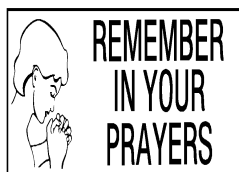


ST. JEROMES, HYATTSVILLE



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, James Howard Currie, Frances DeStefano, Linda Duggin, Paul Emmons, Martha Farnie, Margaret Federighi, Ruth Frazier, Frances Gray, Tony Green, Eileen Harrington, Anne Heidenberg, Charlotte Houston, Elinor Jackson David Kadan, Rita Kline, Joseph Lipovsky, Larry Lorditch, Linda Lorditch, Ellen Lawrence McGowan, James McMahan, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Chris Needham, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, William O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Thomas O'Mara, Tom Paul, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall, Maryanne Rice, Alan Richwald, 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 July 30 – August 5, 2007

MONDAY:
8:00 A.M. Samuel Rogovsky, Sr.
12:00 p.m.

TUESDAY:
8:00 A.M. Peter F. O'Reilly
12:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:
8:00 A.M. Robert Connolly
12:00 p.m.

THURSDAY:
8:00 A.M. Helen Demerath
12:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:
8:00 A.M.
12:00 p.m. Charles Maser

SATURDAY:
8:00 A.M. Our Lady's Pro-Life Intentions
4:30 P.M. For the people of St. Jerome

SUNDAY:
7:30 A.M. Fred Sausser
9:30 A.M. James Cain
11:30 A.M. David Frischkorn

Readings for the Week of July 29, 2007	
Sunday:	Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13
Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35/Mt 13:44-46
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Ecll 1:2; 2:21-23/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 4, 2007
4:30 P.M. Music Ministry Father Jim Stack

SUNDAY, August 5, 2007
7:30 A.M. Father Jim Stack
9:30 A.M. Folk Group Father Frank Foley
11:30 A.M. Choir Father Mark Raphael

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, August 4, 2007
4:30 P.M. A. Barrera/ P. Merkel

SUNDAY, August 5, 2007
7:30 A.M. . A. & J. Falcone
9:30 A.M. A & J Shirron, N. Heller
11:30 A.M. T. Kenny, C. Wilkerson



"I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."
- Lk 11:9-10

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

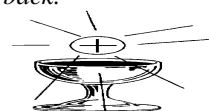
NEW FRIDAY ADORATION SCHEDULE

St. Jerome's has Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Beginning in June we will have a permanent signup sheet (replacing the week-by-week signup) for people to commit to spending the same hour every Friday with Our Lord. The new schedule will go into effect on Friday, June 8th. **This is a great opportunity to serve!** Many new people will need to sign up (for a weekly commitment or as a substitute) in order to complete the schedule. This will ensure that the exposed Blessed Sacrament is not left alone, and also that Adoration can continue throughout the day for everyone who wants to make a visit to Jesus. 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!

WELCOME VISITORS

Help to make the parish a more evangelizing community of faith! Welcoming newcomers is important if we are to help people feel at home in our parishes. Greet those around you and introduce yourself to someone you haven't met before. Tell them you look forward to seeing them again next week and that you will be looking for them – and do it! Make someone feel at home! Chances are they will want to come back!

July
Month of
The Precious
Blood





Mass Intentions

“Hey father”, said my secretary, “the Mass intentions are drying up.” This is not good, I thought to myself. Either we have not had many people die in the past few years, which is not our case, or people just don’t have the same understanding of the power of having a Mass offered for a particular intention. I think it’s the fact people of our new generation don’t have the same understanding of the power of the holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The generations of my parents and grandparents had a good understanding of the Mass as a sacrifice. They had a good understanding of the ancient tradition of having a Mass or Masses said for a particular intention, be it for a loved one who died or for a living person who needed prayers. For example my parents always had a Mass offered for me on May 17th—the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood.

