

St. Jerome Church

23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851

203-847-5349



25th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name,
receives me.” - Mk 9:37a

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.....

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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)



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PARISH STAFF

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 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



9/22 9:00 am John Romano Jr.

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Vincent Michael Mendoza, Jr.
(July Mendoza)

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

9/23 8:00 am Nicholas & Irene Ostasiewicz
(family)

9:15 am Rosa Perez
(Olga)

11:00 am James Ferrone
(Nancy Yap)

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

9/24 9:00 am Carmela & Gaetano Palumbo
(Daughter)

9/25 9:00 am Anne & Mel Taverner
(daughter, Anne Marie Cotter)

9/26 9:00 am RoseMarie Lepore

9/27 9:00 am Nelson Selema
(Dulvi & Gene Gaudio)

9/28 9:00 am Thomas Rozzi
(family)

9/29 9:00 am Jim Alvord
(Jamie Dance)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Anthony Lapolla, Jr.
(Vincent & Janet Genovese)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

9/30 8:00 am Rose Toggia
(Peter & Domenica Gioiella)

9:15 am Michael Chuba, Sr.
(family)

11:00 am Maria Granata
(family)

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

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

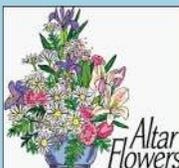
Available at all Masses. If you require a gluten-free host, please see the officiating priest before Mass.

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.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week the altar flowers can be memorialized for a loved one. Please contact the parish office.



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

My regular readers may have noticed that I am always talking about time. It races! When you were young, how slowly it passed, now it just picks up speed (like a wedding party coming down the aisle, they start slowly and by the end of the aisle are racing.) Fall begins this weekend, and the parish festival and raffle are upon us, as well as the visit of Fr. Rojin's Archbishop. (Did I mention that the night before the festival we are having a dinner at the rectory for 18, including Bishop Caggiano and Archbishop Njara-lakatt?)

Remember, that if you bought a raffle ticket the festival meal is free. You do need to pick up a free festival ticket, however, so that we will know how much food to prepare. It will be a great and exhausting weekend and I am so grateful to Dan Loch and his festival team, as well as Jack O'Melia and John Kuczo who are leading the raffle effort.

To give you an idea of what life is like here. The festival will finish at 3:30pm and then in comes the huge AA group that meets here on Sundays. We have so much going on that day that they had to move their meeting from noon until 4pm. On any given week we probably have over 400 people attending AA meetings in our back room. AA saves lives, and so I am happy to support this work even though it taxes our facility. The groups are all flexible and willing to work with us when we have large parish events.

Finally, at 7PM on Wednesday night, October 17th, we will have our parish Mass of Reparation for the harm done to sexual abuse survivors. It will be modeled after the powerful Diocesan Mass that was held on September 15th at the Cathedral. The Church was packed with clergy, laity, and a front row of survivors, some of whom had already spoken at a general meeting of all the priests. We hope you will join us at this Mass.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JEROME.....

Sunday	9/23	REACH parent meeting #2 after 9:15 Mass TOTAL meets after 6PM Mass
Monday	9/24	Women's Scripture Group 9:30 AM Social Concerns Committee Meeting 7PM
Tuesday	9/25	Widow's Group 1PM
Wednesday	9/26	Contemplative Prayer 7PM Women's Scripture Group 7:30 PM "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" Reading 7:30PM
Thursday	9/27	Commonweal Conversations 7PM
Friday	9/28	
Saturday	9/29	Men's Ministry 7:00 AM

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

September 16, 2018	\$3,400
Faith Direct for September	\$21,812
September total to date	\$34,880
September Offertory Budget	\$38,100

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



FOOD DRIVE THIS WEEKEND

Our local pantries are always in need of **chicken noodle soup**, condensed

or hearty, as "comfort food" for the cooler weeks ahead. Please consider donating chicken noodle soup, in addition to any of these needed items: **jam, dried or canned black beans, cereal, oatmeal, and pasta sauce.**

Volunteers will also accept your cash donation, which will be spent on these items and donated with our deliveries. Our Milk Fund Collection boxes will be set out at each exit. Thanks for your generosity!

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING!!

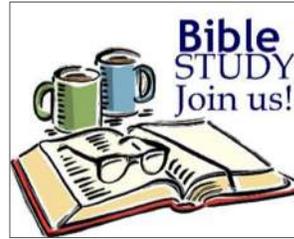
All volunteers 18 years and over must be in compliance with the diocesan mandate.

Please visit www.virtusonline.org to register.

Some upcoming training dates:

St. Maurice (Stamford) 9/25 – 10 AM

Notre Dame High School (Fairfield) 9/27—6:30PM



OLD TESTAMENT BIBLE STUDY RETURNS THIS TUESDAY, SEPT. 25

Starting this Tuesday, we again will offer a weekly Tuesday morning Bible Study program in the church hall

after the 9:00 AM Mass. We will watch 25-minute DVD presentations of "Enjoying the Old Testament" by Fr. Richard J. Clifford, S.J., Ph.D., from September 25 through November 13. After each video, there will be a half-hour of discussion led by Fr. David. Each participant receives a free Study Guide. We conclude our Old Testament study with sessions 17-24: the Psalms, the Book of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Book of Daniel. **NOTE:** There will be no Wednesday evening sessions this fall. For the first session, Sept. 25, please read in advance Psalms 2, 23, 51, and 149.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@Pontifex "It takes effort to always do good....The road to holiness is not for the lazy!"

