



St. Jerome Norwalk
October 12, 2025
The 28th 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 November 1st

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 Oct. 28th

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

Happy 62nd Wedding Anniversary Peter and Domenica Gioiella.

Congratulations to Peyton Cotaling on her baptism.
We are thrilled to welcome her as the newest member of St. Jerome Parish.

Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today we gather as a parish family to hear the Scriptures proclaimed and to let them speak into our lives. In the Gospel according to Luke, we hear two linked stories about healing and gratitude: Naaman the leper in the First Reading (2 Kings 5:14-17) and the account of Jesus' healing of ten lepers in the Gospel (Luke 17:11-19), where only one returns to give thanks. The Message for St. Jerome Parish this Sunday is simple and transformative: God's grace is abundant and free, but our response—our gratitude and conversion—matters profoundly.

1) Naaman: A Story of Humility, Faith, and Transformation (2 Kings 5:14-17): Naaman, a powerful military commander of Aram, seeks healing from the prophet Elisha. He expects grandeur: a spectacular gesture, perhaps, or a rite befitting a man of his status. Instead, Elisha sends a message: "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." At first, Naaman balks. He envisions a dramatic ritual; he cannot see that healing comes through obedience to God's word, even when it contradicts human expectations. Naaman's servants speak frankly: if the prophet had commanded some grand gesture, would you not have done it? So he humbles himself, obeys the word given, and is cleansed. His journey from pride to humility—from trusting in status to trusting in God's power—mirrors a path many of us must walk. He returns to Elishah, not to praise the prophet, but to acknowledge that it is truly the Lord who acts through the humble instrument of His servant. There is a key insight for us at St. Jerome Parish: God's grace often comes in ordinary means—water, spoken word, the sacraments, a neighbor's prompt to prayer—rather than in spectacular displays. Our task is to open ourselves in humility, to listen, and to obey what God asks of us, even when it challenges our preferences or our plans.

2) The Leper's Ten and the One who Returned: Gratitude as a Way of Belief (Luke 17:11-19) Jesus travels along the border between Samaria and Galilee, where He encounters ten men who cry out for mercy. They stand at a distance—unclean by illness, but also symbolically separated by fear and suspicion. Jesus gives them a simple instruction: Go, show yourselves to the priests. As they go, they are healed. Yet only one returns, praising God aloud, falls at Jesus' feet, and thanks Him. Jesus asks, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?" Here we encounter two crucial themes: God's mercy is universal and abundant. All ten are healed; no one is excluded by God's compassion. The miracle is real for all. True faith is revealed in gratitude and relationship. The one who returns is not the only healed; he is the one who recognizes the source of the gift, who falls at Jesus' feet in thanksgiving, who expresses trust and worship. The contrast between the nine and the one is not about degrees of mercy but about response. Gratitude deepens faith. Gratitude is not a mere courtesy; it is a posture of recognition: God acts first. We respond with faith, praise, and a renewed life.

Pastor's Desk

3) What This Means for St. Jerome Parish Today. Embrace humble obedience. Like Naaman, we may be called to trust in God's ordinary channels of grace rather than seeking what seems dramatic or fits our preferences. In our parish life, this might mean embracing the routines of parish life—regular sacraments, faithful prayer, service to the poor—when they feel mundane or inconvenient. The grace of healing often comes when we do “the next right thing,” even if it seems small. Cultivate a living gratitude. The healing of the ten lepers invites us to examine our own response to God's gifts. Do we cultivate an attitude of daily thanksgiving? Do we express gratitude to God, to His Church, and to one another? Gratitude nourishes faith and deepens our relationship with Jesus. It moves us beyond a quick “thank you” to a life that reflects God's goodness in words, actions, and choices.

Worship that leads to witness. The one leper who returns is not content with private relief: his response flows into public worship and renewed devotion. At St. Jerome Parish, let our worship be a catalyst for mission. Are our worship experiences leading us to serve, evangelize, and love as Christ loves? Do we invite others to know the mercy we have received?

Our parish as a healing community. Naaman's healing and the lepers' cure remind us that Christ's mercy comes through community. We are healed as a community, not simply as isolated individuals. Our parish is called to be a place of welcome for the marginalized, a school of prayer for the busy, and a center of mercy for those in need.

4) A Practical Path Forward for Our Week: Set aside a moment each day for gratitude. Keep a simple “Thank You” journal or a note to God for one grace received, no matter how small.

Attend to the ordinary means of grace in the coming week: participation in the Eucharist, confession, personal prayer, and acts of service. Trust that God's healing can come through these channels as we cooperate with His grace. Reach out in charity. Look for one concrete way to serve a neighbor, a family in need, or someone who feels excluded. Let gratitude translate into action. Invite someone to share in our parish life. Whether it's bringing a friend to Mass, inviting a neighbor to a parish event, or supporting a local outreach, let the mercy we have received overflow into mission.

5) Prayer: God of mercy, you heal and restore. Teach us the humility of Naaman, that we may trust your word and surrender our pride. Inspire in us the gratitude of the one leper, that we may return to you with praise and deepen our faith. Help St. Jerome Parish to be a welcoming, grateful, and missionary community, where your grace is received, renewed, and shared with joy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God bless
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of October 11 & 12 28^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

In honor of John Pearson; Romaniello & Cantavero families; James Martin Spahr; Jack Laracca; Ron Secchi

Monday, October 13th Olga Iossa

Tuesday, October 14th Ugo Casale

Wednesday, October 15th (No Mass)

Thursday, October 16th Maria Vozzo

Friday, October 17th Derrick Gallivan

Weekend of October 18 & 19 29^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

Joseph Calderon; Richard Cielez; Peter Gordan, Tommaso Socci

*Loss Group
October 18, 2025
Church Hall
1:00-2:30 PM*

All are welcome to join!

Please note that there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction this Wednesday at 8:00 AM, and no 9:00 AM Mass.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of October 5

In-Pew	\$3,943
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,590
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$6,533</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,925.00

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

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October 11 & 12th

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SEPTEMBER	FAITH FORMATION: GRADES K-6
Sunday, 9/28	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 10/5	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 10/5	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)
Sunday, 10/12	No Session - All Grades
Sunday, 10/19	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 10/26	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)

CONFIRMATION PREP SESSIONS

CONFIRMATION FORMATION (grades 7-8)		
Sunday, 9/28	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 10/5	Grade 7:	All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Tuesday, 10/7	Grade 8:	Saint Philip - Confirmation Prep/Youth Group (6:30-8pm)
Sunday, 10/12	All Grades:	No Session
Sunday, 10/19	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 10/26	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)

Bishop Caggiano would like to remind you to participate in Seminarian & Vocations Drive. The formation of our future priests is a critical responsibility for our diocese, and we rely heavily on the support of generous donors like you to make this possible. The cost of educating and training a seminarian for the priesthood has risen to more than \$70,000 annually, and it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet these expectations without additional assistance from our faithful community. Please support our future priests who will serve our communities for many years to come! You can give at www.bridgeportpriest.org/give.



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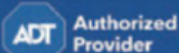
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