



9/27 9:00 am Anne Vinci (4th Anniv.)
(Esty Tucci)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm for our sick and their caregivers

TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9/28 8:00 am Daniel, John, & Susan Marie Testa
(Ives & Galligan Families)

9:15 am Michael Chuba, Sr.
(Chuba Family)

11:00 am Maria Granata
(Chris & Donna Granata)

6:00 pm Richard Furguele
(Kathy & Tracy Lawrence)

9/29 9:00 am Angelo Palacino
(Rosa Morgera)

9/30 9:00 am Anastasios Arapidis
(Esty Tucci)

10/1 9:00 am Alvin Zobel
(Daughter, Allia)

10/2 9:00 am for Deceased Parents

10/3 9:00 am Allen Doppke
(the Family)

10/4 9:00 am for the safety of our Armed Forces

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:30 pm Patsy Tartaglia
(Joseph Errico)

TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10/5 8:00 am Paul Kennedy
(Eileen & Brian)

9:15 am Carol M. Murone
(Helen & Chris Eidt)

11:00 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr
(the Family)

6:00 pm Madelena Balestriere
(the Family)

Adoration & Silent Prayer Every day between 4:00PM and 5:00PM. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Mass Intentions for 2014-2015
***There are many available times for Mass intentions. Please drop by or call the Parish Office.

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

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 21, 2014 \$ 4,957

September total to date \$34,125

September offertory budget \$39,250

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish. With one weekend left in September, we are well within reach of our monthly offertory goal.

REACH 2014-2015



• Kindergarten first day will be October 5th

• REACH grade 1-6 meet

this morning, September 28th at the 9:15 Mass followed by class.

- 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 www.stjeromenorwalk.org/2014-2015-REACH-registration.pdf
- Volunteers needed each week for REACH to function—please check out our easy volunteer sign up at: <http://stjerome.ivolunteer.com/>



TOTAL NEWS

• There is no TOTAL tonight due to the Parish Festival. We will meet again on October 5. TOTAL is off to a great start.

- If you haven't registered yet, please contact Daniela or Joe or the REACH office for a registration form. Freshmen should fill out a Confirmation Registration form. All other grades should fill out a TOTAL registration form.
- Teen lectors are needed for the 6:00 mass. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please let us know.
- We are always in need of 2 liter bottles of soda, large jugs of water and prepackaged chips and cookies. Please send them in with your child at any TOTAL meeting. If you would like to send in fresh baked treats, please contact Daniela.

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. Stephen (Trumbull) Mon., 9/29 at 6:00 PM
- St. Thomas (Norwalk) Wed., 10/1 at 6:30 PM
- St. Thomas More (Darien) Tues., 10/7 at 7:00 PM
- St. Thomas Aquinas (Fairfield) Wed., 10/8 at 6:30 PM

FOOD DRIVE—FOLLOWUP

THANKS TO EVERYONE FOR A GREAT SEPTEMBER FOOD DRIVE -- Our September food drive was outstanding thanks to all of your contributions! The total number of food items was 1,210 which included 568 items of canned corn, yams, pumpkin, and gravy. This a great response to Person -2-Person's request for items for Thanksgiving food baskets. Also we received a generous 72 pounds of fresh produce, and the Milk Fund Collection total was \$130. In addition, we were able to make a special purchase of 125 pounds of produce from money received. Due to everyone's help we are making huge contributions to our local food pantries, and putting food on the tables of our hungry Norwalk neighbors.

Jubilee Mass of Wedding Anniversaries

The Diocese of Bridgeport will celebrate a Mass commemorating significant wedding anniversaries at **Saint Theresa Church, Trumbull, on Sunday, October 19, at 3:00 P.M.** Bishop Caggiano will be the Principal Celebrant at this special Mass which will include the renewal of marriage vows and presentation of commemorative certificates. Couples who have or will be celebrating an anniversary ending in "0" or "5," or anyone celebrating **50+** years during the months of **July-December** are invited to register **with their parish by October 7.**

ALTAR SERVERS

New Altar Server training will take place this Fall. If your son or daughter is interested in becoming an Altar Server, please contact Kathy Rohr in the REACH office - reachstjerome@optonline.net or call 203-846-2111.

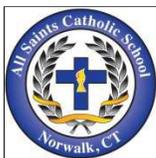


PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

All Saints Catholic School - Sunday, October 5th from 12:00-3:00 Bake Sale, Pumpkin Patch, 2

Bounce Houses, Face Painting, Pony Rides, Crafts, Games, and Prizes!

139 West Rocks Road, Norwalk



WOMEN'S GUILD

The next meeting of the Women's Guild will take place on Monday, October, 6th at 1:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

ROSARY FOR PEACE Come join us to Pray the Holy Rosary for Peace, October 7th at 7:30 PM at St. Cecilia 1184 Newfield Ave. Stamford



Random Thoughts

Last Saturday, September 20th, Bishop Caggiano held the first session of the Diocesan Synod for 2014. The gathering of 400 delegates - clergy, religious, and laity - from each Diocesan institution will set the future course of the Diocese for the next decade. It was a wonderful day, invigorating, informative, and fast-paced. At the session, presentations were made on the four main topics: empowering the young Church; building up communities of Faith; fostering evangelical outreach; and promoting works of charity and justice. Each presentation was followed by 40 minutes of discussion. Then, the Bishop gave us all penetrating questions to study.

For me, the best part of the day, was the Bishop's observations and questions. He wants us to sit with the facts and questions before we rush to solutions. Here are some of the questions that Bishop Caggiano asked:

1. Is technology a tool or is it a transitional force?
2. How do we help the religious Faith community to restore credibility?
3. What makes a family a family?
4. What makes a Catholic School, Catholic?
5. When does one age's strength become another age's weakness?
6. Who do people say Jesus is, and who do we say He is?
7. Define the terms Savior and Redeemer?
8. What happens when it is not easy to fit charity and justice together?

I keep referring to our new Bishop as a transformative leader. The synod process will be a real blessing to our Diocese. It will make us more the Church that the Lord calls us to be.....Stay tuned.....

Fairfield Prep—Open House

October 5th 2:00—4:00 PM

For directions to Prep and to create your online Prep Admissions Account, visit the Fairfield Prep website at www.fairfieldprep.org.



PRIESTS CONVOCATION

Both Fr. David and Fr. Joe will be away from Sunday, October 12, after the 6:00PM Mass, through Wednesday, October 15th. Therefore on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of that week, there will be a Communion Service instead of the usual 9:00 AM Mass.

POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "Tweet of the Week"

"Dear young people, listen within: Christ is knocking at the door of your heart."