



11/02 9:00 am ALL SOULS
VIGIL FOR SUNDAY
 4:30 pm ALL SOULS

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11/03 8:00 am Cora & Bill Bria
 (family)
 9:15 am Ugo DiDemetrio
 (Franca Rende)
 11:00 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr.
 (family)
 6:00 pm John Dillane
 (Katie & John Moyer)
 11/04 9:00 am Bill Hollohan
 (Daughter, Margie)
 11/05 9:00 am For the parish
 11/06 9:00 am Catherine Ferris (40th Anniv.)
 (Cathy & Victor Librandi)
 11/07 9:00 am Kelly Pfaffenbach
 (Phil & Pat Florio)
 11/08 9:00 am For our college students
 11/09 9:00 am Kay Ferris
 (Librandi family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Anthony DeSantis
 (family)

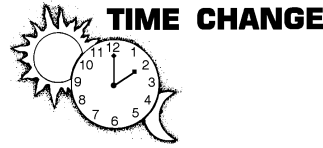
THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11/10 8:00 am Rentas family
 (Rentas family)
 9:15 am Giuseppe Giglio
 (Wife)
 11:00 am John Zaso (1st. Anniv.)
 (Phil & Pat Florio)
 6:00 pm John & Jane Dillane
 (DiPreta family)

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



PLEASE NOTE: TIME TO TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK. THE SATURDAY EVENING VIGIL IS NOVEMBER 9TH AT "4:00pm"



REACH
Today, Sunday, November 3
 Grades K-6 NO Classes

Grade 7&8
 Follow your email for your chosen class time.

Next Sunday, November 10
 Grades K-6 meet today!

Grades 7&8 - refer to your email for your chosen group and time.

If you are a REACH Volunteer...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 VIRTUS classes for REACH Volunteers:
 Holy Spirit (Stamford) 11/6 Wednesday – 6:30PM
 St. Francis (Weston) 11/12 Tuesday 9:15AM

REACH Payments are currently being accepted. Please make sure your account is up to date. Any concerns should be directed to Kathy Coyne.

FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus as a guest in the house of Zacchaeus. Talk about the various ways in which your family prepares when guests are expected in your home. Then read today's gospel. Luke 19:1-10. Observe that Zacchaeus had not prepared to be Jesus' host that day. And yet, he welcomed Jesus better than anyone else because of his change of heart.

Discuss how your family might receive Jesus in your home and how you receive Jesus in the guests that you make welcome in your home. Pray together that your family will welcome guests into your home as you would welcome Jesus.

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

TOTAL meets tonight, November 10th and, again on the 17th.

Confirmation is Sunday, November 24th at 2:00PM

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION REMINDERS: Confirmation Rehearsal will be held on **Tuesday, November 19 at 7:00PM** in the church. The Confirmation Candidate and his/her sponsor or parent sub must attend. Please make sure you have submitted your Official Parish Registry form to the REACH office or to Daniela ASAP. This information is needed for the program and Confirmation Certificates. If you have a deceased or ill family member that you would like included in the Intercessions at the Confirmation Mass, please let Daniela know by November 4th.

TOTAL registration is open to all teens.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

October 27, 2013	\$ 5,204
October total to date	38,075
October offertory budget	41,800

As always, thank you for your generous support of St. Jerome Parish.



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH the Ladies Guild will hold a meeting in the Church Hall at 1:00PM. All women of the parish are invited.

ST. JEROME CHRISTMAS WREATHS, CANDLES, AND POPCORN FOR SALE Pre-order forms can be found at the church entrances and pre-order sellers will assist you after each weekend Mass. 22-inch wreaths will be on sale until November 30 for \$20. Yankee Candle and Popcorn sales continue until November 3. Pre-orders can also be dropped off during the week at the parish office. Payment is due with your pre-order form.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: "MAKE A DIFFERENCE PROJECT" Since October is designated as a time to "Make a Difference", we want to bring awareness and help members of our St. Jerome community who could use assistance. There will be a clearly marked box placed at the rear of the church. If you know of a parishioner who could use help with rides to the doctor, help with grocery shopping, a meal made for them, or some other service, please fill out a request sheet naming the type of service needed, your name and contact information. You will be contacted by a Social Concerns Committee member to discuss your request in confidence. Let's help to "make A Positive difference" to people in need in our community.

C.D. PLAYERS AND C.D.'S COLLECTION

Do you have a gently used c.d. player, or c.d.'s that

you no long use? Something that is sitting in your house

Unloved, can bring joy to someone else. Our elderly neighbors at Notre Dame Convalescent Home on West Rocks Rd. love to listen to soothing music which can bring them relaxation, positive emotions, good memories. Our Social Concerns Committee is running this collection – you may deliver new or your gently-used c.d. players and c.d.'s to the box in the Hall. Thanks for brightening life for an elderly neighbor.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

We have just finished the annual Mass count that the Diocese requires of all parishes. Taken on the same two Sundays every October, the count gives you a good statistical sense of what is happening in the parish.

I went back and reviewed the numbers for the past ten years. Let me start by saying that in 2003 the average attendance on the last two Sundays in October was 1050. This year on the same two Sundays, the count was 803. In ten years our Mass attendance has dropped by 247. The drop is significant.

Our Pastoral Council is aware of the change and is beginning a process of responding to the challenge. My own personal observation is that we are simultaneously an older and a younger parish. We have lots of senior parishioners and lots of young families. My read is that attendance at the Saturday vigil, which is motley older parishioners, has dropped in a significant way. At the same time, attendance at the 6:00PM, which has a younger congregation, has also dropped. We are having problems at both ends of our population.

Interestingly, today's NEW YORK TIMES (Monday, October 28th.) had a series of articles addressing the universal fall in Church attendance. In addition to secularism, it points to an increasing desire for people to feel accepted and not judged, for a hunger to experience the divine that is not being met and for a need for greater hospitality and community.

Recently, our parish did a questionnaire evaluating any of these issues. The results are still being compiled. I will give you the results after the Pastoral Council reviews them. Meanwhile, a sub-committee of the Council will be studying a book on the rebuilding of a Catholic Parish in the Archdiocese of Baltimore (home of Archbishop Lori). Hopefully, we can learn from them and eventually reach out to the Catholics in our district who have drifted away from Sunday worship.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

The annual Memorial Mass for the deceased graduates, faculty, and staff of Stamford Catholic/Trinity Catholic High School will take place on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 at 7:00PM in the school auditorium. All are welcome to attend. Please call the school (203) 322-3401 if you plan to attend.