St. Jerome Catholic Church

As parishioners of St. Jerome and as Catholic disciples of Jesus Christ, we respond to our Lord's invitation to walk with Him in the Sacraments and prayer, to deepen our faith through lifelong formation, to serve those in need, and to invite others to the fullness of the Catholic faith through His Holy Word and His teaching.

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. Tom Morgan Pastor

Rev. Robert Cadrecha Parochial Vicar

Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL Assisting Priest

Deacon Fred Kunder Permanent Deacon

Sr. Lucia Brady, OSC Pastoral Care / Outreach Life Long Formation

RETIRED

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon Pastor Emeritus

Msgr. Dacian Dee Assisting Priest

FORMATION TEAM

Lisa Brett-Reeves Coordinator of Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Tina Bowen Youth and Family Coordinator

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM

Cindi Munroe Karen Kurt

MUSIC TEAM Tom Kurt, Music Director

Erica DiCeglie, Asst. Music Directo

BETHLEHEM CENTRE Joanne Biamonte, Coordinator 727-596-9394

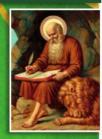
EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER Phyllis Steele, Administrator 727-596-9491

<u>Parish Office Hours:</u> Monday - Friday, 9:30am - 4:30pm

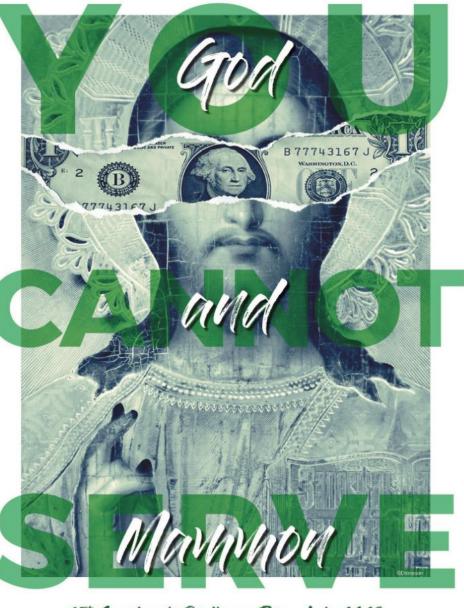
<u>Address:</u> 10895 Hamlin Blvd, Largo, FL 33774 Tel: (727) 595-4610

www.stjeromeonline.org Receptionist@stjeromeonline.org Saturday Vigil Mass: 4pm & 5:30pm Sunday Mass: 7:30am, 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm & 5pm Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am, and Saturday at 9am

Holy Family Chapel open 24 hours every day; Confessions, Saturday: 3pm 3:45pm; Anointing of the Sick, first weekend of the month Saturday 9:30am & Sunday 1:30pm; Holy Hour and Benediction, 1st & 3rd Friday 9:30am – 10:30am



September 22, 2019



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time . Luke 16:13

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St. Jerome Stewardship Report Executive Summary



As St. Jerome Parish completes the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 (September 30, 2019), the Parish Finance Council has summarized the revenues and expenses for last year ended June 30, 2019 in the attached Parish Stewardship Report. I want to thank the Finance Council members for diligently reviewing

our finances and providing oversight as to our collections and expenses. The attached chart and graph reports information for 2017, 2018 and 2019. I want to point out two trends that are a concern to all of us on the attached. They impact our ability to complete very needed projects. First, the dramatic drop in offertory from previous years while maintenance expenses increase as our facilities age. The weekly bulletin carries a snapshot of stewardship for the current month but doesn't emphasize the needs of the parish.

Second, it appears that only a few households are carrying our APA obligations in support of our parish of nearly two thousand families. That concerns me as the APA shortfall continues to grow and must be satisfied from our limited offertory. Please consider assisting us by participating in APA giving.

Our current loan of \$1,235,989 was due this month. We have been successful in renewing the loan with SunTrust Bank at a fixed rate of 2.85% with monthly payments of principal and interest of \$8,378.31.

