



# St. Jerome Norwalk

## June 28, 2026

### 13<sup>th</sup> 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

Friday July 3rd at 9am  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Saturday July 4th at 9am  
Devotion Mass followed by  
Holy Rosary

### 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 June 30<sup>th</sup>

### Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament and  
benediction

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*[www.2026BishopsAppeal.org](http://www.2026BishopsAppeal.org)*

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



**Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$69,200 Percentage Goal: 100%**

# Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters of St. Jerome Parish,

Today's readings invite us to reflect on what it means to welcome God into our lives and to live as true disciples of Christ. Although the three readings come from different times and circumstances, they are united by a common theme: generous hospitality, faithful discipleship, and the new life that God gives to those who put Him first.

In the first reading, we meet the Shunammite woman. She recognizes that the prophet Elisha is a man of God and generously opens her home to him. Her hospitality goes beyond mere politeness. She creates a special room for him, providing a place where God's servant can rest and pray. She asks for nothing in return. Yet God blesses her generosity with the gift she most desires—a son. Her story reminds us that when we make room for God and His presence in our lives, He fills our hearts with blessings far greater than we can imagine.

In the Gospel, Jesus takes this invitation even further. He tells His disciples that their love for Him must be greater than every other attachment, even the deepest family bonds. These words may sound difficult, but Jesus is not asking us to love our families less. Rather, He is teaching us that when God occupies the first place in our hearts, every other relationship finds its proper place. Discipleship requires commitment, sacrifice, and sometimes difficult choices. To follow Christ means carrying our cross daily and trusting that true life is found not in clinging to ourselves but in giving ourselves away.

Jesus also speaks about welcoming others: "Whoever receives you receives me." Even the smallest act of kindness—a cup of cold water offered to someone in need—is precious in God's eyes. The Gospel reminds us that hospitality is not merely social courtesy; it is a spiritual act. Every person we encounter carries the image of God. When we welcome others with love, we welcome Christ Himself.

Saint Paul, in the second reading, reveals the foundation of this Christian way of life. Through Baptism, we have been united with Christ in His death and resurrection. The old self, dominated by sin and selfishness, has died. A new life has begun. We are called to live not for ourselves but for God. This new life enables us to place Christ first, to carry our crosses, and to serve others with generosity.

These readings challenge us to ask ourselves: Is there room in our lives for Christ? Do our homes, our schedules, and our priorities reflect His presence? Are we willing to welcome Him not only in prayer and worship but also in the people He sends into our lives—the poor, the lonely, the stranger, and even those who are difficult to love? As parishioners of St. Jerome, we are called to be a welcoming community, a parish where every person can encounter the love of Christ. Like the Shunammite woman, may we make room for God. Like the disciples in the Gospel, may we put Christ first. And like Saint Paul teaches, may we live each day in the new life we received through Baptism.

May the Eucharist we celebrate today strengthen us to welcome Christ more fully, follow Him more faithfully, and share His love more generously with all whom we meet. Amen.

God bless.  
Fr. Hygi

# Mass Remembrances

*This week we pray for the following...*

## **Weekend of June 27& 28** 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Dean Vallas requested by Teresa Soja
- +Eddie Luczkowski requested by Somma Family
- +Carmine and Margrat Troncone requested by Marc Troncone
- +Pasquale Colacicco requested by Steve Genovese
- +Richard Pinto requested by Lori Pearson

## **Monday, June 29**

- + Joseph and + Lorraine Vassallo requested by Theresa Fritz

## **Tuesday, June 30**

- + Carol Meyer requested by Annette Maiberger

## **Wednesday, July 1**

- +Hoang Pham requested by Tony Pham

## **Thursday, July 2**

- + Walter Fritz requested by Theresa Fritz

## **Friday, July 3**

- +Jack Durkin requested by Colleen Durkin

## **Weekend of July 4 & 5** 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Felipa Lopez requested by Helen Santos
- +Joseph Ericco requested by Friends
- +Vincenzo Iannone Jr. requested by Stefania Iannone
- +John Granata requested by Family
- +Robert and + Michael Kuhn requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie
- +Albert Bruno requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie

## Thank You for Your Generous Support

Thank you to all who donated items for the Social Concerns Committee's June collection. Thanks to your kindness, about 10 bags filled with donations were delivered to Autumn Lake, where they will be distributed to the residents.

Your generosity continues to make a meaningful difference in our community.

Experience Camps offers free one-week summer camps for kids and teens who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling, or primary caregiver. This year's camp will take place August 18–23, 2026, at KenMont and KenWood Camp in Connecticut.

Each of the 16 cabins (8 girls and 8 boys) receives a Self-Care "Bunk Bag" filled with items the campers can use and share throughout the week. The St. Jerome Social Concerns Committee would like to support these campers by helping provide supplies for these bags. If you would like to participate, please bring your donation to the metal rack in the church hallway, located across from the stairway to the office. We are collecting: coloring books, puzzle books, sudoku books, Word search books, activity books (for boys and girls), crayons, colored markers and colored pencils. Our goal is to gather at least two of each type of item for all 16 bags. The collection for Experience Campers will run from June 27 through July 19, 2026. Thank you for helping brighten this meaningful week for these young campers.

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.

### What is the Saint John Vianney Trust?

Faced with the rising number of retired priests, as well as skyrocketing medical costs, Bishop Caggiano established the St. John Vianney Trust as a dedicated 501(c)(3) to support retired priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This fund supplements the priests' pension, covering the costs of rising living expenses. Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million annually to meet our priests' growing needs.



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"Kindness to a father will not be forgotten." Slrach 3:14



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AND SCHOOLS THROUGH  
THE SETON COLLABORATIVE

# HOW ARE WE DOING?

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of June 21

In-Pew	\$2,351
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,531
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,882</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$6,925.00</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](http://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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# 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](mailto: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.

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine** in Bridgeport.

**Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and more years of marriage** are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at [Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org](mailto:Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org) or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.

**Please welcome our new reader  
Samantha Mahoney.**

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

**First Saturday**

**Devotion**

*Join us*

**EVERY FIRST  
SATURDAY**

