



St. Jerome Norwalk
August 3, 2025
18th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(10 AM live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Monday - Friday

9:00 AM Mass

Confession available after 9 AM Mass
and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at 5PM
on the last Tuesday of every month

Wednesday

8:00 AM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

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Pastor's Desk

Homily for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Luke 12:13–21

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents us with a familiar but sobering parable about a wealthy man who, after a bumper harvest, plans to build bigger barns to store his abundant crops. His confidence is in his possessions, and he believes he can rest easy, eat, drink, and be merry for many years to come. But God calls him a fool, for that very night his life is demanded of him, and all his riches become meaningless.

This parable strikes at the heart of what many of us in our community might grapple with: the temptation to put our trust in material wealth and possessions. We see it all around us—not only in the stories of the rich but also in the subtle ways we might prioritize material security over spiritual riches.

What does this mean for us here at St. Jerome's?

Many of us work hard to provide for our families, to ensure a good future, to own a comfortable home, or to enjoy the fruits of our labor. These are good and necessary things. However, today's Gospel reminds us that life is fragile and unpredictable. No matter how much we accumulate, we cannot take it with us when we depart from this life. Our true wealth lies in our relationship with God, in our love for others, and in our readiness to serve.

In our parish community, we see daily examples of generosity and care—families supporting each other, volunteers reaching out to the needy, and children learning the value of sharing. These are treasures that no thief can steal, and no moth can destroy.

Jesus warns us against greed and obsession with material things.

He invites us to reflect: Are we storing up treasures for ourselves on earth, or are we investing in treasures in heaven? (Luke 12:21) This requires a shift in our hearts—a recognition that our ultimate security is found not in possessions but in God's grace and love.

Practical steps for us today:

Let us examine our priorities: Are we placing God at the center of our lives?

Let us practice gratitude for what we have, rather than envy or greed.

Let us be generous, sharing our time, talents, and resources with those in need.

And let us pray for the wisdom to use our blessings wisely, always remembering that our life belongs to God.

As we gather today, may we ask the Lord for the grace to be faithful stewards—not only of our material possessions but of our spiritual lives. May we store up treasures in heaven by living lives rooted in love, humility, and service.

Remember: Our true riches are found in our relationship with Christ, who gives us eternal life. Let us live each day with this perspective, and not be foolhardy in trusting solely in worldly wealth.

May God bless us all as we strive to be rich in faith and generous in love.

Amen.

God bless

Fr. Hygi

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of August 2 & 3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Catherine Ruggiano; Sylvia & Joe Germano; Lucia Buono and Giovanni Casale

Monday, August 4th Dan Loch

Tuesday, August 5th Elizabeth Aituro

Wednesday, August 6th In honor of John Kennedy

Thursday, August 7th In honor of Kimberly Kuppenheimer

Friday, August 8th Joey Guilfoyle

Weekend of August 9 & 10 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Carmela Librandi; Frances Lawson Spahr; Vincenzo Iannone Jr; Lucia Buono; Josephine Pimpinella and Richard Metz

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of July 27

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| In-Pew | \$2,336 |
| Online - Our Sunday Visitor | \$2,397 |
| Total Weekly Offertory | <u>\$4,732</u> |
| Budget | \$6,850.00 |

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

MONTH-END OFFERTORY SUMMARY

Month of July

4 Sundays

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| Weekly In Pew Offertory | \$14,928 |
| Online - Our Sunday Visitor | \$12,833 |
| Gifts and Annual Offertory | <u>\$2,005</u> |
| Total Offertory and Gifts | <u>\$29,766</u> |
| Budget | \$30,957 |

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THANK YOU!

Thank you, Social Concerns, for organizing the food drive for the Fairfield AIDS Project organization. Parishioners we are so grateful for your donations. Barbara Bagnato and Nancy Wagner thank you for delivering the items that were collected.

Thank you Father Hygi, Joe Abruscato, Betty Agostino, Barbara Bagnato, Josephine Casale, Kathy Coyne, Kathy Crosby, Gina Granata, Maria Granata, Sheila Rietano, Rosemary Romaniello, Honey Secchi and Janis Vento for all your help on the Raffle mailer.

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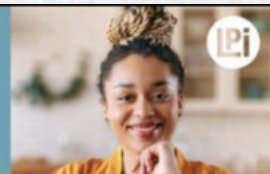
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