

CHURCH:

Coffee/Snacks: Join us for coffee and snacks next weekend 3-4 February after all the Masses in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring your own favorite snacks to share.

Celebrating the Rites: Next Sunday, 11 February at 9am Mass we will celebrate the "Rite of Sending for Election" with our catechumens: Kimberly Leger, Alin Mapendo, John Rhey Villar, Julien Kitcherside Coleman and Sariah Webb. The Church has discerned their readiness for reception of the initiation sacraments this Easter. After these rites are celebrated here next Sunday morning, these catechumens and candidates, along with their godparents and sponsors, will be sent by our parish to the bishop for the "Rite of Election".

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/HOMEBOUND: We urge parishioners, family members and friends who are ill, seriously ill or facing surgery to receive the Sacrament of the anointing of the sick prior to admission to the hospital. Names are added to the list of prayers for the Sick upon request from the individual or from the sick person's family. Please call the parish office Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm at 757-877-5021.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY ASHES: please bring your palms from last year to be burned for Ash Wednesday. A basket will be available in the commons area starting next weekend. The ashes will be used on Ash Wednesday, February 14th during the Masses at 7AM, 12Noon, and 7PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS will begin February 16 at 6pm. Each Friday evening of Lent we will recite the Stations of the Cross and then gather for a simple meatless soup supper in the Fellowship Hall. **Please Note:** During inclement weather Stations of the Cross will still be observed, however, the Soup Supper meal maybe cancelled. Thank you for your understanding!

CELEBRATE MASS WITH OUR NEW BISHOP: His Excellency, The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout will be celebrating Mass at the following parishes in our area.

- 30 January, 7:00pm, St. Bede, Williamsburg
- 3 February, 5:00pm, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 4 February, 11:00am College of William & Mary Catholic Campus Ministry, National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.
- 31 January, 7:00pm, St. Pius X, Norfolk
- 1 February, 7:00pm, St. Gregory the Great, VB
- 2 February, 7:00pm Prince of Peace, Chesapeake

JUST A REMINDER: NEWPORT NEWS ONE CITY MARATHON will be held on March 4, 2018. There will be **NO Masses at 7:00 am or 9:00 am** due to road closures. St. Jerome entrance will be blocked during the early Masses. Please attend the Saturday at 5:00 pm, or Sunday 12 noon Mass.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

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 by Feb 25 to STJ. All monies collected go to helping moms and their babies on the Peninsula.

The next Confirmation and First Communion workshops are scheduled for 10 February in the Faith and Life Center. Please note the change in time due to our January cancelation. All preparing for these sacraments MUST attend the workshops. All baptismal certificates are also needed. There is also a workshop for Confirmation on 11 February.

All those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil will be celebrating the Rite of Sending on 11 February at the 9am Mass. This Rite is celebrated by the Catechumens signing the Book of Elect in front of the congregation. The Godparents of the Catechumens then testify to their readiness of reception of the sacraments at Easter Vigil. The Book of Elect is then presented on 17 February to the Bishop and the community. Please continue to pray for the 5 individuals who are preparing for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion.

All are invited to a Dinner and Movie Night in the Faith and Life Center on 10 February at 6pm. Bring a dinner dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Young Adult Lenten Retreat "Discovering the Silence" is accepting reservations now. 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 the Facebook page PeninsulaFrassatiYA for more information.



BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:



The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, February 18th. 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 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 Yuengert, 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 Marianne 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.