



# The Parish of Saint Jerome

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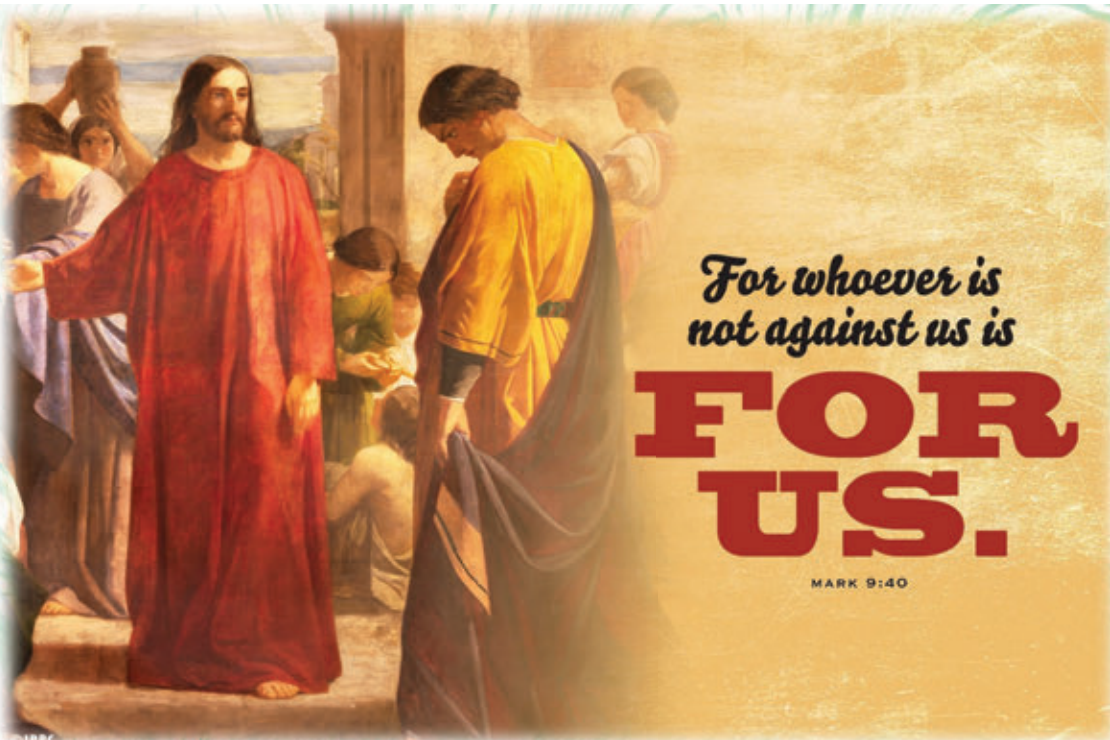
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## **Parish Mission Statement:**

*As the parish family of St. Jerome, we strive to translate the Gospel message and values through our daily witness. As a parish family rooted in prayer and sacraments, our faith enables us to proclaim the love of God to all we meet. In this mission we open our hearts to welcome all and share our love through the various ministries we offer as a parish family. Under the guidance of our patron, St. Jerome, we learn upon earth those things which can call us to heaven.*

**September 26, 2021**

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### **Rev. Michael J. Reilly—Pastor**

Rev. Michael J. Ryan—Resident

Oblates of St. Francis deSales—Sunday Assistance

**Rectory: 215-333-4461**

**[www.stjeromechurchphila.org](http://www.stjeromechurchphila.org)**

**Mrs. Janet Fiatoa—Director of Faith Formation**

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**Mr. Vince DiFrancesco—Music Director**

**Mr. Daniel Griffin—Choir Director**

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**215-333-2336**

**Lottery Hot Line: 215-333-4475**

**Food Bank Phone: 215-805-8479**

**Bulletin Submissions: [BulletinSTJ@hotmail.com](mailto:BulletinSTJ@hotmail.com)**

### **St. Jerome School**

3031 Stamford St.

**215-624-0637**

**Mr. Ryan Merrick—School Principal**

[info@sjsphila.org](mailto:info@sjsphila.org)

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### **St. Jerome Convent**

2930 Holme Ave. **215-333-0306**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM**

**Sunday Mass: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM**

**Weekday Mass: Monday—Friday 8:00 AM**

(no 8AM Mass on Sat.)