We want to continue to offer the wide range of parish services, but these trends and budget limitations have resulted in staff reductions that have and will affect our operations. We ask and pray for your support to allow us to replace our much-needed Church roof and re -paint buildings that have weathered over 15 years as we continue with our "Raise the Roof" campaign.

I look forward to your involvement in helping the parish meet these needs and take care of our obligations to the Diocese.

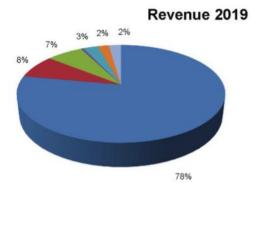
Sincerely Yours In Christ,

to im Fr. Tom Morgan

FORMED **Question & Mission** of the Week: Symbolon: Knowing the Faith Episode 3: The Bible **Question:** What creative means have you recently Be Set on Fire to Read God's Word used to spread the Kingdom? SYMBOLON Is the Bible more than just a collection of ancient writings? If God reveals his Mission: Make a truth to us through Sacred Scripture, what does that really mean for our faith? commitment to pray for those "I watched this program and finally realized that the greatest who have authority over you. and most important book to learn is the Bible." Ask for the prayers of those -Loida T., Sugarland, TX who are under your authority, WATCH ON FORMED.ORG especially children, who are Listen on FORMED.ORG: eager prayers. St. Jerome Parish Access Code: DVD3DQ

St. Jerome Church Parish Stewardship Report - July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019

REVENUE	 2019	 2018	2017
Offertory Collection	\$ 1,340,785	\$ 1,454,672	\$ 1,469,293
Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) Collections	134,296	216,744	274,818
Special Collections, Bequest & Donations	115,306	84,876	145,355
Diocese Forward in Faith Campaign	9,081	107,434	-
Votive stands, Flowers & Stole Fees	47,492	45,290	44,790
Faith Formation	35,401	32,264	32,266
Other Revenue	38,809	30,332	22,611
Sale of Assets	-	215,135	-
Total Revenue	\$ 1,721,170	\$ 2,186,747	\$ 1,989,133
EXPENSE			
Administration	\$ 558,561	512,801	572,273
Facilities/Property, Plant and Equipment	486,401	450,608	512,386
Pastoral Leadership	229,080	235,515	222,496
Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) Payments	292,644	266,707	274,503
Worship & Music	177,105	188,734	173,012
Faith Formation	98,778	74,196	75,922
School Support	60,113	55,200	174,059
Interest Expense	50,826	 48,127	 56,184
Total Expenses	\$ 1,953,508	\$ 1,831,888	\$ 2,060,835
Excess Revenue over (Under) Expenses	\$ (232,338)	\$ 354,859	\$ (71,702)
NOTES			
APA Shortfall (Included above)	\$ (158,348)	\$ (49,963)	-
Principal Loan Payments (Not included above)	\$ 47,023	\$ 59,276	\$ 52,219
Outstanding Loan Balance	\$ 1,235,989	\$ 1,283,012	\$ 1,342,288





Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA)

- Collections
- Special Collections, Bequest &
- Donations
- Diocese Forward in Faith Campaign

