

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, Anne Heidenberg, Joseph Heidenberg, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson, Larry Jackson, David Kadan, Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Patty Little, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, James McMahon Carol Mills., Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Chris Needham, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, Rita O'Dea, William O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Thomas O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Alan Richwald, Sister Romana, Sister Germana, 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!***

WEEK OF

October 29 – November 4, 2007



MONDAY:
8:00 A.M. Mary Jo Shipe
12:00 p.m. Zachary Robertson
TUESDAY:
8:00 A.M. Zachary Robertson
12:00 p.m. Kay Tyler
WEDNESDAY:
8:00 A.M. Joseph and Agnes Wiedel
12:00 p.m. Patrick Sullivan
THURSDAY:
8:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS
12:00 p.m. Joseph Wiedel
FRIDAY:
8:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS
12:00 p.m. Mary Jo Shipe
SATURDAY:
8:00 A.M. HOLY SOULS
4:30 P.M. Ralph Smith
SUNDAY:
7:30 A.M. Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions
9:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome
11:30 A.M. Patrick Sullivan

| Readings for the Week of October 28, 2007 | |
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| Sunday: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14 |
| Monday: | Rom 8:12-17/Lk 13:10-17 |
| Tuesday: | Rom 8:18-25/Lk 13:18-21 |
| Wednesday: | Rom 8:26-30/Lk 13:22-30 |
| Thursday: | Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a |
| Friday: | Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40 |
| Saturday: | Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Lk 14:1, 7-11 |
| Next Sunday: | Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10 |

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2007

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007

7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack

9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Mark Raphael

11:30 A.M. Choir Father Mark Raphael



"The tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the

former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.'" - Lk 18:13-14

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

IN REMEMBRANCE OF OUR BELOVED

During the month of November the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Jerome's will be offered for the Holy Souls. Envelopes for the remembrance of your deceased relatives and friends are in the back of Church. Please try to have these envelopes turned in to the Rectory as soon as possible.

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

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

Sunday, November 4th, at 4:00 p.m.

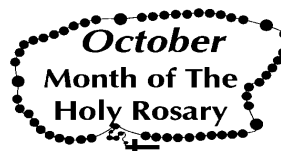
St. Jerome's Church

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



THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A Tribute to Sr. Helen

On Monday October 22nd we sent our dearly beloved Sr. Helen home to her Creator. Our hearts are broken with grief and mourning, but God will heal our hearts over time and allow us to continue in our ministry of love and hospitality. Sr. Helen was a professed religious for 57 years and she will be sorely missed. She was such a help to me personally and it is like “loosing a right arm” as Monsignor Ranieri put it. It wasn’t so much what she did, although Sister did many things, but it was the attitude and the manner in which she did those things. She was very gifted in the simple things of life. I know I can speak for our whole parish when I say Sr. Helen made a real impact on us and we are eternally grateful.

I thank the parish of St. Jerome’s for turning out in such fine numbers for Sister’s wake service and Funeral. We Catholics have our troubles, but if there is one thing we do well, it’s knowing how to send our loved ones home rejoicing. From the Wednesday night that brought me to Sister’s bedside with the oils of the sick to the graveyard in Ilchester, the powerful presence of Jesus was with us the whole way. Jesus walked the walk himself through death to life. Every time a member of His body is called to walk the walk through death into new life they never do it alone. Jesus, as Head of the body holds their hand and we as members of the body of Christ assist them with our prayers. (See Ephesians 4). So once again we sent one of our loved ones home.

In my homily during the funeral liturgy, I spoke of three qualities of the heart Sister’s favorite saint, St. Ignatius of Loyola, talks of as essential for a soul to discern. These qualities are essential to our spiritual life. They are Humility, Charity and Courage. Because Sr. Helen possessed these qualities to a high degree, I definitely think she will be watching over our parish helping all of us to refine those same three gifts in our own lives.

This past summer someone gave me a book about mysticism. The mystics are fascinating people because they are open to the mystical gifts that most people in the world blow off as crazy. In one of these books a mystic gives her account on the happenings in heaven. I grew up thinking heaven would consist of viewing God sitting high on his throne, from a distance. The mystics have that in their mysticism too but they add some other things. Yes, they say we will have eternal rest, but we will have tasks to perform. There will be an assignment given to us from God to help with various dealings of worldly affairs. I truly believe that Sr. Helen’s assignment will be to watch over all of us. She will continue her mission to be a faithful worker in the Lord’s vineyard here at St. Jerome’s

People like Sr. Helen are infinitely more powerful in death than they are in life. That’s a fact. Sr. Helen will continue to be a powerful advocate in continuing the cause of making manifest the “Good God” at St. Jerome’s. Helen was a light that certainly shined brightly in this world for all to see, and that light can never be extinguished, it will shine forth to bring all who are truly open to an experience of the “Good God”. Let us keep the repose of the soul of Sister Helen in our prayers.

My dear Helen, I loved you from the first time I met you. I’ll never forget your words at morning Mass in the convent chapel: “Hi Father, I am Helen--welcome to the parish”. You were a pure joy to have as a fellow worker. We labored side by side. It truly was a great ride.

Rest in Peace, Fr. Jim

“Learn to say always, “How Good God is” when things go right with you, and when things go wrong.”—St. Julie

In Loving Remembrance

A Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, November 3, at 11 a.m. in remembrance of all of our parishioners who have died during the past year. Family members are invited to attend the Mass where the names of the deceased will be read aloud.

