they are staying with us! Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information. PORT takes place 9 January – 16 January. Help in the kitchen on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning is still needed.

The next **Pivotal Players** Saturday night bible study will be held on 12 January at 6pm in the Faith and Life Center. Please bring a dinner dish to share (or talk to Fran about a planned meal! Newcomers are always welcomed! Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Youth Group are sending Christmas Cards to anyone who has a loved one who is deployed. If you would like to include your loved one, please complete a form available in the Commons Area.