The purpose in writing this article is to help encourage this ancient practice among the parishioners at Saint Jerome’s. First off, how many times do people ask you to pray for them? I always try to grant their request but knowing how weak and human I am I can’t always remember. This is why the Church in her tradition has the pastor of a parish offer one Mass per Sunday for the people. The “Pro Populo” (For the people) in Latin is offered each Sunday by the pastor for all the intentions of his flock. If St. Jerome’s were depending upon my frail and weak prayers, the people of our parish would be in poor shape. The Mass being offered, even by its weak and needy pastor, is the prayer of Jesus himself. This is why we call the Mass the perfect prayer. At Mass Jesus once again offers himself up to the heavenly Father on our behalf. The sacrifice washes away our sins and makes us acceptable to God the Father and is perpetuated each time the Mass is celebrated. The infant Church had a very deep grasp of this very important reality. Even though it would take the Church years to hammer out its theology on the sacrifice of the Mass, the early Christians knew and believed something beyond the here and now was in operation while Mass was being offered. They knew in some mysterious way the sacrifice of Jesus, once made on Good Friday, was being offered once again for the people of this time and space.

The whole notion of intentions grew out of this rich understanding. In early Christian Rome Masses were said over the tombs of the dead. Masses were offered on their behalf in the firm belief the prayer of the Mass would, and indeed did, guide and help the souls of the deceased to usher their way more easily to the Kingdom of Heaven. Out of this understanding did our November tradition of praying for Holy Souls arise. It is one sure fire way to make sure your loved ones are not lost forever. The holy sacrifice of the Mass also becomes a way in which many people are reconnected with their loved ones through the Holy sacrifice. The Eucharist is the eternal act that takes in all time and places. To be present at Mass opens you up to all sorts of reality. One needs to understand what is happening at Mass to truly appreciate it.

I would encourage all of you to have Masses offered for your loved ones both living and dead. There is no better thing you can do than to have this most powerful prayer said for your loved ones. This is especially good for people who have tried every thing to help their loved ones and their efforts have failed. Like the woman in Luke’s Gospel (Lk. 8, 43) who exhausted her life’s saving to be delivered from her hemorrhage. She touched Jesus and was cured. By offering Mass for your loved ones, both you and they touch Jesus in the Eucharist.

Peace, Fr. Jim

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

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

*Sunday, August 5th 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

Anointing the Sick

Please remember anyone who is in need of the Anointing of the Sick should not hesitate to contact the Rectory. It is recommended that you come in for this sacrament prior to hospital admission. The hospital chaplain may not always be able to anoint you prior to surgery. This sacrament is meant to strengthen the members of the church and to find the deeper meaning in the sufferings and pain that comes to all in this life. “The most beautiful moment in a priest’s life is in the administering of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.”



The following items are needed to help replenish the pantry for our St. Jerome’s Café: heavy duty/foam lunch plates (9”), 18 oz iced tea cups, spaghetti sauce in jars, parmesan cheese, black pepper, small containers fruit juice, large bottles fruit juice. **SUMMERTIME REMINDER** The St. Jerome’s Café operates year-round. We need temporary servers to help staff the café during the summer vacation months. If you can help once or twice or more, please sign up at the Outreach Table. If you are interested in joining a permanent Café Team (once every five weeks) please let us know! We also need bagged lunches in the summertime!

Gabriel Network

The Gabriel Network is Growing! We are looking for men and women who week to live their faith through service to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. Those with interest, skills or experience related to volunteer management, social work and development are strongly encouraged to inquire about current openings. You, or someone you know, can submit your resume via email to office@gabrielnetwork.org, via fax to 301/262-5389 or via mail to P O Box 2116 Bowie, MD 20718-2116.

Bread for Our Brothers. The Knights of Columbus, P.G. Council 2809, is looking for volunteers able to devote three hours of time once or twice per month to pick up surplus bread at a Rockville bakery and deliver it to a local charity. If questions or interest, please call Dennis O’Malley at 301-937-4830.

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).

