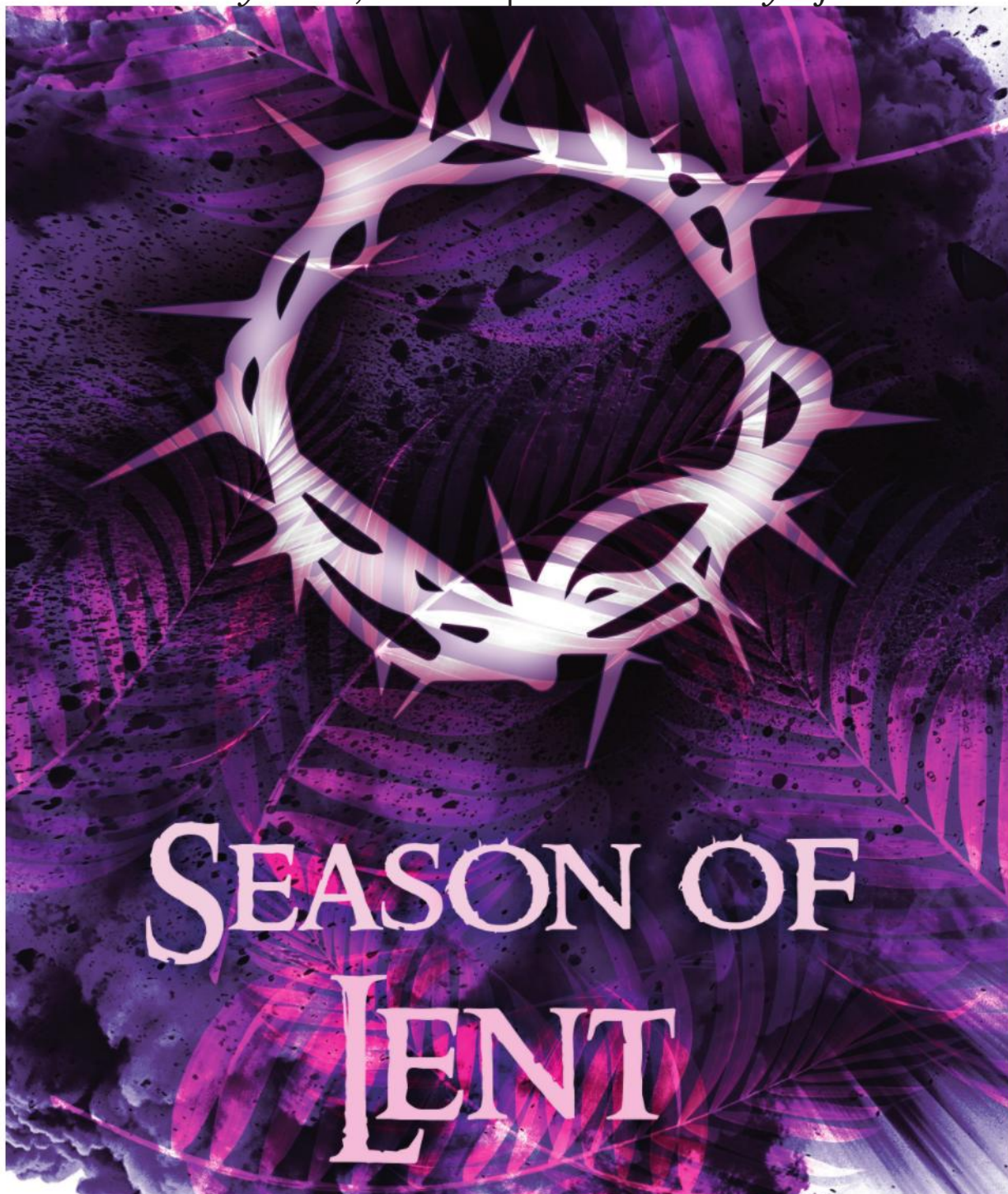


ST. JEROME ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

February 18th, 2024 | First Sunday of Lent



MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGILS: 4:00PM & 5:30PM

SUNDAY: 7:30AM, 9:00AM (FAMILY LITURGY), 10:45AM, 12:30PM & 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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Covenant and Commitment

At first glance it may seem a little odd that the first Sunday of Lent would have a reading about God's covenant with Noah. We all know the story. God sent a flood to wipe out the earth because of their sin and disobedience and then God made a covenant with his people to never again send a flood that would destroy the earth. So why has the Church chosen this reading for Lent? Isn't Lent all about suffering, not God's loving plan for his people?

Well, I think this reading actually fits perfectly in this penitential season. Time and time again in the Old Testament we see God enacting covenants with his people, and time and time again we see human beings breaking these covenants. God wants to give his life and love and we as a human race are quick to turn our backs on him and break the commitment of the covenant.

