

St. Jerome Church

23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851

203-847-5349

Night in a Box 2018



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 Family 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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stjeromenorwalk

PARISH STAFF

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

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Norwalk, CT 06851
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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



11/24 9:00 am Patricia & Paula Davenport
(family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Steve Chocas
(family)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,

KING OF THE UNIVERSE

11/25 8:00 am Michael Carella &
Carmen Valle
(Carella– Cordero family)

9:15 am Kevin Rogalski
(family)

11:00 am Deacon Dean Finch
(Florence & Dan Loch)

6:00 pm Joan Takacs
(Dulvi & Gene Gaudio)

11/26 9:00 am John Morris
(Linda Blase)

11/27 9:00 am Lorraine Saulnier
(Ursula Field)

11/28 9:00 am Mary Ann Lucas
(Judi & Bob Dennehy)

11/29 9:00 am Roy White
(Annette Schultz)

11/30 9:00 am Robin Spielman Williams
(Mom & Family)

12/1 9:00 am Dominic Cundari
(Laurel Athletic Club)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Paul Kennedy
(son, Brian)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12/2 8:00 am William & Josie Hollohan
(Daughter, Margie)

9:15 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr.
(family)

11:00 am Ann & Paul Kuczo
(family)

2:00 pm CONFIRMATION

6:00 pm Margaret Fitton (1st Anniv.)
(Tom & Sheila Rietano)

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.

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS	
	We have many available times for Mass intentions. Please stop by or call the office to arrange for Masses.



I am writing this on Monday, November 19th, of Thanksgiving week. I am happy to say that Thanksgiving came early for me this year. Let me put the moment in context. Last Saturday our youth ministry team, (for which I am so thankful), led the sixth annual Night In A Box project, intended both to raise the awareness of our teens to the homeless plight and to raise money for the Open Door Shelter here in Norwalk. Thirty-two teens came and spent the afternoon and night doing service projects, cleaning the Church, and praying, followed by a night sleeping outside in self made boxes. I was there for the soup and grilled cheese sandwich dinner and was impressed by the sense of community in the room.

Then, on Sunday morning, the whole group came to the 9:15am Mass. Two of the teens, Sean Murawski and Keegan Agostino, spoke to the congregation about their experience. We had a good crowd of 268 people in church, maybe even a few more. The music was wonderful, the congregation sang, and you could feel the presence of the Spirit. It is for moments like these, that I became a priest: the joy of being part of and leading a worshipping community that serves. A spirit of great thankfulness came over me almost immediately, and stayed with me for all of Mass. I have been discouraged about our declining numbers and that crowded, participatory Mass cheered my soul. At homily time, I brought the children up and told them that someday they would be doing Night in a Box. At the end of homily time, I had the children stand up and applaud the teens. Then, as everyone was processing out, the congregation broke into spontaneous applause for them. It was a sacred moment.

You will be reading this on the Feast of Christ the King, the last Sunday of the liturgical year. This day reminds us that Jesus, who came for the first time over two thousand years ago, will one day come again to bring the human story to completion. The story was begun in love at creation, continued in love when God's only Son took on human flesh, became one of us and suffered and died for us. The story will one day end in love when Jesus returns on the clouds of glory to give us a new garden of Eden and an ending worthy of the beginning.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JEROME.....

Sunday	11/25	Advent Family Workshop—FREE—after 9:15 Mass
Monday	11/26	Women's Scripture Group 9:30 AM Altar Server Training 7:00 PM
Tuesday	11/27	Confirmation Rehearsal 7:00 PM
Wednesday	11/28	Contemplative Prayer 7:00 PM VIRTUS TRAINING—6:30 PM Women's Scripture Group 7:30 PM Letters from a Birmingham Jail Reading 7:30 PM
Thursday	11/29	Commonweal Conversations 7:00 PM
Friday	11/30	
Saturday	12/1	Men's Ministry 7:00 AM

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

November 18, 2018	\$2,638
Faith Direct for November	\$17,452
November total to date	\$30,320
November Offertory Budget	\$42,100

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

ALL VOLUNTEERS

(18 years of age & older) MUST COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING!!

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

Visit www.virtusonline.org to register ahead of time.