15%

Votive stands, Flowers & Stole Fees

9%

12%

Fees Faith Formation

Other Revenue

- Outer Revenue





29%

25%

Administration

 Facilities/Property, Plant and Equipment

Pastoral Leadership

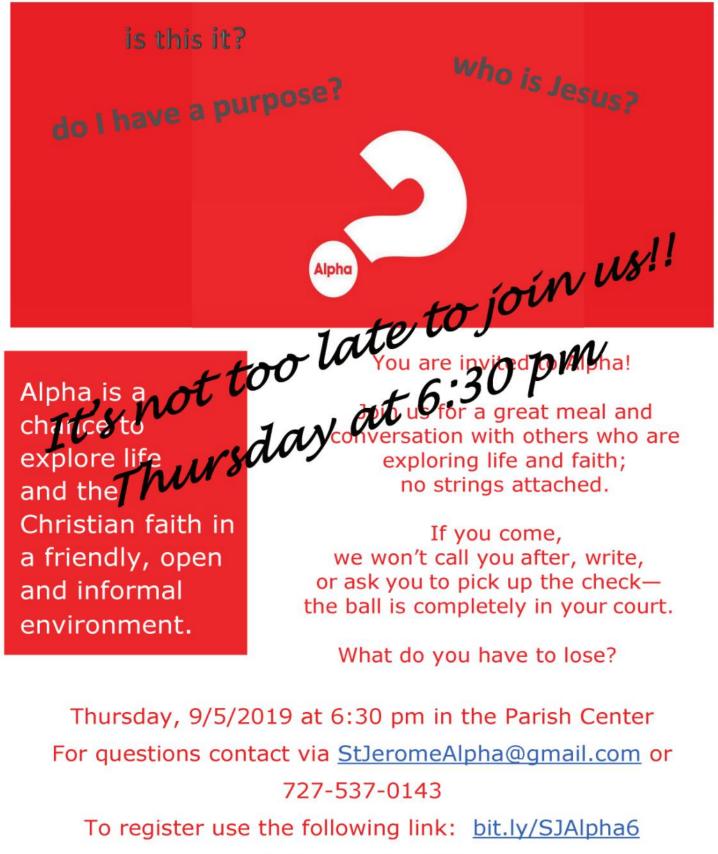
Annual Pastoral Appeal (APA) Payments

Worship & Music

Faith Formation

- School Support
- Interest Expense

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childcare available

"Finding friends, peace and purpose"

September 22, 2019

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 21	
Vigil for The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	E. C. J. J.
4:00 pm † Jerry Speece	Fr. Cadrecha
5:30 pm † Sue Leary	Fr. Cadrecha
Sunday, September 22	
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 am 🕆 Maria Smolko	Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Jimmy White	Fr. Cadrecha
10:45 am † Reanna Whaley	Fr. Cadrecha
12:30 pm † Daniel Ruscillo	Fr. Waters
5:00 pm All the People of the Parish	Fr. Tom
Monday, September 23	
7:00 am † Paul Dolan	Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Garrett McKernan	Fr. Cadrecha
Tuesday, September 24	
7:00 am † Geri Morgan	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Meghan Alice Roach	Fr. Cadrecha
Wednesday, September 25	
7:00 am † Tommy Lee Johnson	Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Harry & Hannah Newhook	Fr. Tom
Thursday, September 26	
7:00 am 🕆 Agnes Crane	Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Vera Solly	Fr. Cadrecha
Friday, September 27	
7:00 am † Janet Herndon English	Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Brian Rollins	Fr. Tom
Saturday, September 28	
8:45 am Novena	
9:00 am Intentions of Fr. Robert Cadrecha	Fr. Cadrecha
Saturday, September 28	
Vigil for The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
4:00 pm † Dennis Reardon	Msgr. Muldoon
5:30 pm † Mary Geary	Fr. Waters
Sunday, September 29 The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
7:30 am † James Kinney	Msgr. Muldoon
9:00 am † Catherine Bennett	Fr. Tom
10:45 am All the People of the Parish	Fr. Cadrecha
12:30 pm † Patty Sullivan	Fr. Tom
5:00 pm † Mike Rea and Bob Rea	Fr. Cadrecha
*Priest Schedule subject to change. **If there is a Mass inte	
please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office	



Scripture Readings

Prepare & Pray the Word of God

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Today's Readings: September 22 The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 8:4-7; Ps 113; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 [10-13]

> **Monday, September 23** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday, September 24 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122; Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday, September 25 Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2,3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

> **Thursday, September 26** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

> **Friday, September 27** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149; Lk 9:7-9

Saturday, September 28 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday's Readings: September 29 The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a,4-7; Ps 146; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

First Reading — Woe to the complacent, stretched comfortably on their couches! (Amos 6:1a, 4-7).

Psalm — Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

Second Reading — Pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness (1 Timothy 6:11-16).

