



St. Jerome Norwalk

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am
(10:00 am live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
at 9:00 am every first Friday of the
month

Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00 am on
August 15th

Devotion Mass followed by Holy Rosary
at 9:00 am every first Saturday of the
month

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Mass

Confession available after 9 am
Mass and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at
5:00 pm every last Tuesday of the
month

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

To make a donation for the 2026 Bishop Appeal please visit

www.2026BishopsAppeal.org

or call 203-416-1470 with your phone or scan QR code

Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$69,200



Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel introduces us to a woman whose faith shines brightly in the midst of suffering. She is a Canaanite, a foreigner and an outsider, yet she approaches Jesus with extraordinary confidence: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." Her prayer is born from love, but it is also an act of faith. She believes that Jesus has the power to bring healing where human strength has reached its limits. What follows is not easy to understand. Jesus does not answer her immediately, and even the disciples want her sent away. Yet she refuses to leave. She kneels before Jesus and says simply, "Lord, help me." Those three words contain the heart of Christian prayer. They express humility, trust, and complete dependence upon God. The woman does not demand an answer from Jesus; she entrusts herself to Him. Her faith remains firm even when the answer seems delayed. How often do we find ourselves in a similar situation? We pray for healing, for our families, for our children, for peace, for employment, for reconciliation, or for someone who has wandered away from the faith. Sometimes we pray for a long time and wonder whether God is listening. The Canaanite woman reminds us that God's silence is not God's absence. Faith means remaining close to Christ even when we do not yet understand His ways.

Jesus eventually declares, "O woman, great is your faith!" Her perseverance becomes a testimony that faith is not merely believing when everything is going well. Faith is trusting God when the road is difficult, when the answer is delayed, and when we cannot see what lies ahead. Her story also challenges us as a parish community. She was an outsider, yet Jesus received her faith and made her an example for all generations. The Church, therefore, must always be a place where people encounter the mercy of Christ. St. Jerome's Parish is called to be a spiritual home where the lonely find welcome, the suffering find compassion, the discouraged find encouragement, and those searching for God find a community willing to walk with them.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table, let us bring before Christ everything that weighs upon our hearts. Let us bring our families, our struggles, our unanswered prayers, and the people for whom we continue to hope. Like the Canaanite woman, let us remain at the feet of Jesus with confidence. When words fail us, let our prayer be simple: "Lord, help me." May the Lord strengthen our faith, deepen our trust, and teach us to persevere in prayer. May we never allow disappointment to separate us from Christ.

And may our parish become ever more faithful in bringing the healing mercy of Jesus to all whom we encounter. May St. Jerome intercede for our parish, that we may remain rooted in the Word of God and steadfast in faith. Amen.

God bless you,
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of August 15 & 16 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Ann Wally and Lynn Regan requested by Family
- +Kay and Harold Ferris requested by Cathy Librand
- +Mildred Hawkins requested by Barbara Bagnato
- +Souls of Laracca and Alicandro Families

Monday, August 17

Patrick Polley requested by Colette LeBrun

Tuesday, August 18

+Richard Serna requested by Tricia Giglio

Wednesday, August 19

Parishioners of St Jerome

Thursday, August 20

Pietro Pizzo requested by Maria Pecoraro

Friday, August 21

Parishioners of St Jerome

Weekend of August 22 & 23 21st Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Mary C. Sullivan requested by Maureen Faulkner
- +Mary Ann and William Lockhart requested by Liz Lockhart
- +Giuseppe Mercuri requested by Theresa, Neil and Angie Buono
- +Jack Laracca (4th Annivarsary) requested by Granata Family

Loss Group

August 15, 2:00-3:30 PM in Parish Hall

All are welcome!

**This week the Sanctuary Candle is offered in Memory of
Emma Parks by Don Parks.**

**Funeral for Dante Perreca
on August 17th at 11:00 AM.**



HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of August 9

In-Pew	\$2,867
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,300
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$7,166</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,200.00</i>

Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.

