

Mass Intentions

11/05	9:00 am	Kathleen Smyth (Frances Vie Brock)
	5:00 pm	Anthony DeSantis (The family)
11/06	8:00 am	Wally Regan (Grandchildren)
	9:15 am	Giuseppe Giglio (Wife)
	11:00 am	Eleanor & Richard Dominici (Husband & father)
	6:00 pm	Elizabeth Ford (Santorella family)
11/07	9:00 am	Stanley Benham (George & Diane Schaumann)
11/08	9:00 am	John McManamon (M/M George Iacono)
11/09	9:00 am	William & Irene Collins (Anthony Parillo & Emma Tobey)
11/10	9:00 am	Anna & Nancy Kish (Kit McManamon)
11/11	9:00 am	Anna Collins (Frank & Joan Soldano)
11/12	9:00 am	Frank Eula (Daughter, Pat)
	5:00 pm	Kordas, Gerardi, Rossi & Tucciarone Families
11/13	8:00 am	Francisco & Maria Rentas (Rentas family)
	9:15 am	Jim Farrington (3 rd .Anniv.) (The family)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Louie Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Virginia & Fiore Iacono (George & Theresa Iacono)

Readings for the Week of November 6, 2005

Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16/ 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Mt 25:1-13
Monday:	Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday:	Wis 2:23-3:9/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday:	Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/ 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22
Thursday:	Wis 7:22b-8:1/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday:	Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday:	Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/ Lk 18:1-8
Next Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/ 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30

The search for peace involves a sincere effort and determined will on everyone's part to change his life, even if this is often difficult and obliges him to swim against the tide of accepted ideas and of certain traditions.

LETTER TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF GITEGA AND THE CHURCH OF BURUNDI, AUGUST 4, 1999.

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.

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.



THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR LAST YEAR AND THIS WAS:

October 31, 2004 \$7,423.00

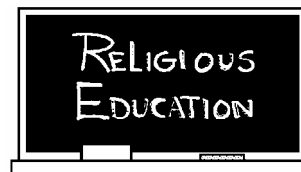
October 30, 2005 \$6,639.00

We are behind budget by \$4,100.00.

ALTAR-FLOWERS



The flowers that will adorn our lovely altar this weekend have been donated in memory of Michael Rozzi, Jr. by his family and friends. The flowers for next weekend have been donated in memory of Jim Farrington by his family.



REACH

Grades K-6 meets this morning

Grades 7&8 meet tonight.

Next week – November 13th.

Grades 1-6 meet in the morning

Grades 7&8 NO CLASS 11/13...next class is on November 20.

2nd Grade Parents – If you have not received either an email or letter regarding the parent meeting, please call the REACH office at 846-2111.

EMAIL ADDRESSES: We are making every attempt to cut postage costs in the REACH office. Please make sure the office has your current email address.

TOTAL

TOTAL includes both the Mass at 6:00 PM and our program downstairs in the Kevin Edit Youth Room from 7 to 8:45 PM. We hope that all high school parishioners will join us this week and every week for both. Lector training for new lectors will take place in the youth room this Monday, November 7 and next Monday, November 14. Call Judi if you would like to add your name to those who have already signed up for this important ministry. Deposits for the ski weekend at Smugglers' Notch in February are due this week. Applications for the Emmaus weekend in January are available at TOTAL. Call or email Judi at 847-3635 or juditotal@aol.com for more information about all TOTAL activities.



Our Men and Women in the Service

DUE TO THE VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY ON NOVEMBER 11TH, BOTH THE PARISH OFFICE AND THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE.

The Thanksgiving food collection for Christian Community Action (CCA) of Norwalk will be held at the weekend Masses of November 12 & 13.

During this season of abundance, we make menus and shopping lists for the big feasts for our family's celebration. Please pause to consider the needs of the 100 hungry families who come to Christian Community Action's food pantry in South Norwalk every week to receive free food. How beautiful is an opportunity to share our wealth as we follow Jesus' words, "Feed the hungry." The items most needed are:

Hot or cold cereal	Canned beef ravioli or chili
Jelly (18 oz)	Canned tuna
Juice boxes	Spaghetti sauce
Hearty or condensed soups	Canned vegetables
Rice (11lb or 2lb box)	

Thank you for your generosity. As always, CCA appreciates deeply the compassionate response of St. Jerome's community to the invitation to help our less fortunate neighbors.

PEACE VIGIL: Our monthly Prayer Service to pray for an end to terrorism and peace in our world will take place Thursday, November 10th. Please join us at 7:00 o'clock in the church as we pray for healing among victims and peace among nations. We encourage you to bring a prayer, story or reading to share with the group. Come and bring a friend to this ecumenical gathering.

SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS – THANKS for donations of school and art supplies to Nicaragua.

AmeriCares was able to deliver your donations to Brother Pablo Maria Feeding Center. The director was overjoyed to receive a great supply of paper, pencils & watercolor sets. The plan was to use these supplies with the children as they do projects together.

The second location to receive our donations was a 257-bed children's hospital. This is the only children's hospital in Nicaragua. We supplied the children with a generous amount of

notebooks, crayons, and colored pencils to the in-patients. These children were thrilled to receive their gifts.

Thank you again, parishioners for your out pouring of generosity.

WOMEN'S GUILD NEWS! – Just a reminder that the Women's Guild will be meeting Monday, November 7th at 7:00 PM. Sister Agnes will conduct a night of recollection and we know that it will be a spiritual experience for all.

We will be discussing different aspects of our bake sale in November. New members are always welcome.

ST. JEROME PRAYER FOR PEACE

God, Creator of all that is good in our world,
we thank and praise you for your dream
that all humankind might be one.

In this time of crisis, we ask you to protect and calm us
and make us open to your presence in one another.

We pray for our country, for people of all faiths, and
especially for the innocent.

Give us your wisdom to be tolerant, your love to be
forgiving and your grace to be responsive
to all victims of violence.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

I am writing this on Tuesday morning, November 1st, the Feast of All Saints. I just finished celebrating the 9:00 AM Mass, and the experience reminded me of why I love these two days (All Saints and All Souls). This morning the congregation consisted of the hard core faithful. Everyone sang, everyone responded fully. As I looked around, I saw people of courage and strength who often carry heavy burdens coming to rejoice with their God and once again be connected to that cloud of witnesses who were once part of the Body of Christ here, and who have now gone home to be with their God. Every Mass is a perfect prayer but sometimes the occasion or the setting or the congregation itself creates its own mood that touches everyone present. To put it in a more theological way, sometimes the Holy Spirit works so powerfully in a particular congregation in a manner that is almost palpable. Today was such a day, at least for me and several other people to whom I spoke after Mass.

Plans are in the making for a follow up to G.O.F. Meanwhile, there will be concrete justice issues brought to our attention. The Social Concerns Committee has a flyer in this weekend's bulletin asking for your help in encouraging the congressional leaders to support the amendment to the Defense Appropriations bill sponsored by Senator McCain that calls for outlawing any form of cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment of detainees.

Also, upcoming is a short talk Tara Whalen will be giving to the children at the 9:15 Mass about her experience in bringing the parish collection of school supplies to children living in Nicaragua. It was a very moving experience for Tara and I know the children will be happy to hear how even small things we do can make a difference.