



St. Jerome Catholic Church

Weekly Newsletter

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A Message from Fr. George

Pictured: Little Henry is baptized this past weekend, joining his new parish family!



God's Unending Grace

Dear St. Jerome Family,

Grace and peace in the Lord!

If you remember, last week you have heard at the Masses the Parish Campaign to increase our offertory contribution. You may recall it was the same campaign we did last 2019 in order to address certain Financial Concerns in our parish. With God's help we have gradually overcome that challenge and have been able to reach a little stability that sustained us in the succeeding years. In fact, we were able to have a successful Capital Campaign in 2021 that addressed our leaking roof, renovation of our sanctuary and other related repairs in our worship space.

I greatly appreciate your listening and understanding and I hope you will discern in your family to remember our dear parish in this time of need. As a parish family, I know that our solidarity and mindfulness will greatly help us achieve our goal.

May God's unending grace be with you always and I am greatly humbled for your support and generosity.

Sincerely,
Father George

A Message from the Finance Council



We would like to begin by saying thank you for all the ways you support our church. Everything we do—fixing the roof, creating programs for kids and teens, and making our church a warm and welcoming place—happens because of your kindness and generosity. St. Jerome is more than just a church building; it's a family. We've been through some tough times, like during COVID, but we got through it together.

Lately, we've made some great changes—our worship space looks amazing, the roof and bathrooms are new, and the gardens are full of life. We hired a new youth minister for the first time in a decade, and we're hoping to bring on a full-time music leader soon, something we haven't had for nearly 5 years!

But to keep making good things happen, we need your help. Right now, our weekly donations aren't quite enough to pay for everything we need. Starting July 1st, we're asking everyone to give just a little more—about 8% more than before. We understand that money is tight for many people, but even small gifts can make a big difference.

If each of our 650 families gave just \$10 more each month, we could keep all our programs and staff going strong. If you haven't signed up as a parish member yet, we'd love for you to do that—it helps us know how to better serve you. And if you want giving envelopes or want to give online, it's easy—just visit here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/605>. Our church is strong because of people like you. Let's keep making something beautiful together. Thank you, and

may God bless you!

Religious Ed. Updates

St. Jerome Youth Ministry

presents:

RE FRESH

Cost: \$25.00
Register Today



June 18th through 20th
9:00 AM through 3:00 PM
3 Days of Service, Prayer, & Play

Our Youth Ministry is hosting a summer retreat June 18th through the 20th. The retreat will be each day from 9:00 AM through 3:00 PM.

3 days of service, prayer and play!

The cost is \$25.00. Register today here:

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/605/event/43382>

Parish Updates



UPDATE:

We have a luncheon planned at KavaClub, which is about a 10 minute walk from the Cathedral. If you wish to join your fellow parishioners have each member of your party fill out the google form located here to select your food choices:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdpINTpP0pDdL33CrQ0yCU2ZLy5dzxOzdCqxfyHz8qq0pYDg/viewform>

The lunch will cost \$35.00 and is payable by check/cash to the office or online here: <https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/605/event/43380>

If you don't wish to eat lunch at KavaClub you may wish to bring a meal or snack as we will not be returning until well into the afternoon.

Only a handful of Seats on the Bus Remain!

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!