(NOTE: Letters have been sent to all families who have registered for the 2007-2008 school year. If you have not received your letter, please call the Rectory Office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.)

ACTIVITIES FOR THE SUMMER

Summer Program is in full swing! A great way for your children to keep safe and have fun during the crazy days of summer!

There are some openings in the school for the 2007-2008 school year. Call 301-277-4568 for details. The beginning of the new school year is Tuesday, September 4th.

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.

HELP WANTED

The new Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School seeks a full-time Administration Assistant. The position is available immediately. Excellent computer skills and Spanish/English fluency required. For more information see <http://www.donboscocristorey.org/employment.html> or contact Genevieve McCarthy, Assistant Principal for Student Life, at 410-707-7874.

The High School also seeks professional COACHING STAFF to help build fall sports program. We are now accepting applications for head coaches of girls volleyball, boys soccer, girls soccer and boys and girls cross country. For more information, go to their website listed above or contact Frank Simpson, Athletic Director at simpsonf@donboscocristorey.org.

Regina High School All Classes Reunion

www.reginareunion.com

On September 15, 2007 from 5 – 8 p.m. there will be an All Classes Reunion for Regina High School held at University of Maryland Golf courts Club House. The cost is \$60 per person, preregistration **required**. Go to reginareunion.com for registration form. The event will benefit the Washington Middle School for Girls. For more information contact reginareunion.com – Kathy Shorter 202-678-1113 or Eileen Vaughan – www.ColorworksPromotions.com (301/933-3559).



Those wishing to send cards to Msgr. Teletchea's family may send them to: Mr. & Mrs. William Teletchea (Msgr's nephew) at 39 Frankenberry Drive, Georgetown, Delaware 19947

R.C.I.A.

As we celebrate our country's freedom, let us reflect on the freedom given to us through Baptism – to be heirs of the promise and liberated from sin. The Right of Christian Initiation of Adults or RCIA is the way by which persons become "citizens of the Kingdom" through Baptism or Confirmation and Eucharist. Inquiry sessions are now being held. For more information please call Mrs. Eileen Stevans 301/927-6684 or email, eileenstevans@hotmail.com for more information.

"Calling all 'Tonies!'"

St. Anthony of Padua School is celebrating its 85th Anniversary, and wants to invite all of its graduates to join us in the festivities! Please take a moment and call the parish (202-250-8208) or the school (202-526-4657) to give us your current address or email us at StAnthony.dc@adwparish.org. Thank you!



During the summer months our parish expenses still continue for our parish repairs and maintenance. Regular contributions are needed in order to meet these obligations. For those parishioners who go on vacation this summer, may you return to us refreshed, relaxed and renewed. May God bless you and keep you safe

Support Catholic Communications

Have a voice in media. Support the annual Catholic Communication Campaign collection, August 18-19. This special collection helps bring the Catholic perspective to our culture through national radio, TV and Internet programming, as well as supporting communications right here in our own archdiocese. You can make a difference! Visit www.CCC-TV.org to watch (or download) reflections on the daily Mass readings, Catholic radio programs, interviews and more, and www.adw.org to learn more about the Archdiocese of Washington.

EPS Adult Education Courses

Education+Parish+Service (EPS) is offering "This We Believe," a short course examining the Creed and how it shapes the life of the church. Held Tuesdays and Thursdays (August 21, 23, 28 and 30), 9:30 a.m.–noon. For more information, contact Ann Kitterman at kittermana@trinitydc.edu or 202-884-9446.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations

The Archdiocese of Washington is forming a team to run for vocations at the Marine Corps Marathon on Sunday, October 28. For more information or to register, visit www.dcvocations.org or contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw.org or 240-432-4340.

Washington Nationals Discount Tickets

The Washington Nationals are offering discount tickets to church groups this summer. Please see the attached flyer for details. For more information, contact Paul Klein at 202-541-1756 or paul.klein@nationals.com

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