I see Lent as a time of preparation for Easter and this Holy Feast day celebrates the culmination of the New Covenant that Christ enacted on the cross. We reflect on the suffering and death of Christ, we fast and abstain, and we pray, in order that our hearts might be more ready for the covenant that God has for us.

Instead of reliving history and breaking the small commitments God asks of us, Lent is a time to dive deeply into these commitments so that his covenant can ring true in our hearts and we will be ready for it. Even Jesus as the Son of God knew how important it would be for us to slow down and reflect on what is most important. He didn't need to spend any time in the desert, but today's Gospel reminds us that he went there anyway. He gives us the example of what it looks like to be faithful to his heavenly Father.

This Lent, I encourage you, and myself, to dive deeply. Let's allow this to be a time of purification and penance so that when Easter time comes, we will truly know what it means to rejoice.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless! Tommy Shultz

Lenten Schedule

Daily Masses: Monday-Friday, 7:00AM and 9:00AM; Saturday, 9:00AM - Church

Eucharistic Adoration: Lenten Fridays
10:00AM-6:45PM - Chapel

Saturday Lenten Confessions: 9:30AM & 3:00PM

Stations of the Cross: Fridays in Lent 9:30AM and 7:00PM - Church (6:30pm in Chapel Feb 23)


Parish Lenten Mission: presented by Msgr. Brendan Muldoon, Tuesday, March 5, 6:30PM
Confessions available prior - 5:30-6:30PM

Additional Confession Times: March 16 & 17 before all weekend Masses

Simple Supper



Friday, March 1 & 15, 5:00-7:00PM, Parish Center

"TURN AWAY FROM SIN AND FOLLOW THE GOSPEL..."



St. Jerome Lenten Mission

An evening with Msgr. Muldoon on Forgiveness

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH
6:30PM IN THE CHURCH

Saturday, February 17th

- 9:00 AM † Chester Kotkowski - Fr. Blum
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM † Deceased Members of Laratonda Family - Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, February 18th

- 7:30 AM Sheila Spires - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Stuart Waller - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † James & Rita Greco - Fr. Blum
- 12:30 PM † Deceased Members of Ganci and Chester Families - Fr. Waters
- 5:00 PM † Dana E. Grady III - Fr. Blum

Monday, February 19th

- 7:00 AM † Joseph DeBernardis - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Margaret Liptak - Fr. Blum

Tuesday, February 20th

- 7:00 AM † Joseph Waller - Fr. Mike
- 9:00 AM † Eleanor K. Spires - Fr. Blum

Wednesday, February 21st

- 7:00 AM † Thomas F. Cunningham - Fr. Blum
- 9:00 AM † Sue Leary - Fr. Mike

Thursday, February 22nd

- 7:00 AM † Eddie Schnorr - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Jeannine Bodine - Fr. Blum

Friday, February 23rd

- 7:00 AM † Michael & Margaret Alley - Fr. Tony
- 9:00 AM † Carol Kearney - Fr. Blum

Saturday, February 24th

- 9:00 AM Mary Kerr - Fr. Cadrecha
- 3:00 PM Confessions
- 4:00 PM † Anne Irene O'Leary Spires - Fr. Cadrecha
- 5:30 PM All the People of the Parish - Fr. Cadrecha

Sunday, February 25th

- 7:30 AM † Raymond & Geraldine Biondi - Fr. Cadrecha
- 9:00 AM † Jimmy White - Fr. Blum
- 10:45 AM † Deceased Members of Guidice & Totino Families - Fr. Waters
- 12:30 PM † David Scott Berglund - Fr. Blum
- 5:00 PM † Brian & Julian Walsh - Fr. Cadrecha

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Join us for Breakfast!

The Knights of Columbus Divine Mercy of Jesus Council 17249 Will be serving a pancake breakfast in the Parish Center after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 Masses on Sunday February 18th. All donations will go into the Knights Ministry fund to be distributed where needed.

Visit Our Gift Shop!

Lots of lovely Catholic items for you and your loved ones. Candles, Bibles, statues, and more!

Hours: Saturdays 3:30-5:30PM; Sundays 9:30AM-12:30PM in the Gathering Space in the Church

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

Save the Date for VBS!



Registration is \$25 per family from April 13th through June 7th; space is limited though so register early!

Vacation Bible School will be held July 8th through July 12th in the Education Building from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.

All St. Jerome children who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to attend. Youth are welcomed and encouraged to volunteer.

We look forward to celebrating this year of the Eucharistic Revival through this hands-on program including Bible study, Adoration, music, theater, games, crafts, and more.



