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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 sharing His Holy Word and His Teaching.

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**Transitional Mass Schedule: Saturday Vigil Mass:
4pm (Church) and 4pm (Parish Center)
Sunday Masses: 7am, 9am, 11am (Church), 11am
(Parish Center), and 5pm**

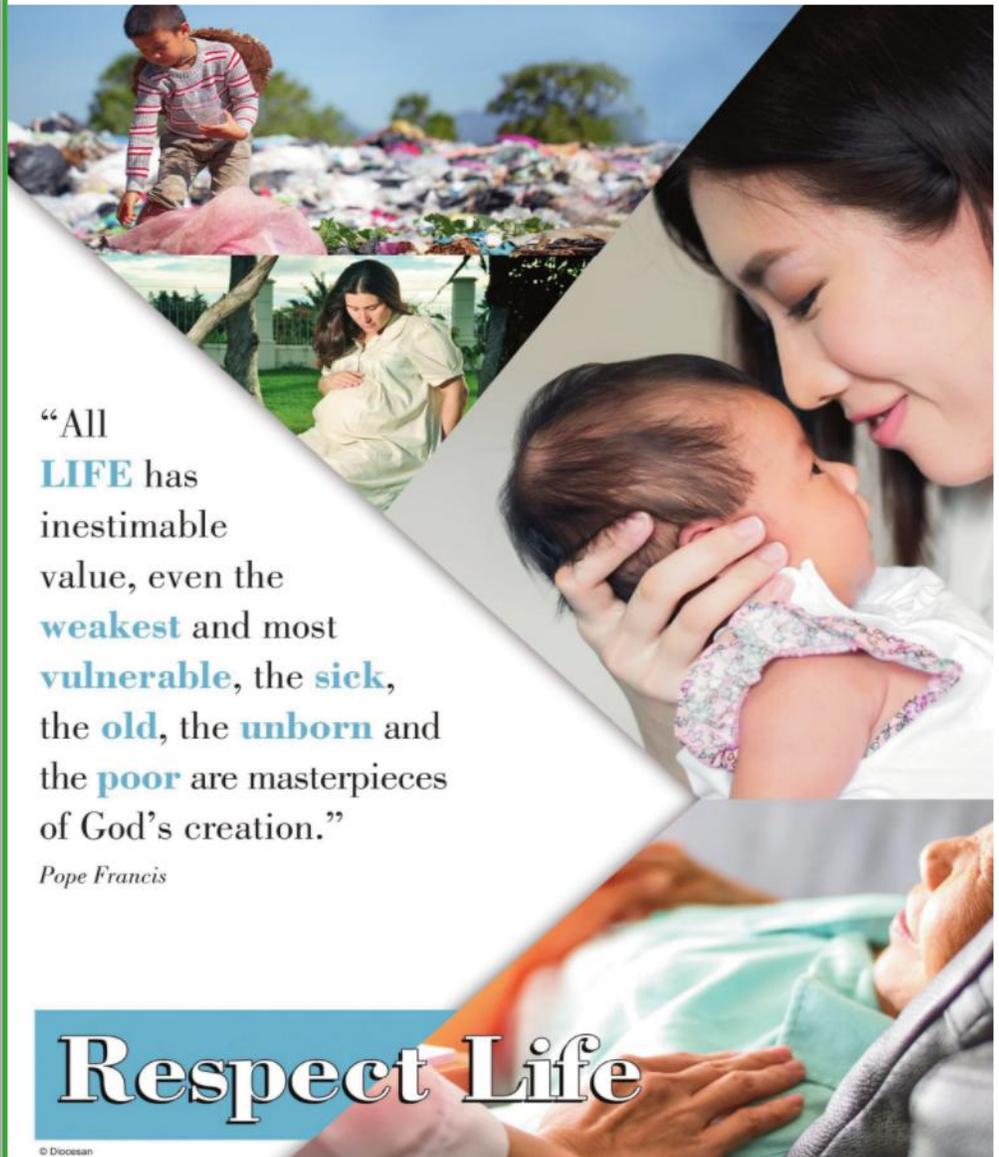
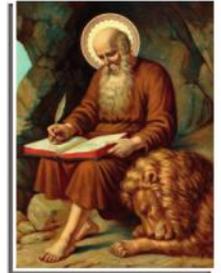
Drive-up distribution of Holy Communion: Saturday, 5:00 pm
and Sunday 12:00 pm at the north entrance of the church for
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**Daily Mass: Monday - Friday at 7am & 9am
Wednesday 7:30pm and Saturday at 9am**

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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Pope Francis

Respect Life



Respect Life

From the Pastor



Dear Friends:

The month of October is Respect Life Month and this weekend is considered Respect Life Sunday. I have included for your personal reflection a statement from Bishop Joseph F. Naumann, Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



LIVE THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

Respect Life Month Statement, October 2020

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

As Catholics in the United States, we will soon mark our annual observance of October as Respect Life Month. It is a time to focus on God's precious gift of human life and our responsibility to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

This year's theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," was inspired by the commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Pope John Paul II's encyclical *The Gospel of Life*. Pope John Paul's masterfully articulated defense of the right to life for children in their mothers' wombs, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and the marginalized is more relevant today than ever before.

