



St. Jerome Norwalk
September 13, 2026
24th 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

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

Devotion Mass followed by Holy
Rosary at 9:00 am every first
Saturday of the month

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

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

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Pastor's Desk

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

The Gift of Forgiveness

Sirach 27:30–28:7 | Romans 14:7–9 | Matthew 18:21–35

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today the Church gives us one of the most challenging lessons of Christian life: forgiveness. Peter asks Jesus, “Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus answers, “Not seven times, but seventy-seven times.” Jesus is not asking us to count our forgiveness. He is teaching us that mercy should not have a limit. The First Reading from Sirach makes the same point: “Forgive your neighbor’s injustice; then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.” Sirach reminds us that we cannot continually ask God for mercy while refusing to show mercy to others. There is a simple story that illustrates this. A man once carried deep resentment against a relative who had hurt him years before. Whenever the person’s name was mentioned, the wound came alive again. One day a friend told him, “You are carrying this person everywhere you go. He may have hurt you once, but you are allowing him to hurt you every day.” The man realized that unforgiveness had become a burden he was carrying himself. He began praying, “Lord, I cannot forget what happened, but give me the grace to forgive.” Slowly, his anger gave way to peace. That is what Jesus wants for us. In the Gospel, the servant owes his master an enormous debt. He begs for mercy, and the master forgives everything. Yet that same servant refuses to forgive another who owes him a much smaller debt. The question Jesus puts before us is simple: How can we ask God to forgive our enormous debts while refusing to forgive the small debts others owe us? Forgiveness does not mean that what happened was right. It does not mean ignoring injustice or remaining in a harmful situation. Sometimes forgiveness takes time, prayer, and even healthy boundaries. But forgiveness means refusing to let anger, hatred, and revenge have the final word in our hearts. Perhaps there is someone we need to forgive: a spouse, child, parent, relative, friend, neighbor, or fellow parishioner. Perhaps there is also someone from whom we need to ask forgiveness. Even those who are absent from our celebration today are part of this message. Let us not allow old hurts, gossip, or divisions to keep us apart. Let us pray for those who have drifted away and, where possible, take steps toward reconciliation. Every time we pray the Our Father, we say: “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” That is not merely a prayer; it is a way of life. As we come before the Lord today, let us bring our wounds to Him and ask for the grace to forgive. We forgive not because the other person deserves it, but because we ourselves have received God’s mercy. May the Lord heal our hearts, reconcile our families, strengthen our parish community, and teach us to live by the words of Jesus.

Amen

God bless you.

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of September 12 & 13 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Robert Cantow requested by Jon and Evie Theall
- +Georgia Smith requested by the Parish
- +Mary Chuba requested by Family
- +Henryk Cielesz requested by Family
- +Vincenzo Iannone Jr. requested by Family

Monday, September 14th

- +Ugo Casale requested by Family

Tuesday, September 15th

- +Carmen Maruja Ancco Calisaya requested by Family

Wednesday, September 16th

- +Michael Fitzgerald requested by Family

Thursday, September 17th

- +Glory de Jesus requested by Attagracia Maturi

Friday, September 18th

Parishioners of St. Jerome Church

Weekend of September 19 & 20 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

- +Giovanni Casale requested by Family
- +Lucy Allocca requested by Family

Funeral Mass for Georgia Smith
September 14, 2026
11:00 AM
St. Jerome Church

HOW ARE WE DOING?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of September 6

In-Pew	\$2,320
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$3,301
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$5,621</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$7,200.00</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.*

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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BOUNCY HOUSES FOR THE KIDS!

Children can enjoy two bouncy houses during the event: one for children ages 5 and under and one for children over age 5.

Come and have fun!





We invite all Faith Formation families in Kindergarten through 7th grade to join us for a Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, September 13, 2026, at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would like to warmly welcome our new members, Ginny Bisson and the Rodriguez and Adames families, to St. Jerome Parish. We are delighted to have you as part of our parish family.

On September 27, we will have a special Blessing of Students and Teachers at all Masses. Please join us as Fr. Hygi asks God's blessings upon all students, teachers, and school staff for a successful and faith-filled school year.

Loss Group Meeting

September 19, 2026 2:00-3:30PM
Parish Hall.

All are welcome.

Adult Scripture Study will begin at St. Jerome in October and will meet every other Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 AM. If you are interested in participating, please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Wedding Anniversary Blessing

Are you celebrating your 10th, 15th, 20th, 30th, or any higher wedding anniversary this year? If you would like to receive a special blessing from Fr. Hygi at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on October 3, please notify the Parish Office.

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMS FALL SESSION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

St. Jerome Church Tuesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm

September 15 – November 10

Church of the Assumption Wednesday afternoons 2:00 – 3:30pm

September 30 – December 2



Your loss may be recent or long ago.

We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at:

St. Jerome Roman Catholic Church	Church of the Assumption
23 Half Mile Rd.	98 Riverside Ave.
Norwalk	Westport

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

St. Jerome Church and Church of the Assumption are partnering with the Bereavement Initiative of the Fairfield County Catholic Cemeteries to offer this program. Please go to their website to submit a Program Inquiry Form or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

www.Thegrief.org

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.

Visiting priests help us celebrate staff birthday with a blessing and a smile!





Mass Remembrance

If you would like to have a Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, or a Mass for healing, thanksgiving, grace, or a private intention for a living person in need of prayers, please contact the Parish Office.

Welcome.

So glad you're here....

Do you want to become a member of St Jerome Parish?

If you do, and want information on how to register to become a parishioner, then please complete the following and put it in the offertory basket.

Once we receive this form, we will send you a registration form for you to fill out so you can become a member of our community.



Name _____

Address _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email Address _____



We look forward to hearing from you!