



12/12	9:00 am	John McManamon (Wife, Kit)
	4:00 pm	Kordas, Rossi, Gerardi & Tucciarone Families (Kordas family)
12/13	8:00 am	Barbara & Anton Bosill (Grandson)
	9:15 am	Mary (Mo) Devine (Mary Ann & Bill Stirling)
	11:00 am	Angela Ferrone
	6:00 pm	Carmella & Gaetano Palumbo (Daughter & family)
12/14	9:00 am	James Ferrone
12/15	9:00 am	Dr. Gabriel Saviano (28 th Anniv.) (Wife, Lois)
12/16	9:00 am	Arlene Quigley (Andy & Ann Marie Carney)
12/17	9:00 am	Eva DiAmico (Rosa Morgera)
12/18	9:00 am	Josie Hollohan (Margie Gallivan)
12/19	9:00 am	Farrington family (The family)
	4:00 pm	Anthony DeSantis (The family)
12/20	8:00 am	Anthony & Rose Lepore (Daughter, Rosemarie)
	9:15 am	Chris Groener (The family)
	11:00 am	Vincenzo Iannone, Jr. (The family)
	6:00 pm	Larry Anastasia (Claire & Rit Morrisette)

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

All were created through him;
all were created for him.
He is before all else that is.
in him everything continues in being.

MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

December 6, 2009 \$ 6,830
December offertory budget 45,600

Faith Direct offertory will be reported later in the month. As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers for this weekend are in memory of Robert Bonenfant, given by his mother and family.

If you would like to memorialize a family member or friend, in a special way, altar flowers are a lovely gesture. The donation is \$50. Your intention will be announced in our bulletin the week before, and also on the specific date you choose. Call the parish office at 203-847-5349 to schedule.

REACH

Today, December 13th
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 NO CLASS – (Confirmation)

Next Sunday, December 20th
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 NO CLASS

Keep Jesus Warm

Donations of warm hats and gloves for needy Norwalk children at 9:15 & 10:30am Masses and in class on December 20th!

Christmas Pageant

This year's pageant takes place on Christmas Eve at the 6:00PM Mass. Any child age 5 and older may participate. Practices are held each Sunday in December after the 10:30 Mass:

- December 13, Today-Costumes will be handed out.
- Parts of Mary, Joseph & Drummer Boy will be drawn from a hat for any children grade 4 & older.
- Meet upstairs – Room 5
- December 20-full practice. Meet downstairs in the parish Hall.

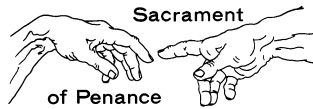
Angel/Shepherd Costume AMNESTY

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.

Gospel Family Connection

The theme of the season of Advent is sometimes described as a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus. However, today's Gospel reading suggests something different. John the Baptist did not tell the crowds to wait for the Messiah. He told them to prepare for the messiah through acts of repentance. If Advent is a time of waiting, it is not the sitting in the doctor's office kind of waiting. It is a busy time of preparation, more like

the waiting we might do when preparing for dinner guests. Our challenge is to not make this season a frenzied time but rather a time of joyful anticipation and making ready for God who comes to dwell among us and changes our lives with the gift of salvation.



ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Family Reconciliation Service will be held on Monday evening at 7:00PM.

TOTAL:

Last Sunday afternoon ten of our TOTAL teens along with a few team members went Christmas Caroling at the Mid Fairfield Regional Center in Silvermine. It was an experience filled the true spirit of Christmas. Our teens gave up a couple of hours of their Sunday afternoon to bring some joy and their gift of song to some very special people. It was truly an inspiring afternoon for all of us that attended. Our young people gave the greatest gift that could be given, they gave of themselves. The teens who sang were Ashley Coto, Taryn Macaуда, Kristen Benitez, Kevin Lawrence, Kuba Nowicki, Mike Corasaniti, Daniel Faugno-Fusci, Mik Donovan, Kristin Chuba and Maggie Mellott. They were chaperoned by Joan McFarland, Dick Maiberger, Fr. Mike, Woody and Theresa Wood and I. All in all it was an afternoon filled with love and beautiful music.

Today 42 of our teen parishioners were confirmed by Bishop Lori. They have worked hard since last year to prepare for this special day. I would like to thank Judi Dennehy, Pat Hauptman, Joette Smyth and MaryAnn Genuario for helping the teens prepare for today along with everyone on the TOTAL team, and to Fr. Dave, Fr. Joe and Fr. Mike for their continued support and encouragement.

Our Emmaus weekend will be held on Martin Luther King weekend. Please send in your registrations to attend this wonderful weekend in January which will be held at the Seaton-Newman Center in Danbury. If you need a registration form please email me at patolson3321@aol.com to call me at 203-847-0501.

On December 20, Fr. Mike will be hosting a movie night in place of our regular night TOTAL. The movie being shown will be Grand Torino with Clint Eastwood.

ST. JEROME SOCIAL CONCERNS News

We send a special Thank You to all the helpers who came to fill out the tags for this year's Giving Tree and to those helpers who sorted and bagged the gifts. Your help was truly appreciated.

Education and Hope and Christian Community Action

are extremely grateful for the support received from all the generous parishioners who provided 110 gifts for Julie's Kids and 77 children from Christian Community Action.

DECEMBER FOOD DRIVE-HELP NEEDED

Our monthly food drive will take place during next weekend's Masses, Dec. 19-20. As you shop for your family's feasts and celebrations, please remember our less fortunate neighbors, who struggle for the most basic foods. A contribution of these most-needed items will be greatly appreciated: **Chili, Beef Ravioli, Stew, and Hash.** Thank you for the gift of your time and money to shop for and provide food for the hungry. In addition to donations, we need volunteers to come downstairs at 11:45 am on Sun., Dec. 20 to help sort the food. Many hands make light work, and a half hour of your time will be appreciated.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 1, 2009

	ASSETS	
CASH		\$ 193,290
RECEIVABLES		119
OTHER ASSETS		0
INVESTMENTS		0
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		<u>3,218,681</u>
TOTAL ASSETS		\$3,412,091
	LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES		
ACCOUNTS PAYABEL		\$ (92)
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS		161
OTHER ACCURED EXPENSES & LIABILITIES		231
LOANS PAYABLE		0
DEFERRED REVENUE		<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES		<u>299</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED		3 411,791
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED		0
PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED		<u>0</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS		<u>3,411,791</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		\$3,412,091

PLEASE NOTE CORRECTION

In regards to the announcement, in last week's bulletin, in reference to those who would like to send a Christmas card to Walter Reed Hospital to our Vets: Unless you give a specific name, the card will be returned. We are looking into the matter. Thank you.

REHEARSAL SPACE NEEDED: "Second Wind", a rock band made up of St. Jerome parishioners, is looking for a vacant garage, basement, etc. for rehearsal space. If you have a space and don't mind loud music, call Woody at 203-846-2971 or Nick at 646-342-8384.