

ST. JEROMES, HYATTSVILLE



Please remember in your prayers, the sick and the shut-ins of our parish community, especially...Muriel Adams, Sheila Armentrout, Johnnie Aquilino, Daniel Birch, Liz Burdick, Betty Cahill, Esther Carboni, Carol

Colliere, Margaret Crandall, Frances DeStefano, Paul Emmons, Martha Farnie, Margaret Federighi, Ruth Frazier, Frances Gray, Tony Green, Eileen Harrington, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson, Larry Jackson, Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, James McMahan Carol Mills, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Chris Needham, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, Rita O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Thomas O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Alan Richwald, Sister Germana, Brandon Joseph Romaine, Robert Schultz, Jenny Stepanek, Mary Temarantz, Brooke Wanex, Vickie Whalen-Romaine and family, Tony Zangla, and those known to you alone, those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, those suffering with cancer or depression, that they may know the Father's love through other's care and prayer. If you wish to be included on this prayer list, please call the Rectory (301/927-6684). To remove your name from this prayer list once you are on the mend, call the Rectory with the Good News!

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

WEEK OF
DECEMBER 31 – JANUARY 6, 2007

MONDAY:

8:00 A.M. Special Intention
12:00 p.m. Thomas Haley
10 p.m. For the people of St. Jerome

TUESDAY:

8:00 A.M. For the Philip Children

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Norman Coe
12:00 p.m. Linda Walsh

THURSDAY:

8:00 A.M. William O'Dea
12:00 p.m. Edith Cumberland

FRIDAY:

8:00 A.M. Laura Zompa
12:00 p.m. Joseph Graves

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. Our Lady's Pro Life Intentions
4:30 P.M. Al & Helen Calabrese

SUNDAY:

7:30 A.M. Jeanette Utterson
9:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome
11:30 A.M. Eileen Stevans & family (living)

Readings for the Week of December 30, 2007

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21
or 3:12- 17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Jn 1:19-28
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Jn 1:29-34
Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Jn 1:35-42
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21/Jn 1:43-51
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, January 5, 2008

4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack

SUNDAY, January 6, 2008

7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack

9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Jim Stack

11:30 A.M. Choir Father Jim Stack



When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead." He rose, took the child and his mother,

and went to the land of Israel. - Mt 2:19-21

Problems? Worries? Concerns?

Bring them to Jesus and Leave them at St. Jerome's Church – open all day for Eucharistic Adoration every Friday until 4:30 p.m. Stop in for a visit to the God of Power and might and bring your children too. There is the 8:00 morning Mass followed by a Holy Hour of Prayer. The day ends with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 4:30 p.m. You can stop for a short visit or longer. Teach your children the greatest power on earth – the power of Prayer

The kingdom of heaven is at hand...heal the sick."

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

Sunday, January 6th at 4:00 p.m.

St. Jerome's Church Father Jim Stack, Celebrant Levels of Healing – Physical, Spiritual, Emotional, Psychological, Relational. In addition to the regular Sunday Liturgy, there will be laying on of hands and anointing after Communion.

"...only say the word and I shall be healed."

I have made the statement over the years that I will be available after Mass for anyone who would like to be prayed over for inner healing or prayer of any type. I have asked that you call on me if you need God's healing presence in your life. As the Mass takes place at St. Jerome's, I will need the support of your prayers so the Holy Spirit will work through my hands and bring His healing graces to us all. –Father Jim

Mass for Peace is celebrated each 1st Friday of the Month at Holy Redeemer Church in College Park at 7:30 p.m. This Mass will continue until our Troops are out of Iraq.

