



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 McMahon, Alice Moran, Nita Mullins, Angela Novak, Chris Needham, Marie Needham, Wilbert Noel, Maria Olquin, William O'Dea, Carla O'Mara, Sarah Proctor, Peter Randall Maryann Rice, Alan Richwald, GERALYN Lawrence Roberson, Brandon Joseph Romaine, Robert Schultz, Al Smith, Jenny Stepanek, Rev. Msgr. Joseph L. Teletchea, 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 June 24-30

Mass  for the Intentions  Week

MONDAY:

8:00 A.M. Michael Murphy
12:00 p.m. Irma Mills

TUESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Orazio Puglisi
12:00 p.m. Michael Murphy

WEDNESDAY:

8:00 A.M. Angela Novak (living)
12:00 p.m. Irma Mills

THURSDAY:

8:00 A.M. Ann Elizabeth Maloney
12:00 p.m. Irma Mills

FRIDAY:

8:00 A.M. Irma Mills
12:00 p.m. Irma Mills

SATURDAY:

8:00 A.M. Michael Cocchiaro
4:30 P.M. Eugene Herbert

SUNDAY:

7:30 A.M. Anne Conway
9:30 A.M. Sausser Family
11:30 A.M. The People of St. Jerome's

Readings for the Week of June 24, 2007

Sunday: Vigil: Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17
Day: Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80
Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20
Thursday: Gn 16:1-12, 15-16 or 16:6b-12, 15-16/Mt 7:21-29
Friday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17
Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:16b, 19-21/Gal 5:1, 13-18/Lk 9:51-62

CELEBRANT'S SCHEDULE

SATURDAY,

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

SUNDAY,

7:30 A.M. Fr. Jim Stack
9:30 A.M. Folk Group Fr. Mark Raphael
11:30 A.M. Choir Fr. Mark Raphael

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY,

4:30 P.M. N. Heller/T. Kenny

SUNDAY,

7:30 A.M. A & S Rosanova
9:30 A.M. B&A Hurst/J. Swartz
11:30 A.M. J. Reese/N. Oputa



When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." - Lk 1:59-60

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!

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."

A letter from the Bishop

June 2007

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Each year the annual Peter's Pence Collection, in support of the works of the Holy Father, is held in parishes throughout the world. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency relief assistance to those who suffer from war, disease, oppression, and natural disasters.

The theme for this year's collection is "Let us make sure that none of God's children ever feels alone." This is based on a September 2006 homily given by Pope Benedict XVI in which he explained how those who are baptized create one family of believers who are never alone.

As we participate in this special appeal, we join more than one billion Catholics worldwide in a loving expression of solidarity. We share in the concern of the successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church and for the relief of those most in need around the globe.

This year, the Peter's Pence Collection will be held June 30-July 1, 2007.

I ask you to consider contributing to the Peter's Pence Collection this year. Together, let us ask the Lord to bless the Holy Father and us and those in need throughout the world.

Thanking you for your generosity, I am
Sincerely in Christ,
Most Reverend Francisco Gonzalez, S.F.
Vicar General

Appropriate Dress in Church

"The summer months bring a welcome slowing-down to the overly hectic pace of modern life. School is out. People go on vacation. The warm weather promotes outdoor activities and socializing. The collar gets loosened a little and this, it seems to me, is all for the good. Unfortunately, this more relaxed atmosphere can sometimes lead to excesses. Liturgical ministers may not show up for their assignments. Those who do show up - including the clergy - may not have prepared themselves to exercise their role as thoroughly as the liturgy demands. And then there is the issue of dress. I think everyone would agree that not all summer wear is appropriate for the liturgy. Knowing where to draw the line, however, and how to draw the line takes some skill and tact. Fortunately, the pastor, who usually gets saddled with having to decide both the where and the how, can usually count on the support of his people when he exercises this most important role. Most congregations still have a pretty well-defined sense of decorum - what is appropriate for church and what is not appropriate. Occasional reminders of the rules of decorum are a service to everyone - to the vast majority who understand the rules and observe them, and to the small minority who, from time to time, need to be corrected." -ADW Office of Worship

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

Matthew 10:7

Healing Mass

Sunday, July 1st 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



The following items are needed to help replenish the pantry for our St. Jerome's Café: Small fruit cups, cookies, canned beef stew. On behalf of all of the workers in the Café Program, we thank you all for the generous contributions to the pantry supporting St. Jerome's Café lunch program. (Summer's coming - do you need volunteer hours? Volunteers are always welcomed at the café on Thursday!)

RETREAT FOR SINGLE MEN

The Office of Priest Vocations will hold a retreat for Catholic, single men in their 20's - 40's, Friday, July 6, 6:30 p.m. to Sunday, July 8, 1 p.m. at Our Lady of Mattaponi Youth Retreat Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The retreat, based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola, is aimed at giving young men the tools to discern God's will in their life. This retreat will be helpful to anyone seeking to deepen his relationship with Christ. Cost \$40. per person. For a registration form or more information, please contact Msgr. Rob Panke at the Office of Priest vocations at 301/853-4580 or vocations@adw.org

ATTENTION BASEBALL FANS

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church is parking cars in their lot for Washington Nationals baseball games. There is no fee, just a request for a donation. The lot is located behind the church at 21st and C Streets, NE across from RFK Stadium. For info or directions call the church at 202-397-3895.



**June
Month of
The Sacred
Heart of Jesus**

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.)

Upcoming Activities...

June 12: Summer Camp Begins!

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.

If you wish to volunteer at St. Jerome's, please contact the following:

Parish volunteers – contact Mrs. Stevans at the rectory

School volunteers – contact Ms. Donoghue at the school



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

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.

DID YOU KNOW

Grocery certificates for *Giant and Shoppers Food Warehouse* 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!*

PARISH NEWS

Our own Mrs. Lexie Randall is out of the hospital and on the mend after surgery last week. Please continue to pray for her in her recovery. Get well soon, Lexie! We miss 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!

Sunday TV Mass

What are you doing Thursday night? The Sunday TV Mass needs you to be a part of the congregation! Two Masses are recorded from 7:30 p.m.-8:45 p.m. in the Crypt Church, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. (enter through the front lower doors by the gift shop). Come for one Mass or stay for both! Your presence is a wonderful way to bring the Mass to those who are homebound.

The Fisherman's Prayer

*I pray that I may live to fish
Until my dying day.
And when it comes to my last cast,
I then most humbly pray:
When in the Lord's great landing net
And peacefully asleep
That in His mercy I be judged
Big enough to keep.*



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