@BishopCaggiano "As many types of darkness seem to be growing around us, now is the time to become intentional ambassadors of God's love. Only in this way will the light pierce whatever darkness we may face."

@JamesMartinSJ "Gospel: (9/16) Why does Jesus say, "Take up your cross daily?" Not because suffering is a good per se. Rather, suffering is a natural part of life. And the Christian life may bring persecution. So don't fear suffering in your life. See it as part of following Jesus, who brings life."

St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church
 Announces the 23rd Annual Raffle
 for the Benefit of Parish Maintenance Fund

A TOTAL OF THREE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED
 1st Prize - \$10,000
 2nd Prize - \$3,000
 3rd Prize - \$2,000

Drawing: Sunday, September 30, 2018, 3:00 P.M.
 Location: St. Jerome R.C. Church
 23 West Side Road
 Norwalk, CT 06854

23rd Annual St. Jerome Norwalk Parish Raffle

Tickets are available before and after all weekend Masses or at the office. **First prize is \$10,000**
Second prize is \$3,000
Third prize is \$2,000

Drawing takes place on **Sunday, September 30, at our Parish Festival.**
Thanks for supporting St. Jerome!!



Social Concerns Committee

will be holding the September meeting on Monday September 24th at 7:00pm in Room 5. Committee members are asked to attend. Any interested Parishioners are welcome to join us.

REACH

- **REACH MAKEOVER** – final parent meeting regarding our new program takes place today, 9/23 after the 9:15 Mass.
- **REGISTRATION** forms need to be returned ASAP so that we can plan for our space needs.
- **NEW Kindergarten or First graders**, please register ASAP.



"Letter from Birmingham Jail" On the last Wednesday of each month, we read Dr. King's "Letter from Birmingham Jail" communally and in its entirety, honoring the spirit of non-violent resistance, love, and prayer in which it was written. Please join us in the Resource Room upstairs. The reading begins at 7:30PM and should take approximately 50 minutes, usually followed by discussion. We plan to continue reading Dr. King's letter once a month on a Wednesday night, usually the last Wednesday of the month. We hope you can join us. All are welcome! Please invite others. Next reading is Wednesday, 9/27 at 7:30PM.

TOTAL TEENS OF TODAY ALIVE + LOOKING

- TOTAL is off to a great start! 60 teens attended our Ice Cream & Ice Breakers party last Sunday in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room. The evening was filled with some 'getting to know you' games, lots of yummy desserts and a prayer service in the church. Thanks so much to all who helped with serving, baking, and providing drinks and desserts.
- **TOTAL meets again tonight.** There is still time to register. Please contact the REACH office or Daniela O'Callaghan at total@stjeromenorwalk.org for a registration form or pick one up on the bulletin board in the hallway. 9th graders should fill out a Confirmation Registration form. All others should fill out a TOTAL registration form.
- 10th graders, if you have not submitted your paperwork for Confirmation, please do so ASAP.
- Teen lectors are needed for the 6:00 Mass. Anyone in need of service hours can put down 1 1/2 hours for each mass served as a lector. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please let us know.
- We are always in need of 2 liter bottles of soda, large jugs of water and INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED snacks. Please send them in with your child at any TOTAL meeting. If you would like to send in freshly baked treats, please contact Daniela.

ST. JEROME PARISH FESTIVAL

OUR PARISH FAMILY FESTIVAL takes place in the church hall on Sunday, September 30th from noon to 3:30 PM (food service ends at 3:00). The festival starts right after the 11 AM Mass celebrated by Fr. Rojin's Archbishop Njaralakatt.

OUR PARISH RAFFLE DRAWING for the three cash prizes will take place at 3:00 PM at the festival. Buying a parish raffle ticket gives you free admission to the parish festival – please pick up your ticket!



FESTIVAL TICKETS This is the **last weekend** we are selling festival tickets after all the Masses. The adult admission price remains the same at \$10.00. Adult tickets at the door on the day of the festival are \$12. Admission for all children 12 and under is

FREE if the child is accompanied by a paying adult. Seniors age 72 and above are half-price, \$5.00 for advance and at-the-door tickets.

IMPORTANT TICKET INFO: Please buy your tickets IN ADVANCE and pick up any free Child tickets IN ADVANCE so we know how much food to buy. **NOTE:** We also ask that you tell our ticket sellers if you have purchased a parish raffle ticket and you will receive a free festival admission ticket.



ITALIAN THEME This year's theme is designed to appeal all parishioners of all ages—an appetizer station with antipasto, a pasta bar with meatballs, several pastas and sauces, hot dogs, hamburgers, mac & cheese, chicken piccata, zuppa de pesche, sausage & peppers, caesar salad, grilled vegetables, even Indian chicken tikka. Of course - popcorn, ice cream and desserts. Children can play games and enjoy inflatables, the magician, balloon-sculpture, face

painting, temporary tattoos, arts & crafts, and more!

Volunteers!

FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board for set-up, simple food prep, serve, help with children's games, collect tickets, and to make and share desserts. We need many people to help make the festival a success.



NEW PARISHIONERS INVITED FREE TO FESTIVAL *The St. Jerome Welcoming Committee invites all new parishioners who registered for the parish this year, 2018, to our Festival. We hope that you will attend our wonderful annual event as guests of the parish. There will be a special gathering area for all new parishioners at the Festival. You will be phoned by committee members to make your reservations.*