



St. Jerome Catholic Church

Weekly Newsletter

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A Message from Fr. George

Pictured: Fr. George and attendees of our new parishioner welcome night.



The Vesting of the Newly Ordained Priest

“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.” - St. John Vianney

June 7, 2025 was a glorious and a grace-filled day for Reverend Father Andrew Clark, the seminarian who was assigned to us for his Pastoral Year 2023-24, who became a Deacon in June 2024 and then ordained to the priesthood this year. The Holy Spirit must be guiding us, when we initiated that we should attend his ordination as a parish together in a bus of 50 to grace the occasion and support Andrew in his ordination. A majority of our parishioners have not witnessed an ordination to the priesthood. As one of the seven sacraments - the Sacrament of Ordination could sometimes be less familiar or common to Catholics, but indeed plays a significant role in the salvific mission of the Church. The priest, being a lay person first called from the community of the faithful, responding to the call of Jesus to embrace in the ministerial priesthood, to exercise Jesus' command to follow him and preside in the Eucharist.

I was touched and felt privileged when Father Andrew requested me to be one of those to vest him at his ordination (*see the photo from the Diocesan Livestream below*). The vesting of the newly ordained signifies their transition into the priesthood. First, the removal of the Deacon's stole, reception of the priestly stole and vesting of chasuble, followed by the anointing of hands with chrism oil. I realized that this moment reminds me of the readiness to embark to celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist and the sharing in the priesthood of Christ. Father Andrew Clark's journey to the priesthood opens our hearts to inspire us that each of us can make a difference in the life of a seminarian discerning the priesthood and living his formation process.

As we celebrate Corpus Christi, may Jesus' presence in the Holy Eucharist make us whole and united in our mission. Jesus is the sacrificial victim that pours His life upon us. We are one bread, one body, one people - may our unity be our guiding light to eternal life!

Sincerely,

Father George



Come Away With Me

Summer Adult Series



This summer, St. Jerome invites you to take a break from the busy world and come closer to God.



July 27 and August 17

6:30 PM

Potluck Dinner

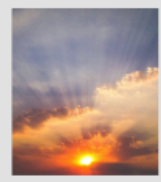
Faith and Life Center

August Book Club

"A Simple Life Changing Prayer"

by Jim Manney

Do you enjoy reading and talking with friends? Join us on July 27 and August 17 for a fun book club with potluck dinner at 6:30pm in the Faith and Life Center. We'll read *A Simple, Life-Changing Prayer* by Jim Manney. You can pick up your book before the first meeting!



