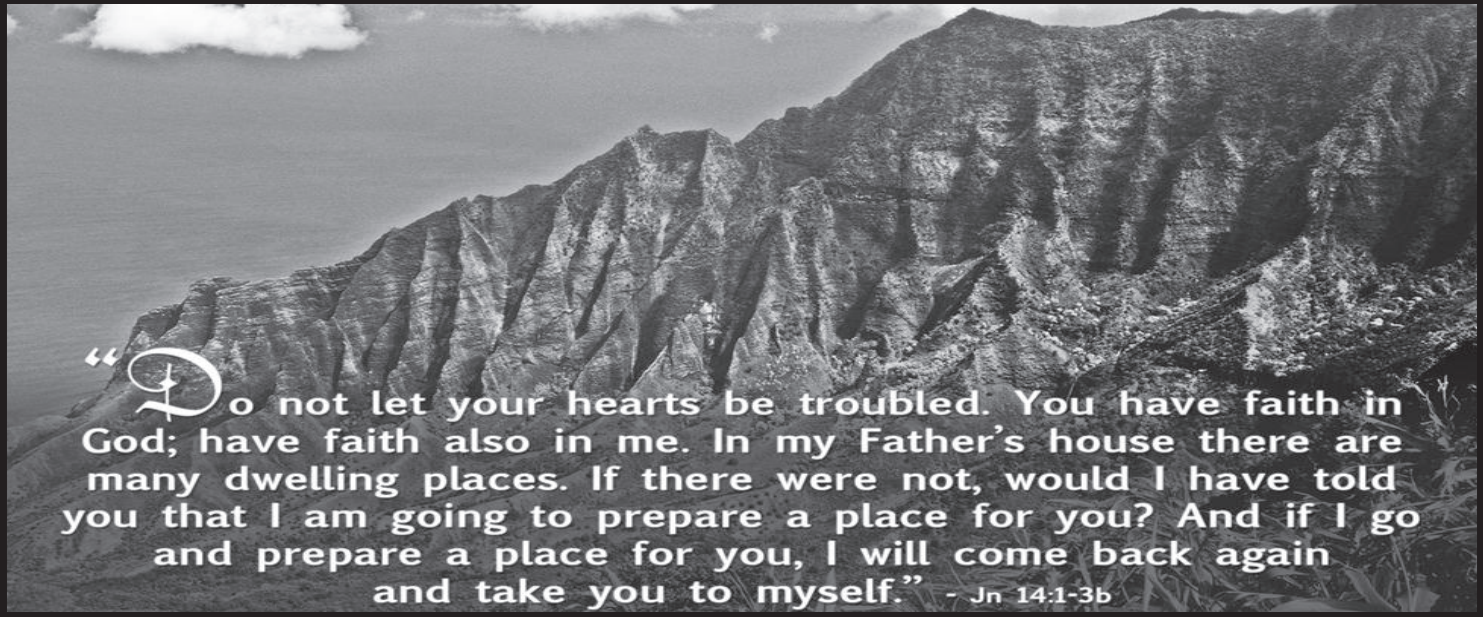


ST. JEROME CHURCH



“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself.” - Jn 14:1-3b

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SABBATH MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM E.S.T. & 4:30 PM D.S.T.
Sunday 8:00 AM
9:15 AM Young Children’s Mass in Church
11:00 AM
6:00 PM Teen Mass

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil 7:00 PM
Holy Day 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Sat 9:00 AM

ROSARY & DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS

Mon-Sat After daily Mass

PERPETUAL NOVENA - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Each Monday following Morning Mass

ADORATION

Monday through Friday 4:00—5:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confession: one hour before vigil on Saturday
Also **Anytime** by appointment

BAPTISMS

4th Sunday —12:15 PM

REQUIRED PRE-BAPTISM PROGRAM

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MARRIAGES

Contact the Rectory at least 6 months in advance.

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PARISH UPDATE:

NAME _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ PHONE _____

- New Registration Change of Address
 Want Envelopes Moving Out of Parish

Please cut and drop in the Collection Box or mail to Rectory.