**Holy Day Mass: 4:30 PM Vigil,**

**6:30, 8:00 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM**

**Confessions: Sat. 3:30—4:15 PM or by appointment.**



**Saturday, September 25, 2021**

4:30 PM James Carney

**Sunday, September 26, 2021**

6:30 AM Maryann McAllister

8:00 AM William Burg & Bobby Senner

9:30 AM Maryann Reilly

11:00 AM Thomas & Susan Dawson

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

8:00 AM Anne Marie Gslló

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

8:00 AM John Pryjomski

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

8:00 AM Maryann McAllister

**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

8:00 AM Jack Sykes

**Friday, October 1, 2021**

8:00 AM Barbara Milnik

**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

4:30 PM Charles Sicilia

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

6:30 AM William Nolan

8:00 AM Robert Koleda

9:30 AM Al McCarthy

11:00 AM Sister Leona

Matt & Geraldine  
John Baczkowski  
Emma Ballesteros  
Benjamin Batzel  
Lee Berry  
Claire Brady  
Rick Bressler  
Julia Buck  
Jeff Chango  
Cynthia Cokely  
Trish McArdle Davis  
Dave Derr  
Britney Diabelko  
John DiGiovanni Sr.  
Vincent DiGrigorio  
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Kelly Ewing  
Gladys Franks  
Shane Friend  
John Gasior  
Angela Gerace  
Ruth Guildin  
Mary Schneider Hunter  
Edward Jacobs

Marie Jacobs  
Daniel Kane  
Thomas Kane  
Sharon Keen  
Brian Kennedy  
Donald Langan  
Kate & Wayne Latoza  
Kate Leimkuhler  
Mark Mariano  
Jacob Martin  
Kellie Martin  
Maryann McBride  
Marion McDonald  
Michael McGonagle  
Kathy McNelis  
Ken Mishler  
Ed Mockapetris  
Marc Moreti  
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Rebecca Yuchnievicz

To add someone to the Prayer List, please email **bulletinstj@hotmail.com** (put *“Prayer List”* in the subject line) or call the rectory **215-333-4461**.

### Food Bank HOURS

**11:15 am—2 pm** Tuesdays—Thursdays—Fridays  
Know someone who needs assistance? Call **215-805-8479**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—CALL SAME NUMBER.**

*While we appreciate food donations, we cannot accept opened or expired food.*



*Pray for the deceased~*

*Michael John Horgan  
Helen Kleschick  
Dorothy Maher  
Eleanor Wilson*



**Saint Jerome Memorial Society**

*Theresa Coney  
John J. Murphy  
James Heisler  
Ann McGrath  
Jean Marie Downle*

**Sacrament of Baptism**—Celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month **immediately following the 11:00 am Mass** and other times by appointment. Please contact the rectory and speak to a parish priest to make arrangements. **Rectory phone: 215-333-4461**

**Pre-Jordan Class— ONLINE—**

**Baptism** preparation for expectant parents (and Godparents if they would like to watch). Register with **FORMED** (a free resource for St. Jerome parishioners).

**Instructions:** (1) Go to **formed.org/signup** (2) Find St. Jerome via zip code 19136 (3) Enter name and email. (4) Submit.

Watch **Reborn** on **FORMED**. If you have any trouble finding it, please call Janet Fiatoa 215-333-4461.

**Marriage**—Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to a wedding date. Please call the rectory to speak to a priest and make arrangements.

**Sacrament of the Sick**—given to the seriously ill Catholic or those about to undergo surgery. Administered by the parish priest. Call the rectory to arrange for this Sacrament.

**Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance)** - Every Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:15 pm or any time by calling the rectory.

**The St. Jerome Memorial Society** allows a parishioner to remember a loved one – living or deceased— in a special way. The enrolled loved one will be remembered at a Daily Mass once a month perpetually; the Mass intention will be for **The St. Jerome Memorial Society**. A larger padded Mass Card will be given to the person enrolling their loved one. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin informing parishioners of those new members enrolled in the society. The offering for enrollment is \$20.00. All proceeds will go to purchase liturgical items needed for the parish (hosts, candles, the Paschal Candle, new liturgical items, etc.) to help defray the costs of parish bills for liturgical items. Thank you for your support of this endeavor.