Weekly Retreat

Begins

Aug 6th or 7th

Faith and Life Center

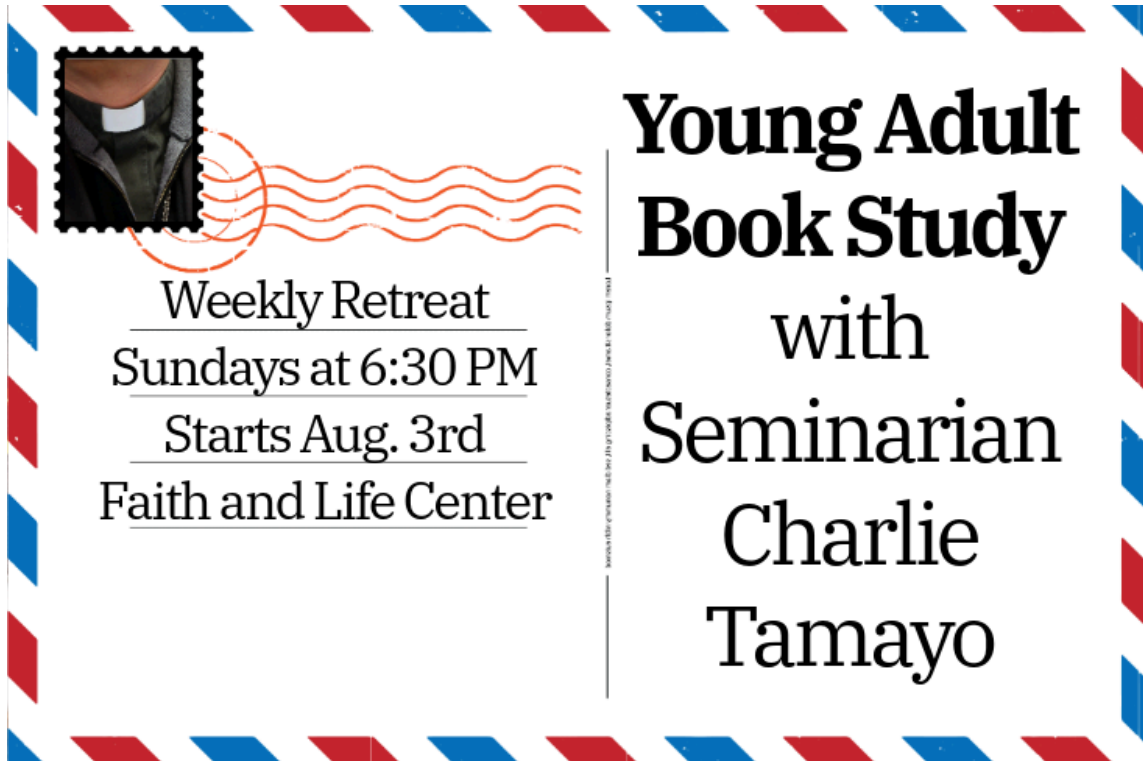
**"33 Days
to Morning
Glory"**

Wednesdays
at 6:30 PM

OR

Thursdays at
10:00 AM

Come grow in faith with our weekly retreat starting August 6 at 6:30pm or August 7 at 10am. We'll meet once a week until September 10 and 11 in the Faith and Life Center. This retreat will help you feel closer to Mary and Jesus. Books will be available before we begin.



Young Adult Book Study
with
Seminarian Charlie Tamayo

Weekly Retreat
Sundays at 6:30 PM
Starts Aug. 3rd
Faith and Life Center

Young adults—this one's for you! Starting August 3, Seminarian Charlie will lead a fun and meaningful book study. We'll meet at 6:30pm in the Faith and Life Center and enjoy a potluck dinner together. Come connect, share, and grow in faith with others your age.

Come Away With Me

Summer Youth Series

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Children's Summer Series

This summer, St. Jerome invites you to take a break from the busy world and come closer to God.



HELP BUILD THE KINGDOM
Monday, July 28th at 5:30 PM
Faith and Life Classroom Building
Lego fun and potluck dinner for the whole family

Calling all families and kids! Join us on July 28 for a Lego Night where we build, share, and learn about God's kingdom. We'll start at 5:30pm with a potluck dinner and scripture time. Bring your creativity and enjoy time with your church family!



Family Adoration With Praise and Worship Music

Thursday, August 14th
4:00 PM through 5:00 PM

On August 14, bring the whole family to the church from 4–5pm for Family Adoration with music. This is a beautiful time to sit quietly with Jesus, pray, and lift our voices in praise together. Whether your children are new to Adoration or have done it before, this special hour is designed to be peaceful, welcoming, and full of love. It's a wonderful way to help kids experience the joy of being in God's presence while learning how to worship through music.

Teddy Bear Tea and Me



Sunday, August 17th at Noon

On August 17, gather in the Faith and Life Center at noon for our fun and faith-filled Teddy Bear Tea and Me! Children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal and enjoy a family lunch filled with scripture, kindness, and creativity. We'll read stories, talk about how we can serve others, and learn what it means to show hospitality—just like Jesus did. It's sure to be a warm and joyful afternoon where hearts (and tummies) are full!

Parish Updates



Baptism Class

For Parents and Godparents

June 22nd, July 20th, or August 10th
9:15 AM in the Faith and Life Center



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, registered at their home parish, 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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Altar Server Training

Saturday, June 21st

9:00 AM



Altar Servers Wanted!

We have an Altar Server Training this Saturday, June 21st, at 9:00 AM In the Main Church.

Benefits of being an Altar Server:

1. You will receive hands-on learning that focuses on the parts of the Mass, the garments of the priest and deacon, the use of incense, and many other important liturgical details.
 2. As part of the entrance procession, you enable all parishioners to remain actively engaged throughout Mass. Most importantly, you help the priest and/or deacon prepare the altar for the Eucharistic celebration.
 3. Your patron saint is [Saint John Berchmans](#), SJ.
 4. To learn more, come to the training on 20 August 2022 at 9:00 AM inside the Church.
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Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