150th Jubilee Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Washington are invited to commemorate the 150th Jubilee of the Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will occur on February 11, 2008. Through the graciousness of the Holy See, parishioners who visit one of the 11 Archdiocesan pilgrimage churches before or on February 11, 2008 and fulfill certain conditions will have the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence. For more information, go to www.adw.org.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH



Memorial Donations...Our lovely liturgical environment for the Christmas seasons has been made possible by the generous donations in memory or in honor of many of our loved ones. Let us remember these intentions in our prayers during this holy season. Marie Abbey-Sykes Francis E. Abbey, Sr., Teresita Amryo. Helen Anderson. Family of George T Arnold, Edward & Arvilla

Arthur, Auchter family, Whitey Austin, Francisco Baglio, Victoriana Baglio, William Howard Ball, Salvatore Barbagallo, Rosaira Bargalallo, Sotera Bergante, Bernice & Ron Bethke, Bevington Family, living & deceased, Loretta Bevington, Dorothy Bressler, Thomas Harry Brown, Mr. & Mrs. William Burch, Teresa Cacko, Al & Helen Calabrese, James Carroll, Chaconas family, Norman Coe, Conley Family, Mary & Francis Conner, Conrad Family, Conway Family, Anne Conway, Pop Pop Cooper, Sabatino DeLeonibus, Joan Dickerson, Rev. Msgr. R. Joseph Dooley, Arthur Doyle, Sister Helen Dych, SND, Brian Enfield, Cliffe & Sullie Enfield, Bernard & Margaret Etowski, Aurelius M. Federighi, Fisher-Vaccari families, Fitzpatrick Brothers, Mary Fitzsimmons, Norman R Fitzsimmons, Danny Frank, Rev. Derek Goerg, Goetzger family, Brian Gray, Rev. Robert P. Green, Harold & Alice Haeder. George Hager, Thomas Haley, Jr., Martin Hannon, Martin & Alice Hannon, James J. Hayes, Raymond & Gladys Hayhoe, Joseph Heidenberg, Heidenberg family, Eugene Herbert, John Herbert, Rose & Warren Hoffman, Tom Hoffman, William L. Holcombe, Rev. Gerald Horgan, Nicholas Hosinski, Evelyn Hunter, Katherine Ilg, Sidney James, Mary Elizabeth James, Julia & Maruice Jarvis, Mary & Kevin Jarvis, Manuel Javellana, Ignacio Javellano, Marion & James Kiefer, Mary Kieffer, Joan & Jim Kiely, Joseph & Cecilia Kolos, Patrick Lankford, Sydney Lawrence, Jr., Sydney Lawrence, Sr., John & Katherine Lee, Letourneau Family, Thomas Luby, Luckner Family, Sara & Nick Marmo, Birdie McAuliffe, Daniel & Elizabeth McAuliffe, Mary "Birdie" McAuliffe, Joseph & Margaret McCann, Anne McCann, Thomas McCarthy, Calvin McClanahan, Susan H McMahan, Frank McMonagle, Christine McMonagle, Gertrude McMonagle, Pauline McNamara, Marjorie & Leo Metz, Rita & Russell Mills, Irma Mills, Grandma "Hank" Mitrione, Betty Moriarty, Elizabeth Mullahy, Paul Mulrenin, William E. Murphy, Nicastrro Family, Gomund & Bernet Nosinski, John Nosinski, Jean & Gerald O'Connor, George & Aileen O'Reilly, Olsen-Pauletti families, Anna Mae Paul, William Pemberton, Petrone family, David Pixley, Mildred & Bob Powell, Robert & Mary Prangle, Charlie Pribelsky, Randall family, living & deceased, Bill Rice, Eleanor & Charles Rice, Maryann Rice, Joseph E. Robertson, Zachary D. Robertson, J. Roccoford, Rodriguez family, Gregory Rogovsky, Samuel Rogovsky, Sr., Catherine Joan Ruddy, Joseph J. Ruddy, Sr., The Ryan Family, Fred C Sausser, Virginia Savage, Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Sego, Christina Semmes, Raphael Semmes, Rev. Matthew Siekierski, Jane Skinner, Ralph Smith, Marian & Joe Snariah, Paul Stack, Harry W Stavely Family, Blanche & Henry Stepp, Christina Marie Straight, Raymond St. Clair Family, Family of Patrick Sullivan, Mary & Dale Sullivan, Rose Sweeney, Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Teletchea, Robert & Daniel Thompson, Margaret Tierney, Anthony Tontodonato, Family of Daniel Toomey, Edward Tyler, Kay Tyler, Jeannette Utterson, Cecelia Villaton, Roberto Villaton Rev. Msgr. Thomas Wells, Aradina White, Helen Whitish, Wickwire, Wiedel Family, living & deceased, Ashlyne Will, Ted Ziegler