## Across the Lawn...

Dear Parishioners,

Jesus speaks today of the fires of Gehenna, a place feared and reviled by the residents of Jerusalem for centuries. It was viewed as a cursed place, the closest thing to hell we might imagine. It was in Gehenna where Jewish kings practiced the human sacrifice of children to appease pagan deities. To show their utter disdain for Gehenna and the evils that happened there, it eventually became a landfill where the populace of Jerusalem dumped their garbage. Gehenna was a place of fetid odors and unquenchable fire.

To end up in Gehenna was akin to one's worst nightmare. It was hell on earth. For Jesus, Gehenna is an artfully used metaphor to convince people to live in right relationship with God and one another, or else suffer the eternal consequences of a life lived for oneself rather than for God and for others. By this point in Mark's Gospel, Jesus is already traveling the lonesome road to Calvary. He has told the Apostles that he is going to Jerusalem to die for sin and to destroy the powers of hell forever and for everyone.

It was Jesus' desire that we all act in his name for God's glory, in the same way that Moses wished that all God's people would prophesy in the Spirit. Doing good in Jesus' name can help us store up treasure for ourselves in heaven. In the second reading, James tells us you have lived on earth in luxury and pleasure, and that our sins against our fellow humans cry out to God for justice.

Gehenna is all around us. It exists in the forms of temptation that distract us from God and take our focus off the many gifts and blessings that God gives to those who trust in him. Gehenna was outside Jerusalem. It was outside the walls of Jerusalem, outside the protection offered by the walled city. It was a feared place where both people and things were thrown away and left to rot. For us, the promise of life and eternal security can be found only within the walls of the Holy City. The more

we cling to Christ and remain close at his side, and the more we demonstrate our love of God and neighbor, the less likely it is that we will be thrown into Gehenna, where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.

Let us all pray for God's healing blessings for all who are suffering from the COVID-19 infection around the world! Here is the prayer that Pope Francis composed for this pandemic:

*O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection.*

*Amen.*

May St. Jerome continue to bless our parish family as we continue to grow, flourish and keep the great history alive of spreading God's love in our little corner of the Greater Northeast.

God Love Ya!

*Fr. Reilly*



The **2022 Announced Mass Intentions Book** will be opened on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 8:30am in the Narthex of the Church. I, along with my helpers, will begin this process as soon as I arrive after Mass.

The procedure will be:

You will come into the narthex and take a number and have a seat in church and wait until your number is called.

You will then come to the back of church to a table where I will be with envelopes marked with a date and time of each available Mass. You will tell me your dates and if it is available you will receive the envelope with the month, day, and time already on it.

You will then go to another table and fill in the name for whom you wish this Mass and at whose request. There will be helpers to help you with this.

When your envelopes are properly filled in you will turn them in to a helper, along with \$10.00 stipend for each Mass.

**Each person will be permitted 5 Masses. Two for a weekend (Saturday evening or Sunday) and Three for an 8:00am Mass during the week.**

This procedure works very well; as it moves along quickly and easily.

**Take Note that No Individual Mass Intentions will be scheduled for:**

**Holy Thursday ~ April 14, 2022**

**Easter Sunday ~ April 17, 2022**

**Mother's Day ~ May 8, 2022**

**Father's Day ~ June 19, 2022**

**All Souls ~ November 2, 2022**

**Christmas Eve ~ December 24, 2022**

**Christmas Day ~ December 25, 2022**

*Fr. Reilly*

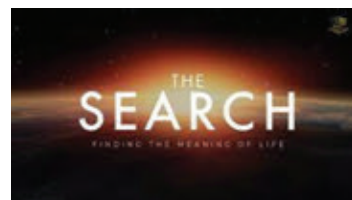




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*The Search* is a video-based program designed to enkindle wonder as it takes us on a journey through life's enduring questions. This virtual Adult Faith Enrichment series will start Monday, **October 11<sup>th</sup>** and run for seven weeks at 7:00 pm. We will view the video together and then use the participant guide to direct our small group discussion. Janet Fiatoa will facilitate the virtual meetings on Zoom. **Register on the St. Jerome Church website or email Janet at [dff@stjeromechurchphila.org](mailto:dff@stjeromechurchphila.org).** Register by Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.



