

St. Jerome Church

23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851

203-847-5349



St. Jerome
Family
Festival
2018



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.

SABBATH MASSES

Saturday 4:00 PM
 Sunday 8:00 AM
 9:15 AM Young Children's Mass
 11:00 AM
 6:00 PM (September—June)

DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Holy Day 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Sat 9:00 AM

HOW TO FIND US.....

Parish Website: www.stjeromenorwalk.org

Parish Email: office@stjeromenorwalk.org

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Parish Facebook: [stjeromenorwalk](https://www.facebook.com/stjeromenorwalk)

REACH & TOTAL Facebook:
[REACH.TOTAL.stjerome](https://www.facebook.com/REACH.TOTAL.stjerome)



Parish Twitter: [@StJeromeNorwalk](https://twitter.com/StJeromeNorwalk)

REACH & TOTAL Twitter:
[@REACHstjerome](https://twitter.com/REACHstjerome)



Instagram:
[stjeromenorwalk](https://www.instagram.com/stjeromenorwalk)

PARISH STAFF

PASTORAL STAFF ~ 203-847-5349

Rev. David Blanchfield, Pastor
 Rev. Rojin Karickal, Parochial Vicar
 Rev. Michael Hoag, S.J., Weekend Assistant

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Office Hours, Mon-Fri 9:00 AM—1 PM
 Natalie Raduazzo, Administrative Assistant
 Kathy Rohr, Administrative Assistant

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Donald Nelson

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ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

203-847-3881 Pre K—Grade 8

139 West Rocks Road
 Norwalk, CT 06851
 Linda Dunn, Principal

FAITH DIRECT—ONLINE GIVING

866-507-8757 www.faithdirect.net

Sign up using our church code: **CT46** or visit our website at www.stjeromenorwalk.org/Faith-Direct-enrollment.pdf



10/6 9:00 am for all those recovering from natural disasters

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Paul Kennedy (15th Ann.)

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

10/7 8:00 am Tom Rozzi (family)
 9:15 am Emma L'Archevesque (Anna & Lee L'Archevesque)
 11:00 am Vincenzo Iannone, Jr. (16th Ann.) (family)
 6:00 pm Allen Doppke (Nicole & Jim Tobin)

10/8 9:00 am Mildred Tramontana (Phil LoRusso)

10/9 9:00 am J. Allen White (25th Ann.) (Tom & Sheila Rietano)

10/10 9:00 am for the sick & their caregivers

10/11 9:00 am for the People

10/12 9:00 am Jim Alvord (Bob & Judi Dennehy)

10/13 9:00 am for the safety of our First Responders

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Agnes Conover (Barbara & Ed Bagnato)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

10/14 8:00 am For the intentions of Dick Hoffmann (April Wennerstrom)

9:15 am Doris Briggs (Pat & Frank Hauptman)

11:00 am Henry Robidas (Pat Chocas)

6:00 pm Deacon Dean Finch (Jacqueline Migonis)

Altar Flowers

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

Adoration & Silent Prayer

Every day between 4:00PM and 5:00PM.

Contemplative Prayer

Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM.
 Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Perpetual Novena

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal takes place each Monday following morning Mass

Rosary & Divine Mercy Prayers

Monday through Saturday after daily Mass

Baptisms

Please call the parish office during regular office hours to schedule. Pre Baptism class 3rd Monday each month

Required Pre-Baptism

Class at 7PM third Monday of the month. Please register ahead of time by calling the office.

Reconciliation

One hour before vigil on Saturday. Also **anytime** by appointment.

Marriages

Please contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

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.

Gluten Free Hosts

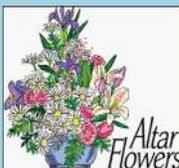
Available at all Masses. If you require a gluten-free host, please see the officiating priest before Mass.

Bringing up the Gifts at Mass

If the Mass intention has been requested by you or for your loved ones, and you would like to bring up the Gifts at the Offertory, please let the ushers know that you are present and would like to bring up the gifts.

Widows' Support Group

Meets at 1:00 PM on the second Tuesday of the month in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week the altar flowers can be memorialized for a loved one. Please contact the parish office.



