

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Parish Nurses Say: Human trafficking and human smuggling are two separate crimes under federal law with several important differences between them. Human trafficking victims are forced or coerced into trafficking, a crime against the individual. Individuals in human smuggling consent to being smuggled, a crime against a country.

Knights of Columbus, Walter Pollard Council 5480, located at 100 Columbus Way (off Nettles Drive), Newport News, will hold its "Annual Culture of Life - Italian Night Dinner" catered by the Chefs of Carrabbas". The evening supports "The Right to Life/March for Life" and will be held on Tuesday, January 16th from 6 - 8:30 pm (the menu includes Chicken Marsala, penne pasta, salad, bread, drinks and a variety of desserts.). There will be music by DJ Reco, dancing, door prizes and a 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$15 a person. Take-out orders will be available. Contact Harold Hairston (757-877-1566 or harold.hairston.1@gmail.com) for tickets and information. Proceeds help defray the cost of the bus rental for the trip to Washington, DC on January 19, 2018. There is no fee or cost to ride the bus.

The CDA Court of Our Lady of Perpetual Help (OLPH) invites all to attend "A Fun Afternoon with CDA." The event will take place on Sunday, January 28 in the St. Jerome Fellowship Hall, 116 Denbigh Boulevard, Newport News, from 2 - 6 PM. The afternoon includes dinner, music dancing and fun. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased from any member of OLPH, or call Regent Linda Garrett Hairston (757 877-1566) for information and tickets. All profits will be used to support the charity work of the Court.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT FOR HEALING AFTER ABORTION: A Rachel's Vineyard Weekend Retreat will be held January 27-29, in Toano, VA and is sponsored by Saint Joan of Arc Church in Yorktown. The weekend retreat includes spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of Entrustment. The Retreat is available to women and men who may have been adversely impacted by an abortion. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and mercy. To register contact Linda Riva at 757-887-3144 or email her at lindajr2@yahoo.com. The cost is \$185 for meals, a private room and all retreat materials. Financial assistance is available!!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY WHO SACRIFICE FOR OUR FREEDOM: IT Jeffrey

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.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY 16-21, 2018

Jan 16, Tuesday Ralph Giunti †
Jan 17, Wednesday Earl Edbauer †
Jan 18, Thursday Lewis Zelazenski †
Jan 19, Friday Joe Walsh †
Jan 20, Saturday Joseph Kloss †
Jan 21, Sunday 7:00 Carolyn Walker †
9:00 Anna Vu Thi Hien †
12:00 Anthony Udegama †

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READINGS FOR JANUARY 15-21, 2018

Jan 15, Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23, Ps 50: 8-9, 16BC-17, Mk 2:18-22
Jan 16, Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13, Ps 89:20-22, 27-28, Mk 2:23-28
Jan 17, Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51, Ps 144:1-2, 9-10, Mk 3:1-6, Eph 6:10-13, 18, Mt 19: 16-26
Jan 18, Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7, Ps 56:2-3, 9-14, Mk 3:7-12
Jan 19, Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21, Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11, Mk 3: 13-19
Jan 20, Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27, Ps 80:2-3, 5-7, Mk 3:20-21
Jan 21, Sunday Jon 3:1-5, 10, Ps 25:4-9, 1 Cor 7:29-31 Mk 1:14-20

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY 15-21, 2018

Jan 15, Monday **MARTIN LUTHER KING'S DAY
OFFICE CLOSED**
Jan 16, Tuesday Mass/The Garden 10:00 AM
Liturgy Meeting 7:00 PM
Jan 17, Wednesday Bible Study/Jesus Revealed 7:00 PM
Financial Class/FPU 7:00 PM
Youth Music Practice 7:00 PM
Jan 18, Thursday Rosary/Day Chapel 9:30 AM
Bible Study/Jesus Revealed 10:00 AM
Justice and Peace Meeting 4:00 PM
Adult Music Practice 7:00 PM
Jan 19, Friday Mass/St. Francis 11:00 AM
Jan 20, Saturday Chili Dinner/Youth Fundraiser
Parish Council Retreat 8:00 AM
Bible Study/The Eucharist 6:00 PM
Jan 21, Sunday RCIA/Classes 10:15 AM
Baptismal Class 10:30 AM
Adult-Children/Religious Education
Classes 10:15 AM
Women's Scripture Study/Craft Night
With Wine/Chocolate 6:00 PM

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Mary Woolard Dowdy Harris



CHURCH:

The **Christmas Gift Giving Program** was once again a huge success because of your generosity! This year the parishioners of St. Jerome provided over 550 gifts, 16 bicycles, and many bags of items for Catholic Workers, and over \$1000 in cash donations. The compassion that comes from St. Jerome for those less fortunate is overwhelming and we thank you for all that you so lovingly gave. A **BIG** thank you, also, to all those who helped with the sorting of the gifts!

THANKS to all of our liturgical ministers for their generous sharing of your gifts and talents. We thank all who served our Masses in various ways to those who decorated the church (indoor and out) and to those who led us in such beautiful sung prayer during Advent and into this holy Christmas season. You are all so greatly appreciated and each blessing and gift to St. Jerome Parish.

Last but not least, thank you **David Underwood** for your tirelessly work coordinating **PORT** this week and to the many volunteers who gave their time and energy supporting David to make PORT successful this year. Also, thank you to those who weren't able to donate time but made generous contributions of necessities to the homeless guests.

Responding to the Sin of racism: when asked which was the first of all the commandments, Jesus replied "The first is this: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. And the second is this: you shall love your neighbor as yourself". (Mk 12:28-31). Obviously, racism goes against the commandment of love. We are all called, therefore, to oppose racism in our communities. Loving neighbors who are different from us through kind and generous actions can be as simple as forming friendships, supporting minority owned business, or participating in community activities with those of other faiths or other races. Loving our God obligates us to love our neighbors as well. **Usccb.org**.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:



Rhett Leonard, Annette Lang, Kendrick Young, Barbara Vogt, Dwight Ruhlen, Ruby Baggett, Jackie O' Niel, 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, Alessandra Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

The next **men's group** will be meeting on 14 January at 6 pm 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 information.

All women of the parish are invited to the next **wine and cheese night** on 21 January at 6 pm 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 STUDY GROUP!** New study groups are 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.

2018 brings some changes! **Theology on Tap** is at a new location and on a new day! All young adults in the parish are invited to attend the next Theology on Tap at Schooners on Wednesday, 17 January at 7 pm.

Due to PORT and the weather, all the sacramental preparation workshops were cancelled. The next scheduled workshops in February will be extended to give adequate time to cover the necessary materials. More information will be given prior to workshop.

Time for our annual **Baby Bottle Drive** to help support **Care Net Pregnancy Center**. Pick up your baby bottle next weekend, fill it with change and return it by February 25 to St. Jerome. All monies collected go to helping moms and their babies on the Peninsula.

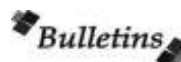
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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, January 21 at 10:30 am 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.

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Bulletin deadline is every Tuesday at 12:00 pm, ten days prior to Sunday the bulletin is distributed. Please e-mail all submissions to stjerome@stjeromennva.org or gkerstetter@stjeromennva.org.