



**St. Jerome Norwalk**  
**October 5, 2025**  
**The 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Mass Schedule

### **Weekends**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month**  
**9:00 AM Mass.**

**Next Mass on October 4th.**

### **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**

### **Wednesday**

**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**

**Blessing of the animals (pets)**

**October 5, 2025 at 12 PM**

**Outside on the steps in front of the church**



# Pastor's Desk

Gospel: Luke 17:5–10

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ at St. Jerome,

Today's Gospel presents us with a small exchange that carries a profound invitation: the disciples plead, "Increase our faith." Jesus responds, not by promising more power, but by inviting a reorientation of heart and a reshaping of daily life. He tells a parable about a servant and, in the process, invites us to a humble fidelity rooted in gratitude and love.

1) The request: "Increase our faith" (Luke 17:5): The disciples' request is simple, honest, and human. They have seen Jesus heal, teach, forgive, and challenge the powerful. They have sensed the power of faith at work, yet they feel their own faith is not enough for what lies ahead. Their request is not framed as a demand for spectacular miracles but as a longing for the interior strength to live faithfully. Faith is not simply a feeling but a stance: trust in God that shapes how we live. The disciples name a deficit, not a decree of impossibility. They acknowledge that faith requires divine grace to bear the weight of discipleship. For us at St. Jerome, this is a call to examine our own longing: Do we crave a deeper faith not merely for private comfort or spectacular signs, but for steadfast fidelity in the ordinary moments of our lives—our families, our workplaces, our neighborhoods, and our parish?

2) Jesus' response: growth through humble, steady living (Luke 17:6): Jesus answers with a striking image: even faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. Not because faith is a force to wield, but because faith is openness to God's action. The power is not in the quantity of faith but in its orientation toward God. A tiny seed of trust, placed in God's hands, can bear astonishing fruit through patient obedience and perseverance. This invites us to reframe our expectations. We may not feel "spiritual skyscrapers" rising overnight, but with faith that remains anchored in God, the daily actions—prayer, forgiveness, service, and integrity—become mountains moved in love.

3) The parable of the servant: duty well done (Luke 17:7–10): Jesus tells a parable about a servant who does what is commanded without expectation of thanks or reward. The implication is clear: faithfulness in the ordinary tasks of life is not a performance to earn God's favor; it is the ordinary fulfillment of our identity as servants of the Lord. The key phrase: "We have done what we were obliged to do." This is not a justification for complacency but a reminder of vocation. The paradox of grace: God's grace empowers our obedience, yet our faithfulness does not obligate God to repay us with accolades.

For us at St. Jerome, the parable calls us to reframe our sense of success as a parish. Do we measure success by numbers or by faithfulness—daily prayer, care for the vulnerable, catechesis that forms consciences, and a welcoming, wounded-championing community?

4) Practical applications for the people of St. Jerome: Nourish your faith daily. Commit to a simple, sustained prayer routine (e.g., 5–10 minutes of Scripture and petition daily, and weekly Eucharistic adoration if possible). Pray especially for the grace to see Christ in the ordinary moments: a coworker's fatigue, a neighbor's loneliness, a child's question, a stranger's need. Exercise faith in small, concrete ways. Choose one act of service each week: visit the homebound, sponsor a parish outreach, or volunteer with a local charity. Practice courtesy and forgiveness in family life, recognizing that daily mercies become the backbone of spiritual strength. Foster a humble, grateful heart. Cultivate gratitude in communal life: a "gratitude circle" after Sunday Mass or in family prayer. Be aware of the quiet works of God's grace that sustain us and give thanks rather than waiting for dramatic signs. Build a culture of discipleship in the parish. Encourage catechesis that explains not just what we believe, but how to live it in concrete situations. Create welcoming spaces for newcomers and for those wrestling with faith, ensuring that everyone feels seen, heard, and valued.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

# **Mass Remembrances**

*This week we pray for the following...*

**Weekend of October 4 & 5** 27<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Frances Lawson Spahr; Allen Doppke; Vincenzo Iannone Jr.;  
Robin Ann Denaro; Tom Rietano; Sean Sullivan**

**Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** Paul J Kennedy Jr. (22<sup>nd</sup> Anniv)

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>** Andy Garcia

**Wednesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>** Alvin Zobel

**Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>** Frances Lawson Spahr

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** In honor of Bernadette Lemoine

**Weekend of October 11 & 12** 28<sup>h</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

*All are welcome to join!*



# HOW ARE WE DOING?

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2025

Week of September 28

In-Pew	\$2,677
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,842
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$5,519</u>
Budget	\$6,850.00

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

## MONTH-END OFFERTORY SUMMARY

Month of September

4 Sundays

Weekly In Pew Offertory	\$12,221
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$11,731
Gifts and Annual Offertory	\$2,320
Total Offertory and Gifts	<u>\$26,272</u>
Budget	\$30,957

One-time credit card donations can be made on our website by visiting [www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds](http://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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# St Jerome Raffle and Festival





# Thank you

The St. Jerome Parish Festival and Raffle was a tremendous success, thanks to the generous contributions of the following parishioners and all who participated.

Jack O'Melia; Kevin Harrington; Aimee Hwang; Vinny Russo; John Kuczo; Doug Mejia; Rusty Cappadona; Matthew Majeski; Lee L'Archevesque; Alex Sgoutas; Jeff Kress; Betty Agostino; Florence Loch; Andrea Licek; Joe Licek; Brian Kennedy; Keith Garvey; Joe Opalinski; Joe Jimenez; Bob Longmuir; Janet Lamb; Honey Secchi; Kathy Crosby; Ken Drew; Kathie Kryspin; Steven Filizzola; Annette & Richard Maiberger; Peg Whitney; Allison Uzar; Berta Castro; Mathew Marciano; Jane Vento; Carol Crawford; Shelli Sullivan; Judy Baluha; Esty Tucci; Pat Hungaski; Suzanne & Tom Calnon; Samantha & Aileen Mahoney; Neil Dennehy; Linda Lee; Mary Ellen Maccauda; Ronalee Grant; Josephine Casale; Gina Granata; Krystyna Cielez; Patrick Cooper; Kelly Pickering; Barbara Bagnato; Rosemary Romeniello



We would like to thank all the Parishioners who so generously donated approximately 50 bags of needed food items for the September food collection.

Social Concerns Committee also thanks Nancy & John Wagner and Rebecca Sweeney who helped by delivering the items to Person To Person & Open Doors pantries in South Norwalk.





# Wreath Order form

**22" Mixed Evergreen - \$30.**



**28" Mixed Evergreen - \$40**



**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



Please check off the Wreath Size, and write down the quantity.

☐ **22 inch No. of wreaths** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **28 inch No. of wreaths** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check out to St. Jerome Church and drop off form with payment to the office.

Or mail to: St. Jerome Church 23 Half Mile Road Norwalk, CT 06851.

You can also order on line by using the QR code above or visiting <https://osvhub.com/stjeromenorwalk/forms/wreath-fundraiser-1>.

**Orders due by November 2 for pre thanksgiving delivery.**

We appreciate your support!



## FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>FAITH FORMATION: GRADES K-6</b>
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

	<b>CONFIRMATION FORMATION (grades 7-8)</b>	
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)



The Faith Formation Team is hosting another after 10am Mass "Fellowship Breakfast." Please join us for coffee, tea, muffins and more.



### CND ASSOCIATE PRAYER SERVICE

2025 OCT 11 (Sat)  
1:00-3:00

Where? St Jerome Church Youth Room

Please RSVP to  
[office@stieromenorwalk.org](mailto:office@stieromenorwalk.org)

