



8/16 9:00am For the parish

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Lynn & Ann Regan (1st. Anniv.)
(the family)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8/17 8:00 am Angelo Palacino
(parish staff)
9:15 am Gail Strazza
(Frank & Pat Hauptman)
11:00am Robert Mulligan
(family)
6:00 pm Ann Regan
(Phil & Pat Florio)
8/18 9:00 am Jill Carpenter (12th. Anniv.)
(Taloni family)
8/19 9:00 am Harold & Catherine Malanowski
Ferris
(Cathy & Victor Librandi)
8/20 9:00 am Sharon Virgulak
(Pelletier family)
8/21 9:00 am Kerry Shine
(Mother, Patricia)
8/22 9:00 am Giuseppe Giglio (17th Anniv.)
(Wife & family))
8/23 9:00 am Michael Carella
(family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Robert Pelletier
(Wife & family)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8/24 8:00 am Robert Silva
(Rose Rossi)
9:15 am Anthony Van der Togt
(Frank & Pat Hauptman)
11:00 am Eileen Incerto
(Michele & Vin Ives & family)
6:00 pm Eleanor Fahey
(Bob, Pat & Beth Olson)

Anointing of the Sick

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

Adoration & Silent Prayer

Every day between 4:00PM and 5:00PM.
Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Contemplative Prayer

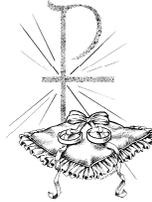
Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.
Friday morning at 7:00 AM.
Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

*****There are many available times for Mass intentions. Please drop by or call the Parish office at 203-847-5349 to schedule a Mass. for your loved one.*****

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time between Stephanie Lariviere and Greg Stecker.

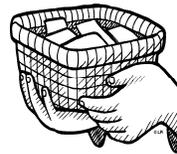


Mass Intentions for 2014-2015

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WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

August 10, 2014	\$ 4,562
Faith Direct for August	19,819
August total to date	31,219
August offertory budget	43,750



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

REACH REGISTRATION 2014-2015



It's August and the countdown has officially started! School will begin in a few weeks, then two weeks later—REACH.

We hope you are finding time for rest and relaxation. It has been a busy time here. We have a whole new look! So we are busy putting things back together and preparing for the new year. Now what we really need is all REACH registration forms returned ASAP. We need to update class lists and order books. Paperwork is important, payment can be easily arranged.

Registration Forms are available in the letter holder outside the REACH office or use the link on the parish website: www.stjeromenorwalk.org/2014-2015-REACH-registration.pdf.

Do you know anyone new to the parish, or our REACH program, with a child entering kindergarten or 1st grade? Please have them contact us at reachstjerome@optonline.net or 203-846-2111. Questions? Call the REACH office and leave a message. I will return your call. Kathy Coyne, DRE.

TOTAL: During the month of August there will be a special blessing for all those going off to college at the 6:00PM Mass.

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Opening night of TOTAL will be on Sept. 14 after the 6:00 Mass! Please join us for Mass and then come down to the Kevin Eidt Youth Room to see what we have planned for this year. Feel free to bring a friend.

There will be a mandatory Confirmation meeting for all **incoming 9th grade Confirmation candidates and their parents** after the 6:00 Mass on Sunday, Sept. 7th. We will be discussing the requirements and preparation necessary for your child to receive Confirmation in the fall of 2014. We will begin the evening with a special blessing and introduction of the candidates at the 6:00 Mass. It is very important that you attend this meeting.

Please remember to send in your Confirmation Registration if you are a freshman and your TOTAL Registration if you are a sophomore, junior or senior.

Sophomores, congratulations on completing another requirement for your Confirmation by attending the retreats at St. Birgitta's. Please remember to continue to work on service hours, attend Mass regularly and serve when you are scheduled for the collection or as a greeter. Enjoy the last few weeks of vacation!

ALTAR FLOWERS



The flowers for the weekend of August 23/24 are in memory of Ralph Cocchia, given by his wife Diane and family.

AUGUST FOOD DRIVE IS NEXT WEEKEND—

AUGUST 23/24 Each month we can help families in Norwalk who do not enjoy our luxury of eating without worrying where the next meal comes from. After each Mass on Aug. 23/24, the Social Concerns Committee will be selling food items for \$5.00 to help stock the Person 2 Person's food pantry: tuna, spaghetti sauce, hearty chicken soup, dried beans. Other needed items include: canned peaches beef ravioli, peanut butter, 19-oz. jars of jelly, and fresh produce—apples, oranges, potatoes, carrots and onions. Thank you for providing our neighbors with food that they can not obtain on their own.

ST. LEO PARISH FAIR, 24 Roxbury Rd., Stamford, announces its 34th Annual Parish Fair. Tuesday, August 26 through Friday, August 29, from 6PM to 11PM and Saturday, August 30, from 2PM to 11PM. Ride bracelets are available Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoon from 2PM to 6PM at \$25. Sample international foods, and live entertainment, and bingo and a raffle, with a 1st Prize, 2014 Mercedes-Benz CLA250C4. For info call Denise Esposito at 203-322-1669 x227.



RANDOMTHOUGHTS

Summer is passing by so quickly and at least for me it has been a busy summer with lots of funerals and weddings. Last Sunday, in my homily, I reflected on the experience of asking the Lord to be with you in the great undertakings of life: marriage, parenthood, vocation. I, of course, am at a point where I can look back on 32 years of priesthood and marvel at it all. If on the night before ordination, I had known then what I know now would I do it over again? The answer is a clear "yes" but at the same time knowing the challenges of the life, I would have prayed a lot harder for God's help than I did the night before ordination.

At I look back, the same fundamental experience has been sometimes a joy, sometimes a burden, which leads me back to weddings and funerals. There is a basic mystery at the heart of life, as should there be, since the Mysterious Divine Presence is always at the horizon and backdrop of life. Every time I do a wedding or funeral I am aware of that mystery. At every wedding I wonder what the journey will be like for this couple and whether or not they will in actuality invite the Lord into their marriage. I have had the joy of watching couples marry, Baptize children and begin growing old together. I have also seen marriages that should have worked fall apart. It is all a mystery to me.

At the heart of the life of a priest, however, is the experience of being invited into the center of people's lives both in sorrow and joys. Funerals especially bring that experience center stage. I have often said that one of the greatest blessings for a priest is to enter into a family's pain and try and do a funeral that will be uplifting. The process is one of death and resurrection: meeting the grief and trying to put it into a context of hope and faith. It is a process that goes to the heart of life.

If on the night before ordination, you had told me the actual number of times I would have to sit with people in great pain, I might have said "maybe I should be a lawyer after all, or join the Coast Guard." It is a Grace that I could not see the future, and a Grace that the Lord has walked with me these last 32 years. Life is indeed mysterious.

POPE FRANCIS TWEETS

An appeal to all families: when you say your prayers, remember all those forced from their home in Iraq. Pray for peace!!

The news coming from Iraq pains me. Lord, teach us to live in solidarity with all those who suffer.