Gospel — There was a rich man who dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31).

Prayer Requests: Written prayer requests deposited in the boxes in the

Prayer Requests: Written prayer requests deposited in the boxes in the Gathering Space or Chapel will be picked up and prayed for on Fridays. For more immediate attention to your prayer request, call or text it to 727-314-1166 or email it to StJeromePrayForUs@gmail.com.

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Gift Shop:

We are open again!!! On Sunday mornings from 8:30am – 1:30pm come check out our wonderful religious gifts, articles and books and gear up for a grateful and blessed autumn.





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The Bethlehem Centre invites all of our senior parishioners and friends to join in the activities listed below in the Education

Building. For info on classes or to register, contact Joanne Biamonte at 727-596-9394.

Bethlehem Centre

Art (Acrylic)	Fr	10:00 am - 2:00 pm	Rm 5/6
Art (Watercolor)	Tu	10am – 2pm Rm	Rm 5/6
Bridge	Tu, Fr	11:45 am - 3:00 pm	Hall
Exercise	Tu, Fr	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hall
Pinochle	Tu, Fr	12:00 pm - 3:30 pm	Lounge
Spanish	Tu	10:00 am - 11:00 am	Lounge
Tai Chi	Tu & Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Hall
Yoga	We/Fr	10:30 am - 11:30 am	Lounge
Zumba GOLD	We	9:00 am - 10:00 am	Hall

Bingo is a fun, social and good time every Thursday in the Parish Center.

Doors open at 10am.

Early bird begins at 12pm followed by the regular games, ending around 3pm.

In keeping with the generosity of our church, if you bring in a can or a box of food for the poor, we will give you a free bingo card for a special game. One card per can every week!

Coffee and Donuts:

Please join us every Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

Volunteers needed to serve! Please contact John Francks at 727-595-4610.



<u>St. Jerome</u> <u>Health Ministry</u>

For more information on the St. Jerome Health Ministry and its programs, please email Beth Eschenfelder at healthministry@stjeromeonline.org

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parishioners of St. Jerome our Faith Community Nurses are providing **Blood Pressure**



Readings Last Sunday of each month, 8:30am - 11am in the Parish Center. Volunteer Nurses wanted! Call or email Beth or Pat at 727-386-9783 or healthministry@stjeromeonline.org.

"I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Jn 10:10

Blood Drive

Blood One will be at St Jerome.

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Future dates are

10/13/19 and 12/08/19.

Thank you!

St. Jerome Catholic Church - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Opening Weekend Postponed • Please Read Below •



ALL Catechesis of the Good Shepherd **REGISTERED FAMILIES**

Our first gathering in the atria will be Sunday, October 6 or Monday, October 7 (depending on your time)

Any family still needing to register, please contact the Faith Formation team at faithformation@stjeromeonline.org.

First Holy Communion **Formation Mass** and Information Meeting 11/13/19 6pm Chapel

All families are encouraged to pick-up a MagnifiKid located in the Gathering Space of the Church. The MagnifiKid is designed specifically for children to use during Mass. It then serves as a tool for families to use after Mass to spark conversations about what took place in Mass.

YOUTH, YOUNG ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Tina Bowen, youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org Tel: 727-595-4610, ext. 302



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to join us **October 6th at 6pm** in the Parish Center. Come help us Kick-Off a great year in youth ministry!

Confirmation preparation will begin with Mass and an informational meeting (for parents and Confirmation Candidates) on Monday, October 14th at 6pm in the Chapel.

Enjoy Eucharistic Adoration featuring the St. Jerome Praise Band, Sunday, September 22nd in the Church immediately following the 5pm Mass. Come worship with us!





