



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)
02/22	9:00 am	Alma Samboco (Mike & Madeline Rossi)
02/23	9:00 am	Frank Troisi (Andy & Ann Marie Carney)
02/24	9:00 am	Marie Villani (Frank & Joan Soldano)
02/25	9:00 am	For all deceased parents
02/26	9:00 am	Alvin Zobel (Daughter, Allia)
	7:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
02/27	9:00am	Joe, Jr., Charles, Frances & John Cappiello (Cathy Grover & Joe Cappiello, Sr.)
	4:00 pm	Anthony Kulis (Pat Chocus)
02/28	8:00 am	Neil & Mildred Lyons (Dan & family)
	9:15 am	Phil Nardini (Haggerty & Rubolino families)
	11:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza, Louie & Teresa Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	6:00 pm	Richard Lusniak (1 st . Anniv.) (Wife & children)

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

**O my Strength, it is you to whom I turn,
for you, O God, are my stronghold,
the God who shows me love.**

MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

February 14, 2010	\$ 5,079
Faith Direct for February	11,803
Total February to date	25,855
February offertory budget	43,100

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



REACH

Today, Sunday, February 21st

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 meet in the evening

Next Sunday, February 28th
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 check your email

2nd Graders & Parents...

First Reconciliation...next Sunday, February 28th @ 9:15 Mass – check your email for further information

Family Gospel Connection

In Luke's gospel, the story of Jesus' temptation in the desert appears just after Jesus' baptism and before Jesus begins his public ministry. We can imagine this as a time of transition, a turning point in Jesus' life. Perhaps we can liken it to one of the important turning points in our own lives: the decision to marry, the birth of a child, the acceptance of a new job, or the decision to move to a new home. After the moment of decision, having reached the point of no return, we sometimes begin to wonder if we are prepared and ready for the task before us. Turning points can be times of doubt and insecurity. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus' response to the temptations of the devil offers an example for responding in faith when our doubts and insecurities tempt us to distrust God's sufficiency. Jesus rebukes the devil by quoting Scripture. Each citation is an affirmation of trust in God. We learn to trust in big things by practicing trust in little things. Our Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving invite us to trust God in these small ways. They remind us that God will suffice for us. They prepare us to trust in God in all things, especially in moments of doubt and uncertainty.

As a family, talk about ways in which trust has been built among members of the family. Observe how being trustworthy in small matters enables us to trust one another in more important matters. Offer specific examples if possible (e.g., children who establish their responsibility in household tasks can be granted greater independence and freedom to choose how they perform these tasks). Today's Gospel shows us how Jesus trusted God in all things. Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 4:1-13. Discuss how Jesus showed his trust in God when he resisted the devil's temptations. Invite family members to name times when they have trusted God in matters small or large.



TOTAL: Tonight is rehearsal for "The Fourteen Steps" for everyone in the cast. "The Fourteen Steps" takes care of our TOTAL program from now until Easter. Regular TOTAL nights will be back after Easter.

The 30 Hour Famine will be held on February 27&28. This event happens 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 worthwhile 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 also on the envelope. Checks can be made out to World Vision. Each teen is responsible for raising at least \$36 in donations.

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

ST. JEROME SOCIAL CONCERNS NEWS

Reminder to all Social Concerns Committee members...our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00PM on Monday evening, February 22nd in the Kevin Edit Youth Room. We always welcome interested parishioners to join our meetings. New ideas and members are always welcome.

ST. JEROME PARISH RETREAT

Save the Date: All are invited to a **Parish Retreat Day at Mercy Center, in Madison, CT. on April 17, 2010** – part of our year-long celebration of St. Jerome 50th Anniversary. Sr. Jane Silk will be our retreat guide. The theme of this post-Easter retreat is: Christ in the Lives of Men and Women. More information will follow.

SAVE THE DATES! – Next Week – 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.

PARISH LENTEN CROSS BEGAN LAST ASH

WEDNESDAY. We, again, have at the rear of the church a large wooden Cross hung with colored tags as a way for us to participate in prayer and giving of ourselves during Lent. You may take one or more tags at any time from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday and complete the action on the tag. The Cross is refilled with tags throughout the 40 days of Lent. There are five types of tags: Prayer Request (purple), Donation tags (blue), Acts of Kindness (pink), Acts of Prayer (off-white) and "40 Ideas for Lent" (yellow). The blue tags will benefit the young, low-income, unmarried pregnant women of Malta House; the Christian Community Action food pantry kitchen wares collection; the Manna House Norwalk soup kitchen; Amerikids children with HIV/Aids; and Honey Hill Care Center residents.

LAST WEEKEND TO SIGN UP FOR BIBLE STUDY ON

PSALMS – This is the last weekend to sign up for our weekly Tuesday Bible Study program in the church hall, this spring on the Psalms. There are 10 sessions from Feb. 23 through April 27. You can attend either the morning session after the 9:00 am 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 cost of the kits would be welcome, but are entirely and completely optional.

THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY OF MERCY, LAURALTON

HALL, an all-girls Catholic college preparatory school in Milford, invites all **7th GRADE GIRLS** to spend a day as a shadow student **March 8 through April 23.** For further information, call the Admissions Office at (203) 877-2786 extension 144.

PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE – All Saints Catholic School, 139 West Rocks Road, Norwalk, CT. will have open house on Sunday, February 28th from 12 noon until 1:30PM. Come meet the director and teachers and learn about how your child will grow and develop in a program where each child is respected and nourished in a loving environment. We have openings in our 3 year old and 4 year old classes. You may also call Nancy Bardos 203-847-3881 ext. 22 to schedule a tour of the school during the week.

\$25,000 TUITION RAFFLE FOR ANY SCHOOL

Fairfield College Preparatory School announces a \$25,000 Tuition Raffle. The prize can be used for any K-12 schools, colleges or universities, located and accredited in the U.S. Only 1,000 tickets are available for sale at \$100 per tickets. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Scholarship and Student Enrichment Programs at Fairfield Prep. The drawing will be held at the Spring Event on Saturday, May 1st at 11:00PM at the Italian Center, Stamford. **Winning ticket holder does not need to be present to win.** For more info, please contact the Development Office at (203)254-4237 or development@fairfieldprep.org