



St. Jerome Norwalk

August 30, 2026

22nd 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

ST. JEROME CHURCH FESTIVAL & RAFFLE

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Food • Kids' Games • Bounce Houses • Entertainment

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Call the Parish Office 203-847-5349.

Or scan the QR code with your phone.



Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday, Peter professed his faith in Jesus: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (Mt 16:16). Today, Jesus begins to reveal what being the Messiah truly means: “He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly... and be killed and on the third day be raised” (Mt 16:21). Peter struggles to accept this and says, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you” (Mt 16:22). Jesus corrects him firmly: “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (Mt 16:23). Peter’s difficulty can also be ours. We gladly follow Christ when life is peaceful and blessings are abundant, but we may hesitate when discipleship demands sacrifice, forgiveness, patience, or courage.

Jesus gives us the heart of today’s Gospel: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24). Following Christ has never meant choosing the easiest road. Our parents and grandparents understood this in their own time. They passed on the faith through prayer, Sunday Mass, family life, sacrifice, and perseverance.

Today, we are called to live and hand on that same faith in a changing world. Our children and young people need to see in us not only a faith we inherited, but a faith we genuinely live. St. Paul reminds us: “Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Rom 12:2).

Our crosses may be family difficulties, illness, loneliness, forgiveness, responsibility, or standing for what is right. We do not carry them alone. Christ who calls us to the cross has already walked that way before us. Jesus also reminds us: “Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Mt 16:25). Christian life is ultimately about giving ourselves in love rather than living only for ourselves.

As we celebrate the Eucharist, let us ask: Am I truly following Christ, or only following Him when it is convenient? May we be grateful for the faith received from those who came before us and courageous enough to pass it faithfully to the next generation.

Let us take seriously Christ’s invitation: “Take up your cross, and follow me” (Mt 16:24). May our lives show that the way of the cross is not the way to defeat, but the way to true life in Christ.

Amen.

God bless you.

Fr. Hygi

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of August 23

In-Pew	\$1,888
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	<u>\$2,230</u>
Total Weekly Offertory	<u><u>\$4,118</u></u>
Budget	\$7,200.00

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

Parishioners,

As you enjoy the blessings of summer, time with family and friends, and seasonal activities, please remember your parish family here at St. Jerome Church. Your continued support is greatly appreciated and needed throughout the summer months.

If vacation plans make it difficult to contribute regularly, we encourage you to set aside any unused envelopes and bring your offerings up to date upon your return.

For your convenience, online giving is available at:
www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds

You may also scan the QR code below to donate.

Your contributions help us continue our ministries, maintain our parish, and serve our community.

May God bless you, protect you in your travels, and keep you safe throughout the remainder of the summer.

**ONLINE GIVING
SUPPORTS
ST. JEROME**



Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of August 29 & 30 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Joe O'Callaghan Sr. requested by Don Parks
- +Eileen Kennedy requested by Brian Kennedy
- +Alicia Villaneva, Maria Teresa & Achilles Molano requested by Hobayan Family

Monday, August 31

- +Anne Martyn requested by Jim and Lori Hill

Tuesday, September 1

- +Vincent Michael Mendoza Jr. requested by July Mendoza

Wednesday, September 2

- +Harry Brownstein requested by Etsy Tucci

Thursday, September 3

- +Herbert, Dorothy, and Michael Fritz requested by Theresa Fritz

Friday, September 4

- +Jack Durkin requested by Family

Weekend of September 5 & 6 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Betty LeCates requested Janis Vento
- Colette LeBrun requested by Family
- Glorys de Jesus requested Attagracia Maturi
- +Robert Michael Kuhn requested Neil, Theresa and Angie Buono

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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.

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If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, or a Mass for healing, thanksgiving, grace, or a private intention for a living person in need of prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

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.



Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Are you celebrating your 10th, 15th, 20th, 30th, or any higher wedding anniversary this year? If you would like to receive a special blessing from Fr. Hygi at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on October 3, please notify the Parish Office.

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Empowering youth. Transforming lives. ❤️

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.
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- ✓ 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 Marini 203-416-1454
Tricia Caggiano 203-416-1454

Thank you for supporting Carver students and our community!

DIOCESE OF BRIDGEPORT

Wedding Jubilee Mass

For all those married couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th or 50+ year anniversaries are invited to gather at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport

on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2026

at 11:00 am for a Mass celebrated by Bishop Caggiano

Registration is required.
Please contact Sharon Colihan at
203-416-1454

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.