



03/06	9:00 am 4:00 pm	For the parish Catherine & Harold Ferris (Daughter & son-in-law)
03/07	8:00 am  9:15 am  11:00 am  6:00 pm	Carmen & Francisco Rentas (Rentas family) Irene Tavella (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) Daughter & family) Vincenzo Iannone, Jr. (The family) Elaine Emmanuelle
03/08	9:00 am	Deceased mothers & fathers
03/09	9:00 am	Brian Blanchfield (St. Jerome Women's Guild)
03/10	9:00 am	Alphonso & Gertrude Canevari (Nilda Canevari)
03/11	9:00 am	Rosemarie Lepore
03/12	9:00 am  <b>7:00 pm</b>	Lucille Zobel (Daughter Allia) <b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
03/13	9:00 am 4:00 pm	Warren Barton Anthony Miserendino (The family)
03/14	8:00 am  9:15 am  11:00 am  6:00 pm	Robert Kanzler (6 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) (Wife, Jeanne) Vincent Scianna (Children) Mimi Mitchell (Lori Torrano) Wally Regan (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) (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

#### SPECIAL LENTEN FOOD DRIVE IS COMING

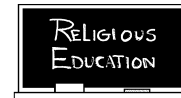
Coming soon...our Social Concerns Committee is sponsoring our annual Special Lenten Food Drive the weekend of March 20-21. Last year, we collected over 3,000 food items! Please consider donating up to one week's worth of food for one hungry Norwalk neighbor. A basket of the suggested food items will be located in the hallway. Look for the flyer with the shopping list in next week's bulletin. Thank you.

#### MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

February 28, 2010	\$ 5,366
Total for February	39,730
February offertory budget	43,100

The monthly offertory total reported above includes Mass offertory, Faith Direct donations as well as other offertory received at the parish office during the month. And, as always, thank you for your generous donations to our parish.

**\*\*A reminder: When you put your weekly offering in the envelope, please DO NOT use tape to seal the envelope. They stick together and it makes it difficult for our money counters. Thank you!\*\***



#### REACH

Today, Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

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

Next Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>

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

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Meeting

If you did not attend Saturday's meeting, please come tomorrow night, Monday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm for this **IMPORTANT** meeting regarding First Eucharist for your child.

#### Family Gospel Connection

We may be unfamiliar with fig trees, but we might know about the growth of spring flowers. Perhaps we have looked at a dry, brown flower bulb and wondered how this produces the colorful tulip or daffodil blossom that we expect to bloom in the spring. Perhaps we've even thought about the patience and hope that are required to plant flower bulbs in October. We don't have to be gardeners, however, to know about patience and hopefulness. As parents, we practice these virtues each day with our children. We may become frustrated and even angered by their willfulness and lack of cooperation. Yet we continue to offer our attention and guidance in hope that one day our efforts will bear fruit. Today's parable suggests that God is like that with us, working with us in patience and in hope that one day we will show evidence that such work is not in vain. As parents, we know God's kindness when we find evidence for our hope for our children. Does God find such glimmers of hope as he works with us?

**TOTAL:** Tonight is rehearsal for "The Fourteen Steps" for everyone in the cast and all those on the tech and prop crews. The teens are working hard to bring our parish a beautiful presentation of Our Lord's suffering and death on Good Friday. Please keep them in your

Prayers, as they take this journey.

Last weekend 30 of our TOTAL teens, along with Claire Budnik and myself, participated at the 30 Hour Famine. It was a wonderful and inspiring weekend. Out teens did an amazing job all weekend. It is not easy to go without food for 30 hours, but they all made it through. Not only did they go without food, they also performed service acts and went on an amazing race all over town to answer riddles, sing silly songs and various other tasks. They learned about the lack of water in Africa and how abundant it is here in our country. The purpose of the weekend is not only to raise money to support World Vision, World Vision-Haiti and Manna House, it is to raise self-awareness that we are all called to service and it is our job to make others aware and to help make our world and the world of all human beings a better place.

