



St. Jerome Norwalk
November 23, 2025
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe

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

Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, the Church invites us to fix our gaze on a King unlike any other—a King whose throne is a cross, whose crown is made of thorns, and whose victory is love poured out to the end. In a world that often measures kingship by power, status, or dominion, today's readings reorient our vision and call us to live under the gentle, transforming reign of Christ the King.

1. A King Who Shepherds, Not Dominates: In 2 Samuel 5, all the tribes of Israel come to David and say, "It is you who shall shepherd my people Israel." Before David is a ruler, he is a shepherd—one who guides, protects, and leads with compassion. This points forward to Jesus, the true Son of David, who reigns not by force but by faithful love. At St. Jerome's Parish, you are invited to trust this Shepherd-King—to allow Him to lead your families, your decisions, your hopes, and your anxieties. Christ's kingship is not distant. It is personal, intimate, and invested in your good.

2. A King Who Reconciles All Things: In Colossians 1, St. Paul gives us one of the most beautiful hymns of Christ: "He is the image of the invisible God... through Him all things were created... and in Him all things hold together." But Paul goes further: "Through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things... making peace by the blood of His cross." This is the heart of Christ's kingship—reconciliation. Not domination. Not coercion. Reconciliation. Christ the King reigns by restoring what is broken, forgiving what is wounded, and gathering what is scattered. For our parish community, this means allowing Christ to hold our lives together—our relationships, our commitments, our struggles. When things feel like they are falling apart, Christ the King is the One in whom all things hold together.

3. A King Who Reigns From the Cross: Then we come to the Gospel: Luke 23, where we meet Jesus not on a throne but hanging between two criminals. The rulers mock Him, soldiers jeer, passers-by deride Him. Yet in this humiliation, His kingship shines most clearly. Only one person sees it—the good thief, the one we call the "penitent thief." He says, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." And Jesus gives him what only a King can promise: "Today you will be with me in paradise." Christ rules from the cross because love rules from the cross. He saves not by crushing His enemies but by forgiving them. He conquers not by violence but by mercy. He reveals His kingdom not in displays of glory but in acts of self-giving love.

4. What Does It Mean for Us at St. Jerome's? If Christ is our King, then our lives must look like His kingdom.

1. Live with compassion and mercy. Our King forgave even from the cross. As parishioners, spouses, parents, workers, students, and friends—are we people of forgiveness? Do we choose mercy over judgment?
2. Bring others toward reconciliation. If Christ reconciles all things, we must be agents of peace in our homes, parish ministries, and wider community. Let us heal divisions, support one another, and reach out to the lonely and forgotten.
3. Allow Christ to lead your daily life. Kingship means authority. Does Jesus truly reign in our choices, priorities, finances, relationships, and dreams? Allow Him to shepherd you.
4. Serve with humility. Our King washed feet and carried a cross. Real greatness in the Kingdom is measured by service. At St. Jerome's, may we become a parish marked by joyful, humble service to God and neighbor.
5. Anchor your identity in the King who loves you. The world may define us by achievements or failures, but Christ the King defines us by His love. You belong to Him. You are citizens of His Kingdom.

Conclusion: A Kingdom That Begins Now. As we close the liturgical year and celebrate Christ the King, we remember that His kingdom has already begun—in hearts that love like Him, forgive like Him, and serve like Him. May this parish—St. Jerome's—become a living sign of that kingdom: a place where Christ truly reigns, where reconciliation heals, where mercy transforms, and where every person can say, "Jesus, remember me—make me part of Your Kingdom." May Christ the King reign in your hearts, in your homes, and in our parish—today and always.

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 16

In-Pew	\$2,327
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$3,718
Total Weekly Offertory	<hr/> \$6,044 <hr/>
<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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November 22 & 23

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

November 22 & 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Helen Trombetta; Anna Vona; Maria Buono; Antonino Marna; Betty Voutsinas; Janet Heneghan

Monday, November 24th - In honor of Andrea Catalan


Tuesday, November 25th - In honor of Aurelio de Jesus Catalan

Wednesday, November 26th - Dan Loch


Thursday, November 27th - Cornelio Catalan Marroquin

Friday, November 28th - In honor of Andrea Catalan

Weekend of November 29 & 30 - First Sunday of Advent
Msgr Malanowski; Patty Loree Engenito; Mary Parks; Larry Somma; James Pellegrino



*Funeral for Betty Voutsinas
at St. Jerome Church
10:00 AM on 11/22nd*



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)	Fruit cups/canned fruit
Canned soup	Mac & cheese
Canned vegetables	Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags)
Instant mashed potatoes	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.

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.





SAINT JEROME PARISH, NORWALK, CT.



PARISH COUNCIL

Inspired, Faithful, Passionate Guardians of Saint Jerome Church



~ OUR MISSION (What we do, Why we do it, How we do it) ~

As Guardians of the future of Saint Jerome's, we serve God, our Pastor and our Parish.

We create, develop and execute a short and long-term vision, then initiatives, to grow our parish in Spirituality, Beauty, Goodness and Fellowship, while inspiring new parishioners and increasing fundraising.

~ OUR VISION (Our Long-Term Aspirations)

Through a proactive plan encompassing promotion, fellowship, spirituality, Church beautification and fundraising, we will execute initiatives to ensure an ever-developing and thriving parish.

~ OUR STRATEGY ~

- ~ Promotion: promote and create visibility of Saint Jerome's to acquire new parishioners
- ~ Fellowship: create & execute "accompaniment" events to engage current and potential new parishioners
- ~ Spirituality: assist our Pastor to add or expand spiritual encounters
- ~ Beauty: design ways & means to beautify our campus
- ~ Fundraising: create & execute events / fundraisers to increase donations to support our initiatives & parish

~ OUR TEAM ~

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS: 2025 - 2026					
Steven Filizzola	Cathy Gallup	Chris Gallup	Jeff Kress	Kelly Pickering	Renee Rajappa

~ OUR COMPLETED INITIATIVES (June – October) ~

- ~ New "Saint Jerome" street signs on East Rocks Road
- ~ Main Church Doors & Flagpole repainted
- ~ Restructure of Faith Formation to grades K-12 + Adult
- ~ 100% on-time completion of Annual Bishop Appeal
- ~ Initiation of after Mass "Fellowship Breakfasts"
- ~ Installation of new interior Church Bell
- ~ Refurbishment of the Baptismal Font
- ~ Creation of Advisory Board to assist Parish Council

~ OUR PENDING INITIATIVES (December - May) ~

- ~ Installation of "Cry-Room" in main hallway
- ~ Saint Jerome second annual Saint Patrick's Day lunch
- ~ Community promotion to attract new residents
- ~ Capital Campaign to fund Church beautification
- ~ December Christmas Breakfast and Celebration
- ~ Creation of monthly flyer: "The Good News at Saint Jerome"
- ~ New Ministry: "Peace in the Storm" (to accompany the suffering)
- ~ May Parish Barbecue / Beautify outdoor Stations

DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US? PLEASE BECOME A MEMBER OF OUR ADVISORY BOARD IN WHICH YOU CAN REVIEW OUR INITIATIVES & SHARE YOUR IDEAS!

As a valued Advisory Board Team member, you will have the opportunity to review our plans as well as provide your ideas. All are welcome to join us! This process is done via email and will take about 15 minutes per week.

Just send an email to the parish office requesting Advisory Board membership: office@stjeromenorwalk.org
Or, sign-up one our "Advisory Board" sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the main hallway



OUR JOYFUL ADVENT SEASON!

Sunday, December 7th (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 14th

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 21st (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

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