

# Mass Intentions

02/13	9:00 am	Robert Pelletier (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) (The family)
	4:00 pm	Anthony Miserendino (The family)
02/14	8:00 am	Rosemarie Lepore (The parish)
	9:15 am	Ana Rentas (Rentas family)
	11:00 am	Julie T. Celentano (M/M Gerald J. Moran)
	6:00 pm	MiMi Mitchell (Pat & Phil Florio)
02/15	9:00 am	Marie Clancy (Sal & family)
02/16	9:00 am	Janis Chuba (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) (The family)

## ASH WEDNESDAY

02/17	9:00 am	Barbara & Howard Berg (Marie & Matthew Tierney)
	<b>12:10pm</b>	<b>Deceased members of the parish</b>
	<b>4:30pm</b>	<b>Liturgy of the Word – NO MASS</b>
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>World peace</b>
02/18	9:00 am	Ann Gostomski (Diane & George Schaumann)
02/19	9:00 am	Yolanda Prisco (M/M Gino DiCostanzo)
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
02/20	9:00 am	For the parish
	4:00 pm	Bill Tucci (Wife, Esti)
02/21	8:00 am	Alba Yackanin (Landon family)
	9:15 am	Phil Nardini (Bergamasco family)
	11:00 am	Peter Lombardo (Agnes Conover)
	6:00 pm	Rich Lusniak (The 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

## 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

The altar flowers for this weekend are in memory of Julia T. Celentano, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald J. Moran.

**Please Note: During Lent, we will not be accepting donations for altar flowers. Also, there are NO scheduled Baptisms.**



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helps to build a  
strong foundation**

## REACH

Today, Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

## PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**NO REACH classes – Winter Break**

Next Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

**SCOUT SUNDAY** – wear your uniforms to Mass. Make sure to come up for a special blessing.  
Grade 1-6 meet in the morning  
Grade 7&8 check your email for schedule

## Second Graders & Parents

**First Reconciliation...** Pick either Friday evening, February 26 @ 6:00PM or Saturday afternoon, February 27 @ 1:30PM... Please let the office know your choice.  
**Inscription Sunday...** Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> @ 9:15 Mass – check your email for further information.

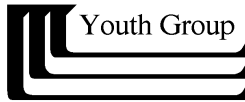
## Family Gospel Connection

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17, 20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God?

**SAVE THE DATES! – FEBRUARY 27 – MARCH 4!**

Join us as we welcome back Sister Joan, Father Nick, and Father Mike. They will be with us for a week of talks, sacraments, and sharing – helping us again renew our hearts and spirits on our Lenten journey. Help will be needed with preparations and hospitality. If you can lend a hand, please call the REACH office at 203-846-2111 or email at [reachstjerome@optonline.net](mailto:reachstjerome@optonline.net)



**TOTAL:** There is rehearsal tonight for soloists and small group singers. The rest of the cast will have full rehearsal on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> after Mass.

Small group classes for Confirmation will begin the week of February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The 30 Hour Famine will be held on February 27-28. This event is held at St. Philip's. We have been a part of the Famine for the past several years with the teens from that parish. It is a great way to raise awareness for world hunger and to also help people in our own town. If anyone would like to sponsor one of our teens or make a donation to the Famine, put the money in an envelope and mark it 30 Hour Famine with my name on the envelope. Checks can be made out to World Vision. Each teen is responsible for raising at least \$36 in donations. If anyone would like to be a prayer partner for one of the teens making the famine, email me your name at [patolson3321@aol.com](mailto:patolson3321@aol.com) or call me at 203-847-0501. A prayer partner prays for the teen during the time they are at the famine.

Both "The Fourteen Steps" and the 30 Hour Famine can be put towards Confirmation service hours for this year's Confirmation candidates.

Help is needed at the Kevin Eidt Dinner Dance on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The hours for help will be from 8:30PM to 11:30PM. Anyone interested in helping out can call me at 203-847-0501 or email me at [patolson3321@aol.com](mailto:patolson3321@aol.com)

### **FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE**

Our February Food Drive will take place next weekend, February 20-21. While the winter winds continue to blow, please remember Norwalk's less fortunate families who rely on our generosity. **Christian Community Action's Food Pantry has dubbed February "Souper Bowl Month" and is requesting donations of chunky or condensed soups with meat**, and always welcomes beef ravioli, tuna, spaghetti, corn, and peaches. As always, thank you for helping to provide food for families who are hungry.

### **LENTEN LOSERS STARTS TODAY**

Want to sacrifice during Lent and improve your health? Join the Lenten Losers of the St. Jerome Society Men's Ministry as they try to reach their weight loss goals. Two ways to participate: Men and women can join the Lenten Losers and declare a weight loss goal for themselves from February 14 through April 9 and/or

you can sponsor a Lenten Loser and pledge \$1.00 (or more) a pound which will be used to provide meals to the needy, particularly groups like Malta House (a shelter for young, unwed mothers) and Home of The Brave (a veterans half-way house in Bridgeport). Last year's Lenten Losers program gave \$505 to each agency. A pledge sheet sign-up is in the church hallway, as will be a chart of the already committed Lenten Losers that tracks weekly progress. If you'd like to be a Lenten Loser, put your name (first name and only the initial of your last name) on the Lenten Losers sign-up sheet and the Men's Ministry will add your name to the chart. Weigh-ins are Saturday mornings at the regular 7-8:30 am Men's Ministry meeting – or you can write in your weekly pounds lost on the honor system.

### **TREAT YOUR VALENTINE TO THE PARISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY MORNING**

Treat your Valentine to breakfast Sunday morning! Our parish Valentine's Day Pancake breakfast will be served Sunday from 8:45 to 11:00 am in the church hall. Tickets are on sale at the door. Enjoy a delicious breakfast, take home a red carnation, and, as an added treat, view the artwork submitted by parishioners for the "St. Jerome's Got Talent" display in the rear room of the hall. Come as a family and enjoy 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.

### **SIGN UP NOW FOR TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY ON**

**PSALMS** – We, again, will offer a weekly Tuesday Bible Study program in the church hall, this spring on the Psalms. Please sign up now in the church hallway so we know how many kits to order. Sign-ups begin this weekend and end February 21<sup>st</sup>. There are ten sessions from Feb. 23 through April 27. You can attend either the morning session after the 9:00AM Mass or the evening session at 7:00PM. Sessions are 90 minutes. We again will use Jeff Cavins DVD video presentations, group discussions, and at-home reading and study. The videos explain how the Psalms reveal Israel's response to God's covenant offer and serve as a model for our response to Him. A Psalms Study Kit is furnished free-of-charge to all participants. Donations to defray some of the \$23.00 cost of the kits would be welcome, but are entirely and completely optional.

### **MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY**

February 7, 2010	\$ 7,544
Total February to date	8,973
February offertory budget	43,100

Faith Direct donations will be reported next week.

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