Some upcoming training dates:

ST JEROME (Norwalk) - 11/28 -6:30 PM
Catholic Center (Bridgeport) 11/28—3 PM
St. Paul (Greenwich) 11/29—6:30 PM
Sacred Heart (Stamford) 12/2—6 PM



Handel's Messiah: Part I & Hallelujah Chorus

**Saturday, December 8th
at 8PM at the Basilica
of St. John's the Evangelist (279 Atlantic
Street, Stamford)**

Directed by New York's Famed Ted Sperling and the Stamford Symphony with the Master Voices in this Special Holiday Performance.

For tickets: call today 203-325-4466 or go to www.stamfordsymphony.org.

Parking is easily available at the Bell Street Garage, entrance on Bell Street (\$3) and Bell Street Parking Lot.

REUSABLE GROCERY BAGS



There is always great need for Reusable Grocery Bags at the food pantries. Currently, Stop & Shop has heavy-duty reusable grocery bags just inside the store entrance priced at 2 for \$1. Please consider buying some for the clients at Person to Person. Not only does it reduce the need for plastic bags, many clients without cars use the bus and walk to carry their food home.

2018 Giving Tree



Gift Tags are available on our Giving Tree for you to select. Tags include gift requests for the Education & Hope program & St. Mildred's Parish in Swansboro, NC (the town was devastated by the flooding from Hurricane Florence). Please consider sharing the Giving Spirit Of Christmas with those in need.

All gifts need to be returned under the Giving Tree or in the marked basket, unwrapped & with tag attached by SUNDAY, December 16th.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@Pontifex "Nobody can delude themselves by thinking, 'I'm fine because I'm not doing anything wrong.' To be a follower of Jesus it is not enough not to do wrong, because there is good that we must do."

@BishopCaggiano "We need to realize that changing the world begins with renewing the personal relationships we enjoy in our ordinary life."

@JamesMartinSJ "Gospel (11/19): Why does Jesus ask the blind man what he wants (Lk 18:35-43)? Jesus can see his needs. Perhaps to give him the dignity of being asked. Jesus never imposes—even in healing. And perhaps to help him articulate his deepest desires to the Lord. God desires to know our hearts."

REACH

TODAY —Family Advent Workshop
Dec 4—Family Christmas Tree Lighting
Dec 9—Class

TOTAL TEENS OF TODAY ALIVE + LOOKING

- There is no TOTAL tonight. We wish all our families a Happy Thanksgiving! TOTAL will meet again on December 9th.
- Rehearsal for Confirmation is Tuesday, November 27th at 7:00pm in the church. This is a mandatory rehearsal for all Confirmation candidates and their sponsors or sponsor sub. If you have any questions, please contact Daniela O'Callaghan. Confirmation Day is Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00. Please keep our Confirmandi in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

St. Jerome First Annual Christmas Tree Lighting



Please join us on Tuesday, December 4th, at 7:00 PM for our first ever Christmas Tree Lighting. This is a family event with carols, hot chocolate, and fun!!



Would your child like to be an Altar Server?

Final Session this year:
Monday, November 26 at 7PM.
If you would like to be included, please let us know at 203-846-2111 or reach@stjeromenorwalk.org .

Family Advent Workshop TODAY After 9:15 Mass



Don't miss the Advent Workshop next Sunday, November 25. Families with children are invited to the church hall after the 9:15 Mass for a Family Advent Workshop. **Your family will learn about Advent traditions, make family Advent wreaths and Hope ornaments, and take home Advent calendars along with the wreaths and ornaments you create, all for free.**

Make your family Advent wreath and light its candles during Advent. Open the windows of your Advent calendar day by day. Place your own Hope ornament on your Christmas tree. Celebrate Advent at home with what you learn and make at the St. Jerome Family Advent Workshop.

NIGHT IN A BOX 2018



Last Saturday and Sunday 32 teens participated in Night in a Box to raise awareness for the homeless in Norwalk and to raise much needed items for the Open Door Shelter. Toiletries are still being collected. Please help us make the holidays a special time for the clients of the Open Door Shelter by contributing monetary donations or toiletries.

Trial size items are requested of the following:

- Adult size toothbrush • Toothpaste • Wide tooth comb • Body Wash
- Washcloth • 3 Pack of pocket tissues • Shampoo & Conditioner • Lip Balm
- Hand lotion • Disposable razors/shaving cream • Deodorant