If your family has experienced the loss of a family member, who was not buried from St. Jerome’s, and you would like to have them included at this Liturgy, please call Joanna Kendrick 301/277-5466, Chris Arthur 301/927-6619, or Laurette Fisher 301/779-4262 to have their names added. A light luncheon will be served following the Mass.

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

Morning of Recollection:

“The Almighty Has Done Great Things for Me”

Everyone is invited to a morning of recollection, November 10, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Holy Angels, 21340 Colton Point Road, Avenue. The morning will include Eucharistic Adoration, Mass, confession and a reflection by Msgr. Robert Panke, director of priest vocations for the Archdiocese of Washington. Sponsored by the Office of Priest Vocations and the Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society. For more information, contact Maris Moriarty at 301-853-4580 or mmoriarty@adw.org

Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Youth

Within our nation’s capital, 1 in 3 children live in poverty and roughly 3,000 children are without a home. Covenant House of Washington is holding a Candlelight Vigil for Homeless Youth on Thursday, November 15, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m., at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 1600 Morris Road, SE, Washington. For more information, call 202-610-6505 or visit www.covenanthousedc.org.

Priesthood Discernment Dinner

Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual Mass and discernment dinner with Archbishop Wuerl, November 25, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., St. Peter, 313 Second Street SE, Washington, DC. Participants should be single men in their 20’s – 40’s who are practicing Catholics. If you are looking for a sign, this is it. “Come and see” why the priesthood is such a gift. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, director of priest vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

EPS Fall Open Classroom

Education+Parish+Service (EPS) is hosting Fall Open Classroom for potential students. People may visit God’s People: Covenant and Community, an introduction to Catholic interpretation of Scripture, on October 30, 7:00 p.m.-9:15 p.m. Reservation required. For more information, contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or 202-884-9030 or visit <http://eps.trinitydc.edu>.

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 2007

- October 29: Confirmation Parents Meeting at 7:15 in the Gold Room
October 31: Happy Halloween!
November 1: Feast of All Saints, Liturgy at 9 a.m.
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
December 1: **Christmas Bazaar 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Gold Room!**
December 3: Faculty Retreat, No Classes
December 7: Deadline for High School applications
December 11: Penance Meeting for Grade 2, 7:15 p.m. in Gold Room
December 12: Advent Liturgy, 9 a.m.
December 17,18: Confessions, Grades 3-8
December 21: Beginning of Christmas Vacation
December 24-31, Christmas Vacation.
Classes resume after Christmas on January 2, 2008

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.

BENEFIT CONCERT

A benefit Concert featuring soloist Shirli Hughes will be presented at St. Gabriel Church School Hall (510 Webster Street, N.W) on Sunday, November 18, 2007 at 3 p.m. This presentation will benefit victims of flood and under-privileged children in drought and poverty-stricken regions in Northern Ethiopia. Tickets are \$20.00. Contact Doris Brown (202-291-0195) Billie Sneed (202-882-9493) Marguerite Jones (202-291-2157) or Helen Montgomery (202-723-3662)

Get News from the Vatican

Want to know what the Holy Father is doing or what the latest Vatican document really said? Sign up on the Vatican website for a free daily e-alert of the latest news at http://www.vatican.va/news_services/press/vis/vis_en.html. The site also includes the full texts of all major documents and other information. Learn about the Secret Archives and popes, "visit" the Vatican Museums and more.



. We join our prayers of sympathy with the Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Jerome's Convent, and all who knew and loved her. May she rest in peace in the company of the Saints. Your expressions of sympathy can be sent to the Sisters of Notre Dame at St. Jerome's Convent (5300 43rd Avenue, Hyattsville, Md. 20781).

Attention Parish Organizations!

The chairman of each parish organization is asked to prepare your calendar of events for the year and send it to the Rectory as soon as possible so that the parish calendar for 2008 can be prepared. Decide which space and date you wish to reserve so that complications can be avoided.

A list of new officers (names, address, phone numbers) is also requested. Remember, when all the lists are received the dates will be coordinated and submitted to the Pastor for approval. If there is a conflict (i.e. two organizations requesting the same date) the organizations will be contacted so that an alternative date can be selected.

Your cooperation and thoughtfulness in the timely response to this request will be appreciated.

NATIONAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. If you or someone you know lives in a violent relationship, know that you are not alone, you are worthy of being loved and safe, and assistance is available. As the United States bishops remind us in their pastoral letter, "When I Call for Help: A Pastoral Response to Domestic Violence Against Women," we state as clearly and strongly as we can that violence against women, inside or outside the home, is never justified...The Catholic Church teaches that violence against another person in any form fails to treat that person as someone worthy of love."

The complete pastoral letter and other information are available online at www.usccb.org/laity/help.shtml. In addition, please know that information and assistance is available 24 hours per day for anyone who knows of or is a victim of domestic violence: National Domestic Violence Hotline, 800-799-SAFE (TDD: 800-799-3224) and www.ndvh.org

What Have You Done For Your Marriage Today?

Married or considering it? Visit www.foryourmarriage.org, a website by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The site offers daily marriage tips, recommended books, the facts about Church teaching on marriage and more to help couples build strong marriages. Also watch the new TV spots, "What Have You Done for Your Marriage Today?" online.

Married Couples Retreat

Only 1 Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend left in your area this year. Please register now to secure spot. Nov 2-4 (Rockville) call 301-924-5683 or <http://dc.wvme.org>

R.C.I.A.

Each year, the summer ends and autumn begins. The leaves change color, the weather turns colder. Our lives go through seasons also. If you have thought about becoming Catholic and beginning a new "season" in your life, call Mrs. Stevans at 301-927-6684.

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