



St. Jerome Catholic Church

Weekly Newsletter

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A Message from Fr. George

Pictured: Pope Francis' Mass in Manila, Philippines – January 2015. Father George concelebrated with 200 priests.



Dear Pope Francis,

With sadness in our hearts we are one with the entire Catholic Church on your passing. The final appearance you made was your Easter greetings to the rest of the pilgrims of the world in Rome. Now, you gaze on us in heaven and pray over us as we remain here continuing to live as your witnesses and remembering the way Jesus did with His Apostles.

Last weekend we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday with devotees completing the Novena to the Divine Mercy. As Pope Francis commissioned people to become missionaries of mercy, our calling is also the same – to become the face of God’s mercy for all. This is a calling that is easier to say than to do, but the grace and inspiration of Pope Francis compels us that anything is possible to those who love God.

May we entrust our hearts to Jesus, the King of Mercy, and to our dear Holy Father Pope Francis to find eternal in Jesus our Master and Lord.

One with you,
Father George

Also Pictured: Fr. George baptizing a new addition to the Stewart family into the Christian Faith!



Deacon Andrew Clark Ordination Bus Trip

June 7th, 2025



Deacons Andrew Clark, Matthew Kelly, and Samuel Hill joyfully received their call to holy orders from Bishop Knestout. The occasion was marked by a Mass at the Pastoral Center, where Deacons Clark and Kelly were present in person, while Deacon Hill, who is currently studying in Rome, participated virtually. All three were scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 2025.

All of us are encouraged to pray for them as they prepare for their ordination.

Our parish is putting together a bus trip to view this momentous and solemn occasion at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Richmond.

If you are interested in going, please RSVP here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EADAE2AA75-56623565-andrew?useFullSite=true>

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus #5480 there will be no cost associated with the bus trip. Should we integrate a luncheon out, there will be a cost associated with that.

More details to come, keep our Diocesan Seminarians in your prayers!

Coffee Sunday This Weekend



This Sunday is a Coffee/Fellowship weekend. There are snacks after each Mass, and as both Sunday Masses have children receiving their first Eucharist a sweet treat to celebrate their monumental step forward in their faith.

Parish Updates



Our Easter Lilies are Ready to Go Home with you!

Easter Lilies in the Commons are ready to go home with you.



Every year, thousands of women in crisis call pregnancy medical clinics like Care Net. The Care Net Family will gather together on May 10th for our 40th Annual Walk4Life at Newport News Park to celebrate LIFE in our community with music, speakers, and children's activities.

Members of our parish have put together a team to support Peninsula Care Net's **Walk 4 Life**. Our parish team is in need of people to walk, welcoming of donations, and always happy to have your prayers for their success and the brave women choosing life over the "easy" path of abortion.

You can financially support our team here: <https://www.classy.org/team/643264>

Interested in joining? Contact Jackie Kronstain at: vamjjj@aol.com



baptism class

For Parents and Godparents
May 28th, June 22nd, July 20th, or Aug. 17th
9:15 AM in the Faith and Life Classroom Building

We have baptism classes upcoming Sunday May 28th at 9:15a in the Faith and Life Classrooms. This is the class for both Parents and Godparents. Reminder, to be a Godparent one must

- Be at least 16 years old
 - Be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist
 - Not be bound by a canonical penalty
 - Be leading a life of faith befitting the role to be undertaken (for example, regularly attending Sunday Mass; if married, be in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church)
 - Not be a parent of the child
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FOOD PANTRY

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Pantry.

As we return from our Easter Break we are in need of:

Canned Tomatoes, 16 oz

Pasta Box, 8-16 oz

Pasta Sauce Jar/Can, 24 oz

Canned Chili/Stew/Pork & Beans, 14-16 oz

Jelly/Jam/Preserves Jar, 18 oz

Rice Mix Box, 6-8 oz

Cereal Box, 8-16 oz (not family/giant size)

Pancake Syrup, 24 oz

Cake/Muffin/Brownie Mix Bag, 6-12 oz

Cake Icing/Frosting, 8-16 oz

Ramen Package, 2-4 oz

Breakfast Bars/Pop Tarts

Bagged Rice, 1 lb

Jello Box, 3 oz

Oatmeal, boxes or instant packets

Pie Crust Mix, 9-12 oz

Gravy Jar/Can, 9-12 oz

You can also purchase items from Amazon to directly ship to our church here:
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1VG0KKZMRPS4D/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_2



Our parish website (www.stjeromennva.org) has recently been completely renovated, if you have a moment this week check it out and let us know what you think!

Reflection

(Video)



What the Death of Pope Francis Teaches Us

In the wake of Pope Francis's passing, Fr. Mike Schmitz shares a powerful reflection on loss, legacy, and the enduring mission of the Church.

He reminds us that while every soul is uniquely irreplaceable, the roles we hold can be entrusted to others because our identity is rooted not in what we do, but in who we are. May this truth bring you great hope as we look ahead to the future of the Church, and reflect on our own lives.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions 05/06/2024 through 05/11/2025

- Tuesday 8:00 AM
 - **No Daily Mass** Agnes Hong Tran Moved to 5/13/2025
- Wednesday 6:30 AM
 - **No Daily Mass** Edward Burzynski Moved to 5/14/2025
- Thursday 8:00 AM
 - Laurie Hartmann
- Friday 8:00 AM
 - Isabel McCann and Ann Simeon Boschulte
- Saturday 5:00 PM
 - Mary Kloss
- Sunday 8:00 AM
 - For the intentions held in the heart of a parish member.

- Sunday 11:00 AM
 - William Hammond
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