

Mass Intentions



01/23	9:00 am	Florence E. Harkins & Gerry Bach (Her daughter)
	4:00 pm	Thomas Comerford (Lusniak family)
01/24	8:00 am	Phyllis Higgs (Bill & Elaine Halstead)
	9:15 am	Jodi Denmead (Emily & Gary Rogalski)
	11:00 am	Mimi Mitchell (Dennis & Dolores Mockler)
	6:00 pm	Kevin Eidt (Chris & Helen Eidt)
01/25	9:00 am	Michael Allegretta (Rosalind Serna & family cousins)
01/26	9:00 am	Brian Blanchfield (Rosa Morgera)
01/27	9:00 am	Marguerite Sullivan (Ruth Farrington)
01/28	9:00 am	Beverly Caprio (Her friends)
01/29	9:00 am	George Bredice (10 th Anniv.) (Wife, Sarah)
01/30	9:00 am	Sylvia Griffith (Barbara & Jim Alvord)
	4:00 pm	Ed Chappa (Pat Chocas)
01/31	8:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Teresa Sciarretta
	9:15 am	Grace Boccuzzi (Boccuzzi family)
	11:00 am	Humbert J. Canal, Sr. (Angela Custardo)
	6:00 pm	Elaine Emmanuelle

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

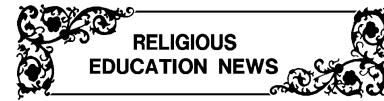
Psalm 87-Jerusalem is mother of us all

It is he, the Lord Most High, who gives each his place.
In his register of peoples he writes:
"These are her children,"
and while they dance they will sing:
"In you all find their home."

MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

January 17, 2010	\$ 5,137.
Faith Direct for January	14,613.
Total January to date	34,301.
January offertory budget	47,500.

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



REACH

Today, Sunday January 24th

Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

Next Sunday, January 31st.

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Second Grade Parent Child Reconciliation Workshop

Choose either Friday, February 5th @ 6:30pm or Saturday, February 6th @ 1:30pm, and let us know your choice.

Want to become an altar Server??

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING will be held on Monday, January 25 at 7:00PM in the church. Anyone 3rd grade and older who has received First Communion may become a server. Questions? Call Kathy Rohr at 203-846-2111.

Family Gospel Connection

Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person-through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighborhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them?

**TOTAL:**

Last weekend 12 of our TOTAL teens arrived at the Youth Room and went on their Emmaus weekend. It was a wonderful faith filled, inspiring, nurturing and fun weekend. We laughed, we cried, we bonded and we certainly felt the presence of God all weekend. The teens that made Emmaus were: Scott Barrese, Kristen Benitez, Mike Corasaniti, Ashley Coto, Christen Ferris, Kevin Lawrence, Taryn Macaуда, Mike Maurawski, Maggie Mellott, Chris Mulford, Frank Silvi and Moira Whalen.

This weekend could not have been put together without the help of a lot of people. The adult team for this past weekend were: Fr. Dave, Fr. Mike, Anne and Bill Groener, Judi Dennehy, Kathy Coyne, Beth Olson, Katie Corasaniti, Samantha Lusniak, Devin Powers, Dan and Florence Loch, Jeanne Tarrant, Letitia Howland, Fred Ford, Claire Budnik, Courtney Thomas, Mik Donovan, Vicki Giannitti, Joan McFarland, Theresa and Woody Wood, Dick and Annette Maiberger, Tony and Terry Petraia, Ronalee Grant, Andrew Harrington, Brendan O'Melia, Jaclyn Licek, Laura Gibson, Pat and Rich Gibson, Kristen Chuba, Kuba Nowicki, Danny Parks, Angela Carey, Peg Whitney and our very favorite person Billy O'Callaghan. My deepest thanks to everyone who participated in making this wonderful weekend happen for our teens. It was the true spirit of our St. Jerome community.

God loves you. I love you, Pass it on!!

There is TOTAL tonight. We will be starting try-outs for "The Fourteen Steps" in the coming weeks. This is a wonderful gift the teens give to our parish on Good Friday night. It is my hope that many of our current TOTAL teen members will participate this year. There are many ways to be a part of "The Fourteen Steps" such as singing, being a part of the crowd, behind the scenes with lighting and props, as well as, reading parts.

Small group classes for Confirmation will begin in February. There will be a meeting before the classes start to go over the requirements.

The 30 Hour Famine will also be coming up in February. This event is held at St. Philip's and we have been a part of the Famine for the past several years with the teens from St. Philip. It is a great way to raise awareness for world hunger and to also help people in our own town.

**PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**

Tickets go on sale Feb. 6-7 for our parish Valentine's Day Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 14. Please buy your tickets in advance so we know how much food to purchase. Breakfast will be served from 8:45 to 11:00am in the church hall. Come as a family and enjoy delicious pancakes with berry and chocolate chip toppings, scrambled eggs, bacon,

sausage, orange and apple juice, milk, chocolate milk, and tea and coffee. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (age 12 and younger), and under age 3, free.

VALENTINES FOR MARINES

Social Concerns is inviting parishioners to write Valentine notes to Marines currently stationed in Afghanistan. One of our committee members has an officer contact who will distribute our notes to members of his troop to let them know we appreciate their service and are praying for their safety. We will have a drop off box for your Valentine's in the church hallway. If any parishioners know of someone from Norwalk currently in Afghanistan or Iraq and would like them to receive Valentine messages from us, please give that information to the parish office.

JANUARY FOOD DRIVE

The food collection for Christian Community Action is being held today. We want to thank all who contributed to our monthly collection. Food is always needed for those who are less fortunate, and who don't have the luxury of driving to the super market to feed their families.

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

The collection for the Church in Latin America is this weekend. The Collection addresses many challenges and strengthens the faith by supporting evangelization, catechesis and formation programs, and seminary formation, with a focus on rural and remote areas of the region. The Collection funds an array of pastoral programs that deepen a sense of discipleship, foster leadership, and create missionaries in service of the Church in the region.

The Church in Latin America needs your help to cultivate the faith and strengthen the Church. As we continue to recover from recent economic difficulties, know that each donation makes a difference.

The cost of your morning coffee can buy a young girl's First Holy Communion book. Can you spare a cup or two?

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL-139 WEST ROCKS RD. will be hosting an open house for all interested families on Feb. 3 and 4 from 9:00-10:30am for grades kindergarten through 8th grade. If these times are not convenient for you, please contact the school office at 203-847-3881 to set up an individual tour of the school.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL-WILTON

Beginning Sunday, Jan. 31, please join us for our celebration of Catholic Schools Week. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Dividends for Life" which focuses on our school's commitment to infuse students with the faith, knowledge, morals and discipline that will help them lead fulfilling lives. We've planned a variety of events throughout the week that focuses on and celebrates different aspects of Catholic education.

Please visit our school for "Open House", Jan. 31 - 10:00am - 1:00pm.

THE PARISH COUNCIL is looking to coordinate a group ski trip to Mohawk Mountain on Sat. Feb. 6. Prices to vary based on the number of attendees. Sign-up sheets in hallway. Call Greg Vetter at (203) 247-0929 with questions.