

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**The Parish Nurses Say:** Bee stings are a common summer nuisance. In most cases they are just annoying but they can be serious. If you know you are allergic to bee stings, you shouldn't go out without your antidote, usually an "Epi-Pen". Learn how to minimize your exposure to stings. Please see the parish nurse bulletin board for more information.

**Independence Day Flag Raising Ceremony:** The



Knights of Columbus Father Michael J. Bader Assembly 2430 is conducting a Flag Raising Ceremony at 8:00 a.m., 4 July 2018. This event will be conducted at 12742 Nettles Drive, Newport News.

There will be a breakfast served in the Columbian Center directly after the ceremony. All parishioners are invited to attend this patriotic ceremony that kicks off a day-long celebration throughout the peninsula and nation.

**LUNCHEON FOR OUR SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS AND FAMILIES:**

Come join us as we celebrate our special adult children. Games will be provided for the adult children and friends. Our third monthly luncheon will be held at The Knights of Columbus on Nettle's Drive, Sunday July 8, 2018 at 2:00. Please meet us in the small brick building behind the Knights of Columbus, Founder's Hall. Adult children, their families, and friends from Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Jerome's are invited to attend. We also welcome other families and friends. Please bring beverages for your family and a dish to share; paper products and utensils will be provided. We hope you will participate in this special opportunity to network with new parents. Please RSVP by July 2 to Kathy Gardner ( kgar1001@gmail.com) or Anne Winkworth (2awinkworth@gmail.com).



**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM:**

IT Jeffery Espiritu, 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Ryan Bare, SFC Chris Whelan, CPO Nino Villamor, Sgt. Jonathan J. Belmonte, S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz.



*One small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JULY 3-8, 2018**

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| Jul 3, Tuesday   |       | Carmelita Elefante †                 |
| Jul 4, Wednesday |       | Jimmy & Dez J. Castro (Sp. Int.)     |
| Jul 5, Thursday  |       | John DuRocher †                      |
| Jul 6, Friday    |       | Florence Salire †                    |
| Jul 7, Saturday  |       | Michael Eberhard †                   |
| Jul 8, Sunday    | 7:00  | Maria & Vincente Belmonte (Sp. Int.) |
|                  | 9:00  | Ralph Giunti †                       |
|                  | 12:00 | Tommy Watts †                        |



**READINGS FOR JULY 2-8, 2018**

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| Jul 2, Monday    | Am 2:6-10, 13-16, Ps 50:16b-23, Mt 8:18-22              |
| Jul 3, Tuesday   | Eph 2:19-22, Ps 117:1-2, Jn 20:24-29                    |
| Jul 4, Wednesday | Am 5:14-15, 21-24, Ps 50:7-13, 16-17 Mt 8:28-34         |
| Jul 5, Thursday  | Am 7:10-17, Ps 19:8-11, Mt 9:1-8                        |
| Jul 6, Friday    | Am 8:4-6, 9-12, Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40 131, Mt 9:9-13 |
| Jul 7, Saturday  | Am 9:11-15, Ps 85:9, 11-14, Mt 9:14-17                  |
| Jul 8, Sunday    | Ez 2:2-5, Ps 123:1-4, 2 Cor 12:7-10, Mk 6:1-6a          |



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JULY 2-8, 2018**

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| Jul 4, Wednesday | <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED</b>  |
| Jul 5, Thursday  | Adoration 8:30 am  |
| Jul 6, Friday    | Mass/St. Francis 11:00 am  |
| Jul 7, Saturday  | NO Altar Server Meeting  |
| Jul 8, Sunday    | Blessing Departure for Mission Trip to Buckingham County<br>Men's Bible Study 6:00 pm<br>Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm |



**BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:**



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, July 15 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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**



**Maria Jefferson**



*"When we let ourselves to be guided by the Holy Spirit, he brings us to harmony, unity, and respect for various gifts and talents. Have you understood well? No gossiping, no envy, no jealousy! Understood?" Saint Junipero Serra*

## CHURCH:

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:



In prayerful response to the **persecution of fellow Christians** throughout the world, we will be offering a day of prayer on 5th July. Beginning at 8:30am with Adoration of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, we will offer this day as an offering of hope through prayer to those that are being persecuted.

