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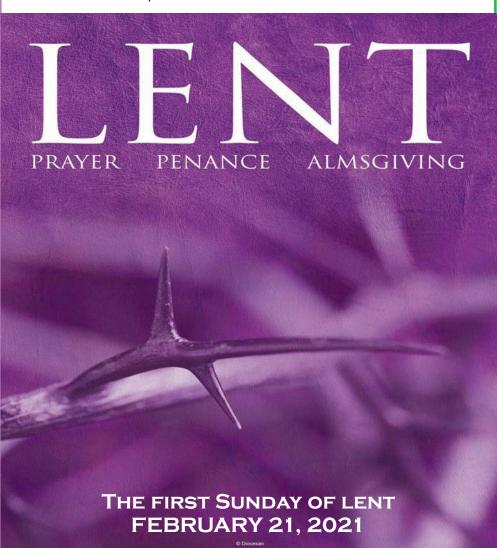
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for those unable to participate at a public Mass

Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am and 9am Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am

Confessions: Saturday morning 9:30am - 10:30am

Anointing of the Sick: Second Sunday of the month following the 9:00 am Mass at 10:00 am in the church, also by request Holy Hour and Benediction: Every Thursday and every First Friday and First

Saturday 9:30am - 10:30am - available on Livestream



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From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

We always begin Lent with much enthusiasm and good resolutions, but many find that by the middle or the end we have drifted away from our good intentions. We will once again be distributing our Lenten bulletin to assist us as we make our Lenten journey.

In addition, I would like to recommend a blog that I recently discovered called "Lent in our Catholic Home" by Elizabeth Clare:

https://www.elizabethclareblog.com/lent-in-our-catholic-home/

Please check the blog out, as I have discovered many great ideas for families and individuals during our upcoming Lent. In addition, if you discover any good Lent ideas, please email them to me at pastor@stjeromeonline.org. Let us pray that we may open wide the door of our hearts, souls, and minds to the Lord as we journey with him during Lent.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Fr. Tom Morgan

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION AND MISSION

- Q: : How has the Spirit been tangible for you? What does the nearness of God's reign mean to you?
- M: Bring the kingdom a little nearer to your neighbor. Be just. Show mercy. Give forgiveness. Live peace. Walk humbly .

Invite Us Deeper

Almighty and ever living God, you invite us deeper into your world, your people, your Lent.

May this time be one of outward focus; seeking you in those we often ignore.

Help us live a Lent focused on freedom, generosity, and encounter.

Give us hearts hungry to serve you and those who need what we have to give.

- Author Unknown

LENT 2021: Tree of Charity (Love)

We all have the responsibility to improve the quality of life in our home and in our community, especially during the Lenten season. This past year with all its challenges has given us opportunity for many acts of kindness.



Over the Sundays of Lent, we invite parishioners/families to volunteer to come forward before Mass begins and provide a witness. You are invited to share one such act of charity you have performed or have experienced. Choose a symbol which represents your story, say why you chose that symbol and share your "charity" story. Place your symbol on our Tree of Charity.

Come as a family or as a single person. Speak for about two-three minutes (maximum). First, introduce yourself and your family members. After you have placed a symbol on tree, you may return to your place.

Please arrive fifteen minutes before Mass. Let sacristan know you are there for the Tree of Charity. Thank you!



2021 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2021 Parish Calendars have arrived, with gratitude for the sponsorship of **Benedict's Restaurant** in Oakhurst Plaza. When next you visit the restaurant, be sure to tell your server that you are from St. Jerome and we really appreciate the support!

Calendars are available from the ushers after our weekend Masses or you may stop by the parish office for your copy!

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In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

"What do you possess that you have not received? But if you have received it, why are you boasting as if you did not receive it?" 1 Corinthians 4:7

Stewardship isn't just about being a good manager of our time, our talents and our treasure. The discipline of biblical stewardship calls us to use all these gifts in the way the Lord desires - to employ them not for us, but for His glory. Thank you for sharing His gifts.

Collection for the weekend of February 13 - 14, 2021

Offertory	\$ 17,091.21
Electronic Giving	3,492.50
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	133.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	 45.00

Totals this weekend \$ 20,761.71

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR LENTEN PARISH MISSION



The mission will be preached by Bishop Robert Lynch March 1-3, 2021 (Monday-Wednesday) at 7:00 pm each night. Details of each night follows:

7:00 pm, Monday - Mission talk, Exposition and Benediction 7:00 pm, Tuesday - Mission talk, Examination of Conscience 7:00 pm, Wednesday - Mass and Mission talk

The Mission will also be livestreamed for those wishing to participate from their homes.

