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9:00am For our troops

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY4:30 pm Timothy Quinn
(Duane & Andi Quinn)**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

7/27 8:00 am Anthony Van der Togt
(Linda Dunn)

9:15 am Angelo Palacino
(parish staff)

11:00 am Achille Petraia
(Dan & Florence Loch)

6:00 pm Eleanor Fahey
(Bob, Pat & Beth Olson)

7/28 9:00 am Joseph Errico
(Joe Errico)

7/29 9:00 am For deceased mothers & fathers

7/30 9:00 am Dr. & Mrs. A. Pesce
(DiCostanzo family)

7/31 9:00 am Angelo Palacino
(Vento family)

8/01 9:00 am Eugenio Pesce
(DiCostanzo family)

9/02 9:00 am Marie Picciarillo
(Bardhyl Gjoka)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY4:30 pm Peter Guglielmo
(family)**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8/03 8:00 am The Watson family
(Rossi family)

9:15 am Gail Strazza
(Judi & Bob Dennehy)

11:00 am Christopher Gordan
(Rick & Brenna Lusardo)

6:00 pm Eleanor Fahey
(Sweeney family)

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.

Mass Intentions for 2014 and 2015

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for next weekend are in memory of the DeRosa family, given by DiCostanzo family.

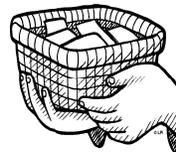
(Altar Flowers may be memorialized for a donation of \$50. Please call the Parish Office several months prior to your desired date.)



The banns of marriage are announced for the last time between Christina Fabian and Ryan Mitchell.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

July 20, 2014	\$ 3,951
Total July to date	33,402
July offertory budget	36,250



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

FAITH DIRECT

What is the best way to ensure our parish receives the support needed for our operating expenses and ministries during the busy summer months? The answer.....eGiving through *Faith Direct*! Please enroll today by visiting www.faithdirect.net. Our church code is CT46. Increased enrollment with *Faith Direct* will help stabilize our parish finances during the coming summer months when many families are away on vacation. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family.

**REACH REGISTRATION 2014**

It's difficult for me to believe that August is just days away. We hope you are finding time for rest and relaxation during this summer break time. But, thinking ahead, we really need all REACH registration forms returned ASAP. Payments are easily arranged.

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

If you know of a new family or a family with

A child entering kindergarten or 1st grade, please have them contact us at reachstjerome@optonline.net or 203-846-2111.

Any questions? Call the REACH office and leave a message. I will return your call. Kath Coyne.



TOTAL

We had a great Confirmation retreat day on Tuesday, July 22nd! 15 of our soon to be 10th graders spent the day at St. Brigitta's retreat house on Long Island sound. It was a beautiful day and the kids were terrific! The teens who attended are: Teresa Salamone, Ryan Williams, Collin Molano, Sean Leary, Jake Trani, Jeff Joslyn, Melania Olivieri, Kimberly Genuario, Amanda Doyle, Rebecca Rogalski, Grace Ferrante, Hailey Agostino, Adam Beran, Duncan Campbell and Michael O'Hara.

Please keep these teens in your prayers as they prepare for Confirmation on December 7, 2014.

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



THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT

FOOD DRIVE! Our July food drive tally broke records—we collected 1,256 food items, including 666 “items of the month” sold! In addition, we collected 13 pounds of fresh produce. The Milk Fund Collection total was \$146. Special thanks goes to

Kathy Coyne's REACH student volunteers who also bagged 100 bags of rice, which were added to the food delivered to Person-2-Person's food pantry. A round of applause for our loyal group of volunteers who met to sort and bag and deliver all this food, including a TOTAL student and his mom. . Due to everyone's help, we are making huge contributions to the tables of our hungry neighbors.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

As I write these thoughts the world is in great turmoil. A Malaysian airliner was shot down over the Ukraine, Christians have been forced to either become Muslim or flee Mozul in Iraq, hundreds of people are caught and are dying in the conflict between Israel and the Palestinians. Meanwhile, thousands of undocumented children are on our border, in many cases fleeing from brutal drug gangs in Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. It is enough to make you cry!

Recently in a homily, I quoted a college chaplain who bemoaned the fact that today's collegians are stuck in the present moment. His comment is that these young people do not realize that they are part of what he, an academic, calls the meta story. The meta story is the basic frame of reference

of reference that one carries around inside your soul if you have internalized the whole Judeo-Christian story. Once that story is part of your story, you have a context that frees you from the anguish of the present moment.

When the “meta story” is yours you know that although God created a good world, sin quickly entered in and then for the rest of History God intervenes time after time to keep things on track towards the ultimate happy ending. Remember God's creativity. When the Israelites break his Covenant time after time, he sends prophets to warn them. When that fails through the prophet Isaiah he talks of a suffering servant who will be gentle and take into himself the sins of the people. In the fullness of time he sends that suffering servant, His beloved Son Jesus. Jesus is that gentle suffering shepherd who starts the new Kingdom of God. He begins by trying to renew Israel by choosing twelve apostles to represent the new 12 tribes. When they betray or abandon him, he goes to death confident that like the suffering servant of old he too will be vindicated. After His Father raises him from the dead Jesus sends His Holy Spirit to make us into the new Body of Christ. That community spreads throughout the world, just as he promised, and it works at spreading the gospel, doing the Sacraments and living out the values of the Kingdom (by the way, today's reading from the prophet Micah, gives us a good summary of the ethics of the kingdom of God). What God wants of us is that we act justly, love tenderly and walk humble with God.

That first coming of Jesus, His gift of the Holy Spirit and promise to come again to make things right all gives me hope when I see sad days like today.

Let me finish by quoting Pope Francis who recently wrote to participants in the Mexican Holy See Colloquium on Migration and Development. Our Holy Father says the following: “I would also like to draw attention to the tens of thousands of children who migrate alone, unaccompanied, to escape poverty and violence; this is a category of migrants from Central America and Mexico itself who cross the border with the U.S. under extreme conditions and in pursuit of a hope that in most cases turns out to be vain. This humanitarian emergency requires, as a first measure, that these children be welcomed and protected. These measures will not be sufficient unless they are accompanied by policies that inform people about the dangers of such a journey and, above all, promote development in the countries of origin. Finally, this challenge demands the attention of the entire international Community so that new forms of legal and secure migration may be adopted.”

I am proud to say that the Church in Brownsville Texas has responded to the plight of these children. To be part of the Church is to be part of the Lord's talking on of the many problems of our world.