STRENGTHENING the CHURCH AT HOME

www.usccb.org/home-missions

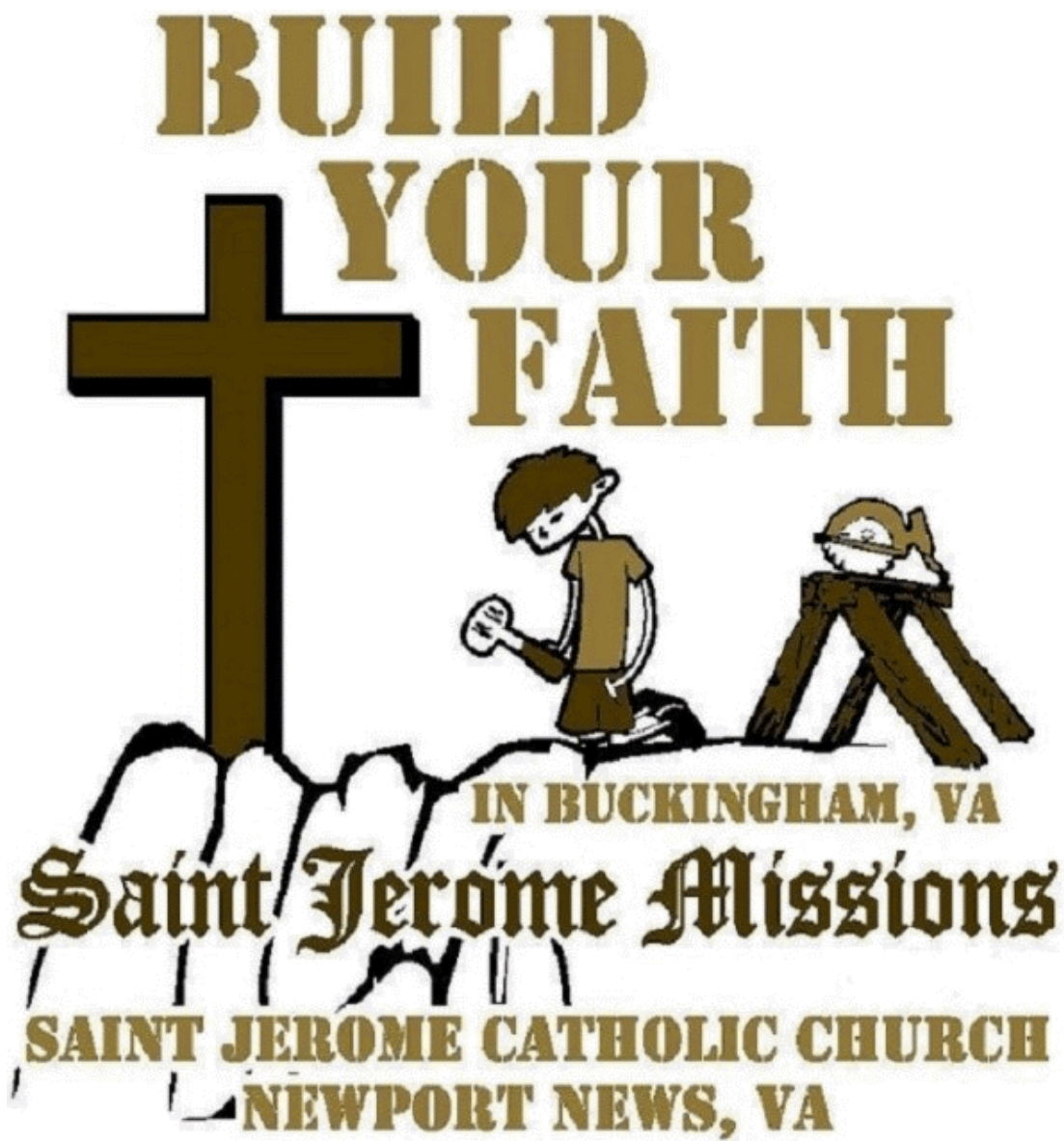


This weekend we are holding a second collection for Diocesan Home Missions.

This special collection supports the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Nearly half our country is considered mission territory. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services like Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps these mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home.

You can give online for this second collection here:

<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/605/category/1418/event/19791>



Registration for our parish Mission Trip to Buckingham County has begun. Registration is open for rising 6th graders and above. This year's trip will take place from Wednesday, July 9th through Wednesday, July 16th, 2025. The mandatory pack-out is Tuesday Evening, July 8th.

Youth Registration Forms:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fp4di_psHnO1I71b5XEsmyxAa_U16a6I/view?usp=drive_link

Adult Registration Forms:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JfUUQG0D92QNncK0WaS85IGzhpeh-76e/view?usp=drive_link

Reflection

(Video)



Why do babies cry? Have you ever considered that their cries might have something to teach us?

Fr. Mike explains that a baby's cry is an act of faith—they cry because they trust someone will hear, someone will care, and someone will come. In the same way, when we cry out to God in our moments of pain or loneliness, that too is an act of faith. And like a loving Father, He sees us, He cares, and He comes.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions 05/27/2024 through 06/01/2025

- Tuesday 8:00 AM
 - All the Souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday 6:30 AM
 - NO DAILY MASS - moved to 6/10 Helen Chung
- Thursday 8:00 AM
 - Gladys Edward
- Friday 8:00 AM
 - David Coleman
- Saturday 5:00 PM
 - Mary Kloss
- Sunday 8:00 AM
 - For a special intention requested by a member of our parish community.
- Sunday 11:00 AM

- For a parishioner's prayerful intention, known to God.

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