



St. Jerome Norwalk

August 2, 2026

18th 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

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 of St. Jerome Parish,

Every human heart is hungry—hungry for love, peace, forgiveness, healing, acceptance, and hope. Yet despite the world's promises of satisfaction through wealth, success, pleasure, and possessions, many remain restless. Only God can fully satisfy the deepest hunger of the human soul.

Isaiah speaks directly to this longing: “Come, all you who are thirsty... come without money and without cost.” God's grace is freely given. His mercy cannot be bought. His love is offered to all who come with open hearts.

In today's Gospel, Jesus meets a large crowd in a deserted place. The disciples see scarcity and impossibility. Jesus sees people He loves.

With five loaves and two fish, He performs a great miracle. He takes what is small, blesses it, breaks it, and multiplies it until all are fed. This is more than a miracle of bread—it reveals the boundless generosity of God.

We often resemble the disciples. We focus on what we lack: time, resources, strength, or faith. Yet Jesus asks a simple question: “What do you have?” When we place even our small gifts in His hands, He accomplishes great things.

This is the story of every living parish. St. Jerome Parish is built on people who offer their “five loaves and two fish.” It is the parent who teaches a child to pray, the choir member who lifts hearts in song, the catechist who patiently forms faith, the usher who welcomes with kindness, the volunteer who serves quietly, and the parishioner whose stewardship sustains the Church's mission. Individually, these gifts may seem small. In Christ's hands, they become instruments of grace.

The miracle also points us to the Holy Eucharist. At every Mass, Jesus not only gives bread—He gives Himself. He feeds us with His Body and Blood so that we may become bread for others. The Eucharist does not end at the altar; it continues in daily life whenever we forgive, serve, share, and love. St. Paul reminds us that nothing—suffering, hardship, fear, loss, or even death—can separate us from the love of Christ. This truth strengthens us in every trial. Whatever we face, Christ remains faithful.

As members of St. Jerome Parish, we are called to reflect that love. No one among us should feel forgotten. Let us reach out to the lonely, encourage the discouraged, visit the sick, welcome newcomers, and care for those in need. Often, God's greatest work is done through simple acts of kindness.

As we gather at the Lord's table, let us offer not only our needs but also our willingness to serve. Whatever we place in His hands—our time, talents, prayers, and generosity—He will multiply for His glory and the good of His Church.

May St. Jerome, who loved and lived the Word of God, inspire us to hunger daily for Scripture, to cherish the Eucharist, and to live as faithful disciples who share Christ's love with the world. May all who enter St. Jerome Parish be nourished by God's Word, strengthened by His Sacraments, and sent forth as blessings to others.

May God bless you.

Fr. Hygi.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of July 26

In-Pew	\$1,864
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,485
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,349</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,050.00</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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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of August 1 & 2 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Hoang Pham requested by Pham Family
- +Robbie Pearson requested by Lori Pearson
- +Theresa Walsh requested by Nancy and Kenneth Craw
- +Vincenzo Iannone Jr requested by the Family
- +Robert Michael Kuhn requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie
- +Thomas Barreca requested by Lori Pearson

Monday, August 3

Parishioners of St. Jerome

Tuesday, August 4

- +Dan Loch requested by Florence Loch

Wednesday, August 5

- +Diana Mesa requested by Daniella Norena Mesa

Thursday, August 6

- +Charles DeRosa requested by Virginia Cox

Friday, August 7

- +Jack Durkin requested by Colleen Durkin

Weekend of August 8 & 9 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Carmella Librandi requested by Kathy Librandi

Funeral for Robert Cantow
Saturday, August 1 at 11:00 AM
St. Jerome Parish

Tabernacle Candle For Loved One

Tabernacle Candle Memorial Offering

This is a special opportunity to remember and honor a loved one by sponsoring the lighting of our Tabernacle Candle. The offering is \$25, and the candle burns for seven days, beginning and ending on Saturday.



The name of your loved one, along with the requesting individual or family, will appear in the bulletin as follows: "The Tabernacle candle burning in the Sanctuary of the church this week is in memory of [Name], as requested by [Individual or Family Name]." If you'd like to reserve a week or need more information, please send email to office@stjeromenorwalk.org or call at 203-847-5349.

Votive Candle Offerings

Votive candles on our candle racks may be lit for your loved ones. The offering is \$2 for small votives and \$5 for large votives. Lighting a votive candle is a simple and meaningful way to hold someone in prayer throughout the day.



Person to Person is looking for knitters who would like to make warm winter hats using their favorite patterns. Stitch Haven in Westport has a supply of yarn available for knitters interested in making and donating warm winter hats to Person to Person's Winter Coat Drive. If you are interested, please visit Stitch Haven at 582 Post Road East, Westport, CT, or call 203-454-4300 for more information.



**Mass at 9AM
Rosary after Mass
Confessions at 3 PM**

First Saturday
Devotion
Join us

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.