



**St. Jerome Norwalk**  
**December 7, 2025**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent**

## Mass Schedule

### **Weekends**

**Saturday 4:00 PM**

**Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM** Confession available after 9 AM Mass  
(10 AM live streamed) and anytime upon request

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**  
**9:00 AM Mass.**

**Next Mass on December 6th**

### **Confessions**

**Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM**

**Communal Reconciliation**

**10:00 AM on December 20th**

### **Christmas Eve**

**4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 10:00 PM**

### **Christmas Day**

**8:00 AM and 10:00 AM**

### **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**

**December 8th Mass for**  
**The Immaculate Conception of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9AM and 7PM**

### **Wednesdays**

**8:00 AM Adoration of the**  
**Blessed Sacrament and**  
**benediction**

**Outdoor Stations of the Cross open daily from 9-5pm (weather permitting)**

**Church is open for prayer Monday - Sunday from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM**

# Pastor's Desk

Brothers and sisters of St. Jerome, tradition, and scripture invite us to a season of interior and communal conversion. John's voice in the desert sounds across generations: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." At St. Jerome, our name itself invites a posture of memory and learning—to align our minds and hearts with the Word made flesh. Let us prepare not only for Christmas, but for the presence of Christ who longs to dwell among us in peace, justice, and mercy. The figure of John the Baptist in our parish context: John's message in Matthew 3:1–12 speaks to us at St. Jerome in practical ways: Urgency and clarity in a parish of busy lives. The call to repentance is simple and direct. There is no postponing the conversion that prepares a place for Christ to reign in us individually and as a community. Conversion as ongoing formation in a parish family. We are invited to a daily turning toward God, a formation that expresses itself in our ministries, catechesis, and service to the vulnerable in our neighborhood. Judgment and hope together. John points to the one who will separate wheat from chaff. Our hope is not fear, but the invitation to supplant our self-reliance with a deeper reliance on the mercy and truth of Jesus. As St. Jerome's parishioners, we reflect on deserts in our lives—areas of stubborn sin, fear, or self-sufficiency—and we decide, with grace, to widen the road for the Lord in our personal hearts and in the life of our parish. Isaiah 11:1–10: A vision of the peaceful reign: To intensify our Advent hope, we lean into Isaiah's portrait of the shoot from the stump of Jesse, a sign of the Messiah's coming. Isaiah envisions a ruler who embodies wisdom, justice, and peace—a kingdom where even wild creatures dwell in harmony and where "the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord." For St. Jerome, this vision translates into concrete expectations: A leadership shaped by wisdom and the Spirit: We long for leaders in our parish, schools, and ministries who seek the common good, exercise humility, and discern God's will with prayerful consensus. Justice and mercy in daily life: Isaiah's peaceable kingdom invites us to widen our circles of care—to support families in need, to advocate for the vulnerable, and to foster a parish culture that welcomes the stranger. Reconciliation and unity: The imagery of the wolf dwelling with the lamb challenges us to overcome divisions within our community and to build bridges with our neighbors, recognizing the dignity of every person. In this Advent moment, Isaiah's prophecy calls St. us to be a sign of the coming kingdom—our faith expressed in acts of mercy, truth, and hospitality. John's call to repentance and the coming Messiah for St. Jerome's parishioners John's insistence on genuine conversion bears fruit: "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance" (Matthew 3:8). At St. Jerome, let us: Let us Examine our attitudes: Are there grudges or divisions within our parish or families that block grace? Is there pride in our ministries that hinders service? Reorient our priorities: Do we prioritize personal comfort over the needs of our neighbors, especially the most vulnerable in our community? Practice concrete mercy: Welcome newcomers; support the hungry and marginalized; reconcile with those we've harmed; speak truth in love. Let us note that, the baptism John offers is symbolic; Jesus' baptism by the Spirit and fire fulfills it. Advent invites us to receive that baptism anew, letting Christ's mercy purify and empower us to live more fully as St. Jerome's witnesses. The Jordan and the straight road in our parish life: John calls us to level the rough places so the King may pass. For us at St. Jerome's, this means: Interior conversion: Let go of bitterness, control, or despair; cultivate a heart open to God's mercy. Communal reconciliation: Address divisions within families, ministries, or committees; pursue unity in diversity. External healing and justice: Support parish outreach, care for creation, and advocate for just structures in our city. Our interior changes ripple outward, shaping a parish that becomes a road for Christ's arrival in the lives of our people. The one who is coming and the call to humility: John testifies about the greater one who is coming: "One more powerful than I is coming after me." Humility is central: Before God: Acknowledge our dependence on divine grace for repentance and growth. Before others: Recognize the inherent dignity of every person, especially the vulnerable we serve. Before the task: Trust that the Holy Spirit enables rather than exhausts us; cooperate with grace. Fruits of repentance in a St. Jerome context: The anticipated baptism with the Spirit is not only personal but ecclesial: Moral integrity in parish life: Foster integrity in leadership; transparency in finances and decision-making. Justice in action: Support hunger relief, housing assistance, and education for the marginalized in our city. Holiness of heart: Deepen prayer life, sacramental devotion, and active participation in parish missions and catechesis. The Spirit's fire purifies and renews; let that fire shape our attitudes, our preaching, and our outreach. God bless.