One-time credit card donations can be made on our website by visiting

www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds and click on my Account on top toolbar.

If envelopes are your thing, you can drop in the basket, drop off or mail those to the church office at any time!! *Thank you for your support.*

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Come spend an hour with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday at 8:00 AM in the Church.

Benefits of Participating in Adoration and Benediction (Holy Hour):

1. **Deepens your relationship with Jesus** – Spending time in the Real Presence of Christ strengthens your personal friendship with Him.
2. **Increases faith** – Regular Eucharistic adoration helps deepen belief in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.
3. **Brings inner peace** – Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can calm the heart and mind amid life's challenges.
4. **Strengthens prayer life** – Holy Hour encourages listening to God, meditation on Scripture, and heartfelt conversation with Him.
5. **Provides spiritual strength** – Time with Jesus helps believers resist temptation and persevere in living a Christian life.
6. **Promotes repentance and conversion** – Adoration inspires self-examination, sorrow for sin, and a desire to grow in holiness.
7. **Guides important decisions** – Praying before the Blessed Sacrament can bring wisdom, clarity, and discernment.
8. **Increases love for the Eucharist and the Mass** – Regular adoration deepens appreciation for the celebration of the Holy Mass and Holy Communion.
9. **Fosters charity and compassion** – Encountering Christ in the Eucharist encourages greater love and service toward others.
10. **Encourages holiness and spiritual transformation** – Consistent time in Eucharistic adoration gradually shapes a person to become more like Christ in thought, word, and action.



ST. JEROME CHURCH FESTIVAL & RAFFLE

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 11AM - 2PM

FOOD, KIDS' GAMES & ENTERTAINMENT



RAFFLE - \$50 a ticket

Only 1,000 tickets will be sold.

First Prize \$ 5,000

Second Prize \$1,500

Eight Prizes of \$500 each

For tickets, go to stjeromenorwalk.org, Or call Parish office at 203-847-5349.

Or scan the QR code below with your phone.



The Social Concerns Committee is creating a list of local, reliable businesses that may be able to assist parishioners who need help with home repairs or other household needs. We are also gathering names of volunteers who would be willing to drive fellow parishioners to medical appointments or shopping trips. If you are interested in being included on either list, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message.

If any parishioner is in need of food please reach out to the Parish Office for assistance.

**Donations for the
Carver School Supply
Drive: August 15 through
September 6th.**

**Please place all
donations on the metal
rack in the Parish Hall.**

**Thank you for your
support.**

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Help Carver students start the school year
prepared, confident, and ready to learn!

Your donations provide essential supplies that
help students learn, grow, and succeed—
in the classroom and beyond.

Every item you give makes a difference!



ITEMS FOR PROJECTS

- ✓ Crayons
- ✓ Markers (thin & thick)
- ✓ Color Pencils
- ✓ Glue
- ✓ Rulers
- ✓ Pencil Cases



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- ✓ Scientific Calculator
- ✓ Mechanical Pencil
- ✓ Retractable Pens
- ✓ Spiral Notebooks
- ✓ Folders



SCHEDULE A DROP-OFF

The Carver Community Center
is under renovations.

Please contact Mary or Tricia
to schedule a time to deliver
your donation.



WHERE TO DELIVER

The Carver Community Center
7 Academy Street
Norwalk, CT 06850

We will coordinate a convenient
drop-off time with you.



QUESTIONS?



Mary Martini

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Tricia Ciccone

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Thank you for supporting Carver students and our community!

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

St. Jerome Church Tuesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm

September 15 – November 10

Church of the Assumption Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm

September 30 – December 2



Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share
your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your
journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at:

St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church	Church of the Assumption
23 Half Mile Rd.	98 Riverside Ave.
Norwalk	Westport

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Jerome Church and Church of the Assumption are partnering with the
Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this
program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can
contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers
regarding the next steps.

Congratulations to Mark & Kathy Jensen on their 45th Wedding Anniversary and the Renewal of Their Vows.



A blessing for our Faith formation volunteers going to college.