Are you living your life TO THE FULL? Because as far as we can tell, this is exactly how God intended for us to live- FULLY & ABUNDANTLY! Sometimes we get so busy checking things off our "to-do" list that we forget to enjoy ourselves, to let our hair down, to worry less, and to just HAVE MORE FUN! MOPS at St. Jerome is a group for moms of ALL faiths



with children of ALL ages. Come have FUN with us at MOPS! We will meet on Monday, October 7th from 6-7:30 PM and Monday, October 21st from 10-11:30 AM in the Education Building/TV LoungeRSVP for FREE childcare at www.stjeromeonline.org/mops or 727-595-4610 ext. 302.



DO YOU LOVE KIDS? CHILD CARE MINISTRY NEEDS YOU! Serve God by serving the families of our parish. Be screened & trained to provide short term childcare while parents attend church sponsored programs (ex: Bible Study, ALPHA, MOPS, etc). We currently have a need for volunteers on Monday, Thursday and Sunday evenings. For more information please contact Tina Bowen at youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org.

50+ Wedding Anniversary Mass: All couples celebrating 50+ years of marriage are invited to a special Mass in their honor on Sunday, October 13th at 12:30pm. The Mass will include a special homily, a blessing during Mass and a renewal of vows after Mass for those who would like to participate. Please contact Tina Bowen with your names and wedding date by Friday, October 4th at 727-595-4610 ext. 302 or youthandfamily@stjeromeonline.org. Congratulations!



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40 Days Kickoff Vigil



40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting and a peaceful vigil in front of an abortion businesses. You are invited to join Bishop Parkes and area clergy for the Kickoff Vigil for 40 Days for Life Clearwater to be held at 3 PM on Sunday, September 22, 2019. St. Michael Parish (2281 State Road 580, Clearwater) in the Cenacle

Building. All are welcome. Contact Sabrina at sab@dosp.org; 727-344-1611. Learn more and sign up to pray at www.40daysforlife.com/clearwater.



The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the means by which we welcome and instruct new members of the Church in what it means to be Catholic. We are changing our meeting time to Sunday at the 10:45am Mass. We will leave Mass after the Homily and go to discuss the readings and then have our formational portion of the Journey immediately following. So we will begin to meet once a week as opposed to the twice we currently meet. RCIA is a journey, a personal journey with Christ into his Church. If you have thought of becoming Catholic or would like to deepen your understanding of what it means to be Catholic, join us each Sunday,

A JOURNEY IN FAITH

beginning September 8th at the 10:45am Mass. For more information contact Deacon Fred Kunder at the office 727-595-4610 or visit our website at: http://www.stjeromeonline.org/rcia.html.

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit"

Confirmation considered to be the second of the Sacraments of Initiation is often celebrated last in the United States for Catholic who were baptized as children. It is never too late to receive the Grace of this



important Sacrament. St. Jerome is offering a preparation program for adults of all ages beginning in October. See the brochure at the Welcome Desk and sign up at the Welcome desk or call the parish office at 727-595-4610.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

All parishioners and their pets are invited to our annual Pet Blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This year the event will be held on Saturday, October 5th at 10am under the oak tree near the north entrance of the church. Our pastor, Fr. Tom Morgan, will provide the blessing.





"Wisdom is seeing with God's eyes." – Pope Francis

Scripture and the Tradition of the Catholic Church provide an abundance of wisdom, though it can often be challenging to apply it to our lives. To help you learn to gather and live with greater wisdom, St. Jerome will begin Wisdom: God's Vision for Life on Sunday, October 6th at 7pm. Participants of Wisdom will purchase a journal and will meet on the first Sunday of each month to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. The eight 30-minute videos, presented by

Jeff Cavins, will guide you through a variety of themes drawn from the wisdom literature of Scripture. Jeff will explain Scripture's wisdom on decision-making, finances, relationships, peace of mind, and speaking to one another and will look at the beauty of wisdom gained through age and at how Christ himself is the embodiment and fulfillment of all wisdom. To register, call 727-595-4610. To order \$20 journal go to https://ascensionpress.com/collections/wisdom. FREE childcare available.

