



11/06	9:00 am	William & Cora Bria (The family)
	5:00 pm	Eda Leone (David & Mohan Tracy)
11/07	8:00 am	All Souls
	9:15 am	All Souls
	11:00 am	Eleanor & Richard Dominici (Husband & father)
	6:00 pm	Carmine Pinto (Zikias family)
11/08	9:00 am	Nicholas Ostasiewicz (The family)
11/09	9:00 am	Alvin Zobel (Daughter, Allia)
11/10	9:00 am	Deceased mothers & fathers
11/11	9:00 am	Ernesto Florio (The family)
11/12	9:00 am	Frank Eula (Daughter, Pat)
11/13	9:00 am	Joseph Romano (Sandy Lausten)
	5:00 pm	Jim Farrington (The family)
11/14	8:00 am	Francisco & Maria Rentas (The Rentas family)
	9:15 am	Christopher Shamansky (The Rohr family)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Louie Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Rose Lepore (Daughter, Rosemarie)

On the first Wednesday of each month, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass, there will be an anointing of the sick in the sanctuary. Anyone with an ongoing medical condition or who is seriously ill, anticipating a medical procedure or operation, is welcome to come.

**And so when my heart grew embittered  
and when I was cut to the quick,  
I was stupid and did not understand,  
no better than a beast in your sight**

**Yet I was always in your presence;  
you were holding me by my right hand.  
You will guide me by your counsel  
and so you will lead me to glory.**

Psalm 73

## MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of St. Jerome Parish, a Roman Catholic community, proclaim our belief in the message and mission of Jesus Christ. As disciples of Jesus we are called to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to work for its values in the local community and beyond. We are committed to: worship, religious education, shared faith and service. We welcome all people with respect, acceptance and support.



## Church Support

### THE WEEKEND COLLECTION FOR LAST YEAR AND THIS WAS:

November 2, 2003	\$7,777.00
October 31, 2004	\$8,213.00

We are behind budgeted offertory by \$3,149.00.



If you would like to memorialize a family member or friend by donating flowers for our altar, you may do so by giving a donation of \$50. The name of your loved one will be announced in the bulletin. There will be one donor per weekend. If you are interested, please contact Pat at the parish office at 847-5349 at least two weeks prior to the date you choose.



### REACH

**K and 1-6** meet today.

**Grades 1-6** also meet on November 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Grades 7 & 8** will meet on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 7-8:30 PM. Parents can sign up for a date to aide the classes on Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> in the REACH office.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** – Parents of second graders meet either Sunday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-2:00 pm or Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> 7:30-8:30 pm. There will be a family dinner for second grade on November 10<sup>th</sup>. For more info call Kathy at 846-2111.

**TOTAL:** Anyone being confirmed on December 5<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> graders) must attend the TOTAL meeting in the hall tonight, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8:30 PM. All paperwork, paragraphs for the Confirmation booklet, and a review of

the questions asked by the bishop will be covered. For all other TOTAL teens (grades 9, 11 and 12) there will be an optional game night in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room tonight. Bring game boards of your choice. Enjoy this relaxing, different, and fun evening with your friends and some of the TOTAL team.

Thanks to all the children and parents who attended our Halloween party last Sunday, and to all the teens whose loving efforts made it so much fun.

“The Laramie Project” – Stamford High drama club is performing this true story of Matthew Shepard who in 1988 was brutally murdered because he was homosexual. This play condemns hatred and violence and depicts how the entire community was affected by the tragedy. Performances are November 12 and 13 at 8:00 PM and November 13 at 2:00 PM. Call Judi at 847-3635 or email at [juditotal@aol.com](mailto:juditotal@aol.com) if interested and we can put a group together.

**THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE** – The Thanksgiving food collection for Christian Community Action of Norwalk will be held at the weekend Masses of November 13 and 14. At this time, the food pantry can use most of the items we regularly ask for:

Canned beef ravioli	Canned fruit
Canned beans (pink, black)	Tuna
Hearty and condensed soups	Canned chili
Hot or cold cereal	Jelly (18 oz)
Rice (1 lb or 2 lb)	Juice boxes
Canned peas & corn	Spaghetti Sauce
Boxed macaroni & cheese	Jell-O

Peanut butter and pasta are **NOT** needed at this time. Let us all give thanks by sharing with those in need.

**BAKE SALE** – Next weekend at all the Masses, the Dominican Sisters will be selling home made bread, apple pies, blueberry pies, and brownies. The proceeds of the sale will be used to buy medical supplies for their mission to support the lepers.



**PEACE VIGIL:** Our next Prayer Service will take place Friday evening, **November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM** in the church. Please join us as we pray for an end to terrorism and violence and for PEACE in Iraq and throughout the world. The format will be simple, and the time commitment is about a half hour. Come and bring a friend. Let's make this an ecumenical gathering for peace.

Violence never again!  
War never again!  
Terrorism never again!  
In God's name,  
may all religions bring upon earth  
justice and peace,  
forgiveness, life and love!  
His holiness Pope John Paul II

### **RANDOM THOUGHTS**

**Time passes by so quickly, so quickly that as I keep adding years to my life, I find the structure and familiarity of the liturgical year a great comfort. Soon we will be at the end of the current liturgical year when we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, on November 21<sup>st</sup>. As we approach that turning point, you will notice that the Sunday readings grow grimmer. As the leaves fall we are all reminded that one day Jesus will come back to make all of creation into what he intended it to be from the beginning. The Gospel is very clear that we all need to be ready for that second coming, whenever it comes, be it tomorrow or in 4004. (You heard it here first!).**

**On the Thursday after the Feast of Christ the King we will celebrate Thanksgiving. Here, at St. Jerome, the official celebration takes place on Wednesday evening at 8:00 PM. Mark your calendar and be here if you are able. As you will often hear me say, I think one of the central religious attitudes is thankfulness. A person with a thankful heart knows his or her indebtedness to the Lord. When you are thankful, it usually leads to both joy and a willingness to share with others. This year I am pleased to announce that at the “official” celebration that Wednesday evening, we will have two guests, Bill and Emily Hall. This duo of father and daughter sang at Carolyn Eidt's wedding. I was so impressed with their talent I asked them to come and be a part of our Thanksgiving Mass.**

**For those of you who like to go to Mass on Thanksgiving Day itself we will have our usual 9:00 AM Mass. The music will be accapella and I will be leading it, but the entire congregation will sing and it will be a gathering where we join with Jesus, our High Priest, in giving thanks and praise to God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The eve of thanksgiving and the day itself are always a time of great blessing. Try to attend one or the other.**