

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Parish Nurses Say: Having Diabetes can increase your risk of heart disease. Knowing the diabetes ABCS can help protect your health and your heart...A=A1C test which shows your average glucose levels over a 3 month time frame; B=Blood Pressure which needs to be within normal limits; C=Cholesterol which also needs to be within normal limit; S=Smoking which puts you at a much higher risk of heart disease and stroke. See bulletin board for more information.



The Knights of Columbus Council 5480 will be hosting a Blood Drive on Friday, December 8, 2017 from 1:00-7:00pm in the meeting room at 12742 Nettles Drive, Newport News. Please visit redcrossblood.org and enter: 5480 to schedule an appointment.



“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend with our spouse. The next weekends are: Feb 2-4, 2018 in Clemmons, NC and Mar 2-4, 2018 in Herndon, VA. 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.



Looking for the Longest Married Couple in 2018 Worldwide Marriage Encounter is searching for the longest married couple. One national winner and winners from each of the 50 states are recognized each year. This project is held to honor the commitment of married couples and to give hope and inspiration to younger couples that they too can have long and lasting marriages. Nominations must be received by January 10th, 2018. To nominate a couple you know, please visit or contact us directly at 405-850-4274. <http://www.earnedmedia.org/wwme1009.htm>.



CDA Court of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, #2206 is sponsoring an education contest. Students will respond to one of two topics: "The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us, We Are Filled With Joy" or "Finding Joy In My Life". Students can respond in the form of essay, poetry, art, photography, or computer art. An honorarium of \$25 will be awarded to each first place winner for each division in each category. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in June for the 2018-2019 school years to first place winners. Scholarship monies. Applications are due to Kathryn Skinner (757-875-1590 or skinn4me@aol.com) by February 15, 2018.



BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 21, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 5-10, 2017

Dec 5, Tuesday		Soul's of Religious & Consecrated Ones ✠
Dec 6, Wednesday		Suffering Souls in Purgatory ✠
Dec 7, Thursday		Anthony Udugama ✠
Dec 8, Friday		Consuelo Medalla ✠
Dec 9, Saturday		Earl Edbauer ✠
Dec 10, Sunday	7:00	Walter & Melaine Czupryna ✠
	9:00	Agnes Hong Tran ✠
	12:00	Lydia Losbanos ✠



READINGS FOR DECEMBER 4-10, 2017

Dec 4, Monday	Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-9, Mt 8:5-11
Dec 5, Tuesday	Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24
Dec 6, Wednesday	Is 25:6-10A, Ps 23:1-6, Mt 15:29-37
Dec 7, Thursday	Is 26:1-6, Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27A Mt 7:21, 24-27
Dec 8, Friday	Gn 3:9-15, 20, Ps 98:1-4, Eph 1:3-6, 11-12, Lk 1:26-38
Dec 9, Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26, Ps 147:1-6, Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5A, 6-8
Dec 10, Sunday	Is 40:1-5, 9-11, Ps 85:9-14, 2 Pt 3:8-14, Mk 1:1-8



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 4-10, 2017

Dec 5, Tuesday	Divine Will Mercy Group 9:00 AM Parish Nurses Luncheon 10:00 AM
Dec 6, Wednesday	CDA/OLPH #2206 9:00 AM Bible Study/Jesus Revealed 7:00 PM Youth Music Practice 7:00 PM
Dec 7, Thursday	Adoration/Blessed Sacrament 8:30 AM Rosary 9:30 AM Bible Study/Jesus Revealed 10:00 AM Adult Choir Music Practice 7:00 PM
Dec 8, Friday	Feast of Immaculate Conception Masses 7:00AM, 12Noon & 7:00PM St. Francis/Mass 11:00 AM
Dec 9, Saturday	Turn-In Christmas Gifts Finance Committee 9:00 AM Altar Server Training 9:30 AM Youth Group Doughnut Sale after Mass Bible Study/Biblical Walk Through The Mass-Potluck Dinner 6:00 PM New Parishioners Registration 6:00 PM Filipino-American Children's Christmas Party 7:00 PM
Dec 10, Sunday	Turn-In Christmas Gifts Youth Group Doughnut Sale After All The Masses New Parishioners Registration After All The Masses RCIA 10:15 AM Christmas Gifts Wrapping/Sortting/ Organizing 1:00 PM Festival of Lessons & Carols 6:00 pm Reception 7:00 PM

CHURCH:

UPCOMING HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION:



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
December 8th: 7:00 am, 12noon, and 7:00pm

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 11:00pm

Christmas Day Mass
December 25th: 10:00am



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

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



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.



"Festival of Lessons and Carols" You are cordially invited to attend a Festival Lessons and Carols that tell the Christmas story alongside seasonal Carols. This is an Advent tradition to prepare us

for Christmas with Special music sung by the Choir of St. Jerome. A reception to follow after the concert. **ALL ARE WELCOME! SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2017 at 6:00 PM.**

St Jerome will be hosting the **AARP Driver Safety Class** on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 9am to



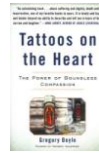
1:00pm. To register for the classes please call the parish office and reserved your seat at (757) 877-5021. Cost is \$15 for member and \$20 for non-member.



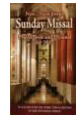
Volunteer Opportunity: This is the last year David Underwood will be the "site coordinator" for **PORT**. We are looking for one or two people (a team would be great!) who would be willing to take over this task next year, (usually the week after

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.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:



Join the conversation regarding the book, Tattoo's on the Heart, written by Father Boyle on 4 December at 7pm in the Faith and Life Center. Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.



St. Joseph Missals 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.

The last Sunday school class for 2017 will be on December 3. Please go to the Faith and Life Center and join your class; classes will travel together to the Fellowship Hall to watch the middle school performance. Parents may gather their children from the Fellowship Hall at 11:50am.



Do you control your money or does your money control you? Nearly 8 of every 10 American families struggle to manage monthly expenses while turning to debt as short term solution. How about a permanent solution? Learn God's ways of handling money through Financial Peace University. Saint Jerome's class begins 16 January 2018 and will meet every Wednesday evenings for nine weeks. The Course covers a variety of personal finance topics ranging from how to make a simple budget to planning for the future. Imagine never fighting with your spouse about money again! Find additional information and enroll at <https://fpu.com/1051182> or contact Seth Wacker at seth.m.wacker@gmail.com with questions.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:



Restituto Obis, Carolyn Walker, Nick Butler, Joan Cawthon, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, 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 Salangang, 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.



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.