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MAY 21st – 27th

Monday, 10:00 a.m.
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
† Shalini James

Thanksgiving – Paul & Marjorie Dairo (25th Ann.)

Thursday, 7:00 p.m.
Confirmation Celebrations

St. Brigid, St. Jerome's RCIC and St. Monica Schools

Friday, 7:00 p.m.
† Sandra Berardi
† Felicia D'Costa
† Giuseppe Monaco

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.
† Daniel Panacci
Special Intention – Viegas Family

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
† Abigael Abilogun
† Vincenzo Bavaro
† Vincent Tran Dinh Cau
† Tran Thi Than

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.
† Alfred Azzopardi



SHARELIFE CAMPAIGN

PARISH GOAL: \$65,000.00

Living the Gospel by maximizing the impact of your donation...

Administered by St. Elizabeth HealthCare, the Shared Services Initiative is supporting other ShareLife-funded agencies in the areas of human resources, financial services and information technology. Participating agencies report they are able to improve the quality, competency and accuracy of their work. Through this initiative, ShareLife-funded agencies are ensuring the maximum amount received is directed to the front-line service they provide.

May 27 is the next ShareLife Sunday.

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Total collected to-date: \$28,674.00



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Commentary for the Readings in the Extraordinary Form:
“Suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a violent wind...it filled the whole house...And there appeared to them parted tongues as of fire, which settled upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit” (Epistle).

On Christmas, we celebrate the birthday of Christ in His Physical Body. Today is the birthday of the Church, of all those who have been reborn into His Mystical Body.

How did the first Christians prepare? They were all “in prayer” with Mary; and they were “all of one in mind,” under the leadership of Peter, making ready to tell “men from every nation under heaven...of the wonderful works of God” (Epistle). Yes, prayer and action are the marks of the true Christian.

In the Offertory we ask the Holy Spirit to “confirm” the graces “wrought in us” when we were baptized and confirmed. We pray also “to relish” things of the Spirit and to benefit by “His consolation” (Prayer) in the struggle of Church and soul against “the prince of the world” (Gospel).

~Excerpted from My Sunday Missal, Confraternity of the Precious Blood.



MYSTAGOGY!

Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

This Wednesday evening is the last Mystagogy session, following the evening Mass and ending at 9:30 p.m. Thank you to all the parishioners that made an effort to attend as many sessions as possible. As a community of faith it is important we help our Neophytes fully become a part of St. Jerome's Parish.

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another...” Proverbs 27:17

CHARITY SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE



Thank you to all parishioners who donated to our monthly Charity Sunday Food Drive last weekend. Your donations offer assistance to needy families within our parish boundaries and community. The next food drive weekend is **May 26th & 27th**.

YOUTH GROUP BAKE SALE

St. Jerome's Youth Group will be having a Bake Sale on **May 26 & 27** after all the Masses. Please come out and support our Youth Group to help fundraise for their activities throughout the season!



Thank you for your continuous support!

MAY IS THE MONTH OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



May is a special month for the Blessed Mother. St. Jerome's Legion of Mary will celebrate our devotion to her with the Crowning of Mary on **Tuesday, May 29 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass**. There will be a rosary procession inside the church.

All are welcome to attend.

MASS INTENTION REQUEST

Mass Intention offering at St. Jerome's are done in person at the parish office **ONLY**. Mass Intentions offerings are at the daily evening Masses at 7:00 p.m., the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass Intentions can be booked in advance. The Archdiocese has suggested Mass Intention donations at \$20.



Thank you for your cooperation.



Thursday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m.

St. Brigid School
St. Jerome's RCIC
St. Monica School



Mass Etiquette: Things To Do And Not Do In Mass

1. **Fast before Mass.** It is church law that one fasts for at least 1 hour before receiving Holy Communion. Water and medicine can be consumed, of course. The purpose is to help us prepare to receive Jesus in the Eucharist.
2. **No Food and Drink in Church.**
3. **Do not chew gum in church.** It shows a lack of reverence.
4. **Bless yourself with Holy Water on entering and leaving the church.** This is a reminder of our Baptism, which made us members of Christ's Church. Just try to remain mindful of what is happening when you do so and do it with reverence.
5. **Dress modestly and appropriately.** Wear your Sunday Best.
6. **Show up at least a few minutes early.** If for some reason you cannot be on time, then try to sit in the back so you do not disturb others. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.
7. **Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting.** The exceptions are emergencies (big ones, not everyday ones) and if you do use one, please walk out of church to do so. .
8. **Do not sit on the edge of the pew if you sit down before others.** Rather, sit in the middle so others do not have to climb over you. Furthermore – Gentlemen offer their seats to any lady (elderly, disabled, mothers with infants.) who must stand.
9. **When we enter and leave church, a prominent bow towards the altar.** Christ is present.
10. **Please maintain a prayerful silence while in church.** Once you enter the church proper – it is not the time or place to visit with those around you. If you must talk do so as quietly and briefly as possible. Remember that your conversation might be disturbing someone who is in prayer, which is much more important.
11. **All children are welcome and have their rights.** Every parent knows that sometimes the baby is going to have a bad day. Preferably, sit at the end of a pew, if necessary you can take the child to the back quietly.

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