

CHRISTMAS



12/20	9:00 am	Josie Hollohan (Margie Gallivan)
	4:30 pm	Judith Kimbell (LeBrun family)
12/21	8:00 am	Rose & Anthony Lepore (Daughter, Rosemarie)
	9:15 am	Angela Ferrone
	11:00 am	Vincenzo Iannone, Jr. (The family)
	6:00 pm	Farrington & Sullivan families
12/22	9:00 am	Patrick Mattera (3 rd . Anniv.) (Mother & father)
12/23	9:00 am	Anthony DeSantis (The family)
12/24	9:00 am	William Ainsworth (Wife, Marian)
CHRISTMAS EVE		
	4:00 pm	Lena Christiansen (Santorella family)
	6:00 pm	Chris Groener (Coyne family) Christmas Vigil
	10:30 pm	Wally Regan (The family)
CHRISTMAS DAY		
12/25	8:00 am	Joseph Sulla, Jr. & Rose & Anthony Lepore (Sue Sulla)
	11:00 am	Helen & Etta Grossarth (A.T. Roman)
	12:30 pm	For the Parish
12/26	9:00 am	Robert Pelletier (Brother, Henry)
12/27	9:00 am	Rudy Napaletano (Jo-Ann & Tony DePanni)
	4:00 pm	Alfred Canevari (Wife, Nilda)
12/28	8:00 am	Joseph Sulla, Jr. (Wife, Sue Sulla)
	9:15 am	Giuseppi Giglio (Wife & family)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Louie Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Lynda Geremia (Santorella family)

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

FR. DAVE, FR. JOE, FR. MIKE AND THE STAFF AT ST. JEROME WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A VERY BLESSED AND HOLY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR.

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

ALTAR-FLOWERS



ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this weekend are in memory of Laura and Vincent Umbrino, given by the Gioiella family.

If you would like to memorialize a family member or friend, in a special way, flowers for our altar are always a lovely gesture. The donation is \$50. Your intention will be announced in our bulletin the week prior to the date you choose, and also on the specific date. Call the parish office at 847-5349 to schedule.



BOTH THE PARISH OFFICE AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK BETWEEN CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S. THE OFFICES WILL REOPEN JANUARY 5TH.

GIVING TREE PROJECT

Your outpouring of generosity for both CCA's children and Julie's Kids was tremendous. Our parish provided over 75 children here in Norwalk with 3 gifts each, plus wrapping paper. Ninety-seven of Julie's Kids received clothing items. Along with the gifts, monetary donations amounted to \$460.00. Half of that amount was used to provide grocery gift cards from Shop Rite for Norwalk families. The balance was used to purchase missing items and remainder will be donated to Education & Hope to help defray cost of shipping items to Guatemala.

A very Special thanks to all "the helpers" for the Sunday sort & Monday delivery of the items. You all made it happen again. The Social Concerns Committee really appreciates the wonderful response by all the parishioners who donated gifts and time to complete this project. We wish you all a joyful Christmas!



REACH, Today, December 21

Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 meet in the evening
The REACH staff wishes all of our families a very blessed and peaceful Christmas. Our next class for K-6 is not until January 11th. Hopefully we will see you at Mass over the vacation.

KEEP JESUS WARM collection of hats and mittens will take place on Today, December 21st.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE TODAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

Calling all angels and shepherds...This year's pageant takes place on Christmas Eve at the 6:00PM Mass. Any child age 5 and older that wishes to participate should come to the practice today for our final and most important practice 11:30AM. We will meet in the hall to line up for a full run through. Any questions, call Kathy Rohr at the REACH office at 846-2111 or email at reachstjerome@optonline.net

AMNESTY

If you have found one of our shepherd or angel costumes in your home, please return it to the REACH office...no questions asked. You can leave it hanging on the door if the office is locked. Several costumes have gone astray and we need them back. Please check your closets. Thank you.

young adults



TOTAL:

Last week, at TOTAL, we had a small Christmas Party. Anna Siladi made 15 minute spaghetti sauce for us and served it over penne pasta. It was the best. We had a little trouble getting the water to boil but our teens did a great job of waiting for everything to be done. Some of the teens helped Anna in the kitchen and the rest set up the tables and played some games in the parish hall. Our thanks to Anna for all her hard work and for making our TOTAL night really special. We did something new at TOTAL, we collected pj's and books that will be donated to children being placed in foster care. Our first time effort yielded 47 pairs of pj's and about 25 books. My thanks to the teens who donated these items and for really living the Spirit of Christmas.

We will meet again at the end of January. There is always the Teen Mass on Sundays.

All of us on the team wish everyone a very special and Blessed Christmas. May your days be filled with Peace, Love and Joy.

Our Emmaus weekend will be on January 9, 10 & 11. We are still taking applications for the weekend. The fee for the weekend is \$60 and checks can be made out to St. Jerome and sent in with the application. A letter for parents will be going home in January with the final details and information about a parent meeting before the Emmaus weekend. Woody and Theresa Wood have been working very hard, along with the teams, to make this a really special weekend for our teens. If you have any questions, you can call me at 847-0501 or email me at patolson3321@aol.com

RENEWING THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II

St. Thomas More Church in Darien invites you to a two-day lecture series, "**RENEWING THE SPIRIT OF VATICAN II**" on January 9th and 10th, 2009. Our guest speaker, Sr. Maureen Sullivan, O.P., has a PhD in Theology from Fordham University and is currently an Associate Professor at St. Anselm College.

Session 1, "I Hope you Dance", 7:30PM – 9:30PM on Friday, January 9th. Coffee and dessert will follow.

Session 2, "The Council Looks at the Laity", 10:30AM – 12:30PM on Saturday, January 10th. A light lunch will be provided.

Session 3, "The Council Looks at the Church", will follow from 1:30PM – 3:30PM. Please call the St. Thomas More church office (203-655-3303) to RSVP for the individual sessions you would like to attend. There is no charge for these lectures. Please bring a friend and join us at St. Thomas More Church, 374 Middlesex Rd., Darien. There is more information on our website, www.stmdarienct.org. You may also contact Susan Russell (203-655-8232) or Kelly Frank (203-655-2445) if you have questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER CT.

Married Couples – Need a gift that really keeps giving? Give your spouse or someone you know (married friends, family, co-workers, neighbors) the gift of love by inviting them to a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**. Upcoming dates are January 16-18, 2009 and April 24-26, 2009.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter or to register for an upcoming weekend, please contact Joe and Jane Staszowski at 860-644-7260 or meweekend@gmail.com or visit www.wwme.org.