



St. Jerome Norwalk
November 16, 2025
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 December 6th

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. Next mass on November 25

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

Congratulations to Sienna Farley and Scarlett Sharp on their baptism. We are thrilled to welcome them as our newest members of St. Jerome Parish.

Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we gather on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C, the Gospel invites us to readiness as we await the Parousia—the Lord's glorious return. Luke 21:5–19 presents not a doom-filled forecast, but a call to faithful watchfulness, rooted in love and hope. And as we approach Advent, that season of preparation, the Gospel's message becomes even more timely: readiness is not mainly about fear, but about living with the eyes of faith open to God's coming kingdom.

1) Do not anchor your hope in things that pass

In Luke 21:5–6, people marvel at the temple stones and grand buildings. Jesus redirects our gaze: what is passing—structures, securities, schedules—will crumble. Our true hope lies in God's faithfulness and in the coming of His kingdom. Advent then invites us to examine the “temples” of our hearts. What sits on the throne of our decisions? Are we inviting God to dwell there more fully?

2) Watchfulness as hopeful discernment

Jesus tells us to be watchful, not to foster anxiety, but to discern what truly matters. When “these things begin to happen,” stand upright and raise your heads, for your redemption is near (cf. Luke 21:28). Practically, this means daily prayer, regular Scripture, honest self-examination, and reconciliation where needed. It means choosing what endures—charity, truth, mercy—over what fades.

3) Courage under trials, witness through endurance

Luke 21:12–17 speaks plainly of trials: persecution, betrayal, and family divisions. The good news is the Holy Spirit's accompaniment: we will be given words and wisdom in moments of need. Endurance in hardship becomes a powerful witness to the coming Kingdom. In our own lives, that translates to patient forgiveness, steadfast prayer, and generous acts of mercy even when results aren't immediate.

4) Endurance as the path to salvation

Verse 19: “By your endurance you will gain your souls.” Endurance is active fidelity—continuing to love, to pray, to give, and to hope. Small daily acts—prayer before dawn, forgiveness offered, honest work, healthy habits—are the soil in which faith grows strong.

5) Advent as the Catholic rhythm of preparedness

As we near Advent, this Gospel reframes our longing: we prepare not by sensationalism but by holiness in ordinary life. Advent invites us to:

Deepen prayer: contemplative reading of Scripture, a simple Advent devotion.

Cleanse and repair: frequent reconciliation, re-centering on God's mercy.

Act with mercy: feed the hungry, comfort the sorrowing, serve the vulnerable.

Share the hope: invite someone to participate in Mass or an Advent preparation program.

6) A simple plan for our parish

Personal: a daily moment of prayerful reflection on Luke 21, 5–19; a weekly act of mercy.

Community: parish Advent “Prepare the Way” focus—short reflections after Sunday Mass, and a parish reconciliation evening.

Evangelical: a gentle invitation to friends and family to participate in Advent services and parish events.

7) A brief prayer for preparedness

Lord, you who are coming in glory, help us to stay awake in faith. Diminish our fears, sharpen our discernment, and strengthen our endurance. As Advent begins, may we prepare the way for you in our hearts and in our world, so that when you return, we may greet you with joy. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

SPECIAL INVITATION



ST. JEROME CATHOLIC CHURCH

Invites you to the

Installation Mass
OF THEIR PASTOR

**REV. HYGINUS
N. AGU**

By His Excellency,
MOST REV. FRANK CAGGIANO
Bishop of Bridgeport

Date: Dec. 14th 2025. Time: 10AM.
@ St. Jerome Catholic Church 23 Half Mile Rd.

You're Invited to Our Church Luncheon!

