



St. Jerome Norwalk
July 27, 2025
17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 PM
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM
(10 AM live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30 PM

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
starting on
July 29th

Wednesday

8:00 AM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

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Pastor's Desk

Homily for the 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Theme: Persistent Prayer and God's Mercy

Reading References:

Genesis 18:20–32: Abraham's intercession for Sodom and Luke 11:1–13: Jesus teaching about prayer & God's generosity.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, we reflect on two powerful passages that highlight the importance of prayer, persistence, and God's mercy. In Genesis, we see Abraham boldly interceding for the wicked cities, negotiating with God for mercy. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus teaches us how to pray confidently, emphasizing that our Heavenly Father is generous and eager to bless us.

As St. Jerome, renowned for his dedication to Scripture and prayer, would remind us, God's Word invites us into a deeper relationship—one rooted in honest dialogue and unwavering trust.

1. Abraham's Boldness in Prayer (Genesis 18:20–32): In the Genesis account, Abraham approaches God with humility but also with boldness. He dares to question, to negotiate, to plead for mercy for Sodom. His persistent intercession shows us that prayer is not just about asking once but about perseverance. Abraham's dialogue with God reveals his deep concern for righteousness and justice. What can we learn? Prayer requires boldness and honesty.

We should not hesitate to bring our concerns and the needs of others before God.

Persistent prayer can influence God's decisions and open the door for mercy.

2. Jesus' Teaching on Prayer (Luke 11:1–13): In the Gospel, Jesus models prayer with the Lord's Prayer and then encourages us with the parable of the friend at midnight. He emphasizes persistence: "Ask, seek, knock." It reveals that God, unlike the reluctant friend, is eager to answer our prayers. What can we learn? Prayer is about relationship; we approach God as our loving Father.

Persistence in prayer demonstrates our trust and dependence on God. God's generosity surpasses human understanding; He gives good gifts to His children.

3. Connecting the Dots: Both passages challenge us to be persistent and honest in prayer. Abraham's negotiation with God teaches us that prayer can influence divine decisions, while Jesus assures us of God's eagerness to give good things. In the spirit of St. Jerome: Let us deepen our understanding of Scripture, embracing prayer as a dialogue with our merciful Father. Like Abraham, let us approach God with humility but also with confidence, trusting that He hears us and will answer according to His divine wisdom.

4. Practical Application: Be persistent in prayer: Don't give up when answers seem delayed. Trust that God's timing is perfect.

Pray for mercy and justice: Intercede for our communities, nation, and the world.

Deepen our understanding of Scripture: As Jerome emphasized, Scripture is a wellspring of wisdom needed for our spiritual growth.

Conclusion: As we go forth this week, may we emulate Abraham's boldness and Jesus' encouragement to ask, seek, and knock. Let us approach God with confidence, knowing that He is a generous Father who desires to bless us and our world.

Remember: Our prayers are powerful, especially when rooted in faith and persistence. Let us pray always with trust, humility, and hope.

May God bless us all. Amen.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of July 26/27 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Anna Vona; Ruben Santos; Mason Murren

Monday, July 28th Louis DeBernardo

Tuesday, July 29th Marilyn DiPreta

Wednesday, July 30th Anna Pesce

Thursday, July 31st Charles Bittman

Friday, August 1st Jack Durkin

Weekend of August 2/3 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Catherine Ruggiano; Sylvia & Joe Germano; Lucia Buono and Giovanni Casale

Thank you Honey Secchi, Annette
Maiberger, Jean Pagliuca, Carol
Caragine and Pat Hungaski for all your
help on the funeral reception.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of July 20

In-Pew	\$2,852
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$3,205
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$6,057</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$6,850.00</i>

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

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Food Drive July 18th to July 30th for MID Fairfield AIDS Project the organization which provides Housing, Hope and Health help to people who need to relearn skills to live independently whether it be from substance abuse, mental illness and homelessness. It also works in drug overdose and HIV prevention.

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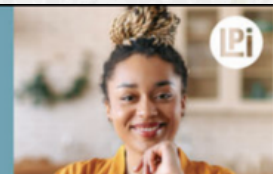
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