

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, Sister Helen Dych, SND, Paul Emmons, Martha Farnie, Margaret Federighi, Ruth Frazier, Frances Gray, Tony Green, Eileen Harrington, Anne Heidenberg, Joseph Heidenberg, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson David Kadan, Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Patty Little, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, Ellen Lawrence McGowan, James McMahon, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Chris Needham, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, William O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Thomas O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Alan Richwald, Sister Romana, Sister Germana, GERALYN LAWRENCE ROBerson, Brandon Joseph Romaine, Susan Schmidt, Robert Schultz, Al Smith, Jenny Stepanek, 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
September 17 – 23, 2007

MONDAY:

8:00 A.M. John Heidenberg
12:00 p.m. Kevin Stavely

TUESDAY:

8:00 A.M. J. Howard Currie
12:00 p.m. Semmes Family (living)

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Rev. Joseph O'Brien
12:00 p.m. Pauline Hill

THURSDAY:

8:00 A.M. Paddy Boyle
12:00 p.m. Sherry Bender

FRIDAY:

8:00 A.M. Agnes Nance
12:00 p.m. Maryann Rice

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. Thomas Francis Philip (living)
4:30 P.M. Emily Mello

SUNDAY:

7:30 A.M. Anne Conway
9:30 A.M. Patricia Donoghue
11:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome

Readings for the Week of September 16, 2007

Sunday:	Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
Next Sunday:	Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, September 22, 2007

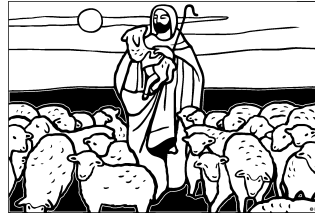
4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack

SUNDAY, September 23, 2007

7:30 A.M. Father Mark Raphael

9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Frank Foley

11:30 A.M. Choir Father Jim Stack



*"I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."
- Lk 15:7*

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

FRIDAY ADORERS NEEDED

St. Jerome's has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We now have a permanent sign-up sheet for people who can commit to spending the same hour every Friday with Our Lord. **This is a great opportunity to serve!** Now that the school year is starting, some of the summer people's schedules have changed. Therefore we need a few more people to fill in some gaps in the adoration schedule, particularly in the morning. Please prayerfully consider making this commitment. Spend an hour with Our Lord to return His love for you, and to draw spiritual strength and nourishment. Jesus is waiting there for you!

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

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

Sunday, October 7th, 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

From the desk of the Archbishop...

September 4, 2007

Dear Father Stack,

It is with gratitude that I write to you and your parish community. Saint Jerome Parish has not only reached but exceeded your \$46,115 goal for this year's Archbishop's Appeal. I have been informed that, as of August 23, 2007, 219 pledges in the amount of \$48,724 have been received. Thank you!

The generosity of the Saint Jerome Parish family significantly helps the Archdiocese of Washington to continue to provide a large number of pastoral, spiritual, educational and social service ministries. Working together through the Appeal, all of us can reach those in need. Your parish's generosity allows this to happen. I am truly grateful.

In a special way, I would like to recognize the staff, parish Appeal Committee and other volunteers who gave so generously of their time and effort to ensure the success of the Appeal. I am particularly grateful to the parishioners who contributed to the campaign. Their generous support is both humbling and encouraging.

My hope is that you will find occasion to express my gratitude to your parish community. In expressing my appreciation I also pledge my prayers for you, your ministry and the Saint Jerome Parish family.

Faithfully in Christ

The Most Reverend Donald Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington

Note from the Pastor...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus,

Peace and Fellowship be yours in God our Father and in Jesus our Savior who has conquered sin and death and has given us the freedom of being His sons and daughters.

It is with a tremendous amount of gratitude that I write to you this day knowing you have read the Archbishop's letter! This is the first time in a long time that our parish has reached our goal in the Archbishop's Appeal. As we look forward to a new academic year I am aware of the many things and projects needing to be done in our parish. With fortitude and patience, and hopefully with the Archbishop's blessing, our own appeal for our parish will commence. Since arriving in June of 1998 at St. Jerome's I have wanted to start an appeal to insure the future proclamation of the gospel for years to come. This is one of the reasons I pray to St. Michael the Archangel --for the protection of all of our families and our parish for many years to come!

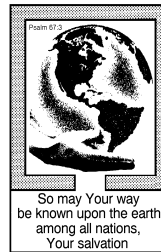
I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all of the generosity you have displayed since I have been your pastor. I have never called on you for help without receiving your generous answer. It is very humbling to know we are all in this together.

May God continue to bless each of you and your families for the good that you do in His name.

Peace, Father Jim

Care of the Sick and the Dying

There is a Pastoral Letter by the Bishops of Maryland, "Comfort and Consolation: Care of the Sick and Dying" in the pro-life rack in the church vestibule. It offers Church guidance on how to deal with end of life decisions. A donation of \$2.00 for the booklet can be left in the poor box.