Fr. Hygi.



## SPECIAL INVITATION



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**Date: Dec. 14th 2025. Time: 10AM.**

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# HOW ARE WE DOING?

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of November 30

In-Pew	\$3,664
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,164
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$5,828</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,020.00</i>

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

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# **Mass Remembrances**

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

**December 6 & 7 - Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Umbrino & Gioiella Families; Ileana Glica; Vincenzo Iannone Jr; Anne & Paul Kuczo; Concetta & Maria Gracia Alicandro; Dion Baptist**

**Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 9 AM Peter Gordan  
7 PM Sue Kenny**

**Tuesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> - In honor of Andrea Catalan**

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> - In honor of Aurelio de Jesus Catalan**

**Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> - Cornelio Catalan Marroquin**

**Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> - In honor of Bernadette Lemoine**

**Weekend of December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent  
William Hamel; Tom Larkin**



**Loss Group Meeting  
Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>  
1:00pm - 2:30pm  
Church Hall  
All are welcome to join.**





## OUR JOYFUL ADVENT SEASON!

### Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> (11am)

Please join us in our downstairs hall for a Christmas Celebration & Breakfast.  
We will also light our outdoor Christmas Tree. Lot's of fun events for Children...  
and Santa Claus will join us!

### Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

10am Mass with Bishop Caggiano to install Father Hygi as our new pastor.  
Following Mass, we will have a celebratory lunch in the downstairs hallway.  
Please join us for this joyful Mass and Celebration!

### Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (11am)

Following our 10am Mass, our Faith Formation Children will have their  
*Second Annual Christmas Presentation: Carols & Prayers & Readings.*  
Please join us to show support for our faith formation children!



#### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, 12/24.....4pm  
Wednesday, 12/24.....6pm  
Wednesday, 12/24.....10pm  
  
Thursday, 12/25.....8am  
Thursday, 12/25.....10am

**TAGS ARE STILL AVAILABLE  
FOR JULIE'S KIDS. PLEASE  
BRING GIFTS BY DEC. 14TH.**



## FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP SESSIONS

<b>FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1-6</b>	
Sunday, 11/23	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 11/30	No Session - All Grades
Sunday, 12/7	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 12/7	Saint Jerome Christmas Breakfast & Tree Lighting (11am)
Sunday, 12/7	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)

<b>CONFIRMATION FORMATION: GRADES 7-8</b>	
Sunday, 11/23	Grades 7-8: Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/30	All Grades: No Session
Sunday, 12/7	Grade 7: All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Sunday, 12/7	Saint Jerome Christmas Breakfast & Tree Lighting (11am)
Tuesday, 12/9	Grade 8: Saint Philip - Confirmation Prep/Youth Group (6:30-8pm)



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