Last weekend was wonderful, but exhausting! I am getting too old for this but would hate to miss a minute of it! Fr. Rojin's Archbishop arrived on Saturday afternoon. He presided and preached at the 11am Mass on Sunday right before the start of the festival. At that Mass, the parish gave him a check for \$5,000 that you contributed for flood relief in Kerala. The night before, we had a dinner at the rectory for the Archbishop and our own Bishop Caggiano. It was a festive evening that even ended early enough for me to watch the second half of the Stanford -Notre Dame football game. Although it was way past my bedtime, it was worth staying up for since I now have real hope for the only sports team that I follow. Hope indeed springs eternal.

Then Sunday was the festival: great weather, a big crowd, delicious food, and a good time had by all only to be topped by having three parishioners win the prizes. I could not have improved upon the day. The committees made it look effortless, but it took an enormous amount of work. Dan Loch chaired the festival committee, and Jack O'Melia and John Kuczo (who keeps trying to retire) ran the raffle. Without any one of them, the day would not have happened. The raffle, which took in about \$ 41,500 before expenses (prizes and the cost of the meal) is essential to our overall financial health. I am deeply in debt to all who worked so hard to make the day perfect.

So now it is time to start looking ahead. On Wednesday October 17th, we will have a Mass of Reparation for the sin of sexual abuse by clergy. The Mass will be at 7pm that night. Then, on Friday November 2nd, All Souls, we will have Mass at 7pm for all who have died this past year. If you have a loved one buried from our parish, his or her name will automatically be mentioned. Starting this weekend, we will have a list for names of loved ones buried from another place. Those names will be read as well.



THIS WEEK AT ST. JEROME.....

Sunday	10/7	11:00 AM Mass with Fr. Rojin's Archbishop Parish Festival 12-3:30 with Raffle drawing at 3PM
Monday	10/1	Women's Scripture Group 9:30 AM
Tuesday	10/9	Bible Study 9:30AM
Wednesday	10/3	Contemplative Prayer 7PM Women's Scripture Group 7:30 PM
Thursday	10/4	
Friday	10/5	
Saturday	10/6	Men's Ministry 7:00 AM

WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

September 30, 2018 **\$4,219**

(The September 30th collection was deposited on October 1, 2018)

October Offertory Budget **\$40,600**

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



We pray for those who bravely serve our country.

Our service people include:

PFC Devon Barker, United States Army
PFC Andrew Chimento, United States Army
Sgt. Jason Kulik, United States Army
SSgt. Cameron Prescott, USAF
Pvt. Patrick Ruther, CTARNG
SSG Hendrik P. Sorensen, ARNG
Airman Lauren A. Sorensen, USN
LCpl. Jack H. Whitney, USMC

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE VIRTUS TRAINING!!

All volunteers 18 years and over must be in compliance with the diocesan mandate.

Please visit www.virtusonline.org to register.

Some upcoming training dates:

New Covenant Center (Stamford) 10/17—6 PM

St. Matthew (Norwalk) 10/21—1 PM



SAVE THE DATE—St. Jerome Shredding Fundraiser

We will be holding a Shredding fundraiser at the end of the month. If you wish to bring your documents, we will have a drop off day to Rm. 1 (which will be locked overnight) on Sunday, October 28. (Call the office to come another time.) Every box dropped off will be \$20. (Boxes should be the size that copy paper comes in.) We will have extra boxes. The shredding truck will be onsite on Monday, October 29th.

CONGRATS Raffle Winners

Three cheers for all of the winners of this years annual St. Jerome Raffle.....and the winners are.....

\$10,000..... Lee L'Archevesque, Jr.

\$3,000..... Dick Auwarter

\$2,000..... Tom Rietano

Thank you to all who participated!!!

Catholic High School Info

Open Houses

St. Joseph	10/14 1-4 PM
Trinity Catholic	10/16 5:30 PM
Notre Dame Fairfield	10/21 1PM

Entrance Exams

Lauralton Hall	10/13 or 10/20
Fairfield Prep	10/13 or 11/17
St. Joe's, Trinity, Notre Dame	10/27 or 11/10

Please contact the high school admissions departments directly to register for their exams or schedule a Shadow Day.

TWEETS OF THE WEEK



@Pontifex "We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. #PrayforTheChurch"

@BishopCaggiano "The true pilgrimage of our life is to get to heaven, our true home."

@JamesMartinSJ "Gospel: (10/1) 'For the one who is least among you is the one who is greatest.' The genius of the 'Little Way' of St. Therese of Lisieux is not only that it is accessible to all believers, but that it grasps that even the smallest act can be done with the greatest love."