We welcome Fr. George Mangiaracina, a visiting priest in the Diocese, who will be assisting us from time to time. Fr. George presents his bio below.

I was born in Canarsie, Brooklyn, New York. I was baptized in the church of the Holy Family a month later, and I would go to school there in 1957. In 1959, my father was transferred temporarily to Rome, Italy. In the 15 months my family was there, I went to the American Overseas School (1959-1960) and Mary Mount (1960-1961). In January of 1961, my father was transferred back to New York, and this time we lived in Staten Island, NY and I went to Our Lady Star of the Sea School (1961), graduating from that school in 1967.

In 1967 my family moved to Randallstown, Maryland in Baltimore County. After going to three schools there, my father was transferred back to New York. This time we settled in Flanders, New Jersey, and I graduated from high school there at West Morris Regional High School. During my last years in high school I felt drawn to consider a vocation to the



Fr. George celebrating Mass at his 25th anniversary of Ordination

priesthood. To discern my vocation I entered the MSC College Formation Program in Center Valley, Pennsylvania in 1971, and I remained with them until 1981. During my time with them I earned an AA Degree from Lehigh County Community College, a BA with a major in history, and minor in Philosophy from St. Francis de Sales College, and a Master of Divinity Degree from Catholic Theological Union (1980). My departure from them was motivated in part by a discovery that I might have a contemplative vocation; but I just did not know where the Lord wanted me to go with it.

So in 1981 I went to Simmons College of Library and Information Science to develop a marketable skill, and in 1983 I received my degree there. From there I went to Contoocook, NH to work for Yankee Book Peddler. After about a year there I returned to Boston to work at the Congregational Library. After I settled down as a layman, I began to take up the matter of my vocation, and after looking at several monasteries, I felt drawn to the Discalced Carmelite Friars,

joining them in 1986. After I completed my novitiate in 1988, I took my first vows, and in 1992 I took my solemn vows and I was ordained to the diaconate. I went to my province's parish at St. Florian's in West Milwaukee and while there I preached, presided at baptisms, gravesite services, and ran three RCIA programs at the same time.

In 1993, I was ordained to the priesthood, and I was asked to be a spiritual director to our secular order communities: first out of West Milwaukee, then out of Washington, DC, and finally out of our retreat house in Peterborough, NH. Then in 1996, I went to Discalced Carmelite Friars' Pontifical School, the Teresianum, in Rome, but in 1997 I shifted to the Benedictine School of Saint Anselmo to study the liturgy. From there I receive my licentiate in 2001, and my doctorate in 2008.

After I received my doctorate, I went to work for Boston College in October, to assist while a Jesuit still needed time to recover from being hit by a car the year before. The following year I taught for a time at Washington Theological Union, and then in 2011, I began teaching at the Priests of the Sacred Heart seminary in Hales Corner where I taught until 2020.

My father passed away in 2015, and over the years my mother needed more of my attention. So I came to Largo, Florida to be with her and to be available for the parishes here in the Diocese of St. Petersburg.

St. Joseph's Feast Day March 19, 2021



Pope Francis has declared this year "The Year of St. Joseph"

We're asking our St. Jerome Family to help us in raising much needed money for

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If you would like to donate a basket or have any questions please call Jim & Yanna 727 787-1590. Web site is available 24/7

We will also be collecting nonperishable Food Items for Lifeline. Please bring and leave those items at the St. Joseph Table in the gathering space.

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St. Jerome Early Childhood Center 2021-22 School Year Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Open registration begins February 15, 2021 for the 2021-22 school year. St. Jerome ECC offers a faith-filled, developmentally appropriate, and nurturing Catholic environment for children ages two, three, and four. St. Jerome ECC is fully accredited by NAEYC and is a Gold Seal school. Full or part day programs are available. St. Jerome ECC is a VPK provider for four-year olds, which allows all four year olds to attend the morning program at **no cost**. We now offer an additional option VPK+ which provides additional academic learning for those staying until 3:00 pm. Space is currently available in all age groups. Families interested in enrolling their children are asked to call **(727) 596-9491** or visit our website at **stjeromeearlychildhoodcenter.org** for additional information and registration materials. Children who will be two, three, or four on or before September 1, 2021 will be eligible to enroll for the upcoming school year.

