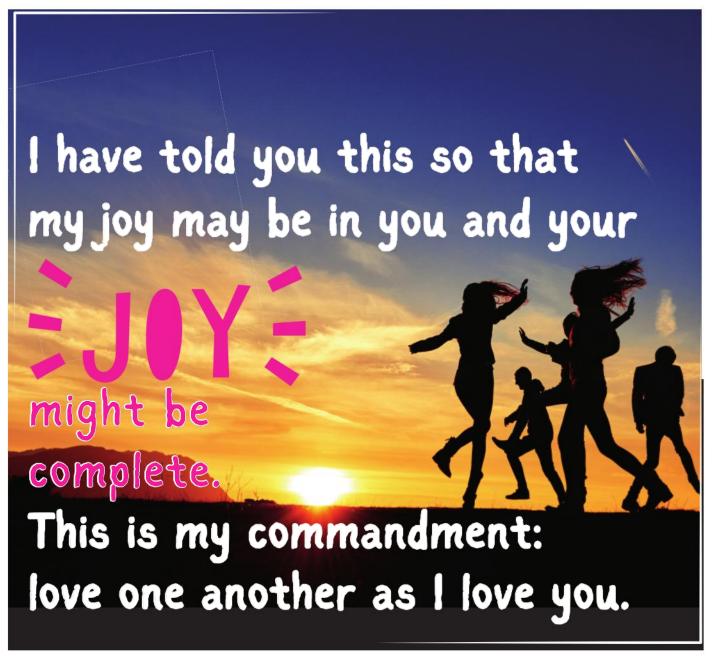
# ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

May 5th, 2024 | 6th Sunday of Easter



# SUMMER MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, & 5:00PM (LIFE TEEN)

MON.-FRI.: 7:00AM & 9:00AM SATURDAY: 9:00AM CONFESSIONS: SATURDAYS

3:00-3:45PM IN CHAPEL



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#### The Power of Love

Why is it that we are "commanded" to love? Wouldn't it be better if we were invited to love others? Isn't it true that no one can make us love another person? And if we love out of duty are we really loving at all?

There have been any number of people in my life that I personally have not liked to be around. Over the years, however, I have discovered that my life is about more than getting along, or obtaining what I want, or experiencing pleasant circumstances.

As a Christian, my life is no longer my own. I have been given the grace to experience the absolute love of God poured out on me in the sacrament of baptism and the only response to that overwhelming and limitless gift of God's love and grace is to return love for love in as complete a manner as possible. As I put on the Lord Jesus, and I put into action his utter selfless loving here and now, in whatever situation I find myself in, I keep the one command I have been given by Jesus at the Last Supper: "This is my commandment: love one another as I love you." No, it is not a suggestion, if I feel like it, if it works out, or if it is to my benefit. That is not the way that Jesus loved us and it is not the way he commands us to love one another.

I will love you, even as I wrestle within a relationship, but I may not agree with you. I will love you, even though I don't really prefer being around you. I will love you, even though I will take steps to protect myself from your behaviors. I will love you because Jesus has loved me and because Jesus loves you. Love gives meaning to all the other commandments. Love gives meaning to every suffering.

The power of love alone can give ultimate direction even to the hard realism of economics and politics and social strife and issues of social injustice and disparity. Love alone can break these open so they serve the world in charity.

Just before his death, Jesus talked about love, unity, friendship, glory, and joy, that the love the Father has for Jesus may be in us and that Jesus may be in us. If we focus on love, all else will follow. Love will lead us to unity and glory and joy, as Jesus is in us and we in him so that we may be brought to complete unity. This love is the bedrock of our Christian life. If we miss this we have missed everything. The "command" should make it really stand out to us so that we keep this front and center in our journey to becoming and loving like Christ.

By Sr. Kathryn James Hermes



### Saturday, May 4th

- 9:00 AM Ed Kerr Family Fr. Blum
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Kathleen Thomas Fr. Cadrecha
- NO 5:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

### Sunday, May 5th

- 7:30 AM † Hans Ott Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Joey D'Amore Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Waters
- NO 12:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
- 5:00 PM All Mothers of Giotta, Rivera & Reyes Families Fr. Cadrecha

### Monday, May 6th

- 7:00 AM † Catherine Ann Carroll + Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jack Hand Fr. Blum

### Tuesday, April 7th

- 7:00 AM † Russ Moses Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Margaret Waller Fr. Mike