Journey in Faith

Life has its storms – distressful relationships, jobs, poor health; situations where we feel our powerlessness. If you know someone unbaptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is searching for strength and understanding to weather such squalls, invite them to seek the perspective the Catholic Church offers. A Spouse? A Relative? A Friend? Give us their name and we will be happy to contact them about Journey in Faith! For more information call Mrs. Stevans at 301/927-6684 or email eileenstevans@hotmail.com Weekly meetings allow them to raise any and all questions they might have about the Christian tradition and the Catholic faith, as well as talk with people of the parish about the problems and joys experienced in living it. There are no strings attached. The weekly sessions will begin today, Sunday, September 9th from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Art Room.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Religious Education classes (Grades K through 8) begin on Sunday, September 23rd from 10:50 to 11:50 a.m. in the school. Please pick up registration forms in the vestibule of the church or call Mrs. Stevans at 301/927-6684 x 11.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations

Support the Archdiocese of Washington's Run for Vocations Marine Corps Marathon team! Each year, a group of priests, seminarians and lay people run the marathon (held this year on October 28) as a way to pray and sacrifice in support of our future priests and our Church. Please consider joining the team, or supporting the runners with prayers and donations to support priest vocations. For more information or to donate online, visit www.dcvocations.org or www.adw.org. Click on "Run for Vocations." For information about joining the team, contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw.org or 301-853-4580.



The following items are needed to help replenish the pantry for our St. Jerome's Café: large bottles of fruit juice, canned beans (pinto, kidney, garbanzo, etc.) spaghetti sauce in bottles, parmesan cheese, pasta, canned tuna, canned fruit We appreciate your continued generosity and ask that as you donate these articles for our café that you watch the "expiration/use by date" on the cans/packages.

HELP WANTED!

Our parish Gabriel Network volunteers are currently assisting five mothers and their children. We are in need of car seats, a crib mattress, and food certificates. If you can donate any of the above or you are interested in becoming an angel friend to a mom, please contact the rectory so arrangements can be made. Thank you for your continued generosity and support. God bless you!

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)

There are some openings in the school for the 2007-2008 school year. Call 301-277-4568 for details.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

September 20: Café Lunch Grade 7

September 26: 3rd & 4th Grade Trip to Baltimore Aquarium

September 27: Back to School Liturgy 9 a.m.

Café Lunch Grade 6

September 28: "Piece of Cake" forms and money due today!

September 30: Feast of St. Jerome

NOTE: progress reports for the first quarter will be mailed on October 2nd.

Upcoming activities to mark on your calendars...

October 8: Columbus Day, No Classes

October 9: High School Application for Tuition Assistance on line

October 22: Professional Development Day, No classes for students

November 1: Feast of All Saints

November 2: End of First Quarter

November 8,9: Parent Teacher Conferences
12:30 Dismissal for students

November 12: Veteran's Day – no classes

November 21,22,23: Thanksgiving Holidays

November 28: HSPT Administered to Grade 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.

Fall is the Time to Apply to a Catholic High School!

Families of 8th graders: Fall is the time to apply to a Catholic high school. Catholic high schools emphasize strong academics, faith, values and service and offer enriching activities such as athletics, art, music and cultural events. See your principal or parish catechetical leader in September to obtain a directory profiling the various schools. Visit www.catholicsschoolswork.org for a schedule of open houses, links to high schools' websites and other information.

BOY SCOUTS

September is recruitment month for Boy Scouts. Cub Scouts is for boys in first through fifth grade. St. Jerome's Cub Pack 224 will have its annual registration on Tuesday September 18, 2007 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7 to 8 p.m. and begin September 25. Boys in sixth grade or who are age 11 through 17 may join the Boy Scouts. St. Jerome's Troop 224 meets every Thursday in the gold room from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Come join the Pack or Troop and have fun learning new skills and enjoying the great outdoors.

LIKE TO SING? THE CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

St. Jerome's traditional Choir sings at the 11:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday, from September to June, as well as for such special occasions as Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve and the solemn services of Holy Week and Easter. Our aim is to preserve the Church's rich musical heritage, while incorporating what is best in contemporary repertoire. Our role is to provide musical leadership and support for the congregation's worship.

To sing in the choir, it isn't necessary to know how to read music or to have had any special training in music. These skills can be learned. What is needed is a love for music and a spirit of service. We have an urgent need for new voices in all sections before the Christmas season gets underway!

We practice Thursday evenings, starting at 7:30 and usually rehearse for about an hour. New members are always welcome. Please call the Director, Bob Minaert, 301-699-1436, if you are interested in participating, or come to our rehearsal, which is held in the choir loft of the church, any Thursday evening.

Christ in the City: Eucharistic Adoration for Young Adults

Join young adults from all over the metro area for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every second Thursday of the month. The evening includes the Rosary, followed by Adoration and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please consider adoring our Lord in the Eucharist with us. Christ in the City is held 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 619 10th Street, NW, Washington, DC, one block from the Metro Center and Gallery Place Metro stops. For more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, 301-853-4580 or rpanke@adw.org. Fall dates: October 11, November 8 and December 13.

Open Wide the Doors to Christ!

How can you do it? Enroll in EPS for a deeper understanding of your faith. EPS offers courses that integrate Scripture, theology and practical application of the faith, as well as opportunities for liturgy and spiritual growth. The day program presents **God's People: Covenant and Community**, an introduction to Catholic interpretation of Scripture focusing on the Old Testament, Tuesdays, September 11 - October 30, from 9:30 a.m. – 2:15 p.m. Mass and lunch are included. The evening program will present **Liturgy: The Heart of Catholic Evangelization**, a history of Catholic liturgy and principles of liturgical planning and practice, Tuesdays, September 11 - October 16, from 7 – 9:15 p.m. Optional evening prayer begins at 6:40 p.m. EPS practices Gospel economics and relies solely on donations. For more information, contact Ann Kitterman at 202.884.9030 or Kittermana@trinitydc.edu, or see eps.trinitydc.edu

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