



St. Jerome Norwalk

December 21, 2025

4th 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 January 3rd.

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

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

Church is open for prayer Monday - Sunday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Outdoor Stations of the Cross open daily from 9-5pm (weather permitting)

Advent Communal Reconciliation
10:00am to 11:00am on December 20th

Pastor's Desk

Title: The Courageous Yes of St. Jerome Parish in Advent

Advent at St. Jerome is a season of hopeful waiting, rooted in practical faith. In Matthew's gospel, Joseph faces a difficult reality: Mary is with child before they share a life together. He considers quietly dismissing the engagement to avoid scandal, yet God meets fear with a call to fidelity. An angel's dream reveals the mystery: what is conceived in Mary is from the Holy Spirit. For our parish, this echoes our own moments when God's plan seems uncertain, yet He invites us to trust and act.

Risen invitation: Joseph's fear is transformed into action: he takes Mary into his home and names the child Jesus, recognizing that He will save His people from their sins. For St. Jerome, Jesus is not distant or abstract; He is the one who walks with us as we nurture families, guide youth, care for the elderly, and reach out to the marginalized in our neighborhoods and schools.

Isaiah's message: The Lord's word to Ahaz—do not fear—speaks to our parish life too. In a world of shifting politics, cultural pressures, and personal anxieties, St. Jerome is invited to stand firm in faith, not in human tactics alone. The sign is intimate and personal: Immanuel, "God with us." In Advent, God enters our parish family in the birth of Christ and in the daily, quiet ways He sustains us: devotion at Mass, catechesis, parish ministries, and loving service.

Connection: Both texts call St. Jerome parishioners to courageous trust that yields concrete love. Like Joseph, we safeguard what is sacred in our home and parish; like Isaiah, we refuse fear-driven despair and choose faith-filled action. Our Advent posture becomes: embrace fear, listen to God's word, and respond with fidelity in parish life—whether welcoming a newcomer to the parish, visiting the homebound, sponsoring a family in need, or mentoring a young person on their faith journey.

Practical application for St. Jerome Parish:

Family life: Begin and end each day with a prayer of trust; cultivate a home where Emmanuel is to be born.

Community outreach: Partner with local schools, shelters, and service organizations to be signs of God's presence and saving love.

Personal spiritual life: Practice a daily "Yes" to God's invitations, even when the path is unclear, and let Advent prayer shape actions of mercy and justice.

Closing prayer: O God of courage and mercy, grant St. Jerome Parish the grace to hear your word with clarity, to trust your promises in times of fear, and to say yes to your saving plan in our homes, our schools, and our neighborhoods. May Immanuel dwell among us, that our parish be a light of hope this Advent and Christmas. Amen.

**God bless
Fr. Hygi**

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of December 14

In-Pew	\$2,922
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$3,955
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$6,877</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$8,000.00</i>

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

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of December 20 & 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Fred DeFelice; Vincenzo Iannone Jr; Farrugia Fritz & Vassallo Family; Mary Parks; Tom Rietano; Giacomo Brancato

December 22nd - Walter Fritz

December 23rd - Farrugia Fritz & Vassallo Family

December 24th & 25th - Chris Groener; Richard & Rosalind Serna; Wally Regan; Dan Loch; Vincent Michael Mendoza Jr.; Ellen & William Lawlor; Anna Pesce; Angela Ferrone

December 26th - Francesco Dicostanzo

Weekend of December 27 & 28 - The Holy Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Joseph Mastrianna; Anna Vona; Allen Doppke; Jimmy Ferrone; Hernado Ledesma; Beatrice Voutsinas; John Agu and Vincenza & Giacomo Sciarretta



We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the parishioners who generously gave their time and energy to help set up for Fr. Hygi's Installation luncheon. Your dedication, teamwork, and joyful spirit made the celebration truly special.

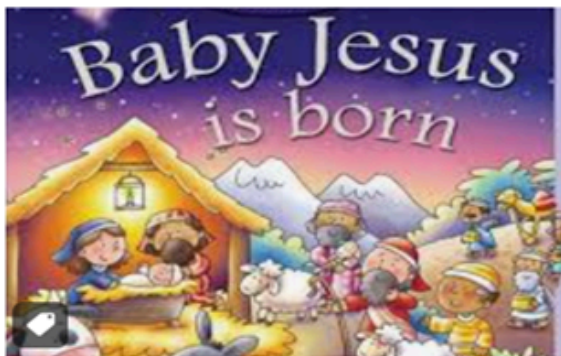
Thank you as well to everyone who attended the luncheon and joined us in welcoming and supporting Fr. Hygi. Your presence added so much warmth to the day.

We also want to acknowledge those who were unable to attend due to the winter weather conditions. You were very much with us in spirit, and we completely understand the challenges the weather brought. If you were unable to be there, you can still take part in this meaningful moment by watching the Installation Mass on the St. Jerome Norwalk Facebook page.

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP SESSIONS

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES K-6	
Sunday, 12/21	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 12/21	Children's Christmas Presentation (11am)
Sunday, 12/28	No Session - All Grades
Sunday, 1/4	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 1/11	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 1/11	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)
Sunday, 1/18	No Session - All Grades
Sunday, 1/25	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)

CONFIRMATION FORMATION: GRADES 7-8		
Sunday, 12/21	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 12/21	Faith Formation (K-8) Children's Christmas Presentation (11am)	
Sunday, 12/28	All Grades:	No Session
Sunday, 1/4	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 1/11	Grade 7:	All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Tuesday, 1/13	Grade 8:	Saint Philip - Confirmation Prep/Youth Group (6:30-8pm)
Sunday, 1/18	All Grades:	No Session
Sunday, 1/25	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)



Father Hygi's Installation Mass and Lunch



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