Director, Early Childhood Center

Applications are being accepted for the role of ECC Administrator for the upcoming school year. Qualified candidates must be a practicing Catholic, with a minimum of a bachelor's degree in early childhood education or related field and 9 college credits in administration/ business. S/he must possess or obtain a Florida Director Credential and a VPK Director Credential. Experience working with young children and families is required and administrative experience is preferred.

To apply: www.dosp.org/schools-office/position-openings-2/

Lead Teachers, Early Childhood Center

SJECC is now accepting applications for 2024-25 part-time Lead Teachers interested in teaching two-, three- and four-year-old students. Candidates must have a college degree in the field of Education and experience working with young children.

Call Phyllis Steele at (727) 596-9491 for more information.

St. Jerome Early Childhood Center Is Enrolling Now!

2024-25 School Year Quality Catholic Education for Children Ages 2-5

Registration is taking place now for the 2024-25 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. Call **(727) 596-9491** to schedule your tour. We look forward to meeting with you!

Receptionist, Parish Office

St. Jerome Catholic Church is seeking a part-time Receptionist. St. Jerome is an active parish with multiple ministries and includes an Early Childhood Center. We seek an engaged Catholic, confident in assisting parishioners and others with their needs and welcoming those who come to the parish office. This position involves working Monday-Wednesday between 21-24 hours per week.

Qualifications:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with a welcoming approach to phone calls and parishioner visits to the office.
- Good organizational skills, the ability to understand and follow instructions as well as work independently with initiative, be detail-oriented, generate work in a timely manner, be a self-starter and a team player.
- Proficient in use of the Microsoft Office suite and interested in learning parish-oriented software programs.
- Ability to assist with a variety of tasks including copying, faxing, taking notes, and emailing.
- Ability to answer phones in a professional manner and route calls as necessary.
- Knowledge of and interest in learning parish operations.

Candidates must pass a Level II FBI background screening and complete Diocesan Safe Environment training.

Qualified candidates should send a cover letter and resume directed to Chris McBride at parishmanager@stjeromeonline.org. Inquiries seeking further information are welcome and should be addressed to Chris. Applications will be reviewed until the position is filled.



Millions of Monicas

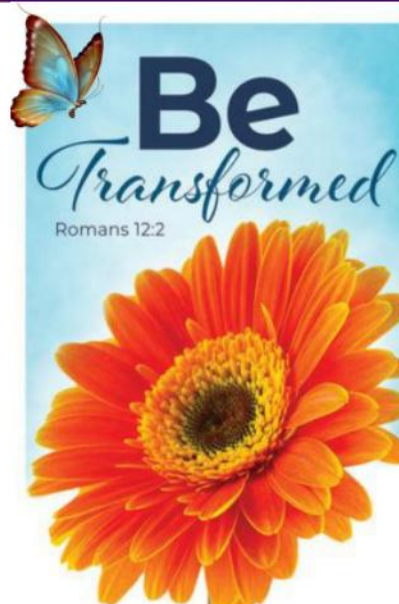
Hi, I'm Kathy. I am a snowbird from Kingston, Massachusetts.

I have facilitated a prayer ministry in Kingston called Millions of Monicas which was started by 3 women in Michigan in 2021 and today is in many other states. Coming together with other women to lift up our children of all ages in prayer has been a tremendous comfort to me. Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith in a chaotic, and stressful world. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their beautiful Catholic faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old who believe in the mother's power of prayer. We are not a support group or a self-help group. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children; to grow in humility and holiness.

Fr. Blum has given me permission to see about the possibility of starting this same group at St Jerome's.

If you would like more information about this prayer ministry, visit Millions of Monica's website or you can call me (Kathy) at 617-763-0170.

If you are interested in participating or have questions, I would be happy to discuss this beautiful prayer ministry with you. Thank you!



"DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS - HIS GOOD, PLEASING, AND PERFECT WILL." ROMANS 12:2

WOMEN'S RETREAT

FEBRUARY 23 & 24, 2024

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SATURDAY

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Ladies, you are invited to join with other Sisters in Christ for this beautiful retreat that offers a time for fellowship, praise & worship, inspired teaching & healing prayer! Come and be transformed & renewed in God's love as we prepare our hearts for Lent! Invite a friend to join you!

Additional information & registration can be found on the Vine of Grace Retreat Ministry website

at www.vineofgrace.org.

SAVE THE DATE!

ST. JEROME'S ANNUAL ST. PATRICK DINNER

Saturday, March 16, 2024 | 5:00 PM - 7:30PM

You are warmly invited for an enjoyable Irish dinner in the Parish Center. We are serving Irish beef stew, Irish desserts, and various beverages.

Advance tickets for adults are \$12.00, children 10 years & under are \$6.00. Mac & Cheese is available for the "wee ones". Tickets available after Masses in the Church in The Gathering Space.