You may schedule a tour after school hours in order to see our vibrant classroom environments and learn more about our dynamic programs. We look forward to speaking with you soon!

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Behavior Health & Addiction

Criminal Justice

On **Wednesday, February 24, 2021** at **6:00pm** we will ZOOM** with our Community Organizer, Jacqueline Reyes to get ready for the annual: FAST RALLY on March 8 at 6:45

FAST ACTION on March 22 at 6:45

All 2021 EVENTS will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church's parking lot & ZOOM

**Join Zoom Meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84103947795?pwd=VUI1eG5tMGx3aG5xT2xwQzBiK0xjUT09

If you are NOT on ZOOM at home, please contact Carla Rollandini at Carla953@msn.com or (703) 477-4334 or call Sr. Lucia in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

HEAVY BOXES NEEDED!

The Toy Box Ministry needs large heavy-duty boxes. If you have any that you would like to donate, please call the Parish Office and let the receptionist know what you have and how many. The office number is (727) 595-4610. Thank you so much.





The *St. Jerome, Divine Mercy of Jesus* Knights of Columbus Council 17249, Largo Florida, meets on the first and second Wednesdays of each month. The first Wednesday night's meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is an officers' meeting. The second Wednesday night's meeting, which starts at 7:30 pm, is a general meeting.

Due to COVID-19, we are currently meeting via Zoom. An email will be sent with the Zoom link prior to the meetings. Please call 727 244-2832 or for more information, please go to:

http://www.stjeromeonline.org/knights-of-columbus.html

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Fr. Cadrecha

Mass Intentions

Monday, February 22

7:00 am † Carl Reish Fr. Cadrecha 9:00 am † Patrick Kennedy Fr. Tom

Tuesday, February 23

7:00 am † Sam & JoAnn Reck Fr. George M. 9:00 am † Rita & Jim Greco Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 am Phyllis & Jim Gregory Fr. Cadrecha 9:00 am † Fran Moore Fr. George M. 7:30 pm † Lucien Boulanger Msgr. Muldoon

Thursday, February 25

7:00 am † Virginia Fessler Fr. George M.
9:00 am † Roberto Garino Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, February 26

7:00 am † Lindsay Esposito Fr. George M. 9:00 am Mary Kerr Fr. Tom

Saturday, February 27

8:45 am Novena 9:00 am † Pam Nunez

Saturday, February 27

Vigil for The Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Church † **Michael Puacz** Fr. Tom 4:00 pm PC **All The People Of The Parish** Fr. George M.

Sunday, February 28 The Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 am † S/Sgt. Michael Robson	Fr. Tom
9:00 am Church † Jimmy White	Bishop Lynch
9:00 am PC † Paul Reese	Msgr. Muldoon
11:00 am Church † Robert Skolmowski	Fr. George M.
11:00 am PC † Dolores French	Fr. Cadrecha
5:00 pm † Jane Olley	Fr. Cadrecha

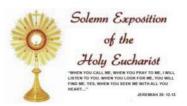
*Priest Schedule subject to change. **If there is a Mass intention error, please contact Pat Cummings in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.

Scripture Readings

Prepare and Pray the Word of God Next Sunday's Readings:

February 28, 2021 The Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22: 1 - 2, 9a, 10 - 13, 15 - 18 Psalm 116: 10, 15, 16 - 17, 18 - 19 Romans 8: 31b - 34 Mark 9: 2 - 10



PLEASE NOTE: While we are continuing our regular practice of Exposition each Thursday following the 9:00am Daily Mass, and on the first Friday each month, we will NOT have Exposition on the first Saturday of the month. We will be having both priests hearing confessions on Saturday mornings during the next several months.

Exposition will be available on Livestream for those who wish to participate but not able to come to the church.

LIFELINE MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Lifeline is again running low on food, as we cannot rely on our usual bulk sources. Our "List of Preferred Foods" includes:

- · Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Beef stew
- Hearty canned soups
- Canned pork and beans
- Peanut butter
- Jellies and jams of any kind
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- Pasta/spaghetti
 Pasta sauce
- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Rice (2-pound bags)
 Cereal

Please, nothing fresh or perishable!

Donations may be left at the parish office, the chapel (open 24 hours a day), or bring your donations with you for Sunday or Daily Mass. Lifeline bins are located at the entrances of the church. Thank you for your help!

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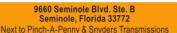
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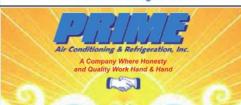
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