This past November, the U.S. bishops reaffirmed that "the threat of abortion remains our preeminent priority because it directly attacks life itself, because it takes place within the sanctuary of the family, and because of the number of lives destroyed." While we noted not to "dismiss or ignore other serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism, the environmental crisis, poverty, and the death penalty," we renewed our commitment to protect the most fundamental of all human rights – the right to live.

This past January, I shared with Pope Francis that the Bishops of the United States had been criticized by some for identifying the protection of the unborn as a pre-eminent priority. The Holy Father expressed his support for our efforts observing that if we fail to protect life, no other rights matter. Pope Francis also said that abortion is not primarily a Catholic or even a religious issue, it is first and foremost a human rights issue.

The Gospel of Life provides a blueprint for building a culture of life and civilization of love. The important work of transforming our culture begins by allowing the Gospel of Christ to touch and transform our own hearts and the decisions we make. May we strive to imitate Christ and follow in his footsteps, caring for the most vulnerable among us. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, may Our Lord grant us the grace to live courageously and faithfully his Gospel of life.

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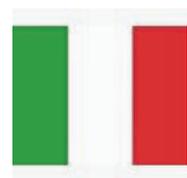
In Gratitude to God For His Gifts to Us

“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 September 19 - 20, 2020

Offertory	\$ 14,557.50
Electronic Giving	3,394.00
Annual Pastoral Appeal (cash)	25.00
Raise the Roof (cash)	86.00
	<u>\$ 18,062.50</u>
Totals this weekend	<u>\$ 18,062.50</u>



Messa in Italiano - Cathedral of St. Jude

5815 - 5th Avenue N., St. Petersburg, FL - Fr. Arthur Proulx, Rector. Mass in Italiano: Sunday, October 25, 2020 at 3:00 PM (one hour earlier than usual). Please come to pray and sing in ITALIANO (Italian). Celebrant: Fr. Anthony M.

Fortunato, O. de M. (Mercedarian Friar). The wearing of a mask is required.

34th Annual Culture of Life Conference Conception to Natural Death October 24, 2020



The annual Florida Culture of Life Conference, formerly known as the state Respect Life Conference, keeps with Church teaching that all human life has dignity and is to be protected. This year's conference, hosted by the Diocese of Palm Beach, will be held online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The virtual conference promises to be an informative and uplifting event with speakers on a variety of life topics, including the unborn, theology of the body, end of life, and the death penalty.

More information along with registration can be found at: www.ccdpb.org/respectlife2020
A \$25.00 donation is suggested.

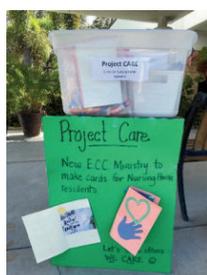
St. Jerome Early Childhood Center

The Eucharist is the Source and Summit of our Catholic Faith

Our ECC staff was present at the 9:00 am Mass on September 20th to welcome our school families to Church. We will extend the invitation again in the near future. It is our sincere hope to bring young families into our Church community.



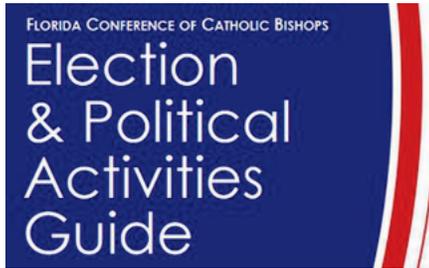
Service Projects Help us to Courageously Live the Gospel



ECC students and families are making cards to lift the spirits of local nursing home residents. Anyone can join us by driving by and picking up a packet of supplies and dropping off their finished work. We hope to spread the love of God by loving one another!

Submitted by P. Steele

Election & Political Activities Guide: Efforts by Outside Organizations



Catholics are called to actively participate in civic life, to engage in civil and respectful dialogue in the public square, and to vote with a well-formed conscience. While Catholic lay women and men are encouraged to fully exercise their rights and duties as participants in our democracy, there are specific guidelines that Church entities and representatives are urged to follow.

As a battleground or swing state, Florida is expected to receive a great deal of attention during the 2020 election season. Due to increased efforts by candidates, committees, and politically-minded entities to win Florida and Catholic voters, it is important to be aware of the bishops' guidelines on parish and ministry involvement with outside organizations.

