October 29, 2023          30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
Jesus, Matt 22:37

Rev. Michael J. Reilly—Pastor
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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 PM
Sunday Mass: 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 AM
Weekday Mass: Mon—Fri 8:00 AM
(no 8 AM Mass on Sat.)
Holy Day Mass: 4:30 PM Vigil,
8:00 AM and 7:00 PM
Confessions: Sat. 3:30—4:15 PM or by appointment.

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Sacrament of Baptism—Celebrated on Sundays 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. (215-333-4461)

Pre-Jordan Class—Baptism preparation classes, for parents requesting the sacrament for their child, will be held in the chapel off the Narthex. The classes will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month after 11:00 am Mass. (Godparents are invited to attended but are not required to participate). Please call the rectory to inquire and register for the class.

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.

Saint Jerome Memorial Society

Pray for

Baby Owen
Anne Adair
Shawn Adair
George Anaya
John Baczkowski
Mary Barlow
Howard Begley
Ronald Begley
Lee Belancio
Ed Bergan
Freida Bleuhy
John Bucci
Vonda Bucci
Kimberly Clark
Rose Costa
Rita Dawson
Margaret DeStefanis
Chrissey Capella Douglas
Sr. Mary Rose Dugan
Diane Fox
Avra Franks
Marty Gannon
Louis Gerner
Mary Glenn
Dolores Hall
Joan Hofstaedter
Mary Alice Hunter
Pat Kelly
Catherine Klein
Mindy Koppel
Arthur Kozempel
Don Langan
Jane Lasota
Steve Lasota
Peggy Lewitt
Mary Regina Mangan
Carlos Martinez Jr.
William McAdams
Maryann McBride
Karen McHale
John Milburn
Margaret Milburn
Ed Mockapetris
Rosemarie Morris
Debbie Noon
Theresa Nulty
Alfred Ozell
Rita Marie Perkins
Joe Pietruzzi
Mary Plattowski
Joan Quirk
Yamir Ramirez
Fran Reck
Mary Ries
Pat Schreiber
Anne M. Shay
Donald Shay
Sal Sinibaldi
Teddy Smyth
T. Tagliaferro
Tracy Tarvis
Marie Trainor
Luke Tynan
Katie Venues
Carolyn Von Schmidt
Eden Weiss
Marie Weiss
Baby Peter White
John Wisniewski
Patti Woods
Yolando Yutanco
Lidia Zevris

Pray for the deceased
Peggy Hondros

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.
Across the Lawn...

Dear Parishioners,

God calls us to profound generosity in our readings today. Loving our neighbor as ourselves takes on specific forms in God’s commandments from the Book of Exodus. Do not oppress an alien. Do not wrong any widow or orphan. Care for the vulnerable with generosity that does not seek personal benefit. Jesus commands us: Love your neighbor as yourself.

This is a radical call. This call goes far beyond tolerance or general good will. It is a call that is costly and profound.

Where is God calling us to reach out to an alien or an outsider? Who are the widows, the orphans, the vulnerable and needy in our lives? To whom are we being called to extend generosity and care?

These are questions we must reflect on regularly if we are to follow this second commandment in our Gospel. And yet, perhaps many of us come here feeling burdened or overwhelmed. We may be wondering how we could ever fulfill such a command. Where could we ever get the resources we could ever fulfill such a command? Where could we ever get the resources – personal, practical, monetary, or otherwise – to answer this radical call?

Note that this is the second commandment Jesus gives. This command follows after the first: Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.

This is the greatest and the first commandment. This is where Jesus tells us to begin.

If we are to love our neighbor properly, we must begin by seeking God and God’s help first. We must start at the source of all generous love. We must be filled from the eternal font if we are to pour out to others.

Flying on an airplane, we’ve heard a vital safety protocol: secure your oxygen mask first, then help others. If we don’t have the life-sustaining breath we need, our capacity to serve will be cut off.

How do we secure our oxygen masks? How can we seek God before we head into a situation where love of neighbor becomes demanding? We must practice loving God with all our heart, soul, and mind before discerning how best to serve. This practice is meant to help us receive God’s presence and love so we are able to share him with others throughout our day.

Our participation at Mass gives us what we need to answer God’s call to love others. In this Eucharist, we receive Christ: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We are given Goodness himself; we are recipients of eternal and perfect generosity; we are fed with the love God calls us to extend to others. Through Christ’s Real Presence here with us today, may we be equipped to go forth and love as he loves us.

