

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Parish Nurses:** Stroke is a leading cause of death and disability. A stroke can make it hard to walk and talk. The good news is many strokes can be prevented. Check the bulletin board for ways to reduce your risk of stroke.



“And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” Let the Holy Spirit acknowledge and increase our love for our spouses while we participate in a

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are not yet scheduled. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: <https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/> or contact us at [applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.

**Join Us for the World-Famous Oberammergau Passion Play!** The Church of St. Therese in Chesapeake has only a few spaces left for a special journey to the world-famous 2020 Oberammergau Passion Play, as well as Budapest, Vienna, Prague, and Munich. Because of the popularity of the Passion play -- held only every 10 years -- reservations and down payment must be made before March 10, 2018. To register, or for more information, contact Megan Malhiot ([mmalhiot@sttheresechesva.org](mailto:mmalhiot@sttheresechesva.org); 757 488 2553) as soon as possible!



**Welcome the stranger by supporting CCC services for refugees and immigrants** Refugees and immigrants come to us with great need, having left

their homes, possessions, and often even their families in search of safety and a new start. CCC provides services that help these individuals achieve stability and equips them with the skills and guidance they need to begin their new lives in the United States. To learn how you can help, visit [www.cccofva.org/volunteer](http://www.cccofva.org/volunteer).



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



Reco Cotton, Deifilia Lazo, Herman Barretto, Olga Iris Barretto, Taylor Bowman, Annette Lang, Rhett Leonard, Anna Blood, Yvonne Holmes, Ruby Baggett, Jackie O' Neil, 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 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 4, 2018**

Feb 27, Tuesday		Dez Castro (Sp. Int.)
Feb 28, Wednesday		Dez Castro (Sp. Int.)
Mar 1, Thursday		Courtney Belmonte (Sp. Int.)
Mar 2, Friday		John Du Rocher †
Mar 3, Saturday		Robert Kloss †
Mar 4, Sunday	12:00	Anthony Udugama †



**READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2018**

Feb 26, Monday	Dn 9:4B-10, Ps 79:8-9, 11-13, Lk 6:36-38
Feb 27, Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20, Ps 50:8-9, 16BC-17, 21, 23, Mt 23:1-12
Feb 28, Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-6, 14-16, Mt 20:17-28
Mar 1, Thursday	Jer 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 16:19-31
Mar 2, Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13A, 17B-28A, Ps 105:16-21, Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Mar 3, Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20, Ps 103:1-4, 9-12, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Mar 4, Sunday	Ex 20:1-17, or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17, Ps 19:8-11, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-2, 6-9, Rom 5:1-2, 5-8, Jn 4:5-42, or 4:5-15, 19B-26, 39a, 40-42



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 4, 2018**

Feb 27, Tuesday	Divine Will Mercy Group 9:00 AM
Feb 28, Wednesday	Financial Pace University Class 7:00 PM Youth Group Music Practice 7:00 PM
Mar 1, Thursday	<b>NO</b> Adult Choir Practice
Mar 2, Friday	Mass/St. Francis 11:00 AM Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM Soup Supper/Pastoral Council
Mar 3, Saturday	Unveiled Pre-Cana 8:00 AM Young Adult Lenten Retreat 8:30 AM 1 <sup>ST</sup> Reconciliation Workshop 9:15 AM Confirmation Workshop Option Only 9:30 RCIA 1 <sup>ST</sup> Scrutiny Presentation of the Creed 5:00 PM
Mar 4, Sunday	<b>One City Marathon</b> <b>NO 7:00 AM and 9:00 AM Masses</b> <b>NO Religious Education Classes</b>



**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.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**

**CL. Murray (Father of Lori Underwood)**



## CHURCH:



**EASTER EGGS** Once again the Mission Trip Team will be selling Easter Eggs to help fund this year's trip to Buckingham County. Orders will be taken **February 24/25; March 4/5** and **March 10/11**. Eggs are \$5 each and we prefer payment when the order is placed. Thank you in advance for your support.

**Food Pantry** is in need of the following food items: Milk (Dry, Canned or Shelf), Gravy Mix (Cans or Jar), Grape Jelly, Pasta, Muffin/Pie Crust Mix. Thank you for your generosity!

### **2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal: *Building Our Family of Faith***



Last week, many of you received a letter from Bishop Knestout asking for your support of the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We hope you will give prayerful consideration to this request.

An important aspect of the Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. This year, the funds returned to our parish will be used towards various improvements on the church grounds.

The Appeal not only provides an opportunity for you to support important ministries that impact many programs outside of our parish boundaries, it also supports the services the Diocese provides directly to our parish. In complement to the funds returned to our parish through the parish sharing formula, the Appeal also benefits us through the program of International Priests. We have been blessed with several priests through this program.

All pledges can be paid in ten monthly installments which makes it easy to support the important ministries of our Diocesan Church while also supporting our parish needs. Thank you in advance for your partnership in the 2018 Appeal.

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

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

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

**Young Adult Lenten Retreat** "Discovering the Silence" is accepting reservations now. Come and learn how silence can help us in our journey towards God. Although this is NOT a silent retreat, we will explore the silence of God, of Life and of Prayer. This day retreat will be held on 3 March at OLMC from 8am – 3pm. It will offer Mass, Adoration, Speakers and time for silent prayer. Check out PeninsulaFrassatiYA on Facebook or email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more information.

**New Health and Literacy (HEAL) classes** will be offered in March. Do you know someone that might struggle with reading or speaking English? Do you know someone that would benefit from learning how to communicate with health professionals and how to understand basic health information? Students do NOT need to be STJ parishioners and classes will be of benefit to any immigrant or refugee whose English skills are weak. For more information or to register [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org).

Are you currently wondering how to nourish your faith journey during Lent? Do you want to learn more about the "source and summit of our faith"? Then come join the **Saturday Night Bible Study**. We meet once a month at 6pm beginning with a potluck dinner in the Faith & Life Center. On March 10, we will start a new study, "The Eucharist" by Bishop Barron. Pick up a book today! (We will discuss Chap 1 on our first gathering.)

Do you want to be happy? Do you know that God wants you to be happy and has given us the tools to use to be full of joy? Pick up the book, "**Kingdom of Happiness**" by Fr Kirby, STD, and join us for a time of reflection and sharing. On March 7, we will look at the first 3 chapters of the book at 7pm in the Faith and Life Center. On March 14 and 21, we will continue our journey through the Beatitudes and share how God designed us for happiness.

The **next Men's Bible Study** is scheduled for 11 March at 6pm. The **next women's group** will be meeting on 18 March. (Please note the date change.)

The **Lenten Family Retreat** is on 18 March from 10:30 – 1pm with lunch. All families are invited to join us for a "Be Attitude" retreat! Hands on activities and a puppet show for the elementary children. Breakout session for the middle school and high school families.

All sacramental preparation families are reminded that the **First Communion workshop** is March 3 from 9:15-11:30. The Confirmation workshop is 3 March from 9am – 1pm. The confirmation group also has a Lenten Retreat on 18 March from 1pm – 4. These are the last classes for Confirmation prep; all students need to attend both sessions.

For a few weeks during Lent, the Youth Group will be selling **religious jewelry** near the scrip counter in the foyer of the church. Please stop by; rosaries, necklaces, bracelets and much more will be available for purchase. Proceeds go towards summer activities.

**Ziploc Bag Ministry** needs the following items: Deodorant, Socks, Toothpaste and toothbrushes.