While the goal of organizations that seek to mobilize and educate Catholic voters may be laudable, the following concerns should be noted:

- Many of these groups tend to focus on a single or limited number of issues and do not cover the broad concerns of the Church; others may stand in opposition to the bishops' positions on an certain issues.
- These organizations may endorse (or oppose) candidates for elective office, as well as provide candidates with direct financial support, which does not conform to the non-partisan nature of the Church and risks scrutiny of the Church's tax-exempt status.

Distribution of materials by outside organizations and sharing of parishioner lists is contrary to the policies identified in the *Election & Political Activities Guide* (page 5). By going directly to pastors or parishioners, some groups may be seeking to circumvent the political activity guidelines of the FCCB.

Parishes or persons representing the Church in official capacities are not to distribute any materials that are not approved by the local diocesan bishop or the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB), or made available through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

GriefShare is a grief recovery support group where you can find help and healing for the hurt of losing a loved one. Our sessions are held on Wednesdays on the portico entrance to the church from 10 am – 11:30 am until it is deemed safe to return to the Education Building.



We look forward to you joining our group and feeling the support and compassion we experience on our journey "From mourning to joy." If you have any questions, please call Judy DeFillipis at (727) 595-4610.

Our Lady of Fatima 2020 Rosary Rally

St. Jerome Catholic Church

Saturday, October 10, 2020



This year marks the 103rd Anniversary of the apparitions of our Blessed Mother to the children of Fatima. It is a privileged moment in which we should hear and heed once again the message of our Blessed Mother at Fatima – the call to conversion and repentance for sins, the invitation to intense prayer, especially the Holy Rosary and devotion to her Immaculate Heart.

On Saturday, October 10, 2020, the parishioners of St. Jerome will have a wonderful opportunity of grace to attend mass, venerate the sacred statue, dedicate our families to her loving care and honor her as the Mother of God and the Mother of us all. It will start with 9 a.m. mass in the main church, followed by procession and recitation of the rosary in different languages.

An estimated one million Catholics will attend the Rosary rallies and pray for the conversion of America in honor of the Marian apparitions at Fatima, Portugal.

The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will remain in the Church for public veneration.

Please bring red and white roses. Thanks !

For more information, please contact Sister Lucia Brady, OSC @ 727-595-4610



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This year we are offering a hybrid study with the opportunity to meet in person on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM while observing the necessary precautions currently **OR** through Zoom. We begin on Wednesday, **September 30th** at 9:30 AM and will continue through 20 lessons ending in the Spring. To join please contact Mary at 727-791-3240 or Carol at 727-735-1151. For more information visit:

www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

Mass Intentions

Monday, October 5

7:00 am † Carol & Kenneth Sweetland Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Delroy Sowada Fr. Tom

Tuesday, October 6

7:00 am † Virginia Fessler Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Susan Dorothy Myers Fr. Cadrecha

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 am † Carla Levesque Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Bert Hucke Fr. Tom
7:30 pm Special Intention for Gino Fr. Cadrecha

Thursday, October 8

7:00 am † Dewey Crawford Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Marietta Postiglione Fr. Cadrecha

Friday, October 9

7:00 am † Carol & Kenneth Sweetland Fr. Tom
9:00 am † Kapusta Family Fr. Tom

Saturday, October 10

8:45 am Novena
9:00 am † Maria Kapusta Fr. Cadrecha

Saturday, October 10

Vigil for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Church † Maria Smolko Fr. Waters
4:00 pm PC † Andrew Ermilio Fr. Tom

Sunday, October 11

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 am † Deceased Benefactors of St. Jerome Fr. Cadrecha
9:00 am † Sarah Svabek Fr. Tom
11:00 am Church † Mary Ellen Downey Fr. Tom
11:00 am PC All the People of the Parish Fr. Waters
5:00 pm † Maria Abellana 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 & Pray the Word of God

Next Sunday's Readings: October 11, 2020
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 25: 6 - 10a
Psalm 23: 1 - 3a, 3b - 4, 5, 6
Philippians 4: 12 - 14, 19 - 20
Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Thanksgiving Food Drive



LifeLine Ministries will collect Thanksgiving dinner items for families in need beginning on October 1, 2020 through November 8, 2020.

Please use this shopping list and fill a bag with the foods listed below to complete a package for one family. Leave the bag in one of the LifeLine bins at St. Jerome Church.

We appreciate whatever you can provide from this list. No other items are needed. THANK YOU!

- 1 box or bag of stuffing
- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 1 jar turkey gravy
- 1 can corn or beans
- 1 large can of yams
- 1 box mashed potatoes
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 can of pumpkin or apple pie filling
- 1 box pie crust mix (no refrigerated or frozen)

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