

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, 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 October 1 – 7, 2007

- MONDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Special Intention
12:00 p.m. Patrick Sullivan
- TUESDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Rev. Msgr. R. Joseph Dooley
12:00 p.m. John Kucharski
- WEDNESDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Aileen O'Reilly
12:00 p.m. John McDonough
- THURSDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Patrick Sullivan
12:00 p.m. Frances Greci (living)
- FRIDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Michael Tsegaye (living)
12:00 p.m. Mary Ann Rice
- SATURDAY:**
8:00 A.M. Bill Rice
4:30 P.M. Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions
- SUNDAY:**
7:30 A.M. Anne Conway
9:30 A.M. Kevin Stavely
11:30 A.M. For the people of St. Jerome

Readings for the Week of September 30, 2007	
Sunday:	Am 6:1a, 4-7/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31
Monday:	Zec 8:1-8/Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Zec 8:20-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Wednesday:	Neh 2:1-8/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Lk 10:1-12
Friday:	Bar 1:15-22/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

- SATURDAY, October 6, 2007**
4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack
- SUNDAY, October 7, 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



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'" - Lk 16:25

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 signup sheet for people who can commit to spending the same hour every Friday with Our Lord. **This is a great opportunity to serve!** 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Archdiocese of Washington Annual Pilgrimage The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

On Sunday, October 14, all the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to join in the annual Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This coming year we will be observing the 150th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Lourdes, France to St. Bernadette. Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl will be the principal celebrant and homilist. The Rosary will begin at 2:30 p.m. outside, weather permitting. Those who wish to join in the procession should meet at the East Portico. Mass will begin at 3 p.m. The Mass satisfies the Sunday obligation.

150th Jubilee Our Lady of Lourdes

On February 11, 1858, in Lourdes, France, a 14-year old French peasant girl names Bernadette was collecting wood with her sister and friend. Near the Grotto of Massabielle, she saw an apparition of a woman dressed in white, with a white rosary. She prayed the rosary with the woman, who vanished when they finished.

Three days later, Bernadette saw the lady again, and then 16 more times over the next five months. On one visit, the woman in white told Bernadette to drink from a stream, even though none was visible. Bernadette scratched at the ground and found water to drink. That stream flows today; its water is credited with having healing powers.

On her sixteenth visit, the woman identified herself to Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception. At the time, young Bernadette did not know that only four years earlier, Pope Pius IX had declared belief in Mary as the Immaculate Conception to be a doctrine of the Catholic faith.

In 1862, the apparitions at Lourdes were recognized by the Church as authentic. In 1933, Bernadette was named a saint. Today, six million people visit Lourdes each year on pilgrimage, many seeking healing or acceptance of their sufferings, in union with those of Christ Crucified.

Celebrating in the Archdiocese of Washington

Eleven churches have been named Lourdes' pilgrimage churches. A plenary indulgence may be received by visiting one of these sites by February 11, 2008 and fulfilling the following conditions:

- The Holy See has granted a plenary indulgence for the faithful in the Archdiocese of Washington who make a Sacramental confession, receive Communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions, as well as:
- "Make a sacred pilgrimage to one of the specially designated churches and devoutly take part in a liturgical celebration or another pious practice..." or
- "...visit one of the specially designated churches and there stand still with a mind intent on devout reflections for an appropriate period of time to be concluded with the recitation or singing of the 'Our Father,' the 'Creed,' as well as the invocation of the Blessed Virgin Mary."
- The elderly, infirm and homebound may receive the plenary indulgence if they "join themselves in the desire of the heart to those making a pilgrimage, and they devoutly recite before an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary the "Our Father," the "Creed," and any Marian prayer.

(letter from Cardinal James Francis Stafford, Major Penitentiary)

What is an Indulgence?

The *United States Catholic Catechism for Adults* tells us, "Every sin has consequences. It disrupts our communion with God and the church, weakens our ability to resist temptation and hurt others. The necessity of healing these consequences, once the sin itself has been forgiven, is called temporal punishment. Prayer, fasting, almsgiving, and other works of charity can take away entirely or diminish this temporal punishment. Because of the fullness of redemption obtained for us by Christ, the church attaches to certain prayers and actions an indulgence or pardon, that is, the full or partial remission of temporal punishment due to sin. Christ, acting through the Church, brings about the healing of the consequences of sin when an individual uses such a prayer or engages in such an action." (Chapter 18)

Pilgrimage Churches in

Washington D.C.: Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Immaculate Conception Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.

Prince George's County: St. Mary, Piscataway, Sacred Heart, Bowie.

Montgomery County: Our Lady of Lourdes, Bethesda, St. Bernadette, Silver Spring.

Southern Maryland: Immaculate Conception, Mechanicsville, St. Mary, Newport, Our Lady's Church, Medley's Neck, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Solomons.

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. Please use the marked envelope found in the pro-life book rack with a donation of \$2.00 and place it 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.



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, heavy duty paper dinner plates, aluminum foil. 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.

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 2007

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

Upcoming activities to mark on your calendars...

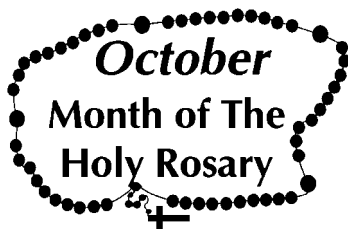
- October 8: Columbus Day, No Classes
- October 9: High School Application for Tuition Assistance on line
- October 22: Professional Development Day, No classes for students
- November 1: Feast of All Saints
- November 2: End of First Quarter
- November 8,9: Parent Teacher Conferences
12:30 Dismissal 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.catholicschoolswork.org for a schedule of open houses, links to high schools' websites and other information.



PARISH NEWS

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of *Nicholas Michael Allocca*, who has gone home to God. May he and all of the faithful departed rest in eternal peace.

ST. JEROME'S SODALITY

A meeting for all members, and those who would like to join, the Sodality of Our Lady, will be held October 7th following the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the meeting room. All are urged to attend!

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. Christ in the City is held 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 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.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations

Support the Run for Vocations Marine Corps Marathon team! Each year, a group of priests, seminarians and lay people run the marathon (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 visit www.dcvocations.org or www.adw.org. Click on "Run for Vocations." For info about joining the team, contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw.org or 301-853-4580.

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!

CELEBRATE "RESPECT LIFE" SUNDAY WITH THE GABRIEL NETWORK

by visiting our Transitional Maternity Home in Silver Spring. The home provides a nurturing family environment for women who are pregnant and have found themselves without a place to live, thus helping them be able to choose life for their unborn child. The Open House will be Sunday, October 7 from 4 – 6 p.m. To R.S.V .P. and to receive directions call Bill Craig at 240-997-6490.

Is your marriage in Trouble? If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille can help. This Catholic program is designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. Our next weekend is Nov 2 – 4, 2007. All calls and inquiries are confidential. For info call 410-647-0350 or for Spanish Weekends call 703-471-1199 or www.retourvaille.org.

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