ST. JEROME'S FEAST DAY



PRESENTS A TASTE OF ITALY SUNDAY SEPT 29TH, 1:30 - 4:30 PARISH CENTER COME JOIN US FOR ITALIAN LUNCH BUFFETT CATERED BY:



PENNI PASTA, EGGPLANT PARMESAN MEAT BALLS, CAESAR SALAD AND A SELECTION OF ASSORTED DESSERTS BOTH HOT TEA & COFFEE AS WELL AS COLD BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED



"GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS" HELP US HELP FATHER TOM!

> ADULTS \$12.50 CHILDREN \$ 5.00

WE WILL HAVE PHOTO BOOTH & PROPS PLEASE HAVE YOUR PHONES / CAMERAS SMILE, POSE, TAKE HOME & PICTURE

IF YOU NOT ABLE TO ATTEND PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A DONATION ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TO THE ROOF FUND LAST DAY OF TICKET SALES SUNDAY SEPT. 22ND

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The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed Monday through Saturday at 7:30am in the Holy Family Chapel. Every Wednesday after the Rosary join us for the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Every Friday after the Rosary we will have the Stations of the Cross.

Weekly Rosary

The Holy Rosary is prayed every Wednesday at 7pm in the Holy Family Chapel for Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life.

Morning Prayer

You are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours Monday through Friday at 8:40 am.

Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

The Mother of Perpetual Help Novena is held every Saturday at 8:45 am.



GRIEF SHARE: Grief Share is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are Thursdays and are held in the Education Building TV Lounge from 10am – 11:30am every Thursday. We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience in our meetings. If you have any questions, please call Judy DeFillipis 727-595-4610. ***Griefshare is on hiatus for the summer. Please join us when we start up again on Thursday, September 12th.

Hello Fellow Senior Singles ... 50, 60, 70 and 80 year olds! I hope you have had a good summer. For many reasons, our next meeting will NOT be in September, but will be on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Looking forward to seeing former and NEW people to enhance our group. It would be wonderful to see St. Jerome Senior Singles grow! It is such a great way to meet new people, make good friends, socialize and



have fun. Please come and if you are interested in helping out in any way with your time or ideas or for further information, contact Barbara Austin at 727-459-7664.



The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249 meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. At the first Wednesday night's meeting, we will have a 30-minute officers' meeting after which we will meet with all interested parties to share in our faith journey, pray, and learn how to increase the signs of the Holy Spirit's presence within us. During the second Wednesday of the month we will have a regular business meeting and learn what the various needs of our parish and community are in order to fulfill Jesus' commands: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Call 727 244-2832 or go to http://www.stjeromeonline.org/kofc.html for more information.

EMBRACE: EVANGELIZATION & DISCIPLESHIP

"Go and make disciples of all nations" . . . Matthew 28:19

What are your unique gifts and talents?

You were created by God for His Kingdom; how are you called to serve within that kingdom?

Have you ever volunteered and then felt secretly guilty when it wasn't fun? Ever wonder, what's wrong with me that I dislike doing good works so much? Maybe the problem wasn't you: it was a mismatch between your gifts, your personality traits, and the demands of that ministry.

Come to St. Jerome's next Gifts & Talents Work- shop October 14, 2019, 6:30 to 8:30 PM in the Parish Center to explore gifts, talents and personality traits. Learn about working with those with different strengths and traits, and how to find your "place."

To register or for more info, please email Lori Puterbaugh & Lisa Monk at: drlori-puterbaugh@earthlink.net.



Wanted: enthusiastic, energetic evangelizers!

Qualifications: Must be a Catholic who loves the Lord, loves His people and is open to learning and serving Him.

Job description: varies! Love Alpha? We have that! Interested in Gifts & Talents? Yes! Open to working with retreats, days of reflection, small Chris - tian groups and collaborating with other parish minis- tries? We want that, too!

Do you have experience in teaching, evangelizing or administering and want to offer your gifts? Do you have ideas that we might consider? Email us at: 1SJ.Embrace@gmail.com.



pray often for the souls of your loved ones and please conside joining us at the Month's Mind Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel of the Resurrection.

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

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