March 24, 2019  

Third Sunday of Lent

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish..."

Luke 13:3

Masses and Devotions

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**Rosary** recited before the 8:00 AM daily Mass

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursdays:** Exposition at end of 8:00AM Mass.
Holy Hour 9:00-10:00 AM
10:00 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy then Benediction

**Miraculous Medal Novena**
Tuesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass

During Lent: Stations of the Cross on Friday Evening 7:00 PM
Friday, March 29, 2019
6:15 am Thomas Blaney
8:00 am Fred Siegle

Saturday, March 30, 2019
8:00 am Maryann Tillger
5:00 pm David Eberle

Sunday, March 31, 2019
6:30 am David Eberle
8:00 am John & Mary Johnson
9:30 am Fred Siegle
11:00 am Edward Dailey

To add someone to the prayer list, please email
parish@stjeromechurchphila.org
(put “Prayer List” in the subject line) or call the rectory at
215-333-4461.

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.


Pre-Jordan Class - Baptism preparation class for expectant parents (and Godparents if they wish to attend). Held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in a classroom by the school library. Please call the rectory to reserve space for parents (and Godparents/sponsors).

Marriage - Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to a wedding date. To make arrangements please call the rectory to speak to a priest.

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 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or any time by calling the rectory.
Dear Parishioners,

Bushes, trees and soil figure prominently in the Scriptures we hear today. There is the burning bush that grows on holy ground, and of course we hear Jesus' puzzling parable of the fig tree. Metaphors about growth and "plant" words are some of our favorite ways of describing our lives. We know what someone means when they say they are "putting down roots," or when we describe our children as "growing like weeds." Although we do not live in quite the same agrarian setting as did Jesus, we still know what he means when the Scriptures speak to us using expressions and images that are about trees and soil.

Think for a moment about our lives as Christians. Our lives contain elements of the burning bush, the holy ground and even the fig tree. Take first the captivating image of the burning bush in the first reading. Our lives should be like that burning bush – we are called to be on fire with God's love. In other words, we should be radiant with God's love, a fire that burns within us. That love – God's love – should radiate out into the world through each of us, bringing warmth and light. That fire should be revealed in how we speak and act – a fire that does not burn yet which brightens the world.

As we gather here today, let us remember that we are standing on holy ground. In fact, wherever we stand is holy ground, because it is ground that has been created by God. Deeper still, by the ashes of Ash Wednesday, we were reminded that we are made of that holy ground. We are made by holiness and we are made for holiness.

Finally, there is Jesus' parable about the fig tree. In the end, it is not sufficient for the fig tree to simply be called a fig tree. It must bear fruit. The same is true of our identity as Christians. We, too, must bear fruit. Yet we also know that bearing the fruit of Christian living requires patient tending. We must allow God and others to care for us. We must also exercise Christ-like care for ourselves and for those around us. We, too, need nourishment – fertilizer – to energize us, to help us to grow, to fill us with life. God seeks to provide us with this nourishment as we gather here at the table of the Eucharist.

As we gather here, God shares with us the food that will see us through the cold and dark of our Lenten winter. Here God tends to us, helps us to grow and change in new and holy ways. Here we are nourished as we make our way to the springtime of Easter.

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 Sunday Collection
March 17, 2019
$9,862.05

Parish Lottery Numbers
Monday, March 18, 2019
05—15—26—28—32
There were 3—$167 consolation prize winners.

Can’t wait for the Sunday Bulletin?
Call the lottery hotline at: 215—333—4475.
Hotline updated after 9:45pm (after drawing)

Jackpot is now
$21,500.00

The next drawing will be held on:
**Monday, March 25, 2019**
at 7:45 pm in the school library.
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

St. Jerome Senior Citizens Club (JEMS)
The next meeting for St. Jerome's Seniors will be Thursday, March 28th in the school hall at 10 AM.
Anyone wishing to join the JEMS, please contact Joann Blaney 215-677-8392.


ST. JEROME SENIORS present an 8 Day/7 Night exciting Trip to Ireland October 3-10, 2019. Package includes: Round trip airfare from Newark Airport, hotel transfers, deluxe escorted motor coach for touring, accommodations at 1st class hotels, 6 breakfasts and dinners, baggage handling of one suitcase at all hotels, hotel taxes, meal gratuities, airport taxes. $2324.00 per Person, double occupancy. *ESTIMATED AIR UNTIL TICKETED*
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“Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”
St. Jerome
March 24, 2019

The children who will be making First Eucharist in April had a beautiful retreat on Sunday. They began with Mass at 11:00 and then went to the school hall where they listened to the speaker discuss how God has molded them and is inside of them. They had the chance to sign a banner, get their picture taken and decorate blessing cups made from clay. The children and parents blessed each other before they left. The blessing cups will be blessed on the day of their First Eucharist and returned to them at that time.

The children in grade 1 - 8 will attend Stations of the Cross each Friday at 1:00 during Lent.

Enrollment for the 2019 - 2020 school year is now open. If you would like more information or would like to schedule a tour, please call the school office at 215-624-0637.

