

St. Jerome Church

23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851

203-847-5349



22nd Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.” - Mk 7:15

MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Jerome Parish, a Roman Catholic community, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus we are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to work for its values in the local community and beyond. We are committed to: worship, religious education, shared faith and service. We welcome all people with respect, acceptance and support.

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM
 9:15 AM Young Children's Mass
 11:00 AM
 6:00 PM (September—June)

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Day 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Sat 9:00 AM

HOW TO FIND US.....

Parish Website: www.stjeromenorwalk.org
Parish Email: office@stjeromenorwalk.org
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communications@stjeromenorwalk.org



Parish Facebook: [stjeromenorwalk](https://www.facebook.com/stjeromenorwalk)
REACH & TOTAL Facebook:
[REACH.TOTAL.stjerome](https://www.facebook.com/REACH.TOTAL.stjerome)



Parish Twitter: [@StJeromeNorwalk](https://twitter.com/StJeromeNorwalk)
REACH & TOTAL Twitter:
[@REACHstjerome](https://twitter.com/REACHstjerome)



Instagram:
[stjeromenorwalk](https://www.instagram.com/stjeromenorwalk)

PARISH STAFF

PASTORAL STAFF ~ 203-847-5349

Rev. David Blanchfield, Pastor
 Rev. Rojin Karickal, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Michael Hoag, S.J., Weekend Assistant

PARISH OFFICE ~ 203-847-5349

Summer Office Hours, Mon-Fri 9:00 AM—Noon
 Natalie Raduazzo, Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Rohr, Administrative Assistant

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TOTAL Joe and Daniela O'Callaghan

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Donald Nelson

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Jerry Holdridge • 203-966-3658

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

203-847-3881 Pre K—Grade 8

139 West Rocks Road
 Norwalk, CT 06851
 Linda Dunn, Principal

FAITH DIRECT—ONLINE GIVING

866-507-8757 www.faithdirect.net

Sign up using our church code: **CT46** or visit our website at www.stjeromenorwalk.org/Faith-Direct-enrollment.pdf



9/1 9:00 am Vincent Michael Mendoza, Jr.
(July Mendoza)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Harry Brownstein
(daughter, Esty)

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

9/2 8:00 am Nick Mecca
(Ed & Barbara Bagnato)

9:15 am Betty LeCates
(family)

11:00 am Skip Vincent
(Nancy Yap)

6:00 pm Olga Culver
(Phil & Peach Kraft)

9/3 9:00 am Roberta Marshall Patzer

9/4 9:00 am Frank Tatto
(Laurel Club)

9/5 9:00 am Jennie Boccarossa
(Pat)

9/6 9:00 am Walter Burk
(Mary Holland)

9/7 9:00 am for the People

9/8 9:00 am Maria Florio

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Maureen Fortune
(Aunt Deb & Uncle Tom)

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

9/9 8:00 am Kay & Babe Ferris
(Victor & Cathy Librandi)

9:15 am Effie DeCamp
(Anna & Lee L'Archevesque)

11:00 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr.
(family)

6:00 pm Paula Maiberger
(Barbara & Ed Bagnato)

Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers may be memorialized for a donation of \$50. Please call the Parish Office several months prior to your desired date.

Adoration & Silent Prayer

Every day between 4:00PM and 5:00PM.

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.

Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Perpetual Novena

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place each Monday following morning Mass

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayers

Monday through Saturday after daily Mass

Baptisms

Please call the parish office during regular office hours to schedule. Pre Baptism class 3rd Monday each month

Required Pre-Baptism

Class at 7PM third Monday of the month. Please register ahead of time by calling the office.

Reconciliation

One hour before vigil on Saturday. Also **anytime** by appointment.

Marriages

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

First Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 9:00 AM Mass, in the sanctuary. Anyone with an ongoing medical condition or who is seriously ill, anticipating a medical procedure or operation, is welcome to come.

Gluten Free Hosts

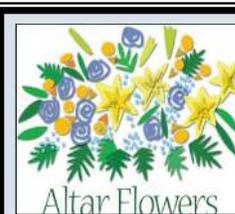
Available at all Masses. If you require a gluten-free host, please see the officiating priest before Mass.