Christmas Blessings

The priest, deacons, sisters and staff of St. Jerome's parish wish to express their sincerest thanks to the members of our parish family for making Christmas 2007 a memorable one. The many cards (and pictures for our parish wall), gifts and Masses are deeply appreciated. May God continue to give you much happiness and peace throughout the New Year!

Thanks to all who made our Church services so beautiful—the decorations, the singing, the faithful Lectors, ushers, Alter Servers and the dedicated members of our parish who reached out to help others in our name and our teams and volunteers for the Café and the Giving Tree and so many more wonderful things that have happened during this festive season. You, the members of St. Jerome's never fail to be there to serve and take care of the many duties that need to be done – no matter what – no matter when!

May God bless you – everyone!

Peace, Father Jim

Masses on New Years Eve, the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God will be at 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. and Mass on January 1, 2008 will be at 10 a.m.

Rally for Life and Youth Mass

The Archdiocese of Washington will host the annual Rally for Life and Youth Mass on Tuesday, January 22, 8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Verizon Center. Doors open at 7:00 a.m.; opportunities for Confession begin at 8:00 a.m. and a rally featuring popular Catholic recording artists is at 8:45 a.m. Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. Admission is free. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Please allow extra time for security (only small backpacks are allowed inside). The program will end in time for the March for Life. For more information, call the Archdiocese of Washington Life Issues Department at 301-853-4555.

Men's Vocation Retreat: February 1-3, 2008

Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood at Theological College, Friday evening, Feb. 1 to noon on Sunday, Feb. 3. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org

Choose Life!©

Congratulations to Archbishop Edwin O'Brien On his appointment at Archbishop of Baltimore

On October 1, Archbishop Edwin F. O'Brien was installed at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen as the 15th Archbishop of Baltimore. In his homily at the installation Mass, the Archbishop expressed his strong pro-life concerns:

"The right to life is the greatest civil rights issue of our time. This is the issue that will determine whether America remains a hospitable society – committed to caring for women in crisis and their unborn children, committed to caring for those with special needs, committed to caring for the elderly and the dying – or whether America betrays our heritage and the truths on which its Founders staked their claim to independence."

We pray: For all of those who recognize that human life is a gift, no matter one's age or ability...!

ST. JEROME'S SCHOOL NEWS

REMINDER: School accounts must be kept current in order for us to maintain our budget! Tuition accounts are due on the first of each month and payable in the Rectory office (across the street from the school)

Classes resume after Christmas on January 3, 2008

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008

January 3 – Classes resume
January 7: Elementary School Tuition Assistance Applications are Online at: <http://www.adw.org/education/assistance.asp>
January 11: End of 2nd Quarter
January 14: Parents Meeting for First Penance & First Communion
January 16: Report Cards Distributed
January 21: Martin Luther King Remembrance, No Classes
January 22: MARCH FOR LIFE
January 27: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Church
January 28: Catholic Schools Week
February 2: MARDI GRAS! 6PM to 12:00 Midnight!
February 4: First Confessions, 7:15 p.m., Grade 2 and CCD
February 6: Ash Wednesday, Liturgy 9 a.m.
February 11: Confessions, Grade 3-8
February 12: Progress Reports, #3
February 18: Presidents Day, No Classes
February 19: Acre Testing, Grades 6 and 8