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

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**Sunday Collection**

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In order to meet our annual bills, which include payroll, pensions, utilities, real estate tax, and Diocesan bills, our weekly budgeted goal is $12,000.00. Thank you for your support!

Did you know that E-GIVING is easy and SECURE? Visit the parish website [www.stjeromechurchphila.org](http://www.stjeromechurchphila.org) and click the DONATE tab at the top of the home page!

Hoboken Cucina will be selling its homemade brownie tray for Halloween. 18 delicious brownies with mounds of candy. Peanut free. You can bring to a party...give as a gift or just enjoy with family. $25.00 a tray. **We will deliver.** You let us know when you need it. Contact Maria Kling. 917 837 4484

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**Communion Etiquette -- cont’d**

Our interior disposition cannot be separated from our exterior disposition. If we go to Communion chatting with our neighbor, chewing gum, having our hands in our pockets, perhaps we aren’t fully aware of Who we are about to receive. A casual posture and behavior may signal a casual interior attitude toward something that is holy and deserves our full attention, body and soul. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us:

1387 To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

If we had the opportunity to have an intimate meeting with the President or the Pope we would be properly prepared – interiorly and exteriorly! If it would be disrespectful to the President or the Pope to ignore them while in our presence, how much more serious is it would be to ignore God when He is giving Himself to us!
**THIS WEEK ON FORMED**

**Week of October 29, 2023**

**Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd**

As the Cardinal-nephew of Pope Pius IV, Saint Charles Borromeo was one of the wealthiest and most powerful men in all of Rome. Yet he chose the extraordinary challenge of reforming the Archdiocese of Milan to the point of flight of a Renaissance prince, and willingly spent himself in the service of his flock.

**The Communion of Saints | Sacred Art**

In celebration of All Saints’ Day, Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp sit down to discuss Giusto de’ Menabuoi’s “Paradise” and how the saints give us hope by showing us that holiness is possible.

**Brother Francis - All Souls Day**

In this episode of Brother Francis, kids can learn about All Souls Day and how we take time to remember those who have passed away.

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**Altar & Rosary Schedule**

- **Group #5**: Oct 28—Nov 3
- **Group #6**: Nov 4—Nov 10
- **Group #1**: Nov 11—Nov 17
- **Group #2**: Nov 18—Nov 25
- **Group #3**: Nov 26—Dec 1
- **Group #4**: Dec 2—Dec 8

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**Prayer Meeting—**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Prayer meeting is held Monday afternoons in the Narthex.

Rosary: 1:45 PM. Prayer Meeting: 2-3 PM

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**SCRIPTURE STUDY**

Searching for a deeper understanding of God’s word in the liturgy and discovering ways we can apply His Word in our daily life?

Join us in preparing our hearts and minds to enrich our Sunday Mass experience.

**Date**: Every Wednesday

**Time**: 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

**Place**: Saint Jerome’s Faculty Room

**Bring**: Personal Bible (Bibles available if needed.)

For more information contact Michele Konicki (215) 370-5844 or michelekonicki14@gmail.com

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**FAITH FORMATION**

**LIFELONG AND ONGOING**

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**Children’s Liturgy of the Word**

Children will be called forward to the sanctuary after the opening prayer and led to their meeting place by their prayer leader. All children between the ages of 4 and 8 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.

If your child is anxious, a parent is welcome to join Children’s Liturgy until they feel comfortable going independently.

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**NEXT FAMILY FAITH SUNDAY 11/12/23**

Reconciliation/Holy Communion Registration form was due 10/19

Confirmation Parent Meeting 11/14 (6:30 pm)

Confirmation Retreat 11/18 (11 am to 5:30 pm)

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Do you feel like you are being called for more?
Do you feel incomplete?
Are you searching for something but you don’t know what?
Do you have questions about the Catholic Faith?
Do you think you might want to become a Catholic?
Are you a Catholic who has not received First Communion or Confirmation and wonders how you can?
Or maybe you know someone with one of these questions. We can help you find the answers.
Contact Janet Fiatoa, Director of Faith Formation at dff@stjeromechurchphila.org
Are you seeking answers to life’s basic questions?

JUST TWO SEEKING SESSIONS LEFT BUT, IT IS STILL NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN THE CONVERSATION?

WHEN: THURSDAYS AT 7:15 PM ON 11/2, AND 11/9
WHERE: FR. O’HARA ROOM (CHURCH)
QUESTIONS: EMAIL DFF@STJEROMECHURCHPHILA.ORG
LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
JUST SHOW UP. ALL ARE WELCOME

4:30 Mass—Saturday, Nov. 18th

Bill Monaghan and his crew are back! Philadelphia area composer, performer, music minister, band leader, and instructor, Bill Monaghan will lead the music at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, Nov. 18th at 4:30 PM. He will lead us in Praise & Worship that is true to the Catholic celebration of the Mass.

www.monaghanmusic.com

PLEASE JOIN US!