### Wednesday, May 8th

- 7:00 AM † Charles Galluzzo Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM Caroline Gabel Fr. Cadrecha

# Thursday, May 9th

- 7:00 AM † Ahlene Maxwell Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Gregorio Punzalan Fr. Blum

## Friday, May 10th

- 7:00 AM † Julian Walsh Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Stewart Waller Fr. Blum

## Saturday, May 11th

- 9:00 AM In Thanksgiving for Daughter Caroline Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Loretta Anselmo & Clara Chiavetta Fr. Waters
- NO 5:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS

# Sunday, May 12th

- 7:30 AM † Marie Ronnlof Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White Fr. Cadrecha
- 10:45 AM All the People of the Parish Fr. Blum
- NO 12:30PM MASS SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS
- 5:00 PM † John Capozzoli Fr. Cadrecha

\*Priest schedule subject to change.

\*\*If there is a Mass intention error, please contact the Receptionist in the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610.



# NEW: Summer Mass Schedule Begins Now

From the months of May through August, the 5:30PM Saturday Vigil and the 12:30PM Sunday Mass will be on hiatus. Our summer schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday 9:00AM
- Saturday Vigil 4:00PM
- Sunday 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 5:00PM
- Monday-Friday Daily Mass remains the same: 7:00AM & 9:00AM

The Saturday 5:30PM Vigil & Sunday 12:30PM Mass will return from September through April.



#### MOTHER'S DAY BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG - What is it?

Baby Bottle Boomerang is a way for individuals, families, or groups to help support the efforts of Catholic Charities' Foundations of Life Pregnancy Center in Pinellas County. This ministry provides services to women and families facing an unplanned pregnancy and the responsibilities of parenting.

At all Masses on Mothers' Day Weekend, May 11th & 12th, Baby bottles will be available for pick up. We invite you to take one and fill it with change, bills, or a check. Bottles can be left that day or at weekend Masses May 18th & 19th.

This is a fantastic opportunity to get the whole family involved in helping Foundations of Life provide services to women and families in need.

For more information call or text 727-401-1195 or Kevin at 813-300-5202. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Life Ministry.

# Saint of the Week St Joseph the Worker (May 1st)

Prayer to St. Joseph for Workers

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker. Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world.

Prayer from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.J., published by the Society of St. Paul



# IMPORTANT NEWS COMING SOON!

We are blessed to have a very active parish! This sometimes means we have announcements, from special events to inclement weather updates, that need to be communicated more quickly than through the bulletin. As such, we ask that all parishioners sign up to receive email "e-blasts" via the link on the parish website.

- Visit: www.stjeromeonline.org
- Scroll down to Parish eBlast (email) System in blue (similar to photo below)
- Click on "Let's Communicate"
- Sign up to receive our digital bulletin delivered to you in an email each week!

Parish eBlast (email) System



# The Columbiettes, Divine Mercy of Jesus Council



Do you want to assist those in need in our parish and community? Are you willing to work with our Knights of Columbus Council and their charitable commitments? Then please consider joining our growing Columbiettes Auxiliary. We are developing our own projects and fundraisers, and guess what--we are having fun, too!

If you are a practicing Catholic woman 18 years or older and would like more info, contact Claudia M., president: (724) 766-2615, lilmacteacher@gmail.com

#### The Divine Mercy of Jesus Knights of Columbus Council 17249





The Knights meet on the second Wednesday of each month in the Parish Center. We are very active in serving the community, our parish, and growing in faith.

For more information, visit our website at https://knightsdmoj17249.org. To order a brick to be placed at the Grotto, visit https://knightsdmoj17249.org/grotto and select "Buy a Brick".



#### **Bethlehem Centre Spring Semester**

Contact Tim Kunish if questions: (727) 596-9394.

#### **Art Class**

- Education Building
- Thursday 10:00AM-12:00PM in the Art Room
- Friday 10:00AM to 12:00PM in the Art Room

#### **Mindful Motion Exercise - Chair**

- Wednesdays 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

#### **Mindful Motion Exercise - Floor**

- Fridays at 10:00-11:00AM
- Education Building Main Hall

#### **Zumba Gold Exercise Class**

Thursdays 11:30AM-12:30PM

# Relaxed Energy Exercise Easy Exercise

- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM
- Ed Kilroy Building



### **Mahjong Lessons**

Join us for a special 4-pack of lessons!