Child Protection in the Archdiocese of Washington

Child protection is a priority of the Archdiocese of Washington, which has the most comprehensive child protection policies in the nation. This policy calls for prevention, quick response, and pastoral care. **All employees and volunteers who have substantial contact with children must attend child protection workshops and undergo a criminal background check, and those who suspect child abuse must report it to the authorities.** The policy (in English and Spanish), workshop schedules and reporting, fingerprinting and other information are available online at www.adw.org. (click on "Protecting Our Children"), and from your parish office and parish school principal. Anyone who has experienced harm from a person working or volunteering for a Church entity is encouraged to report this to the authorities and to contact the Archdiocesan Director of Child Protection Services, Ms. Marcia Zvara, 301-853-5328, so we may provide assistance.

Visit the NEW Catholic Standard and ElPregonero websites! Informative, interactive, exciting and fun! Log on to www.cathstan.org or www.elpreg.org to get started. It's all available online!

Be an advocate for justice and poverty issues here in Prince George's County. Come to the Prince George's County Justice and Advocacy Council, part of the Archdiocesan Legislative Network, meeting on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at 9:00 am at St. Bernard, Candlelight Room, in the rectory basement at 5700 St. Bernard Drive, Riverdale Park, MD 20737. Come early for Mass at 8:00 am in the church. Our guest speaker will be Sr. Pilar discussion the work of Verdruna Project and its work with women and children. We usually meet the first Saturday of each month. Contact Chris

Wainwright at 301-853-5341 or cwainwright@adw.org for more information.



Prayers of sympathy are sent to the family of Thomas O'Mara beloved father of Jack O'Mara. May his soul and the souls of all of our faithful departed rest in eternal peace.



St. Jerome's Caf 

The following items are needed for the Caf : cans of tuna fish, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese. Items may be left on the Outreach Table in the vestibule of the Church or taken to the Rectory. Our sincere thanks for your generous donations to help those in need.

Hurting After Abortion?

Do you feel like God could never really forgive you? You are invited to attend a support group to find peace in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. **Project Rachel** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting a support group for women and men who have unresolved feelings about their abortion experience. The support group will meet on Wednesday evenings – beginning February 6, 2008 (Ash Wednesday).

For additional information, including location, call or email Julia Shelava (202-269-4673 ext. 15 or 301/982-2008 ext 15) ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.

ALL IRISH NEED APPLY!

The Ancient Order of Hibernians, the largest and oldest Irish-Catholic Organization in the USA has Divisions meeting in the Archdiocese of Washington. If you are interested in your Irish-Catholic heritage, music, culture and are 16 or older, please consider joining us! For more information call George Rogers (301) 805-1775 for information on the Ladies AOH call Mary Corkery (301) 229-1451.

Retreat Opportunity for High School Boys

The Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Washington is offering an opportunity for high school boys to attend the Mount 2008 retreat at Mount Saint Mary's University in Emmitsburg, MD, February 8-10. Cost is \$55 and registrations must be received by January 10. Mount 2008 is an annual Eucharistic-centered retreat designed for high school- and college-age Catholics. With the theme, "**Seek the Face of Christ**," Mount 2008 will encourage participants to come to know Jesus as a friend, and to encounter His love and mercy in prayer, the Word of God, and the Holy Sacraments of the Catholic Church. The speakers for this year's retreat include Fr. Peter Mitchell and Todd Lemieux. The Mount 2008 website is <http://mount2008.com/>. For more information and to register, contact Father Mark Smith, Associate Director of Vocations, at msmith@adwparish.org.

DID YOU KNOW

Grocery certificates are available after Mass each Sunday and weekdays at the Rectory Office during regular business hours. These Certificates earn money for our church and school at no cost to you! The parish earns 5% profit for each one you buy! If 400 families bought \$20.00 each week at a 5% profit this would equal \$400.00 total profit per week or \$20,800 total profit per year! Fifty dollars per week would

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earn \$52,000. for one year! Buying certificates is an easy habit to start, and a great way to help generate needed funds for the parish! Thanks

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