



9/13 9:00 am Harry Clark
(Lisa Setti)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Wally & Ann Regan
(The Family)

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9/14 8:00 am Nicholas & Irene Ostasiewicz
(The Family)

9:15 am David McIntosh
(Anne Groener)

11:00 am Vincent Garvey
(The Family)

6:00 pm Edward Wynn, Jr.
(James & Dina Howe)

9/15 9:00 am Marie Smith
(a friend)

9/16 9:00 am Josephine & Carmen DiDomizio
(son, John)

9/17 9:00 am Eugenio Pesce
(DiCostanzo Family)

9/18 9:00 am Rubolino—Haggerty Family
(the Family)

9/19 9:00 am Angela Nolan
(the Family)

9/20 9:00 am Lucille Zobel
(daughter, Allia)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Alfred Canevari (9th Anniv.)
(Wife & Family)

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/21 8:00 am Robert Silva
(Candy, Vin, & John Rossi)

9:15 am Marco Monteiro
(Tucci & Monteiro Families)

11:00 am Jean Cinelli
(Patricia Mulligan)

6:00 pm Richard Furgiuele
(Rohr Family)

Mass Intentions for 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. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

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 all people with respect, acceptance and support.

Altar Flowers

This weekend - in memory of Alfred Canevari given by his wife and family.

September 20/21- in memory of Dr. William Sullivan given by his 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

September 7, 2014 \$ 6,367

September offertory budget \$39,250

Faith Direct donations for September, expected to be about \$16,000, will be reported next week. As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish. For the month of August, we exceeded our budgetary goal by \$1,700. Thanks so much!



REACH 2014-2015

• **FIRST DAYS**

Grades 1-6 is Today, September 14th.

Grade 7 & 8 will be September 21st.

Kindergarten will be October 5th

• **REACH registration forms need to be returned to the office ASAP!!** Payments can be arranged. Registration Forms are available in the letter holder outside the REACH office or use the link on the parish website: www.stjeromenorwalk.org/2014-2015-REACH-registration.pdf

• **NEW to our program???** Do you know anyone new to the parish, or our REACH program, with a child entering kindergarten or 1st grade? Please have them contact us at reachstjerome@optonline.net or 203-846-2111.

• **Questions?** Please call the REACH office and leave a message 203-846-2111.

2014 DIOCESAN RED MASS Legal professionals and the public are invited to attend on Sunday, September 28, 2014 at 9:00am at the Fairfield University Egan Chapel. Bishop Caggiano will be the celebrant and homilist. The breakfast guest speaker will be Noel Francisco, partner at Jones Day and part of the pro bono team representing the Catholic Church in the HHS mandate cases. The cost of the breakfast is \$35/person or \$350 for a table (10 tickets) and you can pay for it online at www.bridgportdiocese.com/rsvp. Please RSVP by September 21st.



TOTAL NEWS

- **TOTAL STARTS THIS WEEKEND!** All teens are welcome to join us after the 6:00 Mass for a Pizza Party and a night full of fun and games. Come see what TOTAL is all about and what we have planned for this year. There is still time to register.
- **9th graders** - If you were not able to attend the Confirmation meeting on 9/7, please pick up your Confirmation folder at TOTAL.
- If you have a child receiving Confirmation in the fall of 2015, please make sure you have registered and that we have your email on file.
- The Parish Festival, on 9/28, is in need of Teen volunteers to help with set up, crafts and games. If you still need service hours for Confirmation, this is a great way to fulfill your obligation. **Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway.** All TOTAL teens who volunteer at the festival will be admitted for free. You may contact Daniela O'Callaghan for more information at danielaoc@optonline.net.
- Teen lectors are needed for the 6:00 Mass. Anyone in need of service hours can put down an hour for each mass served as a lector toward their requirement. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please see Daniela or Joe O'Callaghan.

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. Cecilia (Stamford) Tues. 9/16 at 6:30 PM

St. Elizabeth Seton (Ridgefield) Sat., 9/20 at 9:30 AM

St. Aloysius (New Canaan) Tues., 9/23 at 7:00 PM

St. Stephen (Trumbull) Mon., 9/29 at 6:00 PM

St. Thomas (Norwalk) Wed., 10/1 at 6:30 PM

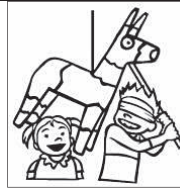
SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

Our Social Concerns Committee will be holding their first meeting of the Fall on Monday, September 22nd at 7PM in the Resource Room. All Committee members are asked to attend to begin planning our projects for balance of this year. We also extend an invitation to all interested parishioners to join us.

DIOCESAN SPECIAL NEEDS MASS will take place on September 21, 2014 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Holy Cross Parish 750 Tahmore Drive, Fairfield.

SYNOD NEWS www.2014synod.com

- Solemn Vespers Service for the opening of the Fourth Diocesan Synod of the Diocese Bridgeport on Friday, September 19th at 7:30 pm in St. Augustine Cathedral in Bridgeport.
- **FIRST GENERAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD** on Sat., **Sept. 20** from 9:30am-2:30pm at St. Catherine, Trumbull.



PARISH FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 28TH

11:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

TICKETS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT WEEKEND

Adult admission is \$10.00, the same as last year. (Adult tickets at the door are \$12). Admission for all children 12 and under is FREE if the child is accompanied by a paying adult. This year seniors age 72 and above are half-price, \$5.00. **We ask that you buy tickets IN ADVANCE and pick up any free Child tickets IN ADVANCE so we know how much food to buy.**

This year's MEXICAN FIESTA THEME is designed to appeal especially to children of all ages - seniors, teens, and all parish members – plentiful food: tacos and fajitas, plus hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, green salad, mac & cheese, popcorn, ice cream and desserts. Children can play games and enjoy the inflatables, the magician, balloon-sculpture, the pie-eating contest, face-painting, temporary tattoos, and arts & crafts!

Sept. 28 is REACH Sunday. Parents should pick up their children before they enter the Festival. Please note that there will be no Mass to conclude the festival at 3:00 PM. There will be the usual Sunday 6:00 PM Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PARISH FESTIVAL

Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board for festival set-up, to do simple food prep, to serve food, to help with children's games, to collect tickets, and to make and share desserts. We need many people to make the festival a success. Please help by signing up today!



FOOD DRIVE—NEXT WEEKEND

September 20/21

Beginning this month Person 2 Person will begin the extraordinary task of collecting food items for Thanksgiving baskets for approximately 600 of our Norwalk families. After each mass on September 20 & 21 the Social Concerns Committee will be selling corn, yams, pumpkin, and gravy for \$5.00 to contribute to this collection. Other needed items include canned peaches, tuna, beef ravioli, hearty chicken soup, peanut butter, 18 oz jars of jelly, and fresh produce – apples, oranges, potatoes, carrots, and onions. There is also always a need for plastic grocery bags. Food items and plastic bags can be left in the hallway any time during the week. Thank you for helping Norwalk families who struggle to put food on their tables.

The **World Meeting of Families** will be held in Philadelphia, September 25-27, 2015, and we are hopeful that Pope Francis will be in attendance! The Diocese of Bridgeport will be organizing a group to attend this exciting event. Details are still pending, but we want to know who will be joining us so that we may contact you once a package is confirmed.

Please contact Angela Mantero, Director of Marriage and Family, amantero@diobpt.org or 203-416-1627.

POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "Tweet of the Week"

"Jesus is the Good Shepherd. He seeks us out and he stays near us even though we are sinners, indeed because we are sinners."