

St. Jerome Norwalk

November 15, 2026

33rd 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

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary every first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am followed by the Rosary immediately following Mass

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Mass
Confession available after 9 am
Mass and anytime upon request

Mass for the Sick (Healing mass) at 5:00 pm every last Tuesday of the month

Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass every first Friday of the month at 9:00 am

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction

Pastor's Desk

THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A
Making Our Gifts Count

In the Gospel of Matthew 25:14–30, Jesus tells the parable of the talents. A master entrusts his servants with different amounts of money before going on a journey. Two servants use what they have received wisely and multiply it, while the third, out of fear, buries his talent. Upon returning, the master praises the faithful servants with the words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, share your master's joy."

This parable reminds us that God has entrusted each of us with gifts, abilities, opportunities, and blessings. We may not all have the same talents, but we are all called to use what we have faithfully. God does not ask us to compete with others or measure our worth by what they possess. He asks us to be responsible, generous, and fruitful with the blessings He has given us.

Too often, fear, insecurity, or complacency can cause us to bury our talents. We may convince ourselves that our contribution is too small to make a difference. Yet a kind word, a helping hand, a generous heart, a moment of prayer, or an act of forgiveness can become a powerful expression of God's love. What matters is not how much we have, but how willing we are to share it.

As a faith community at St. Jerome Church, we are invited to recognize that our gifts are meant not only for ourselves but also for the good of others. Through our ministries, generosity, prayers, hospitality, and care for one another, we help build a parish rooted in faith and love. Every person has something meaningful to contribute.

As we approach the end of the liturgical year, this Gospel challenges us to examine how we are living our Christian calling. Are we using our gifts to glorify God and serve others, or are we allowing fear and indifference to hold us back?

Dear brothers and sisters, let us not bury the blessings God has entrusted to us. Let us put our faith into action, serve with love, and make every opportunity count. May we one day hear the Master's beautiful words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

At St. Jerome Church, may we continue to grow together as a community that shares its gifts, serves with generosity, and makes God's love visible in the lives of others.

God bless you.
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following…

Weekend of November 14 & 15 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Times
+Betty Voutsinas requested Kate and David Huggins and family
+Derrick Galivan requested by Margaret Galivan
+Saverio J. Testa requested by Pat Hungaski
+Marylou Santos requested by Helen Santos
+Elizabeth Fedor requested by Christine Aquino
+Rita Martino requested by Luz Martino

Monday, November 16
+Harry Brownstein requested by Etsy Tucci
Tuesday, November 17
Parishioners of St Jerome
Wednesday, November 18
Maria Jalbert requested by Friends
Thursday, November 19
Parishioners of St Jerome
Friday, November 20
+Susan Pinto requested by Lori Pearson

Weekend of November 21 & 22 34th Sunday in Ordinary Times
+Kathleen Dineen requested by John and Hope Blair
+Debbie Moss requested by Lori Pearson
+Helen Trombetta requested by Joe Abruscato
+Charlie Schnepft requested by John and Hope Blair
+Giovanni Casale requested by Family
+Vincenzo Iannone Jr requested by Family

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	2026
Week of November 8	
In-Pew	$3,108
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	$4,029
Total Weekly Offertory	$7,137
Budget	*$7,270.00*

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

Second Collection November 21 & 22nd
Fund for Retired Priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport.

Faith of Our Fathers: Caring for the Priests Who have Cared for us

Next weeekend we honor the "Faith of Our Fathers" by contributing to the care of retired priests. Our priests have shared our joys and sorrows and nourished our faith through the sacraments. Now we can help care for them as they grow older. Please read Bishop Caggiano's letter in this weekend's bulletin insert, pray for our retired and infirm priests, and consider a gift to support their dignified living and care.

Your gifts go to the Saint John Vianney Trust, a special und to assist retired priests. Learn more at vianneytrust.org.

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.

Online Giving Supports St. Jerome

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November 2, 2026

Dear Friends in Christ,

Throughout our lives, priests have been there for us: at the baptismal font, at the altar, in the confessional, and at the bedsides of those we love. They have shared our joys and sorrows, strengthened us through the sacraments, and helped us recognize God's presence even in difficult moments. As they grow older, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude by providing the care they need.

Retirement does not end a priest's vocation. Many of our senior priests continue to offer Mass, hear confessions, and guide the faithful. Their ministry remains a quiet, steady blessing throughout our diocese. Others face illness or the challenges of advancing age and need greater assistance. Each deserves to know that the Church he has served will care for him with love and dignity.

The Saint John Vianney Trust helps the Diocese of Bridgeport fulfill this responsibility by supporting the care of our retired and infirm priests. Their needs vary: some require approximately $6,000 in support each year, while others need as much as $48,000. As healthcare costs rise and more priests enter retirement, we must provide for those who need our help today while preparing thoughtfully for the years ahead.

For this reason, I earnestly ask for your generous support of the 2026 Faith of Our Fathers appeal. Your gift to the Saint John Vianney Trust is a meaningful way to honor the priests who have shaped your faith and accompanied your family. It will help sustain dignified living and care for these men who have given their lives in service to Christ and His Church.

Please consider a generous gift, and join me in praying for our retired priests, those who care for them, and the faithful priests who have gone before us. May our fathers in faith always know the gratitude and love of the people they have served.

With sincere gratitude,

+frankcaggiano

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

Please donate at vianneytrust.org



NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

NOV. 1-15

Help stock the shelves of Norwalk's Person-2-Person & Open Doors Food Pantries!



Grocery Pantry Most Needed Items

Low-sodium and sugar-free options are appreciated

- **Pasta**
- **Canned tuna**
- **Spaghetti sauce**
- **Peanut butter**
- **Rice** (2 lb bags)
- **Hearty Canned soup**
- **Canned vegetables**
- **Mac & cheese**
- **Sugar** (2 or 4 lb bags)
- **Cereal**
- **Oatmeal**
- **Coffee**
- **Tea**
- **Spices**
- **Canned chicken**
- **Jelly** (grape or strawberry)
- **Dried beans** (red or black)
- **Canned beans** (red or black)
- **Can openers**
- **Pancake Mix & Syrup**
- **Fruit cups/canned fruit**
- **Snack/Granola bars**
- **Instant mashed potatoes**
- **Jar/canned gravy**
- **Juice or juice boxes**
- **Dry or shelf-stable milk**
- **All-purpose flour** (2 lb bags)
- **Granulated sugar** (2 lb bags)

Please add what you can to your shopping cart for this drive as you shop for Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Regular sizes are better than big family/economy size products! Many homes have limited storage, and it's also easier to carry for people who are walking or taking public transit.

The Loss Group

Monthly Meetings
Every 3rd Saturday
2-3:30pm
In the Youth Room

For more information, please contact the Office or Florence Loch at Florence_Loch@hotmail.com

Communion for the Homebound by St Jerome's Ambassadors

Parishioners who cannot attend Mass because they are homebound or in assisted living are encouraged to reach out to us.

If you, or someone you love, would like a weekly visit to receive Holy Communion, please contact the St Jerome's Parish Office at (203) 847-5349.



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.

