



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

08/17	9:00 am	For our new bishop
<u>VIGIL FOR SUNDAY</u>		
	4:30 pm	Graciela Cruz (Lynn Brandner)
<u>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>		
08/18	8:00 am	Mary Moran (Bob & Judi Dennehy)
	9:15 am	John Ryan (Frank & Pat Hauptman)
	11:00 am	Eleanor Giacomini (2 nd Anniv.) (family)
	6:00 pm	Anne Glen (Parish)
08/19	9:00 am	Vincent Boccanfuso (Bonito & Cecilia Pesce)
08/20	9:00 am	For the parish
08/21	9:00 am	Deceased mothers & fathers
08/22	9:00 am	Giuseppi Giglio (16 th Anniv.) (wife & family)
08/23	9:00 am	Rosemarie Lepore
08/24	9:00 am	Joseph Corica
<u>VIGIL FOR SUNDAY</u>		
	4:30 pm	Robert Pelletier (family)
<u>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>		
08/25	8:00 am	Joseph Sulla, Jr. (28 th Anniv.) (Wife, Sue)
	9:15 am	Ugo DiDemetrio (DeFalco family)
	11:00 am	Christopher Gordan (Bill & Mary Ann Stirling)
	6:00 pm	Henry Bittner (M/M Phillip Florio)

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

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

THE DOMENICAN SISTERS BAKED GOODS WILL BE SOLD NEXT WEEKEND, AUGUST 24 & 25. PLEASE HELP THEM IN THEIR CHARITY WORK FOR THE POOR. THEY NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SELL THEIR GOODIES AT ALL THE MASSES. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CALL KATHY AT THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE AT 203-846-2111 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE, OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this weekend are in memory of Eleanor Giacomini, given by the family.

The altar flowers for next weekend are in memory of Ralph Cocchia, given by his wife and family.

If you would like to memorialize a family member or friend with altar flowers, please call the parish office at least a few months ahead of the date you choose. The donation is \$50.



WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

August 11, 2013	\$ 4,386
Faith Direct for August	15,050
Total August to date	25,876
August offertory budget	39,450

As always, thank you for your generous donation to our parish.

YOUNG Adults



TOTAL

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

Opening night of TOTAL will be on September 15th after the 6:00PM 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.

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!

Any teen interested in becoming a lector at the 6:00PM Mass should contact Daniela or Joe.

Festival Fun!

THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21ST, COME HELP PLAN THE FESTIVAL – The Festival Planning Team will hold its next meeting on Thursday, August 22nd, at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. This is NOT a meeting to recruit for volunteer jobs on the day of the festival. Instead, at this meeting the Planning Team will continue to plan the food, the entertainment, the publicity, and the set-up for September 29th. Come, join us, and help decide how St. Jerome's will have an outstanding festival this year!

The Festival will be at the Church Hall on Sunday, September 29th, from 11:30AM to 3:00PM. Plenty to eat, a ton of parishioner friendship, and loads of children's entertainment. Adult admission is the same \$10 as last year, children age 12 and under are free (if accompanied by a paying adult), and seniors age 72 and above, now also have free admission.



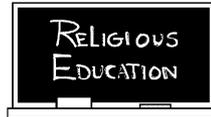
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT IS EVERY DAY, IN THE CHURCH BETWEEN 4:00-5:00PM. COME AND SPEND SOME QUIET TIME ALONE WITH OUR LORD.

e-Giving Through Faith Direct is the easiest and most convenient way for St. Jerome Parish to receive your weekly offering and other church support. e-Giving through *Faith Direct* will also save you time while helping St. Jerome Parish reduce our expenses. You can either go online to www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code CT46 or pick up an enrollment form that is in a marked envelope in the Church Hallway.



AUGUST 25TH FOOD DRIVE: Our August food drive and milk fund collection will take place at next weekend's Masses. Please continue to remember our less fortunate Norwalk neighbors, who rely on our help

to feed their families. The food pantry at Person-to-Person (formerly CCA) is in need of: tuna, peanut butter, 18oz. jars of jelly, macaroni and cheese, hearty chicken noodle soup. This summer we've been requesting fresh produce: potatoes, onions, carrots, apples, squash. Always in need is: beef ravioli, canned fruit and fruit juices, cereal, pasta and pasta sauce. Thank you for your contributions.



REACH Needs YOU!

September is right around the corner and we need your help. We need to know who will be joining us this September, especially kindergarten and first grade families. Please send – call – email registrations (with or without payment) ASAP. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

Please contact us at: reachstjerome@optonline.net or call us at 203-846-2111 for help with forms or any other questions.

Our summer schedule is very flexible, but if you leave a message for us, we will get back to you. Thanks again, and enjoy the rest of the summer.

ATTENTION TO ALL PARISH FAMILIES: If you have neighbors with a child entering first grade or kindergarten, please share the above information with them.

FAMILY CONNECTION

Families strive for unity and togetherness. Nobody enjoys occasions when divisions in family life become all too evident. Yet, in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says that he has come to bring division and that members of household will be divided.

Talk as a family about the things that you do together to bring about family unity (togetherness), such as sharing meals, going to church together, celebrating special occasions, or sharing family traditions. Explain that all of these things are important and that Jesus wants families to show this kind of love for one another. Point out that this Sunday's Gospel sounds as though Jesus is saying something very different. Tell your children to listen closely as you read aloud Luke 12:49-53.

Explain that sometimes as parents, you have to make decisions that are unpopular with your children. You don't do it to divide the family but because it is the right thing to do. In the short run, such decisions may "divide" children from their parents. In the long run, however, doing the right thing will bring about a deeper unity. Talk to you children about decisions that they have to make that might be unpopular with their friends and how these decisions may divide them from others.