



12/19	9:00 am	Farrington 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)
12/21	9:00 am	Rosemarie Lepore (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv.) (Phil & Pat Florio)
12/22	9:00 am	Brian Blanchfield (Jan & Dom Vento)
12/23	9:00 am	Patrick Mattera (Parents)

**VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS**

12/24	4:00 pm	Angela Ferrone
	6:00 pm	Chris Groener
	10:30 pm	Wally Regan (The family)

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

12/25	8:00 am	William Ainsworth (Wife, Marian)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Louie Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	12:30 pm	Teodosio & Baltazara Lopez (The family)
12/26	9:00 am	Tom St. John (The family)
	4:00 pm	Jeanne Makovich (Husband, Joe)
12/27	8:00 am	Lorraine Moscinski (Shara Moscinski)
	9:15 am	Giuseppi Giglio (Wife & family)
	11:00 am	Rudy Napoletano (Jo Ann & Tony DiPanni)
	6:00 pm	Marie White (TOTAL Team)

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

**The heavens are yours, the world is yours.  
It is you who founded the earth and all it holds;  
It is you who created the North and the South.  
Tabor and Hermon shout with joy at your name.**

**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



**INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS** will be Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:30pm.



**MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY**

<b>December 13, 2009</b>	<b>\$ 7,085</b>
<b>Faith Direct for December</b>	<b>11,945</b>
<b>December total to date</b>	<b>27,758</b>
<b>December offertory budget</b>	<b>45,600</b>
<b>(Not including Christmas)</b>	

As always, thank you for your generous support of our parish.



**REACH, Today, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning  
Grades 7&8 – NO REACH

Looking Ahead...  
**Next REACH, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

**KEEP JESUS WARM**

Donations of warm hats and gloves for needy Norwalk children at 9:15 & 10:30am Masses and in REACH classes today.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT**

This year's pageant takes place on Christmas Eve at the 6:00PM Mass. Any child age 5 and older may participate.  
Today, December 20<sup>th</sup> – full practice. Meet in Room 5 to line up.

**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.

**FAMILY GOSPEL CONNECTION**

In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary traveled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of

Mary's greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another.



### **TOTAL**

Tonight is movie night at TOTAL. Fr. Mike will be showing Grand Torino.

We, on the TOTAL team, would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May it be filled with joy, love, peace and happiness.

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-Neuman Center in Danbury. If you need a registration form, please email me at [patolson3321@aol.com](mailto:patolson3321@aol.com) or call me at 203-847-0501.

Last Sunday Bishop Lori confirmed 42 of our teens. The Mass was beautiful, thanks to the music that was provided by Joan McFarland and our wonderful REACH singers. The readings, at Mass were given by Monica Harrington and Michael O'Callaghan. The intercessions were read by Domenick Gasparro and Paige Henson. Monica, Michael, Domenick and Pagie did an outstanding job, thus making their Confirmation Mass special. Congratulations to all our teens on receiving this holy sacrament.

My thanks also go to Bob Olson and Bob Dennehy who were our ushers for the day. They kept everything running on schedule and smoothly. Thank you to Bob DeSimone for helping to hand out the certificates. Thank you to Annette Maiberger, Claire Budnick, MJ Bruno, Ronalee Grant and Andrea Licek for helping to set up the reception after Mass and to Ronalee and John Grant for picking up the cake.

The teens that received Confirmation are:

Johnny PHILIP Anzalone  
 Jordan MICHAEL Bellairs  
 Rocco MICHAEL Bocchetta  
 Kyle BRETT Capone  
 Meghan BRIDGID Cassidy  
 Nicole ELIZABETH Chairamonte  
 JOHN Conover  
 Alexa MICHAEL Cordero  
 Emily JOAN Crosby  
 Amanda MICHELLE D'Elia  
 Mikhail BARTHOLOMEW Donovan  
 Melissa ANN Dube  
 Ashley ELIZABETH Flynn  
 Christina HOPE Franco  
 Nichole MARY Frederick  
 Domenick ANTHONY Gasparro  
 Gina LENA Groseclose

Monica JANE Harrington  
 Samantha VERONICA Heibler  
 Paige GWENOLYN Henson  
 Nicholas ANTHONY Hulbert  
 VALENTINA Iacono  
 Kiana SYLVIA Lynn  
 Christopher ANTONIO Malagise  
 Julien ALEXANDRE Monick  
 Michael PETER O'Callaghan  
 Ryan JOHN O'Malley  
 Peter NICHOLAS Ostasiewicz  
 Caroline PHYLLIS Paladino  
 Alexandra CONCETTA Palermo  
 Cameron MAXIMILLIAN Prescott  
 Nina CLAIRE Raffio  
 MARK Ravichandran  
 Christopher ANDREW Riordan  
 Jennifer ELIZABETH Roginski  
 Alexander PATRICK Smith  
 Taylor ERIN Smyth  
 Christopher MARK Vallerie  
 Mary Kate HELEN Vicenzi  
 Tiffany AVA Volpe  
 Patrick FRANCIS Whalen  
 Samantha RITA Wood

### **FR. MIKE'S BOOK CLUB SPRING MEETINGS START JANUARY, 20<sup>TH</sup>.**

– Led by Fr. Mike, we meet monthly in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room in the downstairs church hall. You can attend Wednesday mornings at 9:30AM or Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. The Thursday evening book selection is different some months from the Wednesday morning selection. The titles often are available at Borders on Route 7 in Wilton or at the library, and always are available in paperback at amazon.com for online purchase. If interested, please take a list of the books and their meeting dates from the envelope on the hallway bulletin board.

**HELP NEEDED** to hang banners in two places in St. Jerome Church a few times a year, each time taking about a half hour. Please call Betty Voutsinas at 203-846-1008 if you are interested. Thank you.

### **ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

139 West Rocks Rd., 203-847-3881 – [www.office@asca.net](http://www.office@asca.net) Grades Kindergarten to Grade 8  
 JANUARY 15 – 9:00 – 10:30AM and FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> – 9:00- 10:30AM. Childcare Center – JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> – Pre-School (Ages 3&4) – 12:00-2:00PM. If the above times are not convenient for you, please contact the school office at 203-847-3881 to set up an individual tour of the school. Early registration discount for all Kindergarten students who register by Jan. 15<sup>TH</sup>!