May 9th, 10th, 16th, & 17th, 12:30-2:30PM, Ed Kilroy Building, Fee: a suggested \$50 goodwill offering to St. Jerome-Bethlehem Centre.

Space Limited! Contact Diane 316-350-6522 or adventurediane@gmail.com



The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary is an international Catholic lay movement which aims to collaborate in the Church's mission of evangelization. The Legion performs spiritual works of mercy by visiting the homebound, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, memory care facilities, praying for those in need and who request prayer, and evangelization in the Parish. The Legion of Mary meets Thursdays at 10:00AM in the meeting room of the Ed Kilroy building. We welcome Active and Auxiliary Members. *Ad Jesum Per Mariam.* Contact Lissy E. at 727-595-4610 to Jearn more.

#### **Enjoy Bingo**

Join us Thursday afternoons in the Parish Center; doors open at noon. See old friends, make new ones, test your luck! Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Questions? Bill: knightsdmoj17249@gmail.com

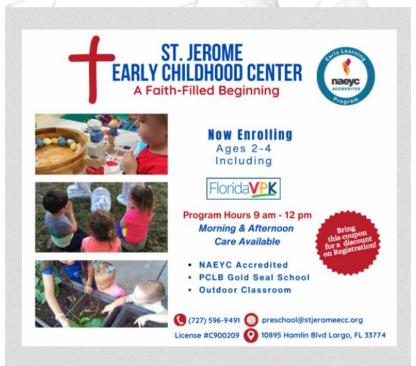
Please join us in praying for the following children from our parish who have prepared for their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. God bless them and their families during this special time of hearing the call of the Good Shepherd.

# **First Holy Communion 2024**

Addy Kuznicki Aden Heintz Asherah Huber Braelyn Mason Caleb Cloud Ciara Iancaster Claire Coy Daniella Mock Elli Reynard Emma Holland Garrett Moreau Georgiana Seidl Giuliana Hafner Harper Morehead Jacob Stovie Jax Jurkovic



I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world.. -John 6:51



### **Prayer Garden Update**



This week the concrete will be poured for the statues for the prayer garden. So exciting!

# Stewardship

We are called to give to the Lord the time, talent, and treasure with which He has blessed us. An easy way to give to St. Jerome: www.stjeromeonline.org or scan the QR Code by opening your camera, and follow the link to our safe and secure online giving portal. From there, go to "offertory" and fill in your information to give.

#### **April 28, 2024**

Offertory: \$16,977.10
E-Giving: \$4,451.00
Total Offertory: \$21,428.10
\*\*\*CMA Cash: \$58.00

• \*\*\*Roof Cash: \$475.00

# RAISE THE ROOF A solid, lasting future

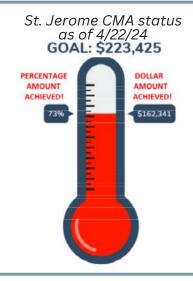
#### RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

As of February 29th, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,073,100.55. We are blessed to have the Diocese be the financial record keepers of our campaign.
We are working hard towards the goal of \$1.4 million.
Thanks for pledging today so we can quickly complete this much needed project and replace the Church roof.

Great news! Our April Matching Challenge has been met, AND can be doubled in May. An anonymous donor will again match up to \$5,000 of roof donations. Can we reach that goal together?!







Another great way to support your parish is to consider naming St. Jerome as the beneficiary of one of your life insurance policies, IRA accounts, or adding as a contingent beneficiary to an existing policy. Beneficiaries can also make Stock or Bond Gifts. For owners of a single IRA account, consider adding St. Jerome as a percentage beneficiary. For complete details, contact Chris McBride at the Parish Office.

For the proper method for naming St. Jerome in your will, please ask your attorney to use the following terminology:

"I give devise, and bequeath (amount, article, stock, etc.) to Gregory Parkes, as Bishop of the Diocese of St. Petersburg, and his successors in office, a Corporation Sole, for the use of St. Jerome Catholic Church, 10895 Hamlin Blvd., Largo, FL 33774."



May 5, 2024

# Faith Formation & Vacation Bible School Registration

for 2024-2025



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd / Faith Formation for children including Sacramental Preparation will open April 27th. Families can also register for Vacation Bible School by emailing faithformation@stjeromeonline.org. Please email Stephanie Martin at the above address with any questions or call the Parish Office at 727-595-4610.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." ~Matthew 19:14



# St. Jenome LIFE TEEN

#### Calendar

- May 5th-
  - EDGE is finished for the school year. We will return in August/September!
  - Life Teen Rosary Making Day
- May 12th- No Life Teen
- May 19th
  - Life Teen Senior Night/8th Graders are invited too!
  - This is the last night of our spring season.









