



St. Jerome Catholic Church

Weekly Newsletter

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A Message from Fr. George



Go Forth Through All the Nations!
(Matthew 28:19)

On July 8, 2025 I felt honored and at the same time humbled as I took my Naturalization Oath of Allegiance to the United States of America to become a citizen of this beautiful country founded in freedom and faith in God. This reminded me of the rite of exemplification I received as a Fourth Degree Knight and Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus. The fundamental duty of being a citizen of the United States is to embrace the love for country - patriotism and the service for God and the rest of our brothers and sisters.

More than a privilege, I discern this gift of being naturalized in the context of embracing Jesus' call for a mission - "Go forth to all the nations and proclaim the Good news!". Our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, was known to have become a naturalized citizen of Peru in order to fully serve the people of Chiclayo and the Archdiocese in Peru. To become shepherds rooted in the heart of Jesus, we need to become immersed with our people, even to extent of loving what they love in order to serve them well. I humbly pray, that by the grace of God He will continue to guide me in discerning this gift - to be one among you and see this as an opportunity of time and mission!

Thank you for all your love and support, and for welcoming me in this great country of yours. The Diocese of Richmond whose unending support to all the priests especially those in mission to serve the Catholic faithful of Virginia. May God bless us all abundantly!

One with you,
Father George

Video

Below is a video of the moment we sprung the Super Secret Surprise Party on Fr. George along with his brief retelling of the naturalization process and what it meant to him.



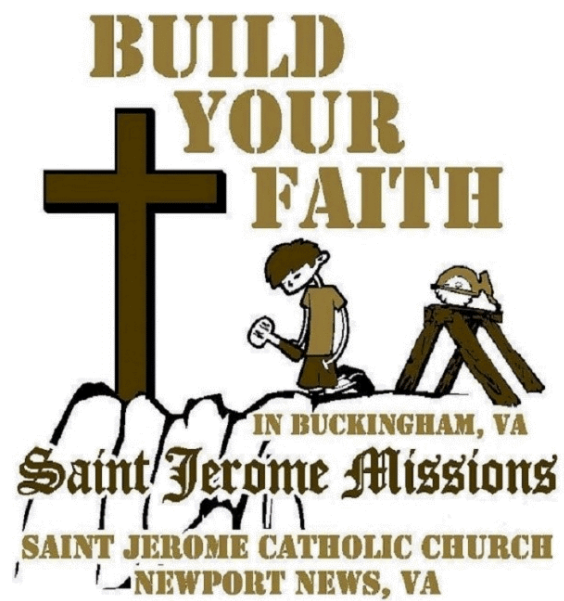
Pictures

You can see a few pictures from the event below, and more on our parish Facebook Page





Mission Trip Departs!





Our mission trip attendees left for Buckingham County this morning where they will do hard labor for the poor, homebound, and needy in that area.

We'd like to ask for the intercession of our Patron Saint on behalf of our Mission Trip Attendees.

O glorious St. Jerome,
faithful servant of Christ and lover of God's Word,
we ask your intercession today for our mission team
who have set out to serve the poor, the homebound, and the needy in
Buckingham County.

As they labor with their hands, we ask that God strengthen their bodies.
As they serve with their hearts, we ask that God fill them with charity and
patience.

We ask that our Lord Guide their words and actions,
that all they do may reflect the love of Christ.
May their presence bring hope, healing, and dignity
to those they encounter.

St. Jerome, patron of holy study and fierce devotion,
unite with us in prayer for them and for all whom they serve.

Amen.

(You can see a few pictures from Fr. George's visit earlier this week below, and
even more photos here: <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=1150982337060239&set=pcb.1150982450393561>)



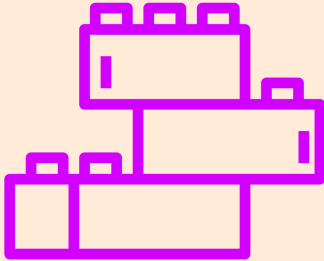
Religious Education Updates



Plans are underway for the upcoming Sunday school year. Catechists are needed for our programs! Please pray about sharing your love for Jesus with our children next year. Contact Margie in the office for more information.

Come Away With Me

Children's Summer Series



"Help Build the Kingdom"

Monday, July 28th @ 5:30 PM

Potluck Dinner

A Lego themed evening for the whole family

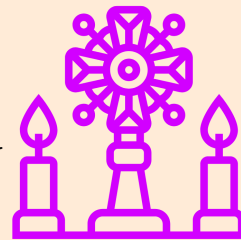
Faith and Life Center

Family Adoration Hour

Thursday, August 14th @ 4:00 PM

Praise and Worship for the whole family

Meets in the Church



Teddy Bear Tea and Me

Sunday, August 17th @ Noon

A family lunch about scripture, hospitality, and service

Bring a favorite stuffed animal

Faith and Life Center



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This summer, we invite you to take a break from the busy world and come closer to God. Questions? Contact Margie in the office for details!

*COME
AWAY
WITH ME*

Summer Adult Series



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



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



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

**Young Adult
Book Study**
with
Seminarian
Charlie
Tamayo



Parish Updates

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Join us
Saturday
7/26/2025 9:00 AM



OUR PARISH
NEEDS YOU!

Ever thought of being an altar server? Come see what it is all about at the training session on July 26th at 9 am right here at the church! Ask any questions and see the behind the scenes process for yourself!



Mass Time Change

Wednesday, July 16th

Mass time changed from 6:30 AM to 8:00 AM

July 16th is the Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We will be handing out

Brown Scapulars and enrolling parishioners into that devotion. The Brown Scapular is a sacred sign of devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel, promising the wearer spiritual protection and the grace of final perseverance when worn faithfully. Rooted in a 1251 apparition to St. Simon Stock and endorsed by centuries of papal support, it symbolizes a silent prayer and a lifelong commitment to Mary's intercession.



The food pantry is always in need of shelf stable goods to help the needy in our community. We are in need of:

- Boxed Cereal
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Soup
- Canned Meats and Vegetables
- Peanut butter and Jelly

Don't want to go to the store? We also have an amazon list that ships directly to the church full of items we regularly run out of:

Reflection

(Video)



Fr. Mike Says You Should Judge People (Kind Of)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged." (Matthew 7:1) What did Jesus really mean by that? Does this mean Christians should never call out sin or hold others accountable?

Fr. Mike Schmitz breaks down this often-misunderstood teaching of Jesus. He explains that while we're called not to condemn others' hearts or souls, we are called to discern right from wrong. The key? Start with humility. Fr. Mike urges us to examine ourselves first, approach others with curiosity instead of condemnation, and always lead with compassion.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions 07/08/2025 through 07/13/2025

- Tuesday 8:00 AM
 - Amy Stable
 - **Wednesday 8:00 AM**
 - For the faithful departed of our parish
 - Thursday 8:00 AM
 - For the quiet intention of a parishioner in need of God's grace.
 - Friday 8:00 AM
 - Ellias Villatoro
 - Saturday 5:00 PM
 - For a parishioner's special need, offered in prayer.
 - Sunday 8:00 AM
 - Ralph Giunti
 - Sunday 11:00 AM
 - Pierre and Renee Jaunel
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