

St. Jerome Church

23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851

203-847-5349



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.” - Jn 6:48-50

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.

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
 Mrs. Natalie Raduazzo, Administrative Assistant
 Mrs. Kathy Rohr, Administrative Assistant

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

REACH email: reach@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

REACH & TOTAL Twitter:

@REACHstjerome



Instagram:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

203-846-2111

(REACH) Mrs. Kathy Coyne, DRE
reach@stjeromenorwalk.org

(TOTAL) Joe and Daniela O'Callaghan
 Youth Ministers

203-847-0321
jocallaghan@optonline.net
danielaoc@optonline.net

MUSIC MINISTRY

203-847-5349

Mr. Donald Nelson

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Dan Loch • 203-846-3980

FINANCE COUNCIL

Jerry Holdridge • 203-966-3658

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

203-847-3881 Pre K—Grade 8

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

FAITH DIRECT—ONLINE GIVING

866-507-8757 www.faithdirect.net

Sign up using our church code: **CT46**, or by mailing a paper enrollment form available in the parish office. Also available on our website at www.stjeromenorwalk.org/Faith-Direct-enrollment.pdf



8/11 9:00 am Sam & Sue Testa
(family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Ann Regan (5th Anniv)
Lynn Regan
(family)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8/12 8:00 am Carmela Librandi
(Cathy Librandi)

9:15 am Joseph Hufnagel
(Margaret Duffy)

11:00 am Skip Vincent
(Sherry Alberta & Pamela
Auerbach)

NO 6PM Mass for July & August

8/13 9:00 am Christopher Pavlik
(father, Richard)

8/14 9:00 am Eleanor Giacomini
(family)

8/15 9:00 am Zenon Mocarski
(Judi & Bob Dennehy)

7:00 pm Deacon Dean Finch
(JoAnn & Tony DiPanni)

8/16 9:00 am Kathleen McNerney
(Georgia Smith)

8/17 9:00 am Kelly Pfaffenbach
(sister)

8/18 9:00 am Jill Carpenter
(family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Rick & Kitty Kennedy
(Pat Mulligan)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8/19 8:00 am Nick Mecca
(brother, Len Mecca)

9:15 am Jeanne Gall
(Helen & Chris Eidt)

11:00 am Skip Vincent
(Domenica & Peter Gioiella)

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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

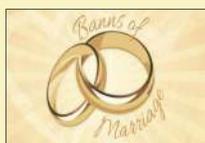
Available at all Masses. If you require a gluten-free host, please see the officiating priest before Mass.

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

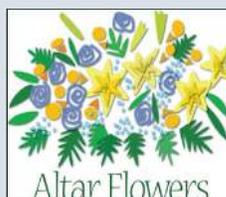
Meets at 1:00 PM on the second & forth Tuesday of the month in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room.



Banns of Marriage

The Banns of Marriage are announced for the last time between

Shane Mitchell & Ashley Gabriele



The altar flowers for next weekend 8/18-19 have been donated in memory of Mary C Sullivan (Anniv 8/22/80).



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

I want you all to know that a celebrity is coming to visit: Fr Rojin's Archbishop. He will be here on the weekend of September 29th and 30th which is also our parish festival/raffle weekend. Archbishop Njaralakatt is coming to the States to visit the 6 priests from his Diocese serving in our country. On Sunday the 30th he will be the principal celebrant at the 11:00 am Mass here at St. Jerome. Archbishop Njaralakatt, of course, needed to give his permission for Fr. Rojin to become our next pastor. You see, every non-religious order priest is incardinated into a Diocese and makes a promise of obedience to the local Bishop. Fr Rojin is incardinated in the Diocese of Tellicherry even though he is serving in the Diocese of Bridgeport. Giving permission for Fr. Rojin to serve one term (6 years) as our pastor, is a very great gift from the Diocese of Tellicherry to ours. Make sure you thank him for the gift of Fr. Rojin.

This weekend is that of the 19th Sunday in Ordinary time. The summer is racing by, the new school year and our new religious education program are almost upon us. So before business of the new academic year, let me leave you with a story.

Brian Doyle, poet, novelist and essayist tells the story about giving a talk to teenagers. During the question and answer period one teen asks him to name another absorption in life he would like to have and say it without thinking. This is how he replies. "Otter observer! Bear expert! Bassoon maestro! Cartoonist! Trumpeter in a ska band playing the early stuff! The guy who brings radio back as the coolest medium ever! Editor of a magazine about jays! He who banishes despair with a touch of his left forefinger! He who miraculously hears yes again every afternoon when he sends his request to be married through the holy ether to one woman in particular!"