The Face of Prayer™

Ask. Watch. Witness.™

The Face of Prayer™ is creating an interactive video catechism based on the questions and concerns of young people.

Visit www.thefaceofprayer.com to view over 140 questions that have already been answered by our catechists.



Text **PRAY** to **55778** to join the movement!

REACH

- **REACH** - First parent/child session will take place on October 14th. Please attend 9:15 Mass followed by the session in the hall.
- **REGISTRATION** forms need to be returned ASAP so that we can plan for our space needs.
- **NEW Kindergarteners or First graders**, please register ASAP.

TOTAL TEENS OF TODAY ALIVE + LOOKING

- TOTAL meets on October 14, 21, and 28.
- Thank you to the teens who helped with the Parish Festival last Sunday. We had TOTAL teens in the Kids Area, food stations, and setting up to help the festival run smoothly. The teens who helped were Victoria Russo, Sarah Genuario, Luca Martinez, Keegan Agostino, Chris Muralles, Austin Hall, Nicole Ogiba, Delia Jordanides, Michael Arbisi, Naomi Ogiba, Zofia Slowik, Daniella DiBlasio, Matthew O'Callaghan, Robert Robinson, Sean Murawski, Sam Perrotelli, Betsy Burke, Rachel Nees, Mia Piacenza, Jeremy Taylor, Elizabeth Keegan, Kaitlyn Giancaspro, Taylor Freeman, David Salazar, Jason Mandras, and Alicia Kurpinowotz.
- Sunday, October 21st is **Parent's Night at TOTAL!** Please join your child for Mass and then come down to the Kevin Eidt Youth Room to see what goes on at TOTAL.
- If you are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on December 2nd, please make sure you have submitted an Official Parish Registry, Sponsor Certificate and a record of your service hours to Daniela by the end of October.
- Teen lectors (readers) are needed for the 6:00 Mass. Please contact Daniela or Joe if you are interested in becoming a lector. You will have to attend a few training sessions before you can be put on the schedule. Anyone who becomes a lector will receive service hours for each time that you read at Mass.



ESL TUTORS NEEDED

We have a local need for Volunteer Tutors for ESL classes for women at two Norwalk churches. Classes take place on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday mornings at St. Ladislaus in South Norwalk from 9:30 to 11:30 AM and in the afternoons at St. Thomas in East Norwalk from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Sister Peg Regan at 203-635-3151 or pegasita@aol.com.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING AT THE FESTIVAL!

Thank you to all of our volunteers for an outstanding parish festival and parish cash raffle drawing! Everyone who helped with serving, grilling, children's games and Arts & Crafts, or set-up or food prep created a marvelous afternoon of plenty of food, fun, and friendship. Your volunteering combined with perfect weather, scrumptious food, magical entertainment, an appealing Italian theme, and the parish cash raffle drawing made our celebration of our parish a success.

Attendance was 311 of whom 242 were adults and seniors and 69 were children. The many parishioners, our friends, enjoying Archbishop Njarakatt's visit, the great food -- pasta, hot dogs, hamburgers, zuppa de pesche, chicken piccata, sausage and peppers, and more -- while enjoying the company of their friends, made the festival a memorable event. Thank you for your help with the food, thank you your help with the entertainment, thank you for all the set-up and take-down work, thank you for buying festival 50-50 and parish cash raffle tickets, and thank you for pitching-in however you could.



FOOD DRIVE NEXT WEEKEND OCTOBER 13-14

The most needed items requested by Person-2-Person's Food Pantry include:

Pasta sauce

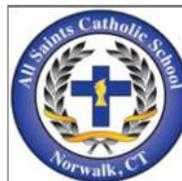
Canned fruit -- mixed and applesauce

Canned pasta (ravioli)

Canned vegetables -- peas, mixed

Dried milk

Cash donations always welcomed. We will purchase these items with your cash donation and bring them with our deliveries.



Interested in finding out more about **All Saints Catholic School** in Norwalk? Stop by our **"Take-A-Look Tuesday" Open House**, held every Tuesday from 8:30-10am. Each week, parents and students are on-

hand to give tours and answer questions about our curriculum, activities, after-school program and tuition assistance. No appointment necessary. All Saints Catholic School, PreK through Grade 8. 139 West Rocks Road, Norwalk. 203-847-3881. www.allsaintsnorwalk.com