If you are buying tickets at the door, reservations are required by calling the Parish Office at (727) 595-4610. Adult tickets will then be \$14.00; children 10 years & under will still be \$6.00.

Tickets go on sale 2/24!

Youth Ministry



Calendar

Come hang out soon!

- Feb 18- NO youth group
- Feb 25- regular meetings



Usual Sunday Schedule

- 3:30-4:45PM: EDGE Middle School in Education Building
- 5:00PM: Youth Mass
- 6:00PM: Family Dinner (middle, high, & parents)
- 7:00-8:30PM: Life Teen High School

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.

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

Relaxed Energy Exercise

Easy Exercise

- Wednesdays 10:30-11:30AM
- Ed Kilroy Building; \$5.00 per session

Zumba Gold Exercise Class

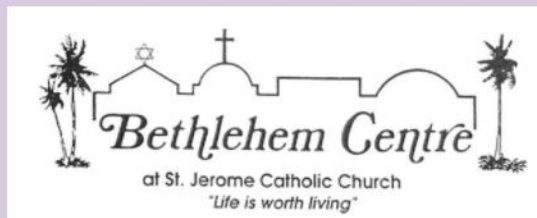
- Wednesdays 11:30AM-12:30PM
- \$5.00 per class

Cardio Exercise Class

- Wednesdays 9:00-10:00AM

Mahjong

- Fridays 12:00-3:00PM
- Ed Kilroy Building



Spanish

- Thursdays 9:00-10:00AM
- Education Building Art Room
- \$5 per class.

Join us for LUNCH!

- Tuesday, February 20th, 12:00-1:00PM
- Jambalaya with chicken and sausage
- red beans and rice
- tossed salad
- homemade cornbread
- King's Cake Cupcakes
- \$15.00 donation. To guarantee a seat, please register at (727) 596-9394 or Bethlehem.centre@gmail.com.
- Attendance is limited to 50 people.
- ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET FOR ALL!



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.



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.



February 11, 2024

- **Offertory:** \$21,464.44
- **E-Giving:** \$4,790.00
- **Total Offertory:** \$26,254.44
- *****CMACash:** \$244.00
- *****Roof Cash:** \$166.00

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RAISE THE ROOF UPDATE

As of December 31st, our roof fund is now sitting at \$1,048,128.38. We have broken one million dollars! This is a substantial milestone! 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.



CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL
(As of February 12, 2024)

GOAL: \$223,425



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Monthly drawings on 1st Thursday of the month.

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Return the below form with your \$100 check made to "St. Jerome".

Drop in offertory at Mass or the Parish Office.

We will accept more members after if there are still spots; the earlier you enter, the greater your chances to WIN!

For more information please contact the Parish Office.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 1ST & 15TH

5:00-7:00PM in Parish Center

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Lifeline Ministries

Last week, Lifeline served 100 families comprised of 309 people. Parishioners donated 102 bags of food for a total of 224 bags so far this month. 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 the rough seas alone. Contact us at (321) 403-3356 or email at healthministriesj@gmail.com.



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

Blessing Bags for the Homeless

Donation Items Needed

We will be collecting items for the homeless at a table in the Gathering Space the weekends of March 2-3, and March 9-10. Please donate:

- beef stew, pop-top 15 oz can
- chicken breast, pop-top 5 oz can
- granola bars or breakfast bars
- Lance sandwich crackers
- beef jerky sticks, tuna pouches
- new hotel size soap, shampoo, lotion
- men's new socks
- toothbrushes
- dentist sample size toothpaste
- razors
- rain ponchos
- pocket size Kleenex tissues

These items become part of "Blessing Bags", gallon size bags that contain about 25 items. Blessing Bags can be found in the Gathering Space and church entrances. They are available for parishioners to take and hand out to local homeless people. Since 2018, our parish has distributed over 2,000 Blessing Bags and Warmth Bags, and 800 were handed out just last year. The need is growing. Please place donations in the basket next to the Blessing Bags shelf in The Gathering Space.

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

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 you need.

Blood Drive

All donors will receive a \$20 eGift Card, a One Blood T- shirt and a Wellness Checkup including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening. Appointments are encouraged, please visit oneblood.org/donate-now or call 1-888-936-6283. Code 12669

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 or to join us, please contact Claudia M., president, at (724) 766-2615 or lilmacteacher@gmail.com

PARISH INFORMATION

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

ANointing OF THE SICK: Second Sunday of the Month after the 12:30PM Mass in the Church, or by request.

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

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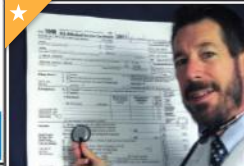


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