



05/18 9:00 am Donald & Ralph Odierno
(Donna Walling)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY
4:30 pm Joyce Moran

PENTECOST SUNDAY

05/19 8:00 am Carmine & Margaret Troncone
(family)

9:15 am Corey Whidden
(Olson family)

11:00 am William & Eileen Tobin
(family)

6:00 pm Matthew Mastrianni
(West Rocks Middle School)

05/20 9:00 am For the parish

05/21 9:00 am Joseph Abruscato, Sr. (6th Anniv.)
(Abruscato family)

05/22 9:00 am Nina Gambino
(sister)

05/23 9:00 am Charles Featherston
(Wife, Phyllis)

05/24 9:00 am Steven Steiner
(Lorraine & Tom Larkin)

05/25 9:00 am Deceased mothers & fathers

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY
4:30 pm Robert Callahan
(Voutsinas family)

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

05/26 8:00 am Dorothy Callahan
(Page family)

9:15 am Charlene Murphy
(Rogalski family)

11:00 am Joyce Moran
(Maria Cappuccia)

6:00 pm Maria Corasaniti
(Bob & Judi Dennehy)

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

Adoration and silent prayer is every day from 4:00-5:00pm, in the Church. Come and spend quiet time with our Lord.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

May 12, 2013	\$ 5,133
Faith Direct for May	15,042
Total May to date	27,216
May offertory budget	43,160

Thank you for your continuous support of our parish.

REACH

Today, Sunday, May 19th – LAST REACH CLASSES OF THE SCHOOL YEAR!
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

REACH Registration 2013-2014

Registration materials were sent home with current grade 1-6 students. Please check your child's folder for the information. Early Bird pricing is effective through June 15th. All forms should be submitted now (with or without payment) to qualify for that price break.

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.

First Communion

Many of our Parish children received First Eucharist last weekend. Please remember them in your prayers at this special time. **WE WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE...** Neil Alvarado, Christian Antunes, Elizabeth Arduino, Elise Barry, Clare Bonasera, Keegan Bidlack, Nicolas Bruni, Lindsay Caruso, Serena Cutugno, Andie Daignault, Isabela Davalos, Robert DiPalma, Ava Dube, Brian Gall, Daniel Gall, Erin Getty, Kaitlyn Giancespro, Jake Godwin, Patrick Gummer, Hunter Jacobson, James Kane, Grace L'Archevesque, Jason LaRochelle, Thomas Lucas, Kyle Mancini, Anthony Martini, Andrea Mejia, Rachel Miller, Alexander Mutis, Francis Norris-Oliva, Tomas Norris-Oliva, Stefano Orlando, Brielle Renwick, Josie Salmieri, Matthew Scarpelli, Mia Schlager, Giovanna Sciortino, Samiah Shine, Alyssa Smeriglio, Kimberly Talisse, Sarah Tallaksen, Analise Trani, Marco Tullio, and Lenny Virgulak.

Thank you to all the teachers and the families who worked so hard to prepare these children to receive First Eucharist. It takes a great deal of effort to help make this day so special and we congratulate all of you. We would also like to acknowledge all the volunteers

who helped..Far too many to name individually and we wouldn't want to leave anyone out. We truly appreciate the personal time you gave.

Family Gospel Connection

Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and we learn to accept forgiveness. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting all to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness.

RICE BOWLS – Thank you so much for all of your support for this wonderful cause. We were able to raise over \$500 to help feed the hungry.

TOTAL: Tonight is the last night of TOTAL. We hope all our TOTAL teens will join us after the 6:00PM Mass to say “Goodbye” to our seniors and “Hello” to next year’s freshmen. We have had a wonderful year at TOTAL and have truly enjoyed talking, singing, laughing and praying with your teens. We wish you a happy and safe summer and can’t wait until opening night next year.

Seniors, our TOTAL graduation dinner and Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:30pm. We hope you and your families will join us for a special evening to celebrate your high school graduation.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Social Concerns committee reminds members and interested parishioners of our May 21st meeting at 7PM upstairs in Rm 5. Please plan to attend our last formal meeting before summer is upon us. 2) There continues to be a need for “gently used” books for Preschool thru Elementary School age children. Your donations can be placed in the marked boxes on the pew in the church hallway. 3) Remember to bring any plastic bags you no longer need to place in the large marked box in the church hallway.

DEAR ST. JEROME FAMILY,

I was back home in time for Holy Week this year and was blessed to attend “The Fourteen Steps”. I am always so moved by this emotional dramatic performance. Witnessing the teens’ prayerful interpretation of the Passion on Good Friday is a sacred event for me. They inhabit their roles with such intensity and authenticity that it really brings the Passion to life. For me, this always generates deep contemplation on many facts of our faith: love and devotion, sacrifice and service, compassion and grace. This year the night was made even more special by a good will collection for **Education and Hope**. It means so much to me that donations from this sacred event will enhance the support our parish generously provides the children of our program. Because I am responsible for all of the fundraising, I am exceedingly grateful for each offering shared to make this burden lighter. Thank you all for this beautiful expression of generosity and outreach, one more example of the countless ways our parish lives its faith by walking in solidarity beside so many families in need. Julie Coyne, Education and Hope, www.educationandhope.org.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

This weekend is the feast of Pentecost, the day we describe as the birthday of the Church, since in Luke’s version, the Spirit is given to the community on Pentecost Sunday. Over the years I have often observed that because it comes after a long Lenten and Easter season (90 days), by the time we get to Pentecost I am too liturgically drained to celebrate it properly. For example, in a world of liturgical purity we would have a Pentecost vigil to equal the Easter Vigil. It would have a more elaborate liturgy of the word and would therefore be a service of about an hour and a half! Cowardly as I am, if I tried such a vigil, my fear is that the congregation would turn on me! So, Pentecost ends up like any other Sunday and that is too bad.

The day is so important because the gift of the Spirit is important. Without the presence of the Holy Spirit we are just a collection of individuals and not the body of Christ. Without the Holy Spirit we thirst for purpose in our lives. Without the Holy Spirit there is no excitement and commitment to doing good. Without the Holy Spirit we could not be forgiving or reconciled. When you go into Scripture and list the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the list is staggering: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord, faith, healing, miracles, prophesy, discerning spirits, speaking in tongues. Again, I get tired just thinking of such abundance.

Maybe some year, when April and May are quiet, I will get the courage to have a real Pentecost vigil! I will warn the congregation for weeks ahead of time and then those of us who come willingly will celebrate the great gift of the Holy Spirit in proper fashion.

This weekend is also our in pew weekend for the Annual Bishop’s Appeal. Remember that even though we do not yet have a Bishop, the good works of the diocese must continue. Each year I make a major gift to the campaign because I am so supportive of all that the diocese does to promote acts of charity. The campaign provides the seed money to allow for grants that make us the largest provider of social services in Fairfield County. The campaign helps us here at St. Jerome to do what no one parish could do. The Appeal funds soup kitchens throughout the diocese and also provides low cost housing for the poor. It helps to educate children in the inner city and it funds the diocesan retirement home for priests.

We are also fortunate to have many seminarians studying to be priests. The cost of their formation is also a significant beneficiary of the campaign. This weekend please make a pledge to this good cause. As of today, Monday, May 13th, we are at 71% of goal. My hope is that by Pentecost night we will be at 95% of goal or higher. If we fall short of the goal, we will owe the diocese the difference. By pledging today you will also be helping the parish. Thank you for your generosity and have a blessed Pentecost.