

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**The Parish Nurses Say:** The parish nurses wish you all a Blessed Christmas. We pray that your heart and mind are open to receive our King. Let us all remember to praise God for His mercy to us and let us show His mercy to others.



**The Filipino-American Ministry of St. Bede Catholic Church,** 3686 Ironbound Rd. Williamsburg has been invited by the Filipino Commission of the Diocese of Richmond to host the **Simbang Gabi Mass on Friday**

**December 22, 2017 at 7:00pm.** We are so pleased to have Rev. Fr. Oscar Paraiso celebrating this Mass! We would like to invite the parishioners of St. Jerome Catholic Church to join us in this Filipino Catholic tradition Simbang Gabi refers to the series of night Masses celebrated in the Philippines in preparation for Christmas. After Mass, come and enjoy refreshments in Kaplan Hall. Please see the bulletin board for more details and feel free to email [stbedefilam@gmail.com](mailto:stbedefilam@gmail.com) with any questions. Best wishes for a most blessed Advent season!



CDA Court of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, #2206 is sponsoring an education contest. Students will respond to one of two topics: "The Lord Has Done Great Things For Us, We Are Filled With Joy" or "Finding Joy In My Life". Students can respond in the form of essay, poetry, art, photography, or computer art. An honorarium of \$25 will be awarded to each first place winner for each division in each category. A \$500 scholarship will be awarded in June for the 2018-2019 school years to first place winners. Scholarship monies. Applications are due to Kathryn Skinner (757-875-1590 or [skinn4me@aol.com](mailto:skinn4me@aol.com)) by February 15, 2018.



**BAPTISMAL SCHEDULE:**



The next Baptism Class will be held on **Sunday, January 21st, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. at the Faith and Life Center. Parents and Godparents must attend!** A Nursery will be available. Please call St. Jerome office to register for the class at (757) 877-5021.



*God bless our men and women in service.*  
**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 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER 26-31, 2017**

Dec 25, Monday	9:00	Earl Edbauer †
Dec 29, Friday		Charles Donaldson †
Dec 30, Saturday		Michael Eberhard†
Dec 31, Sunday	7:00	Marianito Mabutas †
	9:00	Felizardo Umali †
	12:00	Clara Umali †
Vigil Mass	5:00pm	Carolyn Walker †



**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 25-31, 2017**

Dec 25, Monday	(Night) Is 9:1-6, Ps 96:1-3, 11-13, Ti 2: 11-14, Lk 2:1-14 (Dawn) Is 62:11-12, Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12, Ti 3:4-7, Lk 2:15-20 (Day) Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1-6, Heb 1:1-6, Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Dec 26, Tuesday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59, Ps 31:3CD-4, 6, 8ab, 16BC-17, Mt 10:17-22
Dec 27, Wednesday	1 Jn 1:1-4, Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12, Jn 20: 1A, 2-8
Dec 28, Thursday	1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2, Ps 124:2-5, 7B-8, Mt 2: 13-18
Dec 29, Friday	1 Jn 2:3-11, Ps 96:1-3, 5B-6, Lk 2:22-35
Dec 30, Saturday	1 Jn 2:12-17, Ps 96:7-10, Lk 2:36-40
Dec 31, Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14, Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 Or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3, Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19, Ps 105:1-6, 8-9, Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40



**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 25-31, 2017**

Dec 25, Monday	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> <b>Christmas/Mass 9:00 AM</b>
Dec 26, Tuesday	Office Closed/ <b>NO MASS</b> Divine Will Mercy Group 9:00 AM
Dec 27, Wednesday	Office Closed/ <b>NO MASS</b>
Dec 28, Thursday	Office Closed/ <b>NO MASS</b>
Dec 29, Friday	Office Closed Daily Mass 8:00 AM Mass/St. Francis 11:00 AM
Dec 30, Saturday	Reconciliation 3:30 PM Mass 5:00 PM
Dec 31, Sunday	NO-Religious Classes Masses 7:00AM, 9:00AM and 12Noon <b>Vigil Mass 5:00 PM</b>



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



June Gerlach, 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.

**CHURCH:**

**HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES:**

December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Regular Mass 5:00pm

December 24<sup>th</sup>: Regular Masses  
7:00 am, 9:00 am, and 12noon



**Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve  
December 24<sup>th</sup>: 5:00pm, 9:00pm, and  
12:00 Midnight**

**Christmas Day Mass  
December 25<sup>th</sup>: 9:00am**



December 31<sup>st</sup>: New Years Eve Regular Masses  
7:00am, 9:00am, and 12noon.



**Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:00pm**

**Mary, Mother of God - New Years  
January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:00 am**



P.O.R.T. St. Jerome will be hosting the homeless January 3-10, 2018. We still have a few opening so your help is still needed more than ever.

Volunteers are still needed for the midnight shifts from 12:45am to 4:45am also, overnight table shifts - especially three slots on the final night (Tuesday overnight to Wednesday morning, January 9 into January 10). Anyone interested in learning more about this opportunity to help the homeless should stop by the table in the foyer of the church or you can sign up after Mass. **Please prayerfully consider donating your time.**



**Volunteer Opportunity:** This is the last year David Underwood will be the "site coordinator" for **PORT**. We are looking for one or two people (a team would be great!) who would be willing to take over this task next year, (usually the week after New Year's) The ideal situation would be to work with David this year to "learn the ropes". Please give this some prayerful consideration and if you even think you might be interested, call the office at 877-5021. PORT this year will be from January 3-January 10, 2018.



St Jerome will be hosting the **AARP Driver Safety Class** on Tuesday, January 23 and Wednesday, January 24, 2018 from 9am to 1:00pm. To register for the classes please call the parish office and reserved your seat at (757) 877-5021. Cost is \$15 for member and \$20 for non-member.



*Merry Christmas*



**CHRISTIAN FORMATION:**



All parents of children preparing for the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Communion (Sacraments of Initiation) are asked to attend an **informational meeting on 7 January at 6:30pm in the Faith and Life Center.** Email [margie@stjeromennva.org](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more information.

**The next men's group will be meeting on 14 January at 6pm 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](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more info.



**All women of the parish are invited to the next wine and cheese night on 21 January at 6pm 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](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) for more information.

Looking to make a New Year's resolution? Want to grow deeper spiritually? **JOIN AN ADULT GROUP!** New bible studies 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](mailto:margie@stjeromennva.org) to learn more.

**All Sunday school classes will meet on 7 January 2018.** Gather with us in the Faith and Life Center at 10:20am and learn where and what is new for the upcoming year.



**First Communion workshop will be held on 6 January at 9:15am in the Faith and Life Center.** All children preparing for this sacrament MUST attend the workshops and the Sunday classes.



**Confirmation workshop will be on (option 1) 6 January at 9:30am OR (option 2) 7 January at 6pm.** All candidates need to come with saint name and information, answers to questions and sponsor information. The date for Confirmation will be given at this meeting.

Do you control your money or does your money control you? Nearly 8 of every 10 American families struggle to manage monthly expenses while turning to debt as short term solution. How about a permanent solution? Learn God's ways of handling money through Financial Peace University. **Saint Jerome's class begins 16 January 2018 and will meet every Wednesday evenings for nine weeks.** The Course covers a variety of personal finance topics ranging from how to make a simple budget to planning for the future. Imagine never fighting with your spouse about money again! **Find additional information and enroll at <https://fpu.com/1051182> or contact Seth Wacker at [seth.m.wacker@gmail.com](mailto:seth.m.wacker@gmail.com) with questions.**