Join us for Fr. Hygi's Installation Lunch.
Please RSVP by calling the church office at
203-847-5349
or emailing us at office@stjeromenorwalk.org

Proper attire is kindly requested.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of November 9

In-Pew	\$3,035
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,771
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$7,806</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,020.00</i>

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.*

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

November 15 & 16 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Giovanni Casale; Tom Larkin; Concetta Tartaglia; Ervin Tison

Monday, November 17th - MaryLou Santos

Tuesday, November 18th - In honor of Aurelio de Jesus Catalan

Wednesday, November 19th - Billy Hamel

Thursday, November 20th - Philip Giglio

Friday, November 21st - Cornelio Catalan Marroquin

Weekend of November 22 & 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, Kind of the Universe

Helen Trombetta; Anna Vona; Maria Buono; Antonino Marna

Loss Group

Saturday 11/15/25

1:00-2:30PM

Church Hall

Funeral for John DePanfilis

at St. Jerome Church

10:30 AM on 11/17th

UPDATES

FAITH FORMATION & CONFIRMATION PREP SESSIONS

FAITH FORMATION: GRADES 1-6		CONFIRMATION FORMATION: GRADES 7-8		
Sunday, 11/2	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/2	Grade 7:	All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Sunday, 11/2	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)	Tuesday, 11/4	Grade 8:	Saint Philip - Confirmation Prep/Youth Group (6:30-8pm)
Sunday, 11/9	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/9	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/16	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/16	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/23	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)	Sunday, 11/23	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 11/30	No Session - All Grades	Sunday, 11/30	All Grades:	No Session

NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE NOV. 9-24

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 chicken
Canned tuna	Jelly (grape or strawberry)
Spaghetti sauce	Dried beans (red or black)
Peanut butter	Canned beans (red or black)
Rice (2 lb bags)	
Canned soup	Fruit cups/canned fruit
Canned vegetables	
Mac & cheese	Instant mashed potatoes
Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags)	Jar/canned gravy
Cereal	Juice or juice boxes
Oatmeal	Dry or shelf-stable milk
Coffee	
Tea	

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.

*Thank you to the Parish of St Jerome's for all prayers and support for our daughter Karen during her serious illness. She has made good progress, and doctors feel there is every hope that she will continue to improve. With much appreciation and love to all,
Andrea and Joe Lick*



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November 2, 2025

Feast of All Souls

Dear Friends in Christ,

In every age of the Church, the Lord has provided faithful shepherds—men who have offered their lives so that others might encounter Christ in the sacraments. Over the decades, our priests have baptized our children, witnessed our marriages, comforted us in times of grief, and nourished us with the Eucharist.

Our parish priests have been true spiritual fathers, and as they age, it is our duty to care for them with the same generosity they have shown us. **To meet this responsibility, our diocese has established the St. John Vianney Trust, an independent non-profit with the sole mission of caring for our senior and infirm priests in the Diocese of Bridgeport.**

It is important to recognize that retirement does not end a priest's ministry. Senior priests continue to celebrate Mass, hear confessions, and offer pastoral guidance wherever they are needed. Our diocese has more than 70 priests past retirement age, a number that is projected surpass 100 priests within 15 years.

Despite dramatically rising healthcare costs, our diocese is committed to providing care for our older priests, but we need more financial resources to do so. Your generosity will ensure that these faithful men, many of whom serve well into their eighties, can continue to minister and live their remaining years with dignity

Scripture reminds us to "honor your father and mother" (Ex 20:12), and that "kindness to a father will not be forgotten" (Sir 3:14). This principle certainly applies to our earthly fathers, but it is equally true of our spiritual fathers—our parish priests. **And so I invite you to give generously to the Faith of Our Fathers campaign.**

Finally, please join me in praying for our beloved priests who have passed away, as well as those who are in the autumn of life. As their strength wanes, our support must grow stronger.

With sincere gratitude,

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano
Bishop of Bridgeport

Learn more at vianneytrust.org

**Christmas Breakfast
&
Tree Lighting
December 7, 2025
(Right after mass downstairs)**

Please join us on December 7th, after Mass in the downstairs hall for food, crafts, caroling and story time with a very special guest!



**Children can talk and have their picture with Santa.
Breakfast items needed please sign up to donate on website or Church bulletin.**

**SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE INVITES
PARISHIONERS, INCLUDING PARENTS AND TEENS,
TO HELP FILL OUT OUR GIVING TREE TAGS.**

**We will be gathering in the church hall on MONDAY
NOVEMBER 24TH AT 6:30PM to complete tags for
Julie's Kids at Education and Hope and Autumn Lake
residents in Norwalk.**

**Please consider joining us and sign up on the Sheet
Posted on the Bulletin Board in the hallway. If you can
help, it would be greatly appreciated. Thanks.**



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