The teenagers cheer and one shy girl says she hopes to have a boyfriend who thinks that way about the girl he thinks about. Lovely. Try the exercise yourself, it will be fun.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JEROME.....

Sunday	8/12	
Monday	8/13	Women's Scripture Group 9:30 AM
Tuesday	8/14	
Wednesday	8/15	HOLY DAY—Mass 9AM and 7PM Feast of the Assumption Women's Scripture Group 7:30 PM
Thursday	8/16	
Friday	8/17	
Saturday	8/18	Men's Ministry 7:00 AM

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

August 5, 2018

\$3,760

August Offertory Budget

\$38,800

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish. Faith Direct contributions are reported to us on the eighth business day of the month and included thereafter.

FAITH DIRECT

Going on vacation? Your donations don't have to take a vacation too! Sign up with eGiving through Faith Direct, a convenient and secure way for you to make your weekly offering to St. Jerome. You can make either a one-time or automatic contribution and save valuable time. To enroll, please visit www.faithdirect.net and use our parish code of CT46. You can pick up a form and mail directly to Faith Direct if you prefer. One-time payments can be made through Faith Direct for REACH and TOTAL tuition! Call if you have any questions.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE



During the months of July and August, the 6:00 PM Sunday liturgy will be discontinued. All other weekend Masses will remain the same.

Weekend Mass times for July and August are Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 8:00 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11:00 AM. Please make note of this change. The 6:00 PM Mass will resume in September.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@Pontifex "The Eucharist is our "reservation" for Heaven: Jesus leads us on our journey towards eternal life."

@BishopCaggiano "In His transfiguration, Christ gives us a glimpse of what awaits us in the fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven."



HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are admitted to the hospital, please remember that in order to have a priest visit, you need to identify yourself to the hospital staff as a Catholic and if possible, have a family member call the Parish Office to let us know what hospital and room number you are in.



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 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. Maurice (Stamford) 8/18—1 PM

St. John (Darien) 8/29—9 AM

St. Luke's (Westport) 9/5—6 PM

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

Religious Education & Christian Heritage

REACH

Registration has begun. If you didn't get a form, please contact the REACH office ASAP.

ENTERING KINDERGARTEN and FIRST GRADE??—Please contact the REACH office at 203-846-2111 so we can get your child on our email list and enrolled in our program.



Person-to-Person at 76 S. Main Street in Norwalk is currently accepting clothing donations for their clothing center in Darien. Especially needed are school clothes in good to excellent condition. If you have any questions, please call Francie Mansager 203.853.6489

TOTAL TEENS OF TODAY ALIVE + LOOKING

Registration forms for 9th grade Confirmation prep and for TOTAL will be emailed soon. If you have an incoming 9th grader but have not attended 7th and 8th grade REACH please contact Daniela at total@stjeromenorwalk.org to be added to the email contact list. We will have a mandatory Confirmation meeting for incoming 9th graders and their parents on Sunday, September 9 after the 6:00 Mass.



MERCY
LEARNING
CENTER

Since 1987, Mercy Learning Center has provided basic literacy and life skills training to low income women in the Greater Bridgeport area. MLC is open Monday-Friday from 8AM—5PM. The Center is seeking volunteers to teach English Language Learners as well as basic adult reading and math in its small group tutoring program. The commitment is twice per week for two hours. No experience necessary. Training materials provided.

New Tutor Training Dates
Monday, August 27th
Friday, September 14th
Friday, September 28th
9:00am-3:00pm (lunch provided)

Please contact Lynn Gabriel or Erica Hoffman to register for a training session. 203.334.6699 or lynn.gabriel@mercylearningcenter.org or Erica.hoffman@mercylearningcenter.org

Available Ad Space

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Laurie Krysiak from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be in our office securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, & attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

Laurie Krysiak



PLEASE HELP ... CLOTHING DRIVE: Clothes to Kids of Fairfield County, an organization that provides clothing free of charge to low-income or in-crisis school age children in Fairfield County is holding a clothing drive in the month of August. We want to provide **brand new** clothes to those that are less fortunate for back to school. Clothes to Kids accepts clothes of all sizes from ages of K – 12th grade. Items listed would be greatly appreciated:

- polos, t-shirts
- sweaters, sweatshirts
- pants, jeans
- Shorts
- dresses, skirts
- NEW underwear and socks

Your donations may be dropped off in the church hallway anytime during the month of August. There will be a box labeled **Clothes to Kids Donation** in the church hallway where you can drop off donations anytime during the month. Thank you for you support!

Have you moved? Changed your phone number or email address? Please let us know so we can update our files and keep you in the loop!! Forms can be found in the back of Church...drop in the collection basket and we can make the changes!

Name:

New Address:

New Phone:

New Email: