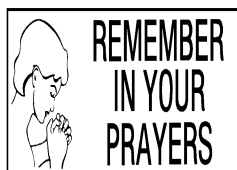


## ST. JEROMES, HYATTSVILLE



*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 McMahon Carol Mills,, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, Rita O'Dea, Carla 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  
January 14 – 20, 2007**

**MONDAY:**

8:00 A.M. Sister Romano  
12:00 p.m. Brian Gray

**TUESDAY:**

8:00 A.M. Joan Thomas  
12:00 p.m. Shirley Holt

**WEDNESDAY:**

8:00 A.M. T. Joseph McCann  
12:00 p.m. Thomas Haley

**THURSDAY:**

8:00 A.M. Linda Walsh  
12:00 p.m. Jim McManigle (living)

**FRIDAY:**

8:00 A.M. Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse Calabrese  
12:00 p.m. Joe Heidenberg

**SATURDAY:**

8:00 A.M. Mike McQuade (living)  
4:30 P.M. William O'Dea

**SUNDAY:**

7:30 A.M. Sister Romano Bloise  
9:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome  
11:30 A.M. Joseph Heidenberg

Our weekday Mass Schedule has changed. Masses will be at 8 a.m. and 12 noon on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Mass on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday will be at 8 a.m. There will be a Communion Service on Tuesday and Thursday at 12 Noon. Intentions scheduled prior to the change in Mass Schedule will be said privately.

**Readings for the Week of January 13, 2008**

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17  
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20  
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28  
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39  
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45  
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12  
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

**CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY, January 19, 2008**

4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Dixon

**SUNDAY, January 20, 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



*After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:16-17*

**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, February 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.adw.org)*

## Rally for Life and Youth Mass 2008

The Archdiocese of Washington is hosting a Rally for Life and Youth Mass on Tuesday, January 22, 8:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Verizon Center (former MCI Center), located at 601 F Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20001.

The rally will feature Steve Angrisano, Matt Maher and ValLimar Jensen. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Donald Wuerl and other bishops from around the country and will start at 10:00 a.m.

Priests will be available for confession from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Doors open at 7:00 a.m. Get there early to be sure to get a seat. When the Verizon Center is full, Mass will be offered at several downtown parishes nearby.

Following the Youth Mass, join thousands of others on the National Mall (starting point: 7<sup>th</sup> Street) for the noon National Rally for Life and the March for Life to the U.S. Capitol.

For information you can contact Ellen Sarnecky at 301/853-4555 ([sarnecke@adw.org](mailto:sarnecke@adw.org))

Small backpacks, signs and banners allowed in the building. No large packs of coolers. Poles and larger signs will be stored in a lobby area. Breakfast/lunch items for purchase at Verizon Center concessions and nearby restaurants. Verizon Center is Metro accessible (Gallery Place-Chinatown) and a reasonable walk to the National Mall for the March for Life at noon.

**Please Note:** St. Jerome's parishioners will be meeting at the Mall to attend the speeches and march. Please mark your calendars, we will be providing a map of the meeting site the weekend before the March.

**NOTE OF THANKS:** The parish Pro-Life Committee would like to express its gratitude to all those who participated in our Christmas Card Fundraiser. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

**You can Save a Baby on Saturday January 19<sup>th</sup>!** Attend our peaceful, legal prayer vigil outside a local abortion facility, with families of St. Jerome's and the Respect Life Committee. This is Calvary in our neighborhood. Matt and Gregory Bowman will meet you at 9:15 a.m. in St. Jerome's lower parking lot on January 19. We will drive to 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue at Greenbelt Road, (across from Beltway Plaza) We will return by 10:30. Please help our parish reach out to these needy mother, fathers and children. Questions? Call Matt at 202-834-0491.

### 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](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). All contacts are confidential.

### Choose Life! ☺

As we mark the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's legalization of abortion during all nine months of pregnancy, are we making any progress? A resounding yes! The number of abortions peaked in the mid-1980's and has steadily declined ever since. Likewise, public opinion has shifted so that 75% of the population thinks abortion should never be legal or legal only under certain circumstances. (Statistics of Allan Guttmacher Institute)

**WE PRAY:** For an end to legalized abortion and the growth of a culture of life. ☺

### FREE PRO-LIFE NEWS!

You can email [news@lifenews.com](mailto:news@lifenews.com) to sign up for free pro-life news. Or to go to our website at [www.lifenews.com](http://www.lifenews.com) to do so.

### 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](mailto:vocations@adw.org)

### National Memorial for the Preborn: January 22: 8:30 a.m. at the U. S. Capitol

The National Memorial for the Preborn and their mothers and fathers is the only pro-life event held inside the U. S. Capitol complex. Each year national pro-life leaders and clergy from numerous denominations take part in this prayerful remembrance of all victims of abortion and joyful celebration of God's Gift of Life. This year's Memorial will be held on Tuesday, January 22 at 8:30 a.m. in the US Senate office buildings, exact room to be announced at the NPRC web site (check the website before setting out to attend the service) The program will end in plenty of time for you to get to the start of the annual March for Life.

Please tell your family, friends and fellow church members about this wonderful witness to the Sanctity of Life, held right in the midst of the United States Congress!

## 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)**

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 2008

January 7: Elementary School Tuition Assistance Applications are Online at: <http://www.adw.org/education/assistance.asp>  
January 10: Café Lunch Grade 3  
January 11: End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter  
January 14: Parents Meeting for First Penance & First Communion  
January 16: Report Cards Distributed  
January 17: Café Lunch Grade 2  
January 21: Martin Luther King Remembrance, No Classes  
January 22: MARCH FOR LIFE  
January 24: Café Lunch Grade 1  
January 27: Catholic Schools Week Liturgy, 9:30 a.m. Church  
January 27: OPEN HOUSE, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
January 28: Catholic Schools Week  
January 31: Café Lunch Grade PK and K  
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  
March 9: Daylight Savings Time Begins  
March 14: End of the Third Quarter  
March 18: Report Cards Distributed  
March 20: No Classes, Holy Thursday  
March 21: No Classes, Good Friday  
March 23: Happy Easter  
March 24 – 28: Spring Vacation  
March 31: Classes Resume  
FYI: CONFIRMATION: Tuesday, April 8 < 7:30 p.m. in Church

### 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](http://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](http://www.cathstan.org) or [www.elpreg.org](http://www.elpreg.org) to get started. It's all available online!

### Prayer for Peace and Justice

Dear God,  
We live in a fallen world  
In which our virtues are in constant need of renewal.  
Enkindle in us the fire of love for our neighbor,  
whatever his creed, color, or status.  
Stir in us the desire for justice,  
whether for the unborn, the poor or the persecuted.  
Grow in us a love of truth,  
as known and revealed to us by your Son, Jesus.  
And raise up in us the ability to respect all people,  
especially when called upon to evaluate others.  
May we, as Martin Luther King said,  
"Judge not by the color of one's skin,  
but by the content of one's character."  
AMEN.

### January – Poverty Awareness Month:

Here in the Archdiocese of Washington, the poverty picture is quite mixed. According to the US Census Bureau 2006 statistics, we have 232,700 people living below the poverty threshold here in the Archdiocese. The jurisdiction with the lowest percentage is Calvert County, with a 2.8% of its residents living below the poverty line, but it still has 2,461 people trying to hold on at this very low income.

In the District of Columbia 108,100 of its residents (19.6%) are living below the Federal Poverty Threshold. One in five people who live in the District, live in poverty!

To learn more, visit [www.PovertyUSA.org](http://www.PovertyUSA.org) – sponsored by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, 301-853-5341.

### ENGLISH PRE-CANA 2008

Hosted by St. Camillus Catholic Church

Calling all English speaking couples planning to be married between March 2008 and April 2009. English Pre-Cana for 2008 will be held on Saturday, January 26, and Saturday, February 2, (with a snow date of February 9) from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. Camillus Catholic Church in Silver Spring, MD. Please call the Church Office for information (301) 434-8400.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Renew your relationship in 2008! Want to make your good marriage a great marriage!? Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. It is a private weekend designed to enhance today's relationships. February 23-25 in Lexington Park, MD. Call for information or to register now 301/924-5683 or <http://dc.wwme.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 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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