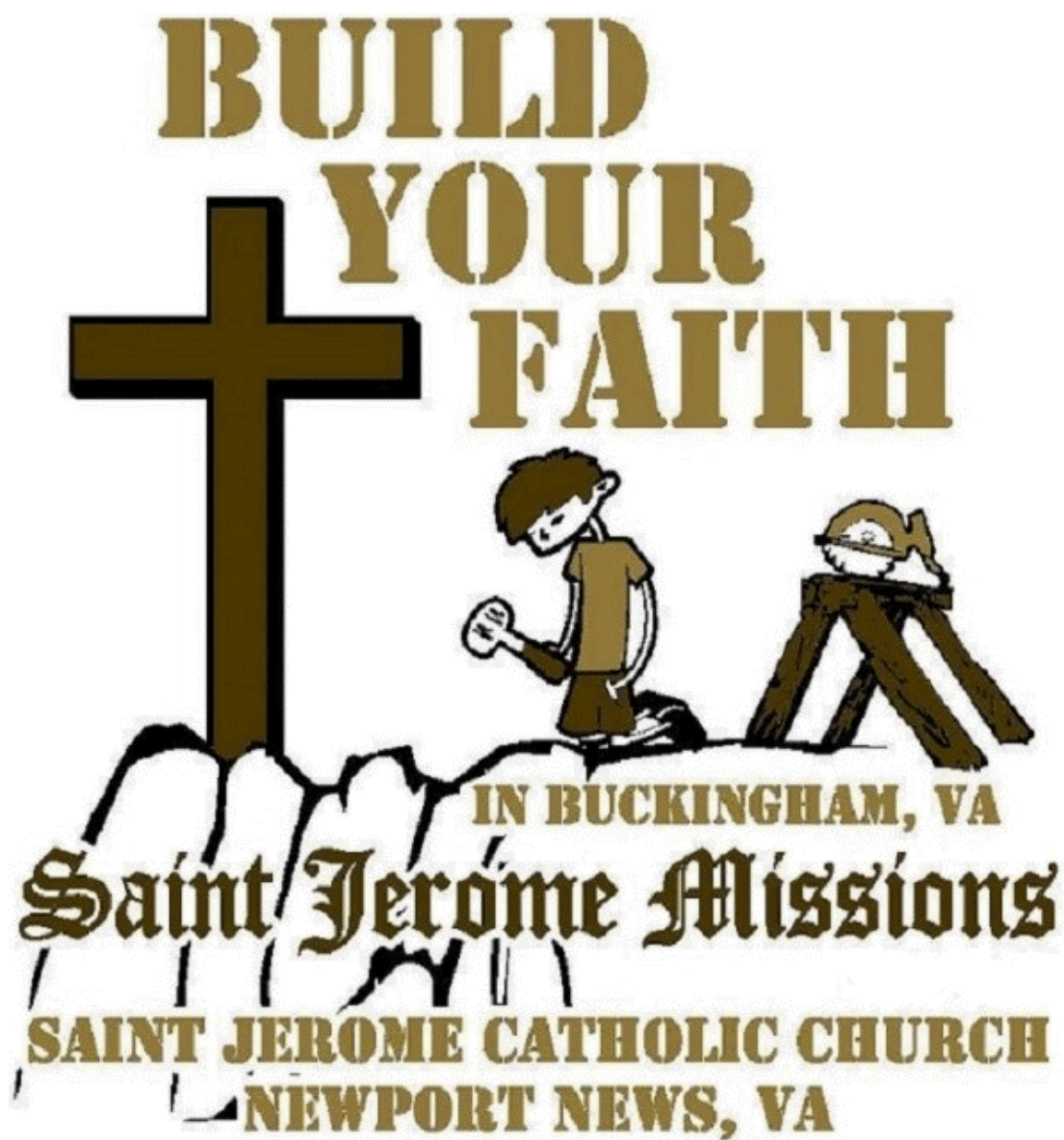
Triduum Masses

Wednesday, June 25th 6:30 AM

Thursday, June 26th 8:00 AM

Friday, June 27th 8:00 AM with Adoration 8:30 AM through 9:30 AM

Next week is the Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we will incorporate a Triduum of Masses in honor of this Solemnity as part of our daily Mass Schedule beginning Wednesday June 25th and ending Friday, June 27th. Following the Friday Daily Mass will be an hour of adoration.



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:

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Adult Registration Forms:

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Reflection

(Video)



What to Do with My Loneliness (w/ Fr. Mike Schmitz)

Loneliness is real and loneliness is really difficult. How do I handle feeling alone and what does my loneliness mean?

Fr. Mike speaks into the deep and painful experience of loneliness, especially in the Christian life. He reminds us that loneliness is not a sign of failure or weakness, but a reflection of our God-given longing for love and communion. While God is always near, Fr. Mike encourages us to be honest about our pain and to invite Jesus into that place — because even in our loneliness, we are never truly alone.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions 06/24/2025 through 06/29/2025

- Tuesday 8:00 AM
 - For the private prayer intention of one among us.
- Wednesday 6:30 AM
 - For all souls in purgatory
- Thursday 8:00 AM
 - For the quiet intention of a parishioner in need of God's grace.
- Friday 8:00 AM
 - Louise Simeon Cross
- Saturday 5:00 PM
 - David W. Chase

- Sunday 8:00 AM
 - Louise Simeon
 - Sunday 11:00 AM
 - For the private prayer intention of one among us.
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Nativity Pilgrimage

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A SEVEN DAY PILGRIMAGE



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