



St. Jerome Norwalk
October 4, 2026
27th 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

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Pastor's Desk

Homily – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Matthew 21:33–43

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the parable of the vineyard and the wicked tenants. A landowner carefully prepares his vineyard and entrusts it to tenants. When harvest time comes, he sends his servants to collect the fruits, but the tenants reject, mistreat, and even kill them. Finally, the landowner sends his son, but they kill him too.

The tenants' rejection is more than an act of greed; it represents humanity's rejection of God. God created us, sustains us, and continually reaches out to us, yet we often act as though we are the owners of our lives. We reject God whenever we ignore his commandments, refuse his mercy, or place our own desires above his will. The servants represent the prophets and messengers God sent to call his people back, while the son points to Jesus, whom humanity rejected and crucified.

The message is clear: the vineyard belongs to God, and we are only stewards.

Everything we have—our lives, families, talents, possessions, time, and opportunities—is a gift from God. He entrusts these things to us, expecting us to produce good fruit: love, forgiveness, kindness, generosity, patience, justice, and faithfulness. This parable is also a call to conversion. God's patience is great, but we must not take it for granted. He continually invites us to turn away from sin, return to him, and allow Christ to become the foundation of our lives. Conversion means more than feeling sorry; it means changing our hearts and putting our faith into action. Jesus, the Son whom the tenants rejected, becomes the cornerstone. As we celebrate this Eucharist, let us honestly ask: Have I welcomed God's authority in my life, or have I rejected him by the way I live? What fruits am I producing for God?

Let us return to the Lord with humble and repentant hearts. May we reject sin, welcome Christ, and become faithful stewards who bring God's love, mercy, and hope to our families, parish, and world.

Amen.

God bless you

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of October 3 & 4 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Richard DeBellis requested by Rosemary Romaniello
- +Sean Sullivan requested by Shelli Sullivan
- +Vincenzo Iannone Jr. requested by Family
- +Berta Franklino requested by JoAnn Somma
- +Jack Laracca requested by Family
- +Robert Michael Kuhn requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie
- +Frances Lawlor Spahr requested by Jeff Spahr

Monday, October 5

- +Robin Denaro requested by Esty Tucci

Tuesday, October 6

- +Paul Kennedy requested by Family

Wednesday, October 7

- Kevin Francisco requested by Marie Franciso

Thursday, October 8

- Kevin Francisco requested by Marie Franciso

Friday, October 9

- +Ron Secchi requested by Honey Secchi

Weekend of October 10 & 11 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Richard DeBellis requested by Honey Secchi
- +Joseph Calderon requested by Maureen Faulkner
- +Marie Anna Grasso requested by Vincent Grasso
- +Colin Edwards requested by Alex McIntosh

Funeral for Elizabeth Fedor
Wednesday, October 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM
St. Jerome Church

HOW ARE WE DOING?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of September 27

In-Pew	\$2,388
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,370
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,757</u>
Budget	\$7,050.00

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 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.*

If you need assistance with your Online giving and would like to increase your weekly offertory, please contact the Parish Office at 203-847-5349.

Second Collection

Seminarian Fund Drive for the Diocese of Bridgeport
October 3 & 4

Online Giving Supports
St. Jerome

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Thank you to all the parishioners who generously donated food items to our September Food Drive. Through your kindness, approximately 25 bags of groceries were collected and delivered to Person-to-Person and Open Doors in Norwalk.

We invite all Confirmation Prep 8th grade to join us for a Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, October 4th, at 9:15 AM in the Church.

Faith Formation K-7th grade classes will start on October 4 at 9 AM.
Blessing of the students and teachers at 10 AM Mass.

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 PM on the front steps of St. Jerome Church for the Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Hygi. Bring your beloved pets to receive a special blessing. All are welcome!

The Diocese of Bridgeport and all its parishes will celebrate Rosary Weekend on October 3 and 4th. Please join us at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 3, for a Rosary Procession at the beginning of Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sunday, October 4, the Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

Adult Scripture Study will begin at St. Jerome on October 10th and will meet every other Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Looking for a place to host a party, meeting, or special event? Consider St. Jerome Parish Hall! For availability and more information, please contact the parish office.

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.

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BOUNCY HOUSES FOR THE KIDS!

Children can enjoy two bouncy houses during the event: one for children ages 5 and under and one for children over age 5. Come and have fun!



PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE

SEMINARIAN AND VOCATIONS DRIVE

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR FUTURE PRIESTS

Thanks be to God, we now have over 40 seminarians preparing for the priesthood! The cost for this formation is more than \$70,000 annually which breaks down as follows: 35% Tuition, 19% Room & board, 21% Health insurance, 15% Other living expenses, 10% Summer programs & mission trips.

Our seminarians are intensely focused on spiritual growth, academic excellence, human maturity, and pastoral service. Your support allows them to focus on preparing to serve as good and holy priests!

We have also been seeing great fruit as we seek to further increase priestly vocations in our diocese, including: More than 340 young men identified through Called By Name and invited to consider the priesthood; Dozens of young men attending Discernment Holy Hours; Several discerners visiting St. Charles Seminary and hiking with Seminarians; Ongoing regional discernment groups.

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they hear and respond to God's call. Bishop Caggiano has asked all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure happy, healthy, holy priests for the future of the Church. Please give at www.bridgeportpriest.org/give



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

**First Saturday
Devotion**
Join us