Bethlehem Olive Wood Arts Coming To Our Church

Christian Carvings & Statues
Handcrafted Olive Art Straight From the Holy Land to our Parish.
A representative from the Bethlehem olive wood arts factory from the holy land will be present after all the masses on November 4 & 5, 2023, to sell handcrafted olive wood art pieces. Olive wood items are made of authentic olive trees from Bethlehem, the place birthplace of Jesus Christ.
Take advantage of this opportunity to find a unique and beautiful gift for yourself or someone you love this Christmas, everything is hand carved and all proceeds will benefit Christian families in the holy land.

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ST. JEROME’S SENIOR GROUP:
The meetings for November are Thursday, November 9 and Thursday, November 30 in the school hall. Please arrive by 10:00 am. Meeting begins promptly at 11:00 am.

Parent Auxiliary of BSA Scout/Cub Pack 460 presents PURSES & POWER TOOLS BINGO—
Saturday, November 11th, 7—11 PM, Our Lady of Calvary Gym. Tickets are $35 per person; Ages 16+ only. Contact Marisa 267-216-4653 or Leah 215-609-0128 for tickets, donations or info.

St. Dominic Catholic Daughters will hold their flea market at Marian Hall on Saturday November 11, 2023 from 8am to 2pm at 8532 Frankford Ave, 19136

Great vendors- awesome bargains. Food and fun for the whole family. Homemade cake sale and basket raffles!

Hope to see you there.
Thank you to our Home and School Association for sponsoring our annual Trunk or Treat celebration in the school yard and parking lot. Over 60 cars and over 350 children participated in an evening of fun. We also appreciate our Student Council, guided by Miss Labovitz and Mr. Stevens, for their work in providing activities at Trunk or Treat. The St. Jerome Home and School Association works with Fr. Reilly, me, our school staff, and families to provide activities for our families, including Trunk or Treat. This builds our sense of community and gives our students, parents, and staff time to socialize and enjoy each other’s company in an atmosphere of fun and collaboration.

The Foundation for Catholic Education is seeking donors for their EITC scholarship program. If you pay Pennsylvania income taxes, you may be eligible to redirect your state tax payment through the EITC program. You receive a 90% tax credit, and St. Jerome School receives funds that can be used to offer financial assistance to our families. It is an easy way to support our school and help families afford a Catholic education! Please contact Kevin Kelly 610-793-8224 or kkelly@foundationfce.org for more information.

It is not too early for friends and family to inquire about next year as well. Please contact our school office (info@sjsphila.org) or 215-624-0637 to set up an appointment and visit our website (www.sjsphila.org) for more information including tuition, financial aid, and applications. We will have an open house on Sunday, November 12th from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM for prospective families.

Mr. Ryan Merrick

St. Hubert Alumnae Association Events—

BUCKS & BAGS BINGO—Sunday, Nov. 5th  1-4 PM
Doors open at noon. Admission: $35 Assigned seating / Non-refundable / Must be 18 to attend / Alcohol not permitted.
Venmo @SH-Alumnae  PayPal: paypal.me/SHAA7320
SHAABingo1941@gmail.com

St. Jerome’s Football team:
We are 5-1 and tied for first place and we are looking to have a deep run in the playoff. Follow us by joining our Facebook page St Jerome’s cyo football. Call for tickets: John DeStefanis 267-879-0849

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
Saint Lucy School for Children with Visual Impairments, 3031 Stamford St, Phila., PA 19136, is in need of an instructional assistant for a 5th/6th grade classroom. Candidates must have a high school diploma (some college preferred) and be eligible to obtain clearances. Interested applicants should contact the school office at 215-333-2493.

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 merchant list at sjsphila.org/scrip-program

ST. JEROME SCHOOL FAMILIES: scrip credits can be applied to your FACTS Tuition account anytime you choose through the year and any remaining credits will be applied to your last tuition payment.

Knights of Columbus Beef and Beer Watch Party

Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles
Sunday November 5th, 2023 4:00-8:00 PM
3300 Knorr Street Philadelphia, PA
Tickets $25 Kids $10
Call for tickets: John DeStefanis 267-879-0849

There will be Chances sold to Win Eagles Autographs and a 50/50 Raffle
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