Adoration will be offered throughout the day and will end with Adore Him at 7pm. All committees and individuals are encouraged to come and spend some time with Jesus offering prayers of hope and peace.



**Congratulations:** The winner of the raffle for the drawing by Buckingham County artist, David Johnson is Ms. Ivy D. Lee. The St Jerome Mission Team would like to thank all those who purchased tickets.



The St. Jerome **Adult Choir** provides beauty, joy, comfort, and inspiration for our liturgies and festive parish celebrations. This happens only through the musical gifts and commitment of our members. If you can carry a tune, want to learn, wish to be a Psalmist, or have a desire to sing with us, call the Parish Office and leave a message for Louise.

**Do you need to update your contact information such as address, phone number or email address? Please call the Parish Office at (757)877-3771.**



**Please note that the Parish Office will be closed Wednesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for the Independence Day Holiday. We wish everyone a Happy and Safe 4<sup>th</sup> of July!**



### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:



Shirley Causey, Paul Yates, Sol Charifa, Tom Davidson, Ann Gutches, Dee Casto, Annette Hodges, Anna Ferreira, Tina Pierce, Maria Janis, Anne Kukla, Gloria Asuncion Sare, Dez J. Castro, Marie Louise McLean, Eleanor Morgan, Frances Manoja, Naureen Sanford, Michael Freda, Cristina Gloria, Reco Cotton, Deifilia Lazo, Herman Barretto, Olga Iris Barretto, Taylor Bowman, Anna Blood, Yvonne Holmes, Jackie O' Neil, Restituto Obis, Nick Butler, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, Linda Smith, Buddy Williams, Margaret Luedtke, Joel Rivera, 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, Imelita Wright, Phil Pace Sr., Joseph (Jo-Jo) Goodwin, Nick Frankie, Blanca O' Brien, Herminia Platon, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandra Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Do you know a middle school student? Then sign him/ her up for **Middle School Camp!** A fun week to learn more about Jesus, grow in friendships, and discover spiritual gifts. Camp will be held 23 – 27 July at OLMC from 9am – 4pm. Email [Margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:Margie@stjeromennva.org) to learn more and to register. Cost is \$125. (Includes food, activities, water country day pass and much more.)

**Help!** Our Common Home is growing and needs extra hands to dig, weed, plant and maintain! We are currently working on a Children's Garden near the Faith and Life Center and a naturalized area by the office. If you have some free time and like gardening or getting back to nature, then this is a ministry for you! Email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more info or call the office at 877-3771.

The **summer book club** is reading "The Return of the Prodigal Son" by Henri Nouwen. Interested? Pick up a copy of the book, read it over the summer and then join us on 16 August at 10am to discuss. (If you work and cannot meet in the morning, please email Margie and we will have an additional time group discussion.) If you are interested in obtaining a copy of this book, please call the office or email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org).

Interested in learning more about the **Catholic Faith?** Want to receive the sacraments of Confirmation, Baptism or Eucharist? Then contact [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) and learn how you can find out more!

Have you seen **St Jerome magnets** on cars? Do you want one? Stop by the scrip counter and get yours today! Small magnets are \$3.00.

All those interested in helping with **Christian Formation** next year are invited to attend a planning breakfast on 8 July at 10:20am in the Faith and Life Center. Food will be provided! Just bring your ideas and your energy! Email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more information.

**VBS** plans are underway and we need YOU! Call the office or email [Margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:Margie@stjeromennva.org) to find out how you can be a part of this amazing adventure! This year, VBS will be held on 7, 8, 9 August from 6pm – 8:30pm and is for K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Middle School and High School teens are welcome to help.

Living on a peninsula is a blessing; we are surrounded by gorgeous water views and scenery. It also brings responsibility. As an area that feeds into the Chesapeake Bay, we are on many waterways that are part of the watershed. This means that what we do in our backyards has an effect on the quality of the Bay. Over the next few months, there will be short articles and suggestions as to how we can help the Bay and help our own waterways. For more information, come to the next **Greening of St Jerome ministry** meeting on 31 July at 7pm in the Faith and Life Center.