Bringing up the Gifts at Mass

If the Mass intention has been requested by you or for your loved ones, and you would like to bring up the Gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know that you are present and would like to bring up the gifts.

Widows' Support Group

Meets at 1:00 PM on the second & forth Tuesday of the month in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room.



The altar flowers for this weekend have been donated in memory of Ralph Cocchia by his wife, Diane.



FR. DAVID'S RANDOM THOUGHTS.....

Labor Day and the new academic year are here. I spent many, many summers as a pool director at a country club in Simsbury and have vivid memories of the last two weeks of August. Often there was a real taste of fall in the air, and that change pointed to things to come. Every fall I would get energized and excited about the year to come. This year the heat index in the last days of August is 105. My energy is drained, and I wonder if I will have the energy necessary for my last fall as pastor. I tell you this because of the need to remember that the spiritual life is all about a daily dying and rising. That pattern is also true of the seasons of our lives. As we grow older physically, and mental diminishment occurs, it is important not only to take more moments of rest, but also to treasure small moments.

Now that I am walking again, on cooler days I take Murphy to Waveny Park in New Canaan. The meadow there is home to flocks of bluebirds. In my younger days I would go there to run three miles, now I go to watch the bluebirds. I have noted these last few years that they migrate early. Last week when I went I was afraid they might be gone. On my second visit part of the meadow had been mowed and bluebirds in abundance showed up look for food. They were everywhere. I had never seen so many in one place. It was like the miracle of the miraculous catch of fish after the Resurrection. The amazement of the moment caught my heart in wonder. If my young self had been running, I would have raced right by and missed the wonder. As we grow older there are increased opportunities to slow down and live in the moment. Each season of life has its' own joys as well as burdens. It is the Holy Spirit that teaches us to treasure each of the seasons of our lives.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JEROME.....

Sunday	9/2	
Monday	9/3	Women's Scripture Group 9:30 AM
Tuesday	9/4	
Wednesday	9/5	Contemplative Prayer 7PM Women's Scripture Group 7:30 PM
Thursday	9/6	
Friday	9/7	
Saturday	9/8	Men's Ministry 7:00 AM

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

August 26, 2018 \$2,973
August total to date \$32,573
August Offertory Budget \$38,800

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish.



We pray for those who bravely serve our country.

Our service people include:

PFC Devon Barker, United States Army
PFC Andrew Chimento, United States Army
Sgt. Jason Kulik, United States Army
SSgt. Cameron Prescott, USAF
Pvt. Patrick Ruther, CTARNG
SSG Hendrik P. Sorensen, ARNG
Airman Lauren A. Sorensen, USN
LCpl. Jack H. Whitney, USMC

THANK YOU!!



Thank you very much for your donations to our August Food Drive/Milk Fund Collection. The total number of food items was 653, which includes 314 to be

purchased with the donated cash from the hallway table after each Mass. The Milk Fund Collection total was \$87.00. Special thanks to Maureen Morrissey, Lorraine Larkin, and Sheila Rietano for staffing the donation table and to our devoted crew of volunteers who helped to sort, bag, shop for, and deliver the collected food to Person-2-Person's food pantry: Kathy Kryspin, Kathy Jimenez, Carol Caragine, Barbara Bagnato, Bill Sweeney, Rebecca Sweeney, Nancy Wagner, John Wagner, and Bill Halstead.



Your donated Back-to-School Supplies to the Carver Center were gratefully received and appreciated. The many school supply donations will be given to students who are part of the Carver Center's Youth Development and After-School programs at 11 Norwalk Elementary, Middle, and High Schools. Thanks to all who participated in this project from the Carver Center Executive Director Novelette Peterkin.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING!!

SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

All volunteers 18 years and over must be in compliance with the diocesan mandate.

Please see the VIRTUS website (www.virtusonline.org) click "First-time registrant", click "view a list of sessions", search 'Bridgeport, CT (Diocese)'.

Some upcoming training dates:

St. Luke's (Westport) 9/5—6 PM

All Saints Catholic School (Norwalk) 9/22—9 AM

TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@Pontifex "May God's blessing come down upon all your families, so that they may be places of love and forgiveness."