St. Jerome School:
Pre-K3 through Grade 8
Registration for September 2019

PRE-K 3: Monday— Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
(with a half-day option, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM)
PRE-K 4: Monday—Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM
KINDERGARTEN: Full Day Classes
Before/After CARES available for an additional fee.
For more information: call 215-624-0637 or email schooloffice@stjerome@gmail.com. SJSphila.org

St. Jerome CYO
Spring coupon for Modell’s is here just in time for Spring sports—softball baseball, track.
Valid 03/15/19 - 04/18/2019.
There are multiple ways to use your coupon: present it to the cashier at checkout— show the coupon on your phone to be scanned—simply mention Saint Jerome’s and the cashier can look it up.
Share with friends and family and don’t forget it when shopping for the kiddies’ Easter baskets.
Coupons available at the scrip counter at the rectory.
Please follow us on Facebook – St Jerome CYO.

Morey’s Piers Discount Ticket Offer
We have been offered special ticket pricing for passes to Morey’s Piers and Water Parks in Wildwood, NJ. Order forms can be picked up at the rectory. Tickets purchased through this fundraiser never expire. You may also order online at www.moreyspoiers.com/schoolfundraiser
School ID: ST JEROME This ticket sale ends on Thursday, April 25. Orders sent into school will be delivered by May 23. Online orders will be sent an email to print a ticket voucher. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Carolan at abcarolan@verizon.net. Proceeds of this ticket sale will benefit our participation in the 2019 TruMark Financial’s Kiss a Pig Grant Program. Thank you for supporting our events and programs!

Altar & Rosary Schedule
Group #7 Mar 23 — Mar 29
Group #8 Mar 30 — Apr 5
Group #1 Apr 6 — Apr 12
Group #2 Apr 13 — Apr 19
Group #3 Apr 20 — Apr 26
Group #4 Apr 27 — May 3
Group #5 May 4 — May 10
Group #6 May 11 — May 17

St. Jerome Church
SAINT JEROME CHURCH MARCH 24, 2019

From March 6 through April 14, you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. For more information go to https://40daysforlife.com/browse-campaigns/

The Archdiocesan Initiative, Remain in My Love, to reinvigorate marriage and the family, is in its third year which is directed to everyone in the Archdiocese, especially married couples and families. Sessions are planned all throughout the Archdiocese to look at marriage as created by God, what is good about marriage and the family as the domestic church.
The Church has something very important to say about marriage and the family and you don’t want to miss it. Go to the website for Remain in My Love, http://archphila.org/remain/, to learn all about the opportunities for you during 2019 and register for the sessions in your area.

St. Peter’s Dinner – Friday, March 29th at 6 PM—
St. Katherine of Siena Parish, Fitzgerald Hall.
Cost: $15 Adult, $10 Child. Full dinner and light refreshments. BYOB. Tables of 8 may be reserved. For information and to purchase tickets, call 215-817-9497.
It is IMPORTANT that all Catholics within our boundaries be registered and be active participants of the parish. Circumstances often change registration status. If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, you need to be sure you are registered correctly in the parish.

**Have you moved away from your parental home (not just for college)?**

**Have you recently changed your marital status?**

**Are you living with your parents, are over 18, and not receiving your own mailings and envelopes?**

If you answered yes to any of the above, please come to the rectory office to update your registration status.

Having made your sacraments here at St. Jerome or having gone to school here does NOT automatically register you in the parish. Please call (215)-627-1270 (ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@sjsphila.org) for additional information or questions regarding Roman Catholic High School’s admissions process or call (215)-627-1270 ext. 146/159 or e-mail admissions@roman catholics.com.

**Romauction 2019** — premier gala and major fundraising event will be held on Saturday, April 13th at Roman Catholic High School. Plan to join us for an entertaining evening featuring a lavish buffet, raffle items, games of chance as well as silent and live auction items. For more information about tickets, sponsorships, and advertisements, please visit our website at roman catholics.com or call 215-627-1270 (ext. 221).

NAZARETH ACADEMY HS is proud to host a 5th & 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt on Friday, April 12th from 6 to 8:30 PM. We invite 5th & 6th grade girls to join us for a fun – FREE - evening of seek-and-find throughout Nazareth while hanging out with friends and meeting other girls from around the area. Please visit NazarethAcademyHS.org/admissions-events/scavengerhunt to register for this free event or contact Ms. Derassouyan at 215-268-1026 or Admissions@NazarethAcademyHS.org.

FATHER JUDGE HS— 7th Grade Practice Test, Sat., Apr. 27 or Sun., April 28th. Pre-register homepage at fatherjudge.org. Call 215-338-0949 x1158 for more information.

JOHN W. HALLAHAN H.S. Alumnae Association is sponsoring their annual 50 Years & Beyond luncheon on Wednesday, May 1st at Connstatter Volksfest-Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia for graduates of Hallahan for 50+ years. Cost $35.00/person - $25.00 for religious. Please contact Marge West Kiefki ’66 at 215-913-4482 or at mmkiefki@aol

Community Events – from the Office of Councilman Bobby Henon

March 30th: Northeast Philadelphia 2019 History Fair Time: 10:00am-3:00pm at Cannstatter Volksfest Verein.

April 6th: Philly Spring Clean Up Volunteer Day Time: 10:00am-12:00pm meet at the intersection of Delaware Ave & Orthodox Street, Volunteers Needed! For more information and registration visit riverfrontnorth.org/spring-cleanup

April 10th- Senior Talent Show! 11:00am- 3:00pm Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. To Reserve your seat please call 215-686-3444

April 24th: Bingo Night! 6pm-8pm Northeast Older Adult Center, Bustleton and Solly Aves.
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