11/1 9:00 am for our sick & their caregivers
VIGIL FOR SUNDAY
 4:30 pm Anthony DeSantis
 (the Family)

ALL SOULS DAY

11/2 8:00 am Giuseppe Giglio
 (Wife & Family)
 9:15 am Bob & Lois Rohr, Chris Shamansky
 (Rohr Family)
 11:00 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr.
 (the Family)
 6:00 pm Elizabeth Ford
 (daughter)

11/3 9:00 am William Hollohan
 (daughter, Margie)
 7:00 pm **ALL SOULS MASS**
 11/4 9:00 am Lucille Zobel
 (daughter, Allia)
 11/5 9:00 am Donnie Hollohan
 (sister, Margie)
 11/6 9:00 am Angelo Palacino
 (Tom & Sheila Rietano)
 11/7 9:00 am Cora & Bill Bria
 (the Family)
 11/8 9:00 am for our troops

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Anthony DeSantis
 (the Family)

ALL SOULS DAY

11/9 8:00 am Special Intention
 (DiPanni Family)
 9:15 am Dorothy Rogalski (3rd Anniv.)
 (the Family)
 11:00 am Angelina Mattered
 (Jennie DiBerardino)
 6:00 pm Maddalena Balestriere
 (the Family)

MASS INTENTIONS 2014-2015

****There are many available times for Mass intentions. Please drop by or call the Parish Office.

Adoration & Silent Prayer Every day between 4:00PM and 5:00PM.

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

Anointing of the Sick the 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.

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

Altar Flowers

November 1/2—in memory of Elizabeth Ford given by her daughter, Donna Santorella.

November 8/9—in memory of Archangel Mary Argenio given by the DiCostanzo family.

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

October 26, 2014 \$ 5,056

Total October to date \$41,809

October offertory budget \$39,250

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



REACH NEWS

- Today, November 2nd
 Grades K-6 meet at 9:15 Mass followed by class.
 Grade 7-8 meet at 6:00 Mass followed by class.
- Next Sunday.....November 9th
 Grades 1-6 meet at 9:15 Mass followed by class.
 Grade 7-8 no class.
- **Volunteers needed each week for REACH to function—please check out our easy volunteer sign up at: <http://stjerome.ivolunteer.com/>**

VOLUNTEERING for REACH or TOTAL

All volunteers must take a one time class that is mandated by the Diocese. This class is offered at various parishes around the Diocese. A full list and class registration can be found at <https://www.virtus.org> under the 'registration' tab. **You must pre-register on-line.**

Upcoming local sessions....

St. Thomas Apostle (Norwalk) Thurs., 11/6 at 10:00 AM



WINTER COAT DRIVE: DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS THROUGH NOV. 2

You are invited to support the 2014

Winter Coat Drive run by Person-to-Person. New and gently-used winter coats, in men's, women's and children's sizes are requested. Last year, over 400 Norwalkers received warm coats from this free distribution, which takes place at the Norwalk Police Station. Please search your closets for unused coats. Other needed items include: mittens, hats, scarves, boots, and blankets. **Something that is sitting in your house, unused, can bring warmth to someone who is cold. This is the last weekend we can accept donations to our hallway to have them delivered in time for the distribution. Thank you!**



Teens

TOTAL NEWS

- TOTAL meets this month on November 2, 9, 16. There is no TOTAL on November 23rd.
- On Saturday, November 22nd, the TOTAL teens will participate in a special afternoon and overnight experience to think about making a difference and serving others. We will host a homelessness awareness project called **NIGHT IN A BOX** to raise money and collect much needed items for the Open Door Shelter. Teens will construct a cardboard shelter and spend the night in that shelter to become more aware of the homeless plight in Norwalk and nationwide. TOTAL teens will be collecting cash donations and toiletries for the Open Door Shelter throughout the month of November. Please see the bulletin insert or check the TOTAL bulletin board for a specific list of much needed items. Please contact Daniela or Joe for more information.
- **IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION REMINDERS:** Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 pm** in the church. Confirmation is Sunday, December 7 at 2pm.



