



St. Jerome Norwalk

August 9, 2026

19th 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

Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary at 9:00 am on
August 15th

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

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Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents one of the most powerful and comforting images in the Scriptures. The disciples are alone in a boat, tossed about by strong winds and rough waves. It is dark, they are exhausted, and fear has taken hold of them. Into that frightening situation comes Jesus, walking on the water. His first words are not a rebuke but a message of hope: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

How often does this scene resemble our own lives? Many of us have experienced storms that threaten our peace. Some struggle with illness, unemployment, financial hardship, family conflicts, loneliness, or uncertainty about the future. Others carry hidden burdens that no one else sees. At times, it may even seem that God is distant while we struggle against the winds.

Yet today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus never abandons His people. He comes to us, often in ways we do not expect. The disciples initially mistake Him for a ghost because fear clouds their vision. Fear can do the same to us. It can make us forget God's faithfulness and prevent us from recognizing His presence in our daily lives. But Jesus always speaks the same reassuring words: "Take courage. It is I. Do not be afraid."

Peter's response is both courageous and deeply human. He says, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." At Jesus' invitation, Peter steps out of the boat. As long as his eyes remain fixed on Jesus, he does the impossible. But the moment he focuses on the strength of the wind instead of the power of Christ, he begins to sink. Peter's experience teaches us an important lesson. Faith is not the absence of storms; faith is trusting Jesus in the middle of the storm. We often spend so much time looking at our problems that we lose sight of the One who is greater than every problem. When our attention is fixed only on difficulties, anxiety grows. But when our hearts remain fixed on Christ, we discover the strength to persevere.

Even when Peter begins to sink, Jesus does not abandon him. Peter cries out with one of the shortest yet most profound prayers in the Bible: "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretches out His hand and catches him. This is the God we worship—a God who responds to the sincere cry of His children. Whenever we fall into sin, discouragement, or despair, His hand is always extended toward us. All He asks is that we reach out in faith.

As members of St. Jerome Parish, we are also reminded that the Church is like the boat carrying the disciples. Throughout history, the Church has faced storms, persecution, challenges, and moments of uncertainty. Families, too, encounter difficulties. Yet Christ remains with His Church. He does not promise a life without trials, but He promises His abiding presence. Our responsibility is to remain united in faith, prayer, and mutual support, trusting that the Lord is guiding us safely through every storm.

The Gospel concludes with the disciples worshipping Jesus and proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God." Sometimes it is only after the storm has passed that we recognize how faithfully God has been walking beside us all along. Our trials can deepen our faith and lead us to a more profound relationship with Christ.

As we gather around the altar today, we encounter the same Jesus who walked on the waters of Galilee. In the Holy Eucharist, He comes to strengthen us and renew our faith. He invites each one of us to step out of the boat of fear, doubt, and complacency, and to walk with confidence toward Him.

May we never be overwhelmed by the storms of life. Instead, may we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting that His hand is always ready to lift us whenever we begin to sink. And may our lives bear witness to the faith of the disciples, proclaiming with conviction:

"Truly, you are the Son of God. " Amen.

God bless you.

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

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

- +Carmella Librandi requested by Cathy Librandi
- +Lucy Allocca requested by Family
- +Robert Cantow requested by Maibergers

Monday, August 10

- +Susan Marie Testa requested by Family

Tuesday, August 11

- +Richard Serna requested by Tricia Giglio

Wednesday, August 12

- +Louis Trovato requested by Jim Hill

Thursday, August 13

- +Diana Mesa requested by Daniella Norena-Mesa

Friday, August 14

- +Mary Swords requested by Jim Hill

Weekend of August 15 & 16 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Ann Wally and Lynn Regan requested by Family
- +Kay and Harold Ferris requested by Cathy Librandi
- +Mildred Hawkins requested by Barbara Bagnato
- +Souls of the Laracca & Alicandro Families
- +Kay Harold Ferris requested by Cathy Librandi

Loss Group

August 15, 2:00-3:30 PM

Parish Hall

A gathering for those experiencing loss and grief.

All are welcome!

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of August 2

In-Pew	\$3,632
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$1,994
Total Weekly Offertory	\$5,625
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,200.00</i>

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Come spend an hour with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday at 8:00 AM in the Church.

Benefits of Participating in Adoration and Benediction (Holy Hour):

1. **Deepens your relationship with Jesus** – Spending time in the Real Presence of Christ strengthens your personal friendship with Him.
2. **Increases faith** – Regular Eucharistic adoration helps deepen belief in Jesus' presence in the Eucharist.
3. **Brings inner peace** – Quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament can calm the heart and mind amid life's challenges.
4. **Strengthens prayer life** – Holy Hour encourages listening to God, meditation on Scripture, and heartfelt conversation with Him.
5. **Provides spiritual strength** – Time with Jesus helps believers resist temptation and persevere in living a Christian life.
6. **Promotes repentance and conversion** – Adoration inspires self-examination, sorrow for sin, and a desire to grow in holiness.
7. **Guides important decisions** – Praying before the Blessed Sacrament can bring wisdom, clarity, and discernment.
8. **Increases love for the Eucharist and the Mass** – Regular adoration deepens appreciation for the celebration of the Holy Mass and Holy Communion.
9. **Fosters charity and compassion** – Encountering Christ in the Eucharist encourages greater love and service toward others.
10. **Encourages holiness and spiritual transformation** – Consistent time in Eucharistic adoration gradually shapes a person to become more like Christ in thought, word, and action.



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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.

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
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