***The Sunday Collection***

***Sept. 19, 2021      \$7,896.00***  
***Online                      \$1,144.00***

**Parish Lottery Numbers**

**Sept. 20, 2021: 2—5—6—20—31**  
**There was 1—\$500 consolation winner.**

*Can't wait for the Sunday Bulletin? Call the lottery hotline at 215-333-4475. Hotline is updated after 9:45 PM*

**Next drawing will be on MONDAY, Sept. 27, 2021**  
**at 7 PM in the CONVENT. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!**

**Jackpot is now \$6,000.**



# Faith Formation

LIFELONG AND ONGOING

## Sacrament Preparation

All parents/guardians with a child receiving Reconciliation/First Communion or Confirmation during the 2021-2022 school year are to attend a Parent Meeting.

**Confirmation Parent Meeting: Thursday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Hall.**

**First Communion Parent Meeting: Tuesday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Hall.**

These meetings are not designed for children. However, if you are unable to find a sitter for your children, please bring them with you to the meeting with something to keep them occupied.

PREP parents/guardians are asked to remain after the whole group meeting for instruction on family resources for the continuation of their child's preparation that began during the Summer PREP week.

## FORMED<sup>®</sup>

PICK OF THE WEEK

Sept 26, 2021

### THÉRÈSE

A pampered child from a middle-class 19th century French family, Therese Martin journeys to Rome to beg Pope Leo XIII for permission to enter the Carmelite monastery at the unheard-of age of 15. Once admitted she experiences the joys and rigors of monastic life, and makes the surprising yet simple discovery that holiness can be achieved by small acts of love and compassion – a spiritual path she calls her "Little Way."



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### Virtual options available. A step by step approach to exploring the Catholic faith.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Would you like to become a Catholic?

Are you a baptized Catholic but have not received First Communion or Confirmation? **RCIA is the process for you!** Please share this information with your relatives, friends or neighbors.

People just want to be invited by you. **Contact Janet Fiatoa**, Director of Faith Formation at [dff@stjeromechurchphila.org](mailto:dff@stjeromechurchphila.org)



## Children's Liturgy of the Word Returns Oct. 3, 2021 during 9:30 am Mass!

All participants (adults and children) are asked to wear a mask during the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Children will be called forward to the sanctuary after the opening prayer and led to the chapel by their prayer leader. All children between the ages of 4 and 9 years old are welcome to participate. No sign-up is necessary. Parents are welcome to join their younger children. Children's Liturgy of the Word includes the Readings, the Psalms, a reflection, and the Prayers of the Faithful. All proclaimed at a level a young child understands and appreciates. Children will return to their parents in the main church at the beginning of the preparation of the gifts. When we originally launched this ministry, its popularity and the number of children participating grew rapidly. We are prayerful and hopeful that many young families will take advantage of this great opportunity to celebrate the Mass with their children. If you have any questions,

or would like to volunteer to help please contact Janet Fiatoa, Director of Faith Formation at [dff@stjeromechurchphila.org](mailto:dff@stjeromechurchphila.org).

## Ministry Positions Available

The ministries of Lector (Reader) and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (Eucharistic Minister) are very important ministries. The Lector is entrusted with reading aloud the Word of God in such a way as to enrich the hearers, and he/she helps to make God present as the word is spoken. The Eucharistic Minister is entrusted with the reverent care of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and assisting the priest and deacon in distributing the Holy Eucharist to others. Eucharistic ministers and Lectors do their best to live according to the law of Christ and the Church. They must be fully initiated Catholics in good standing. That means they have received the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and participate faithfully in the celebration of the Eucharist. If you have considered serving God in one or both of these ministries, please register for the training offered on the following dates:

**Training Location:** St. Jerome Church      **Time:** 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

**Date for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion:** Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2021

**Lector:** Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2021

**Register by emailing your name, parish, and training date to [worship@archphila.org](mailto:worship@archphila.org).**

If you already serve in these ministries, please consider refreshing your skills by registering to attend the trainings.