Christmas Wreaths & Yankee Candles Fundraiser (Last Two Weekends)

Yankee candles will be on sale as a parish fundraiser only two more weekends, until Nov. 9, in St. Jerome's fourth annual Christmas Wreath & Candle Sale. We are offering a wide selection of Yankee Candles. Order-takers will be at the church entrances after each weekend Mass. We also are selling 22-inch, real pine wreaths, decorated, for \$20 each. We need your pre-orders now, so we know how many candles and wreaths to order. Wreaths will be on sale until Nov. 22. If you plan to buy a Christmas wreath or candle, or give one as a gift this year, please support St. Jerome's by ordering from the parish. Come do your Christmas shopping early and support the parish at the same time. Pre-orders also can be dropped off during the week at the parish office. Payment is due, please, with your pre-order form. Thank you. Candles are usually delivered approximately three weeks after the order is placed.

FOOD DRIVE THANK YOU



During October, our parish responded significantly to the emergency request from Open Door's food pantry, due to a severe shortage of food. Special thanks to Barbara Bagnato, who took many carloads of food from our hallway to Open Door during the past two weeks. This ongoing collection, combined with our weekend drive, amounted to 1,747 food items, which included 445 cans of corn, yams, gravy, and pumpkin sold after each Mass. The Person-to-Person (P2P) food pantry distributes thousands of food items each week, so you can see why your contributions are vital. In addition, we were able to make a special purchase of 180 pounds of fresh produce. The Milk Fund Collection was \$97.00. Thank you to our REACH fifth graders and their families, who stayed to help sort and bag all the food. Many hands make light work!



Random Thoughts

Our second Mass count Sunday came in with an attendance of 938, two more than the week before. All in all, our campaign to get the numbers up was a great success with an overall increase of 17% over last year. This past week the vigil was down from the previous week, the 8am ahead, the 9:15am down, the 11am up, and the 6pm way ahead of last year, but down from the week before. What is obvious to me is that the 6pm is the key. When the attendance is in the high 200's we have a respectable attendance for the weekend, when it is down as it has been for the past year, our attendance suffers.

On another liturgical note, you will be reading this on the weekend of All Saints, All Souls. These very important days remind us all that we are not only part of a wider Church, but one that includes those who have gone before us. This year All Saints falls on a Saturday and is not a day of obligation, while All Souls falls on the Sunday and is a day of obligation. When either day falls on a Sunday it is so important that it trumps the Sunday in Ordinary Time, which this week would have been the 31st Sunday.

The readings this weekend are taken from the lectionary for Masses for the dead and are meant to be very comforting. The first reading is from the Book of Wisdom, a late Old Testament reading written just several hundred years before Jesus. At this stage of Old Testament thought, the Pharisees were just beginning to believe in individual life after death. The passage reminds us that the souls of the just are indeed in the hand of God and thus safe from all torment. The Gospel of John then goes on to remind us that it is the will of the Father and of Jesus that not anyone given to the Lord be lost - how extraordinarily comforting.

Here at St Jerome we will have our annual Mass for the Faithful Departed on Monday, November 3rd at 7pm. There we remember all our beloved dead, but most especially those who have died in the past year. Our belief in the communion of Saints, the conviction that we are connected to those who have gone before us is made visible that day. I am always moved when families come to Mass on the anniversary of a loved one's death. It is not uncommon to see a death remembered even twenty and thirty years after the person has gone home to God. Whenever I see such a witness, it is the doctrine of the Communion of Saints brought to life.

Catholic High School Entrance Exams

Fairfield Prep—11/15 at 8:30 AM
 Trinity Catholic—11/1 or 11/15 at 8:00 AM
 St. Joseph—11/1 or 11/15 at 8:00 AM
 Notre Dame Fairfield—11/1 or 11/15 at 8:30 AM

ST. JEROME LADIES GUILD November meeting will be held on Monday, November 3rd at 1:00 PM in the Church Hall. All women are invited!

The 21st Annual Christopher F. Mooney, SJ Lecture - "On Calling a Diocesan Synod: Hopes & Dreams" with Bishop Frank J. Caggiano Tuesday, 11/4/14 at 8:00 PM Fairfield University Quick Center for the Arts. Open to the public. Admission is Free.