



St. Jerome Norwalk
September 27, 2026
26th 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

ST. JEROME CHURCH FESTIVAL & RAFFLE

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Food • Kids' Games • Bounce Houses • Entertainment

Purchase your \$50 raffle ticket today!
Visit stjeromenorwalk.org

Call the Parish Office 203-847-5349.
Or scan the QR code with your phone.



Pastor's Desk

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A | Matthew 21:28–32

"OUR YES MUST BECOME OUR WAY OF LIFE "

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

What does God really want from us? Today's Gospel gives us a simple answer: God wants our "yes" to become a way of life. Jesus tells us about a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first says, "No," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Yes, sir," but does not go. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is the one who acted.

This parable reminds us that God looks beyond our words and sees our lives. It is easy to say, "Yes, Lord," with our lips. The real question is whether our actions also say, "Yes, Lord." Many of us can identify with the first son. There are times when we have said "no" to God through sin, anger, selfishness, stubbornness, or neglect. Yet there is hope: God gives us the grace to change. A person who has wandered can come home; someone who has fallen can get up; someone who has said "no" can still say "yes." God's mercy always opens the door to a new beginning. At other times, we may resemble the second son. We say the right things, but fail to live our faith in our homes and relationships. Our faith cannot remain only inside the church. It must follow us home. Our "yes" to God is seen when we forgive, when we are patient with our families, when we help those in need, when we speak kindly, choose honesty, and serve others without seeking recognition.

The vineyard is all around us. Our families, parish, workplaces, neighborhoods, and communities are places where God calls us to serve. So let us ask ourselves: What is God asking me to do, and am I willing to do it? Perhaps He is asking us to forgive someone, rebuild a relationship, return to prayer, become more generous, or reach out to someone who is lonely. God does not ask us to be perfect before we begin. He asks for a willing heart. Dear members of St. Jerome family may our faith never be only something we profess with our lips. May it be visible in the way we live and love. When we fail, let us not remain discouraged. Like the first son, we can change direction, return to the vineyard, and begin again. Today the Lord calls each of us: "Go and work in my vineyard." May our answer not be merely a word. May our whole life become our "YES" to God.

Amen.

God bless you.

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of September 26 & 27 26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

+Michael Chuba Sr. requested by Family

Maria Granata requested by Family

+Kathleen Spennato by Friends

Monday, September 28th

Kevin Francisco requested by Marie Francisco

Tuesday, September 29th

Parishioners of St. Jerome

Wednesday, September 30th

Kevin Francisco requested by Marie Francisco

Thursday, October 1st

Maria Granata requested by Family

Friday, October 2nd

+Jack Durkin requested by Family

Weekend of October 3 & 4 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

+Richard DeBellis requested by Friends

+Sean Sullivan requested by Shelli Sullivan

+Vincenzo Iannone Jr. requested by Family

+Berta Franklino requested by JoAnn Somma

+Jack Laracca requested by Maria Granata

+Robert and Michael Kuhn requested by Neil, Theresa and Angie

Funeral Mass for Kathleen Spennato
September 28, 2026 at 11:00AM
St. Jerome Parish

HOW ARE WE DOING?



WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of September 20

In-Pew	\$4,403
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,558
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$6,961</u>
Budget	\$7,050.00

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.

Online Giving Supports
St. Jerome

ONLINE GIVING
SUPPORTS
ST. JEROME





Due to the Nor'easter this weekend. There will be no Faith Formation Classes or Confirmation Prep Classes on Sunday Sept. 27th.

We invite all Confirmation Prep 8th grade to join us for a Parent/Child Meeting on Sunday, October 4th, at 9:15 AM in the Parish Hall.

**Faith Formation K-7th grade classes will start on October 4 at 9 AM.
Blessing of the students at teachers at 10 AM Mass.**

Join us on Saturday, October 3rd at 12:00 PM on the front steps of St. Jerome Church for the Blessing of the Animals with Fr. Hygi. Bring your beloved pets to receive a special blessing. All are welcome!

The Diocese of Bridgeport and all its parishes will celebrate Rosary Weekend on October 3 and 4th. Please join us at the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, October 3, for a Rosary Procession at the beginning of Mass in honor of our Blessed Virgin Mary. On Sunday, October 4, the Prayer of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Masses

Adult Scripture Study will begin at St. Jerome on October 10th 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.

Looking for a place to host a party, meeting, or special event? Consider St. Jerome Parish Hall! For availability and more information, please contact the parish office.

Please join us for a Social Concern Meeting at 7PM on September 28th. All are welcome.

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.



Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass

Saturday, October 3, 2026, at 11:00 AM | Cathedral of Saint Augustine



25th Anniversary of 9/11

Tuesday, September 29, 2026

at 7:00 pm | Saint Aloysius Church in New Canaan

Open Door Food Drive September 19–September 30th



Help Make A Difference!



Grocery Pantry Most Needed Items

Low-sodium and sugar-free options are appreciated

Manual can openers	Fresh fruit and vegetables!
Canned tuna	Canned chicken
Spaghetti sauce	Canned pasta dinners
Peanut butter	Jelly (grape or strawberry)
Rice (2 lb bags)	Dried beans (red or black)
Canned soup	Canned beans (red or black)
Canned vegetables	Fruit cups or canned fruit
Mac & cheese	Vegetable oil
Sugar (2 or 4 lb bags)	All-purpose flour (2 or 5 lb bags)
Cereal	Pancake mix & syrup
Oatmeal	Cream of wheat
Coffee	Juice or juice boxes
Tea	Dry or shelf-stable milk
Spices	Reusable grocery bags

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.

Please deliver Monday through Friday, 9:30am to noon. Contact us for a weekend delivery or large donations!

You can also visit <https://www.opendoorsctdonate.org> to shop online and help stock our grocery pantry!



Open Doors' Smilow Life Center side entrance, Merritt Place, Norwalk, CT 06854
203-866-1057 / [opendoorsct.org](https://www.opendoorsct.org) / info@opendoorsct.org

ST. JEROME CHURCH FESTIVAL & RAFFLE

Sunday, October 4, 2026 • 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Food • Kids' Games • Bounce Houses • Entertainment

Purchase your \$50 raffle ticket today!

Visit stjeromenorwalk.org

Call the Parish Office 203-847-5349.
Or scan the QR code with your phone.



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!