@BishopCaggiano "St. Monica is an inspiration for anyone who faces any suffering or challenge that is beyond our own ability to 'fix'. At such times, like Monica, we are asked to unite our sufferings to Christ and in prayer, leave to Him what we cannot do ourselves."

@JamesMartinSJ "Gospel: Today's readings include a remarkable line about King Herod and John the Baptist: "When he heard him speak he was very much perplexed, yet he liked to listen to him." A part of Herod may have grasped John's message. There is good in all of us— but it has to be nurtured."

A colorful advertisement for a raffle. At the top right is a logo for "PARISH Raffle" with "Raffle" in large, stylized red letters. Below it, a blue ticket stub lists prizes: 1st Prize - \$10,000, 2nd Prize - \$3,000, 3rd Prize - \$2,000. The drawing is on Sunday, September 30, 2018, from 3:00-5:00 P.M. at St. Jerome R.C. Church, 23 West Side Road, Norwalk, CT 06851. A ticket costs \$10.00. The main text reads "23rd Annual St. Jerome Norwalk Parish Raffle". It states tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses or at the office. The drawing takes place on Sunday, September 30, at the Parish Festival. Prizes are listed as First prize is \$10,000, Second prize is \$3,000, and Third prize is \$2,000. The ad concludes with "Thanks for supporting St. Jerome!!".

TOTAL

TEENS OF TODAY ALIVE + LOOKING

- There will be a brief but mandatory Confirmation meeting for all **incoming 9th grade Confirmation candidates and their parents** after the 6:00 Mass next Sunday. We will discuss the requirements and preparation necessary for your child to receive Confirmation in the Fall of 10th grade.
- **All teens are invited to Opening night of TOTAL on Sunday, September 16 after the 6:00 Mass.** We hope you'll join us for a night of faith, friendship, and fun. We will meet in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room immediately after the 6:00 Mass. Come see what you can expect at TOTAL this year. Teens are welcome to bring a friend. Please bring your TOTAL registration form (grades 11, 12) or Confirmation registration form (grade 9) to TOTAL . If you need a form please contact the REACH office or Daniela O'Callaghan at total@stjeromenorwalk.org .
- Lectors are needed at the 6:00 Mass. If any teen is interested in becoming a lector, please contact Daniela or Joe. Service hours will be given for reading at Mass.



Flood relief for Kerala

We would like to invite generous hearts to contribute to the flood relief collection for Kerala,

India which is Fr. Rojin's home state. Hundreds of people have lost their lives and nearly one million people are in camps in various parts of Kerala.

We will have a special collection for Kerala flood relief this weekend. The proceeds will be sent as a check from St. Jerome to Fr. Rojin's Archdiocese which is gathering money for relief works. Please make your checks payable to St. Jerome. Thanks for joining in this charitable work!

Religious Education & Christian Heritage

REACH

- **We have a NEW EMAIL: reach@stjeromenorwalk.org**
- K- 8 Registration has begun. If you don't have a form, please contact the REACH office or find one on our website ASAP. All completed forms can be dropped in the rack outside the office at any time.
- Our REACH program has a new look – Please pick one parent presentation to kick off the year: September 16 or September 23 after the 9:15 Mass.
- Please return your registration form with your meeting choice to the office ASAP so we can plan our space needs.
- **To contact our DRE, Kathy Coyne, directly, please use her new email—dre@stjeromenorwalk.org**



BOXES!!! We are in need of the corrugated boxes that copy paper comes in (10 x 11.5 x 17.5)—if anyone has access and can donate a few, we would be most grateful. They can be dropped to the parish office!!!



TICKET SELLERS NEEDED FOR PARISH FESTIVAL

Save the date! Our Parish Festival returns on Sunday, September 30 for an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship, music, and games.

Our first need is for volunteers to sell tickets on the weekends of Sept. 15-16 and 22-23 for ten minutes after each Mass. Please help by signing up today on the bulletin board in the church hallway. This year the parish cash raffle drawing will be at the festival at 3:00 PM.

IMPORTANT: If you buy a parish raffle ticket, you have FREE admission to the festival, **BUT** you must pick up your free admission ticket from the festival ticket sellers. This will enable us to know how much food to buy.