

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**The Parish Nurses Say:** As we begin the New Year let us remember that the world could use a little more kindness. Try to show a small kindness to someone who is having difficulty, whether it is physical, emotional or spiritual. This kindness will make you feel good. Remember "whatever you do for the least of my brethren..."

Many husbands and wives seem to be "married" to their career, computer, TV, sports or their children. Re-examine your married lifestyle and priorities by attending a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. It is a positive, simple common sense, private experience between you and your spouse, that revitalizes marriage by helping you to see again those loving qualities in each other that you may be taking for granted. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC and Mar 22-24, 2019 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](mailto:applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org) or 757-690-1369.



**Open House at Peninsula Catholic High School--** Join us on Wednesday, Feb.6 for student-led tours and learn how the road to college starts here. To sign up please visit the welcome session, [peninsulacatholic.com/openhouse](http://peninsulacatholic.com/openhouse).

**Save the Date-- Peninsula Catholic's annual wine festival and auction** is March 23. Early bird tickets are available now until February 1 for \$60 each. For more information or to reserve tickets, please visit our website: [peninsulacatholic.com/auction](http://peninsulacatholic.com/auction).

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat** For Healing After Abortion  
A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 25-27 at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center in Toano, VA sponsored by St. Joan of Arc Church. The weekend retreat includes, spiritual exercises, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of Entrustment and is available to women, men and anyone adversely affected by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. To Register Contact: Linda Riva at 757-887-3144; email:lindajr2@yahoo.com.

**OPEN HOUSE:**  
VERITAS Preparatory School  
275 McLaws Circle  
Williamsburg, VA 23185  
Sunday, February 3rd  
1:00-3:00 PM



Meet the faculty and administration and find out about the many benefits of a classical education. (VERITAS is a college preparatory school serving grades 6 through 12 that focuses on active learning, based on the Great Books and Socratic Method.) please visit our website at [www.veritas-prep.org](http://www.veritas-prep.org) or call (757)903-0633.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 15-20, 2019**

Jan 15, Tuesday Alicia Obis ✠  
Jan 16, Wednesday Ray & Dora Schrecengost ✠  
Jan 17, Thursday Ambroz & Matilda Vuchtich ✠  
Jan 18, Friday Lewis Zelazenski ✠  
Jan 19, Saturday Joseph Kloss ✠  
Jan 20, Sunday 7:00 Franca Savarese ✠  
9:00 Emmette O' Brien, Jr. ✠  
12:00 Joe Walsh ✠



**READINGS FOR JANUARY 14-20, 2019**

Jan 14, Monday Heb 1:1-6, Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9, Mk 1:14-20  
Jan 15, Tuesday Heb 2:5-12, Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9, Mk 1:21-28  
Jan 16, Wednesday Heb 2:14-18, Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9, Mk 1:29-39  
Jan 17, Thursday Heb 3:7-14, Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11, Mk 1:40-45  
Jan 18, Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11, Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8, Mk 2:1-12  
Jan 19, Saturday Heb 4:12-16, Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15, Mk 2:13-17  
Jan 20, Sunday Is 62:1-5, Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10, 1 Cor 12:4-11, Jn 2:1-11



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 14-20, 2019**

Jan 14, Monday PORT 6:00 pm  
Jan 15, Tuesday PORT 6:00 pm  
Mass/The Gardens 10:00 am  
Jan 16, Wednesday PORT Ends  
Youth Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
Jan 17, Thursday Mass/St. Francis 11:00 am  
Jan 18, Friday Second Collection/Respect for Life  
Jan 19, Saturday Babylon Family Christian Formation/We are part of Jesus' Family 10:15 am  
Jan 20, Sunday HS/MS Alpha 10:15 am  
Divine Will Group 1:30 pm



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

**CHURCH:**

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:** As we start the New Year, I want to thank all of the faithful people of our Parish who sign up every month to sit with our Lord. Most of you sign up for the same hour each month which is a wonderful commitment to your desire to spend that special time with our Lord. Your time commitment assures



Father Patrick and me that our Lord will always have someone keeping watch with Him during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. God bless you for your wonderful gift of time and love to our Lord. There are two lines for every hour so if others want to join you at a particular hour, they can. Of course, you do not have to sign up on the sheet to spend time with our Lord during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All are welcome. The Lord welcomes all of us any time to sit with Him. The clip board with the sign-up sheet will be kept in the communication rack in the hallway that leads to the class room area. If you sign-up and you have a problem fulfilling your commitment, my name and telephone are on the sign-up sheets so you can call me. Our next Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be February 7<sup>th</sup>.

Thank You, Karen Hornstein.



The committee members of the **Christmas Gift Giving Program** are once again **awed by the generosity of our parishioners!** We brought Christmas to 106 children, 23 seniors in residential communities, and 29 Domestic

Mission Trip families. We had 12 wishes for bikes, all which were fulfilled. In addition we were able to replenish the Catholic Workers pantry with sugar, creamer, coffee, tuna, mayonnaise, peanut butter, and jelly. A huge bag of winter hats, gloves, and socks were also collected for those in need. The compassion that comes from St. Jerome Church for those less fortunate is overwhelming and we thank you for all that you so lovingly gave!

St Jerome would like **thank** the Diocesan Fuel and Hunger Fund for their generous support contributing to the direct assistance program which will help many families in our community, who are struggling to make ends meet due to circumstances.

**JUST A REMINDER:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 21 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:**



**Mercedes Zenaida Jeffrods  
George Fernandez  
Dorothy Olmsted**



Say **Thanks** to the **advertiser** who **supports** our **bulletin.**

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**

**PORT** (People Offering Resources Together) started Wednesday, 9 January and will end Wednesday, 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.

There are **NO Sunday School Classes** this weekend due to PORT. All MS/ HS and Parents are invited to an ALPHA retreat on Sunday, 13 January, at 1pm in the Faith and Life Center. Join us later that afternoon to bake goodies for our visitors at PORT. Normal Sunday School schedule on Sunday, 20 January.

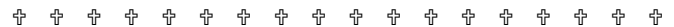
All those interested in receiving the **Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation** are invited to attend an RCIA session on 16 January at 7pm in the Youth Group room. Any individual in High School and older should attend. If you have a child in Middle School or younger, please call the office to get her/him registered for sacramental preparation. Email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more information.



**BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:**



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 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 SICK OF OUR PARISH:**



Amy Schnell, Ben Elefante, Jeff James, Peter Laban, Zeny Ramirez, Kathia Rodriguez, 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 Rotonoviro, 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, Alessandra Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.