

St. Jerome Norwalk

November 8, 2026

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am
(10:00 am live streamed)

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary every first Saturday of the month at 9:00 am followed by the Rosary immediately following Mass

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Mass
Confession available after 9 am
Mass and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at 5:00 pm every last Tuesday of the month

Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
every first Friday of the month at 9:00 am

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction

Pastor's Desk

KEEP YOUR LAMP BURNING!
Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,
Jesus tells us the story of ten young women waiting for the bridegroom. All ten had lamps, all ten were invited, and all ten expected him. But only five were wise enough to bring extra oil. When the bridegroom finally arrived, the foolish ones were caught unprepared. The message is simple but powerful: Being invited is not the same as being ready!

God has invited every one of us to the banquet of eternal life. He wants us in His Kingdom. But we cannot take His invitation for granted. We cannot claim to love God while refusing to forgive, help those in need, live honestly or make room for Him in our daily lives. The oil in our lamps represents the faith, love, prayer, generosity and good works that sustain our relationship with God. It is built up through everyday choices: forgiving someone who has hurt us, visiting the sick, helping the poor, speaking kindly, praying faithfully and doing what is right even when nobody is watching. Another important lesson is that you cannot borrow somebody else's oil. You cannot enter heaven simply because your parents were prayerful, your spouse attends Mass or your family belongs to St. Jerome's. Faith must become personal. Each of us must develop our own relationship with Christ. The bridegroom was delayed, and all ten women became tired. This reminds us that life's disappointments and unanswered prayers must not extinguish our faith. God's apparent delay is not God's absence. We must keep praying, loving and doing good, even when life is difficult.

My dear people of St. Jerome's, let us not postpone becoming the people God calls us to be. Do not postpone forgiveness, reconciliation, prayer or generosity. Tomorrow is never guaranteed. Today is the opportunity God has given us. Let our parish be a community of burning lamps: a place where the poor are cared for, the lonely are welcomed, the elderly are respected, the young are encouraged and everyone finds the love and mercy of Christ.
Jesus concludes: "Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." This is not a call to live in fear, but to live with purpose. Work honestly, love generously, forgive freely, pray faithfully and keep God at the center of your life. God has invited us to His banquet. Let us not arrive with empty lamps! May we always be ready to meet the Lord and enter joyfully into His eternal banquet.

Amen. God bless you
Fr. Hygi.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	2026
Week of November 1	
In-Pew	$3,454
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	$1,939
Total Weekly Offertory	$5,393
Budget	*$7,270.00*

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.*

If you need assistance with your Online giving and would like to increase your weekly offertory, please contact the Parish Office at 203-847-5349.

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Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following…

Weekend of November 7 & 8 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Times
+Elizabeth Fedor requested by The Hoffmans
+Bud Gallivan requested by Margaret Gallivan
+Ignazio and Maria Granata requested by Granata Family
+Grace Demilo requested by Granata Family
+Robert Michael Kuhn requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie

Monday, November 9
Lorraine Vassallo requested Theresa Fritz
Tuesday, November 10
+Ugo Casale requested by Family
Wednesday, November 11
+Walter Fritz requested by Theresa Fritz
Thursday, November 12
+Parishioners of St Jerome
Friday, November 13
+Frank Iossa requested by Family

Weekend of November 13 & 14 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Times
+Betty Voutsinas requested Kate and David Huggins and family
+Derrick Galivan requested by Margaret Galivan
+Saverio J. Testa requested by Pat Hungaski
+Marylou Santos requested by Helen Santos
+Elizabeth Fedor requested by Christine Aquino
+Rita Martino requested by Luz Martino



Friday November 6th
Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass
every first Friday of the month at 9:00 AM.



Come spend an hour with Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, every Wednesday at 8:00 AM in the church.



Saturday November 7th
Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary
every first Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM followed by the Rosary immediately following Mass

Community News





NOVEMBER FOOD DRIVE

NOV. 1-15

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)	Can openers
Hearty Canned soup	Pancake Mix & Syrup
Canned vegetables	Fruit cups/canned fruit
Mac & cheese	Snack/Granola bars
Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags)	Instant mashed potatoes
Cereal	Jar/canned gravy
Oatmeal	Juice or juice boxes
Coffee	Dry or shelf-stable milk
Tea	All-purpose flour (2 lb bags)
Spices	Granulated sugar (2 lb bags)

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.