Taylor Gunn, Youth Minister youthministry@stjeromeonline.org



#### **Lifeline Ministries**

Last week Lifeline served 116 families comprised of 392 people. Parishioners donated 140 bags of food for a total of 644 bags for the month of April. We are grateful for your continued generosity in helping those who need food assistance.

- Hearty canned soup
- Pasta/spaghetti
- Pasta sauce
- Peanut butter
- Cereal

- Boxed mashed potatoes
- Canned pork & beans
- Canned tuna/chicken/turkey
- Canned vegetables (corn, beans, carrots)
- **Beef Stew**
- Canned fruit
- Jellies & jams Granola bars
- Peanut butter crackers
- Boxed mac & cheese

### **Health Care Ministry**

Lost or confused about a medical problem, illness or concern? Don't know where to turn? The Health Care Ministry of St. Jerome can assist. We have knowledge and resources that can point you in the proper direction. Don't navigate rough seas alone. Contact us at (321) 403-3356 or email at <u>healthministrysj@gmail.com</u>.

#### GriefShare

At GriefShare, we support each other on our journey of grief. We meet on Tuesday mornings from 10:00-11:30AM in the Education Building Art Room. You don't have to walk alone. Questions? Judy: (727) 595-4610





#### **Millions of Monicas**

Do you have a loved one who has left the Church? We invite you to consider joining our new intercessory ministry. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as we gather in prayer and support for our loved one's. Join us on Thursdays in the Chapel at 6:30PM. Questions? Debbie J. sbmwkmom@gmail.com or Kathy: kathyflsue@gmail.com.

### Rosary Group

We welcome all to pray the Rosary following the 9:00AM Mass Monday through Saturday, except on days of Eucharistic Adoration. You can also pray a Pro Life Rosary in the Chapel at 7:00PM on Wednesday evenings!

Questions? Virginia (727) 393-6063 or Mary Pat (727) 517-4289.

## **Special Request Masses**

Celebrated by Msgr. Muldoon

4/24/2024 - Brandon Myers +

4/25/2024 - Olga Navas +

4/26/2024 - Barbara Wilcox 4/27/2024 - Arthur Webb +

4/28/2024 - Ryan Martin +



# Save the Date: Msgr. Muldoon's 60th Anniversary!



This year marks Msgr. Muldoon's 60th anniversary of ordained priestly ministry. Join us in celebrating him with Bishop Parkes June 16th at the 10:45AM Mass here at St. Jerome. Invite your friends and those who love Mgsr. so we can honor him with much joy!

St. Jerome Prayer Line

St. Jerome's Prayer Line is here for you. We will pray for any intention, from peace for a teething child, to a student stressing over an exam, to a marriage in trouble, or someone suffering illness of any kind. Simply call or text (727) 314-1166 or email stjeromeprayforus@gmail.com. Your request stays active for 7 days but you can call in to repeat as often as needed.

#### PARISH INFORMATION

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Friday, 9:30AM-4:30PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Second Saturday of the Month after the 9:00AM Mass in the Chapel

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays 3:00-3:45PM-Chapel.

HOLY HOUR & BENEDICTION: Every Thursday, every First Friday, and every First Saturday 9:30AM-10:30AM; also Livestreamed.

Some Masses Livestreamed at: www.stjeromeonline.org & www.facebook.com/StJeromeLargo

#### CLERGY

Fr. John Blum, Pastor Fr. Robert Cadrecha, Parochial Vicar Deacon Fred Kunder

Chris McBride, Parish Manager

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#### EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Phyllis Steele, Administrator, (727) 596-9491

# YOUNG ADULTS OF ST. **JEROME'S**

Please join us the last Sunday of every month for 5pm Mass and fellowship to follow. Contact us for further information on Bible studies, service events, and more! Contacts andra M @ 727.637.6200 irles M @ 904.673.2912

#### ASSISTING PRIESTS

Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Pastor Emeritus Fr. Michael O'Brien, In residence Very Rev. Joseph Waters, JV, JCL Fr. Anthony Nyong

BETHLEHEM CENTRE Tim Kunish, Coordinator, (727) 596-9394

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faithformation@stjeromeonline.org

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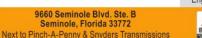
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