



St. Jerome Norwalk

November 30, 2025

1st Sunday of Advent

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(10 AM live streamed)

1st Saturday of the month
9:00 AM Mass.

Next Mass on December 6th

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Communal Reconciliation

10:00 AM on December 20th

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. Next mass on December
30th

Wednesdays

8:00 AM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

Christmas Eve

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM

Christmas Day

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Outdoor Stations of the Cross open daily from 9-5pm (weather permitting)

Church is open for prayer Monday - Sunday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM

Pastor's Desk

Today we begin the season of Advent, a season of hopeful longing and watchful waiting. The Church marks this moment with the liturgy that invites us to wake from sleep, to turn our hearts toward the coming of the Lord, and to live in the light of Christ's promised presence. In the readings for this Sunday, three strands come together to guide us: the vision of peace and unity in Isaiah, the exhortation to live with urgency and moral clarity in Romans, and the gospel instruction to be ready for the Master's return in Matthew. Isaiah 2:1–5 – A Vision of God's Mountain and Universal Peace. The prophet sees a future where: The mountain of the Lord's house will be established as the highest of the mountains. All nations will stream to it; there will be wisdom, justice, and an invitation to walk in the light of the Lord. People will beat swords into plowshares, and spears into pruning hooks; nations shall learn war no more. This passage is less about a political program and more about an eschatological vision: when God's kingship is acknowledged, war loses its currency, instruments of violence lose their grip, and the people are drawn into a shared life of truth, justice, and peace. Advent awakens in us the longing for that day. It is a call to conversion: to put aside the weapons of indifference, hatred, and selfishness; to seek unity with God and neighbor; to cultivate the ground of our souls so that the seed of God's justice can take root. Romans 13:11–14 – Wake Up, Live Decisively in the Light. Paul urges the Christians in Rome (and us) to wake from sleep, for salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over, and the day is near. He urges: Put aside the works of darkness: sexual immorality, debauchery, drunkenness, lust, and greed; let us behave in the day with acts befitting those who belong to the light. Clothe yourselves with the armor of light: live honestly, openly, and in the truth of the Gospel. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no plans to satisfy the flesh in its desires. This is not a dour checklist but a summons to a disciplined, hopeful, holy living. Advent is not primarily about private piety; it is about how our lives participate in Christ's coming—today and at the end of time. The "night" of self-will and fear gives way to the "day" of love, mercy, and justice when we align our desires with the will of God. Matthew 24:37–44 – Readiness for the Master's Return. Jesus speaks of the days of Noah: people were eating, drinking, and marrying—uninformed, preoccupied, and unprepared until the flood came. Similarly, you must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Two practical aspects emerge: Vigilance in personal life: stay awake to the presence of God in ordinary moments; be faithful in small choices; cultivate prayer, mercy, and integrity. Urgency in mission: Advent is a season of active waiting—the watchfulness that leads to conversion and mission. It is not passive; it seeks to align daily living with the coming Kingdom. A Coherent Advent Message. Taken together, these readings invite us into a posture of holy anticipation: Hopeful Vision: Trust in God's future where justice, peace, and unity prevail (Isaiah). Let this vision shape our desires and actions today. Moral Readiness: Live in the light, casting off darkness, consenting to God's lordship, and choosing what builds life for ourselves and others (Romans). Active Vigilance: Be ready for Christ's return, not by anxiety but by faithful, generous living—care for the neighbor, zeal for truth, and fidelity in prayer (Matthew). Practical Ways to Live Advent Aligned with the Readings: Begin each day with a brief prayer of surrender: "Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart and into my day." Identify one "sword-becoming-plowshare" action this week: a constructive conversation, a decision that promotes peace, or a small act of justice for someone in need. Practice the virtue of watchfulness: set aside time for quiet, examine your conscience daily, and seek confession or reconciliation where needed. Engage in acts that foster community: reach out to someone who is isolated; work for reconciliation in family or workplace; participate in a service project. Cultivate a hopeful optimism grounded in faith: even amid personal trials, hold to the conviction that God's promises are reliable and Lord Jesus, you are coming soon in glory. Help us to awaken from the sleep of complacency. Grant us the grace to live as people of the light, to work for justice, and to walk in your ways. Prepare our hearts for your coming, now and at the end of time. Amen.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

SPECIAL INVITATION



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Installation Mass
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By His Excellency,
MOST REV. FRANK CAGGIANO
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Date: Dec. 14th 2025. Time: 10AM.
@ St. Jerome Catholic Church 23 Half Mile Rd.

You're Invited to Our Church Luncheon!

**Join us for Fr. Hygi's Installation Lunch.
Please RSVP by calling the church office at
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or emailing us at office@stjeromenorwalk.org**

Proper attire is kindly requested.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of November 23

In-Pew	\$5,513
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,239
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$7,751</u>
Budget	\$7,020.00

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

November 29 & 30 - First Sunday of Advent

Msgr Malanowski; Patty Loree Engenito; Mary Parks; Larry Somma; James Pellegrino

Monday, December 1st - Paul J Kennedy Jr.

Tuesday, December 2nd - John Albano

Wednesday, December 3rd - Cornelio Catalan Marroquin

Thursday, December 4th - In honor of Aurelio de Jesus Catalan

Friday, December 5th - Jack Durkin

Weekend of December 6 & 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

**The Umbrino & Gioiella Families; Ileana Glica; Vincenzo Iannone Jr;
Anne & Paul Kuczo; Concetta & Maria Gracia Alicandro; Dion Baptist**



Loss Group Meeting
Saturday December 20th
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Church Hall
All are welcome to join.



OUR JOYFUL ADVENT SEASON!

Sunday, December 7th (11am)

Please join us in our downstairs hall for a Christmas Celebration & Breakfast.
We will also light our outdoor Christmas Tree. Lot's of fun events for Children...
and Santa Claus will join us!

Sunday, December 14th

10am Mass with Bishop Caggiano to install Father Hygi as our new pastor.
Following Mass, we will have a celebratory lunch in the downstairs hallway.
Please join us for this joyful Mass and Celebration!

Sunday, December 21st (11am)

Following our 10am Mass, our Faith Formation Children will have their
Second Annual Christmas Presentation: Carols & Prayers & Readings.
Please join us to show support for our faith formation children!



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 12/24.....4pm
Wednesday, 12/24.....6pm
Wednesday, 12/24.....10pm

Thursday, 12/25.....8am
Thursday, 12/25.....10am

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP SESSIONS

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1-6		CONFIRMATION FORMATION: GRADES 7-8		
Sunday, 11/2	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/2	Grade 7:	All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Sunday, 11/2	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)	Tuesday, 11/4	Grade 8:	Saint Philip - Confirmation Prep/Youth Group (6:30-8pm)
Sunday, 11/9	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/9	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/16	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/16	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/23	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/23	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/30	No Session - All Grades	Sunday, 11/30	All Grades:	No Session

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