



FEBRUARY 2016 Youth Newsletter

Announcements:

Wed Feb 10: Ash Wednesday/No faith formation classes, Liturgy at 9am and 7 pm.

Friday Feb 12, 19, and 26: Stations of the Cross at 7 pm

God's Super Hero: St. Jerome Emiliani: Feb 8

Jerome Emiliani was born in Venice in the year 1481. He grew up to be a soldier and was captured during a battle and imprisoned. While in a dungeon, he thought about his life, which had been far from virtuous. He decided to change and dedicated himself to the Virgin Mary.

After a miraculous escape from prison, Jerome returned to Venice.

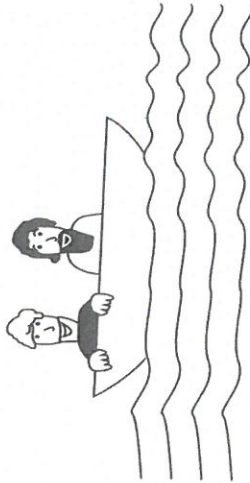
He took care of the sick and the poor in the hospitals there.

He also studied for the priesthood and was ordained in 1518.

When the plague broke out in 1528, Jerome cared for the sick and fed the hungry at his own expense. Many children were left orphaned, homeless, and abandoned. Jerome decided to devote his life to their care. He traveled from city to city and founded three orphanages, a hospital, and a shelter for penitent women. Jerome set up a program for children similar to the vocational training classes of today. He taught them the Catholic faith.

About 1532, Jerome and two other priests founded a congregation for the care of orphans and for the education of priests and children. Jerome died on Feb 8, 1537 from a disease he caught from his patients. The names of Jesus and Mary were his last words.

The Big Catch

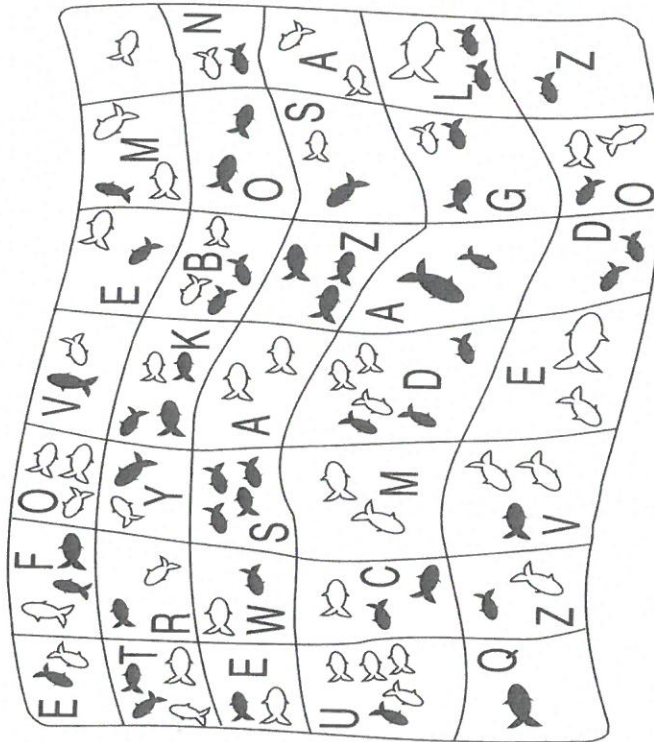


On one occasion Simon Peter and James and John stayed out all night in their boats trying to catch fish, yet they caught nothing.

The next day Jesus told Peter, "Go into the deep water and put out your nets." Even though Peter had already tried that the night before, he did as Jesus said. He and the others got such a big catch of fish that their nets were breaking. The fish filled two boats! (Lk. 5:1-11).

To finish the sentence, write down, in order from top to bottom and left to right, the letters in the net's squares that contain two fish.

And _____



The Transfiguration of the Lord

When Jesus took three of his disciples to the top of a high mountain, something very special happened.

You can read the story of this event, called the Transfiguration, in three Gospels in the Bible:

Matthew 17:1-9, Mark 9:2-10, and Luke 9:28b-36.

Each crossword clue describes someone from this story.

See if you can fill in all their names.

Some clues are similar, yet each refers to someone (or something) different.

ACROSS

1- A prophet who appeared and talked with Jesus

2- A disciple who went up the mountain with Jesus

3- Another prophet who appeared and talked with Jesus

DOWN

4- God's Son

5- The disciple who offered to build some tents

6- Another disciple who went up the mountain with Jesus

7- Came from a cloud