FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

The Parish Nurses Say: The flu can be very dangerous for children. Each year about 20,000 children younger than 5 are hospitalized from flu complications such as pneumonia. See the bulletin board for more information.

School is back in session! Why not learn how to have a better marriage. Worldwide Marriage Encounter has been enriching marriages for 50 years. Sign up today to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** weekends are: Nov 9-11, 2018 in ATLANTIC BEACH, NC and Mar 1-3, 2019 in Hickory, NC. 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.

The Parish Nurses are once again coordinating a blood drive from 1:00 to 7:00 PM on September 26 . The Red Cross takes reservations to reduce your waiting time. Parish nurses will be in the commons after all Masses to answer your questions and make reservations. Please see them or the bulletin for more information. Remember: Your gift of blood is the gift of life. Thank you!

Rachel's Vineyard Week-end Retreat for Healing after Abortion Oct 12-14: Hebrews 4:1 Come to a retreat for healing….if you have had one or more abortions….if you are responsible for the abortions of others….or if you've suffered from an abortion choice of another person. If you've felt regret, grief, guilt, anger, unforgivable, afraid, shame, defensive, unworthy, numb, or isolated…there is hope for healing, to accept God's mercy, and to find peace. **Inquiries, registration, and participation are strictly confidential Please contact for information and registration: Marty Montgomery-Jennings at 804-704-0429 or contact Maggie Carlson at 804-432-2589 Email: RV4hope@gmail.com** Church of The Epiphany Post Abortion Healing Ministry, 11000 Smoke Tree Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23236. **Website about retreats: www.rachelsvineyard.org**

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

MASS INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 18-23, 2018

Sept 22, Saturday		Joseph Kloss ✞
Sept 23, Sunday	7:00	David Walker III ✞
	9:00	Charles Donaldson ✞
	12:00	Tomas Asuncion Jr. ✞

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READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2018

Sept 17, Monday	1Cor 11:17-26, 33, Ps 40:7-10, 17, Lk 7:1-10
Sept 18, Tuesday	1 Cor 12:112-14, 27-31a, Ps 100:1-5 Lk 7:11-17
Sept 19, Wednesday	1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13, Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22 Lk 7:31-35
Sept 20, Thursday	1 Cor 15:1-11, Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab -17, 28, Lk 7:36-50
Sept 21, Friday	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Ps 19:2-5, Mt 9:9-13
Sept 22, Saturday	1 Cor 15:33-37, 42-49, Ps 56:10-14, Lk 8:4-15
Sept 23, Sunday	Wis 2:12, 17-20, Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8, Jas 3:16 – 4:3, Mk 9:30-37

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 17-23, 2018

Sept 17, Monday	1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist Parent Meeting 7:00 pm
Sept 19, Wednesday	Youth Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Sept 20, Thursday	Justice & Peace Committee Meeting 4:00 pm Pastoral Council Meeting 6:300 pm Adult Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Sept 22, Saturday	Donaldson Family Mass 12noon Adult Bible Study/Pivotal Players 7:00 pm Fiesta Night Dinner/Dancing 6:00 pm
Sept 23, Sunday	Alpha Training Session 10:15 am High School Picture Scavenger 5:00 pm

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Benita Roy Zamora

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BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:

The next Baptism Class will be held on Sunday, September 16th 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.

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Teach us to count our days aright,that we may gain wisdom of heart.

CHURCH:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL DISCERNMENT: Four pastoral council members will be completing their three year term at the end of this year. Please prayerfully consider nominating yourself or someone else for the upcoming discernment process to select new council members. More information is available in the diocesan "Called to Serve" document located in the Communications rack at the back of the church and on the website. Please feel free to ask any current council member wearing green name tags questions about the council and/or the discernment process. More information will follow in future bulletins.

Please welcome Msgr. Andrew Martin of Cross Catholic Outreach who will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Have you been thinking about ringing bells? **Join us on Oct. 2nd at 9 am and we will show you what's involved in becoming a part of the Chime Choir.** It's easier than you think! Prior musical experience is not necessary just a desire to ring your praise to the Lord. Do not hesitate to talk with Louise at the organ after Mass to address any questions you may have. There's always room for one more!

WOMEN'S SMALL CHURCH GROUP: A group of women has been meeting on Friday from 10:00 to 11:30am since last year. The group started as a large group of women, but has down sized a lot due to advanced age of the participants or ailments. They are seeking any individual single woman who is interested in joining the group. For more information please contact Enrica Peirce at (757) 874-1261.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:

William Allen Jr., Jane Klemenic, Rose Cagne', Richard Cologgi, Mark Woynicz, Patty Varillas, Ann Colleen Schwob, Noureen Sanford, Bob Sanford, Lucy Miraglia, Frank Williams, Howard Lee Cawthon, Fred Hake, William Hammond, Mary Coviello, A. J. Wright, Joe Barkowitz, Mackenzie Refermat, Patricia Roberg, Judy Roberg, Gemar Rotoni Roviro, Shirley Causey, Sol Charifa, Tom Davidson, Ann Gutches, Dee Casto, Annette Hodges, Anna Ferreira, Tina Pierce, Maria Janis, Anne Kukla, Gloria Asuncion Sare, Dez J. Castro, Marie Louise McLean, Frances Manoia, Naureen Sanford, Michael Freda, Cristina Gloria, Reco Cotton, Deifilia Lazo, Anna Blood, Yvonne Holmes, Jackie O' Neil, Nick Butler, Bobby Martinez, Margaret Johnson, Tim Benavidez, Linda Smith, Buddy Williams, Margaret Luedtke, Joel Rivera, 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, Imelita Wright, Joseph (Jo-Jo) Goodwin, Nick Frankie, Blanca O' Brien, Herminia Platon, Richard Matlock, Judy Pace, Margaret Laurent, Alessandrea Elefante, Adrienne Gonzalo.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION:

Join us on 22 September for a **Fiesta Night** with build your own tacos and Salsa lesson! Help support the Youth Group with this dinner fundraiser and have a "spicy" time with dinner and dancing! More info to come!

2018-2019 Registration for the **new Sunday School programs** are beginning this weekend! Sign up at the table in the foyer of the church and pick up the new schedule. An informational meeting will be held on 16 September at 10:20am in the Fellowship Hall. All families are encouraged to attend this gathering.

On 1 October at 7pm, the **St. Monica Prayer Warriors** will meet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and pray for all of our loved ones, family and friends, who have left the church and are searching for meaning. This group is newly formed and welcomes anyone to join. We will meet the first Monday of the month and pray for an hour for our loved ones and for those that have no one to pray for them. All are invited to come and pray. Email margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

Do you know a **middle schooler? Someone in the 6th – 8th grade?** Then bring him/ her to **Splashfest** on 16 September! Dress to get wet! Bring a squirt gun and a towel and be prepared to laugh and splash! Meet at the church kitchen door at 5pm. Event ends at 8pm.

All High School teens are invited to a **Picture Scavenger Hunt** on 23 September at the City Center Fountain. Meet at 5pm and bring your phone or a camera. We will go out for ice cream at the end of the hunt. Email Margie@stjeromennva.org for more information.

STJ is currently reorganizing our ministry group for **PORT** (the program that we host during the winter when the homeless stay with us). We need some **volunteers to help!** Please come to an informational meeting on 19 September at 7pm in the Faith and Life Center.

Parents of First Communion/ First Reconciliation children are to **attend a meeting** on 17 September at 7pm in the Faith and Life center. **Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. (Children do NOT need to attend).**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! St. Jerome Feast Day Celebration will be celebrated on Sunday, September 30. Join us for food, fellowship and fun! More information to come!