

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!***

Mass for the Intentions Week

WEEK OF
November 4 – 11, 2007

MONDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
12:00 p.m. William Frazier

TUESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
12:00 p.m. Mary Jo Shippe

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
12:00 p.m. Eugene Herbert

THURSDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
12:00 p.m. Edward Tyler

FRIDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
12:00 p.m. Angela Lyons

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. Holy Souls
4:30 P.M. Jerry Carroll

SUNDAY:

7:30 A.M. Anne Conway
9:30 A.M. Maryann Rice
11:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome's Parish

Readings for the Week of November 4, 2007

Sunday: Wis 11:22-12:2/2 Thes 1:11-2:2/Lk 19:1-10
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/2 Thes 2:16-3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, November 10, 2007

4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Mark Raphael

SUNDAY, November 11, 2007

7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack

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

11:30 A.M. Choir Father Jim Stack



Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over." - Lk 19:8

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



November
Month of
The Souls in
Purgatory

Days to Remember the Dead

The month of November has traditionally been remembered as a month we commemorate the dead. As I was saying this to one of the staff members of our parish she winced at the thought of death, but it is a reality each of us must face at a certain point in time. When Father Mark noticed Joni's wince he said to her: "Joni, that's good news, if this is all that we were going to get that would be depressing." Fr. Mark's insightful answer reminds us we are called by God into this earthly existence at birth, but this earth is certainly not the goal of the Christian. We are called to live out our earthly existence in praise and service to God so we can be called one day from this life to the life of eternity with God forever. This is the goal of the Christian life--God, not other people, or the good of this earth. May we live our lives with a proper understanding of these very essential realities.

There is a Psalm that I love very much and it is Psalm 126. Traditionally it was a prayer of the Jewish exiles. The exiles are grateful for their happy return to Jerusalem. The people beseech the Lord that he will prosper their present struggles and re-build their homeland. For the people in exile it was simply too good to be true, but it was true. The last two verses go like this: "Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves."

Those last few lines of the Psalm are very dear to me. I have spent hours meditating upon them. To me the sowing of the seed in tears represents the morning time of life. We go forth from our houses to do the work. The work is hard and laborious and sometime it is tearful because life is work. But once the work has been done and the fruit has been produced and harvested, those same workers who began in tears are now rejoicing because God has called them to the eternal banquet in the Kingdom of Heaven. I like to imagine myself walking home from the fields with the sun setting in the background, with my friends who are fellow laborers and who made my work lighter to my hands and my heart. I can see us now laughing and rejoicing because God gave us a mission that wasn't easy, but He enabled us to do the work so that we could watch His plan unfold in the harvest of life. I believe that is what happens in the funeral liturgy of the Church.

Our theology of life, work and death are to be meditated upon during this month of November. Our theology, that is, what we believe about these three subjects differs very much from the way secular societies look at them. In secular societies Birth is a time to rejoice and death is a time for mourning. In Christian theology that idiom is turned upside down. Birth is, to quote Ps.126, "They go forth weeping carrying seed to be sown." Death, "they come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves." As for the work and this is where many lose their bearings, God give us work so that we might have lives of fuller meaning. Unfortunately some think work is a burden and needs to be avoided, such people are sad because they miss out on a lot of the fun that takes place along the way. While other view work only as a means to getting rich; riches can't save you from the robber that death can become if you have no faith.

Yes, death can be a good friend or a horrible enemy. It's our choice, through faith, how each of us decides to view it. The tradition of the Church, to pray for a happy death, is one of the most ancient and beautiful prayers of the Church. St. Francis, known for his spirit of joy, welcomed death as a Sister. May God bless us with vibrant faith in our all-powerful resurrection.
Peace, Fr. Jim

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.

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.wwme.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

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

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.



St. Jerome's Knights of Columbus would like to thank all our friends who attended Saturday's Oktoberfest family night of fun. It was made possible by contributions from St. Jerome's 6th grade artists, the Ladies of the Knights, and our enthusiastic brothers. The night included music by the Chick Hall and John Previti Band, apple dunking, face painting and games for the children. We hope to be able to accommodate more of our parish friends next year.

High School and College Scholarships

Each year the Maryland State Council of the Knights of Columbus awards several four year college scholarships to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and to Catholic students in general and several scholarships for students entering Catholic High Schools.

Presently over thirty young Catholic men and women are enrolled in colleges and universities across the country and high schools in Maryland through the financial assistance provided by these scholarship programs.

Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and applications by writing to: Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MD 21117, or by contacting our web site at

www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm.

The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2008.

Application period is from November 1, 2007 to March 1, 2008, Awards may be applied to tuition payments only.

St. Jerome's Café



The following items are needed for the Café: 12" heavy duty foam plates, 12 oz foam bowls, canned tuna, Jelly, ice tea mix, bottles of juice, juice boxes, beans (all types – including baked beans/pork and beans). 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.

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!

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi



Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life

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