### Altar & Rosary Schedule

- Group #4 Sep 25—Oct 1
- Group #5 Oct 2—Oct 8
- Group #6 Oct 9—Oct 15
- Group #1 Oct 16—Oct 22
- Group #2 Oct 23—Oct 29
- Group #3 Oct 30—Nov 5



September 26, 2021

*Principal's Corner*

This week is **Lion Week!** We take time over these next few days to celebrate our St. Jerome School spirit among our students, families, staff, alumni, parishioners, and friends. The highlight will be next Sunday with our **alumni Mass at 11:00 AM** followed by our third annual **St. Jerome Festival**. Please join us for an afternoon full of food, fellowship, and fun activities. All proceeds raised that day directly benefit the students of St. Jerome School.

This past Friday, Miss McGilloway's first graders spent their Morning Meeting on discussing and brainstorming kind words and examples of compliments. Each student then chose a compliment to write on a post-it note and anonymously gave it to a classmate. They came back into the classroom and excitedly read their notes. The first graders concluded the activity with a discussion about the power of words.

Come grow with us; please consider St. Jerome School if you are searching for a safe, caring, and enriching in-person early childhood program. We will be offering FLEXIBLE three and four year old preschool programs as well as full day kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year. Our Early Childhood Program is just the wonderful beginning of our Pre-K through Grade 8 elementary school. Contact the school office (215-624-0637) or [info@sjsphila.org](mailto:info@sjsphila.org) for more information and to schedule a private tour. Applications are being accepted; limited openings remain.

*Mr. Ryan Merrick*



**The St. Jerome's Seniors Group would like new members! Our first meeting is Thursday,**

**October 14, 2021 at 10:00 am. There is fun for all during our meetings, parties, and trips. To register, please call Joann Blaney 215 677 8392.**

**Thank You from DELAWARE VALLEY Vets**

The items requested by the Delaware Valley Veteran's Home were delivered to them in during the summer. *They were very thankful for the overwhelming generosity of the parishioners of St. Jerome's Parish.* The Veterans and the Knights of Columbus thank Father Reilly for participating in this collection and thank all you for donating many items to the home.

**St. Jerome SCRIP HOURS**

(sold in Rectory)

Mon—Fri 9 AM to Noon and 1 PM to 7 PM  
Sat 9 AM to 7 PM Sun 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Find complete vendor list at [sjsphila.org/scrip-program](http://sjsphila.org/scrip-program)



**Calling all Bakers!!**

We are in need of cookies, cakes, pies, brownies, muffins, cake pops, cupcakes and any of your specialty desserts for the

**St. Jerome Bake Sale Table during the Festival!**

Please go to the St. Jerome SignUp Genius page to sign up. A direct link is available on the St. Jerome Festival page

on the school website: [sjsphila.org/festival](http://sjsphila.org/festival)

Items should be wrapped for sale either individually or as a whole. **Drop off times / locations:** The rectory on Sat. 10/2— Before or after the 4:30pm Saturday Mass— Morning of the festival after 9am .

Questions? Please contact:

Megan Barnes at 215-870-1499 / [mdross10@msn.com](mailto:mdross10@msn.com) or Dana O'Connell at 215-266-5926 / [doconnell227@aol.com](mailto:doconnell227@aol.com)

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

**Prayerful/peaceful presence** @ Planned Parenthood, 2751 Comly Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154. Vigil Hours: 7AM - 3PM Monday thru Saturday, **September 22 - October 31, 2021.** Please contact Susan Silcox @ 215-882-0399 to sign up for a convenient time to pray. **Saint Jerome Vigil Day is September 30, 2021.**

**Join us this week!**

**WINCHESTER WEDNESDAY**  
featuring *Haley Quinn's Food Truck* -  
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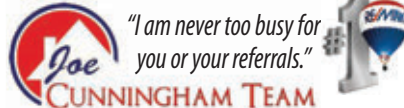
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