



St. Jerome Norwalk
September 28, 2025
The 26th 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 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 6PM on the last Tuesday of every month. Next mass on Sept. 30th

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

St. Jerome Church Festival & Raffle

September 28, 2025 11-2 PM

For raffle tickets go to stjeromenorwalk.org or call the office at 203-847-5349

Pastor's Desk

Gospel: Luke 16:19–31

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel presents a stark contrast that invites a serious and prayerful reflection on how we live each day. It is not merely a social critique about wealth and poverty; it is a call to examine where our hearts find their security, meaning, and direction.

1) A common test: how we treat our neighbor: The parable places Lazarus at the gate of a man who is comfortable and secure. The question for us is simple: what do our daily choices reveal about our care for those in need who cross our path—whether literally at our doorstep or in the daily rhythm of waiting, asking, and relying on others? Wealth, status, or comfort are not themselves condemned; what matters is whether they dull our sight or sharpen our charity.

2) The measure of true life: In life, the rich man enjoys abundance; in death, he discovers that earthly riches cannot purchase relief from suffering or secure a different fate. The reversal points to a deeper truth: life that truly satisfies is found in loving God and neighbor, not in accumulating comforts for myself alone. The parable invites a conversion of heart—beginning now—in small, visible acts of mercy that shape a more just and compassionate living.

3) Mercy as the ordinary path of discipleship: Jesus does not propose a theoretical ethic; he invites us into a merciful way of life. Mercy is practical: a listening ear, a hand offered in service, a meal shared, a door opened to a traveler, a reminder to care for the vulnerable. It is about rearranging our priorities so that the needs of others become a defining element of how we spend our time, money, and talents.

4) A pastoral invitation to St. Jerome's: Cultivate open hands: look for ways to welcome strangers and to accompany those in need within our parish and our wider community. Practice steady generosity: not occasional grand gestures, but consistent, reliable acts of charity rooted in gratitude to God. Examine the "gates" of our lives: what barriers keep us from seeing and serving the poor? Fear, pride, apathy, schedule, or comfort?

5) Practical steps for the coming weeks: Support parish outreach: participate in or contribute to food drives, clothing collections, or shelter partnerships. Begin or renew a personal habit of prayer for the marginalized, asking God to soften your heart and widen your gaze. Encourage family or small group acts of mercy: a monthly service project or neighborly kindness that involves others.

6) Closing exhortation: The Gospel asks us to reorder our lives around the right riches: the mercy of God and the well-being of our neighbor. May St. Jerome's be a place where the hungry are fed, the lonely are welcomed, and the estranged are drawn into reconciliation. Let us choose today to live in a way that echoes mercy, so that when we meet the Lord, we may hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant," not a word of regret for opportunities missed.

God bless
Fr. Hygi

Prayer for the Parish on the Feast of Saint Jerome

O Saint Jerome, exemplary scholar and devoted servant of the Word, guide our parish as we seek the wisdom of Scripture with humility and faith.

Grant us courage to study, meditate, and live the Gospel in our daily lives.

Intercede for us before the Father: that our families and communities may grow in knowledge of God's Word and in love for truth; that our catechesis, ministries, and outreach may be faithful, clear, and transforming; that every heart may be opened to receive the light of the Holy Spirit, and every mind be renewed by Christ.

Bless our parish libraries, classrooms, Bible studies, and ministries of translation, preaching, and service.

Inspire us to imitate your tireless labor for God's Word, so that we may be a people of integrity, charity, and mission. St. Jerome, patron of scholars, translators, and students, pray for us.

May our parish, through your intercession, be a beacon of faith, learning, and witness to Christ. Amen.



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SERVICE

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



Where? St Jerome Church Youth Room

Please RSVP to
office@stieromenorwalk.org

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of September 27 & 28 26^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

**In honor of Ann Pinto; Peter Gordan; Anna Vona; Michael Chuba Sr.;
Concetta and Maria Grazia Alicandro**

Monday, September 29th Vincent Michael Mendoza Jr.

Tuesday, September 30th Nicole Falkowski

Wednesday, October 1st Andy Garcia

Thursday, October 2nd Maria Granata

Friday, October 3rd Jack Durkin

Weekend of October 4 & 5 27^h Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

*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 21

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

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FAITH FORMATION SESSIONS

| 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) |

Social Concerns is hosting a Food Drive for Person to Person and Open Doors in South Norwalk on September 17 – September 29th.

Help us support families in Norwalk by donating essential pantry items during our community food drive. Every contribution makes a meaningful difference!

How to Donate: Place your items on the pews in the hallway or in the clearly marked donation boxes.

Most Needed Items: Low-sodium and sugar-free options are especially appreciated. Suggested donations include Canned Tuna & Chicken, Canned Soups, Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta, Canned Vegetables & Fruit, Canned & Dried Beans, Rice (1lb boxes or 2lb bags), Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Oatmeal, Cream of Wheat, Pancake Mix & Syrup, Dry or Shelf-Stable Milk, Juices & Juice Boxes.

Let's come together to stock the shelves and nourish our neighbors. Thank you for your generosity!

Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport will celebrate the **Annual Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Mass on Saturday, October 4th at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine** in Bridgeport.

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of this important milestone in their married life in addition to pictures with the Bishop.

Sharon Colihan is coordinating the registration process for the Mass and is available to answer whatever questions you may have. She can be reached at Sharon.Colihan@diobpt.org or (203) 416-1454 and she will provide instructions on how to register.

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