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.

For those who can get to church, the TV or online liturgy does not fulfill the Sunday or Christmas Mass obligation. **TV MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**; Is someone you love unable to join us at church during this holy time of Advent and Christmas? For the faithful at home or in healthcare settings, the Heart of the Nation TV Mass brings spiritual comfort and the blessings of joyful hope in our Savior, who came to share life with us. **CHRISTMAS TV MASS;** WUPV (CW) channel 65 at 6:30 p.m. on December 24 **SUNDAY TV MASS**; WUPV (CW) channel 65 at 7:30 a.m. WTVZ (MyTVZ) channel 33 at 7:00 a.m. (beginning 12/31/17) **CHRISTMAS & SUNDAY MASS ONLINE VIDEO** www.HeartoftheNation.org.

The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Bede Catholic Church in 3686 Ironbound Rd. Williamsburg 23188 has been invited by the Filipino Commission of the Diocese of Richmond to host the **Simbang Gabi Mass on Friday December 22, 2017 at 7:00pm.** And we are so pleased to have Rev. Fr. Oscar Paraiso celebrating this Mass! We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Jerome Catholic Church to join us in this Filipino Catholic tradition Simbang Gabi refers to the series of night Masses celebrated in the Philippines in preparation for Christmas. After Mass, come and enjoy refreshments in Kaplan Hall. Please see the bulletin board for more details and feel free to email stbedefilam@gmail.com with any questions. Best wishes for a most blessed Advent season!

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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:

The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 21st, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. 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 at (757) 877-5021.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Carolyn Walker
(Lenny Woynicz- Companion)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 19-24, 2017

Dec 19, Tuesday		Josefina Serino ✞
Dec 20, Wednesday		Mary Soliza ✞
Dec 21, Thursday		Susana Crisostomo ✞
Dec 22, Friday		Helen Francisco ✞
Dec 23, Saturday		Michael & Barbara Schaefer ✞
Dec 24, Sunday	7:00	Bill Allen ✞
	9:00	Lydia Losbanes ✞
	12:00	Maria Obis Belmonte ✞
Vigil Masses	**5:00**	**Tommy Watts** ✞
	9:00	**Epifanio Cabison** ✞
	12Midnight	**Florida Cabison** ✞

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 18-24, 2017

Dec 18, Monday	Jer 23:5-8, Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19, Mt 1:18-25
Dec 19, Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25A, Ps 71:3-6, 16-17, Lk 1:5-25
Dec 20, Wednesday	Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Lk 1:26-38
Dec 21, Thursday	Sg 2:8-14, or Zep 3:14-18A, Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21, Lk 1:39-45
Dec 22, Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28, (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8ABCD, Lk 1:46-56
Dec 23, Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24, Ps 25:4BC-5AB, 8-10 14, Lk 1:57-66
Dec 24, Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16, Ps 89:2-5 27, 29, Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38 Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25, Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 18-24, 2017

Dec 19, Tuesday	Mass/ The Gardens 10:00 AM St. Bede Advent Penance 7:00 PM
Dec 20, Wednesday	St. Jerome Advent Penance 7:00 PM
Dec 21, Thursday	**OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON** Youth Music Practice 6:30 PM Adult Music Practice 7:00 PM
Dec 22, Friday	St. Francis/Mass 11:00 AM Filipino Simbang Gabi Mass at St. Bede/Williamsburg 7:00 PM
Dec 23, Saturday	**NO Adult/Children Religious Classes**
Dec 24, Sunday	Regular Masses Scheduled as follows Vigil Masses Scheduled as follows

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

June Gerlach, Restituto Obis, Nick Butler, Joan Cawthon, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, 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, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandrea Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

CHURCH:

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: St Jerome Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:00pm. Numerous priests will be on hand to hear confessions including our own parish priest, please plan to attend our penance service as part of yours and your family's Advent preparation for the coming of Jesus Christ on Christmas.

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:

December 23rd: Regular Mass 5:00pm

December 24th: Regular Masses
7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 12noon

Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve
December 24th: 5:00pm, 9:00pm, and 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Day Mass
December 25th: 9:00am

December 31st: New Years Eve Regular Masses
7:00am, 9:00am, and 12noon.

Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Mary, Mother of God - New Years
January 1st: 10:00 am

Volunteer Opportunity: This is the last year David Underwood will be the "site coordinator" for **PORT**. We are looking for one or two people (a team would be great!) who would be willing to take over this task next year, (usually the week after New Year's) The ideal situation would be to work with David this year to "learn the ropes". Please give this some prayerful consideration and if you even think you might be interested, call the office at 877-5021. PORT this year will be from January 3-January 10, 2018.

St Jerome will be hosting the **AARP Driver Safety Class** on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 9am to 1:00pm. To register for the classes please call the parish office and reserved your seat at (757) 877-5021. Cost is $15 for member and $20 for non-member.

P.O.R.T. St. Jerome will be hosting the homeless January 3-10, 2018. We still have a few opening so your help is still needed more than ever. Volunteers are still needed for the midnight shifts from 12:45am to 4:45am also, overnight table shifts - especially three slots on the final night (Tuesday overnight to Wednesday morning, January 9 into January 10). Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity to help the homeless should stop by the table in the foyer of the church or you can sign up after Mass. **Please prayerfully consider donating your time.**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

All parents of children preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion (Sacraments of Initiation) are asked to attend an **informational meeting on 7 January at 6:30pm in the Faith and Life Center.** Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

The **next men's group will be meeting on 14 January at 6pm in the Youth Group room.** Come share some pizza and enjoy some fellowship as we journey through the book, "Every Man's Journey". Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more info.

All women of the parish are invited to the next wine and cheese night on 21 January at 6pm in the Faith and Life Center. Join us as we discover our creative abilities on canvas and discuss the book on our spiritual journey. Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

Looking to make a New Year's resolution? Want to grow deeper spiritually? **JOIN AN ADULT GROUP!** New bible studies starting in 2018 and there is a seat available for you. Several Bishop Barren studies will kick off the New Year. Email margie@stjeromennva.org to learn more.

All Sunday school classes will meet on 7 January 2018. Gather with us in the Faith and Life Center at 10:20am and learn where and what is new for the upcoming year.

First Communion workshop will be held on 6 January at 9:15am in the Faith and Life Center. All children preparing for this sacrament MUST attend the workshops and the Sunday classes.

Confirmation workshop will be on (option 1) 6 January at 9:30am (OR option 2) 7 January at 6pm. All candidates need to come with saint name and information, answers to questions and sponsor information. The date for Confirmation will be given at this meeting.

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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, S/Sgt. Christopher Woynicz.