The TOTAL teens who participated were: Alexa Cordero, Alexandra Troetti, Hannah & Brennah Halsey, Chris Mulford, Emily Crosby, Jake & Nicole Dunsmore, Jenn Roginski, Katie Uzar, Kiana Lynn, Kylie Cappola, Leigh Costa, Maggie Mellott, Matt Favazzo, Mike & Megan O'Callaghan, Morgan Ely, Rebecca Ely, Ryan Page, Shannon Vallerie, Taryn Macaуда, Andrew Harrington, Patrick Whalen, Kevin Lawrence, Ashley Coto, Mike Corasaniti, Mik Donovan, Mike Murawski and Coryn Romano. Thanks also to the team members and parents who drove on the trips and who also donated food, and thanks to our teen's prayer partners.

Sign-up posters are in the hallway for anyone willing to help out with meals for our long rehearsals for "The Fourteen Steps". The dates for the meals are Sunday, March 21 and 28 and Friday, April 2.

**PARISH RETREAT DAY AT MERCY CENTER BY THE SEA, IN MADISON, CT. ON APRIL 17, 2010** – part of our year-long celebration of St. Jerome 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The theme of this post-Easter retreat is: *Christ in the Lives of Men and Women*. – Sr. Jane Silk, a Mercy sister well known to St. Jerome, will be our retreat guide. She will present talks in the morning and in the afternoon. There will be plenty of free time to take in the beautiful surroundings at Mercy Center, both inside and out by the water's edge. A hearty lunch will be provided. The day will conclude with a Mass @ 4:00pm. Fr. David will celebrate. Carpooling will be available. Scholarships are also available, if needed. Please check the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway, for more details and a schedule of the day's events. Contact Sheila Rietano at 203-846-0413 or [srietano@optonline.net](mailto:srietano@optonline.net).

**HOLY WEEK, EASTER SIGN-UPS FOR ALTAR SERVERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

We ask our Eucharistic Ministers to sign up for the Passion Sunday and Easter Sunday Masses, and our Altar Servers to sign up for the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Vigil services. Please use the

sign-up sheets now in the sacristy. They list the number of ministers and altar servers needed for each liturgy.

**PARISH FISH FRY, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – Tickets go on sale next weekend ONLY, March 13-14, for our parish's third annual Authentic Fish Fry which will be held in the church hall on Friday, March 19. Please buy your tickets in advance so we know how much food to purchase. Adults, \$10.00; children (12 and younger), \$5.00. Dinner will be served with open seating from 5:30-8:30pm. Fried fish (with no trans fats) for adults and fish sticks or macaroni & cheese for children; plus French fries, coleslaw, corn bread, desert, iced tea, lemonade, and coffee. BYOB (Bring your own wine or beer). Limited tickets will be available the evening of the Fish Fry. VOLUNTEERS are needed for set-up, cooking, and clean-up. Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.

**SAVE THE DATE – PARISH LECTURE, FRIDAY, MARCH 26** – As one of our parish's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events, Fr. John Baldovin, S.J. will speak to us about liturgy at 7:00pm in the church hall on Friday, March 26. Don't miss this excellent speaker and what he can tell us to deepen our understanding of our most important liturgy, the Mass.

Fr. Baldovin is currently Professor of Historical and Liturgical Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He worked with the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) from 1994-2002 and is past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy. Fr. Alvin's most recent books are Bread of Life, Cup of Salvation: Understanding the Mass (Rowman and Littlefield, 2003) and Reforming the Liturgy: A Response to the Critics (Liturgical Press, 2008).

**ST. JEROME "HOME MAKEOVER" DAY:** This spring St. Jerome's will be conducting our own Home Makeover day. If you know of any deserving individuals or families within our parish that could use help with maintenance or repairs to their home, please let us help. There are applications for candidates available in the hallway. Please take one and mail it back to the parish office with your recommendations. All information will be kept strictly confidential. Also, we need many volunteers. The date will be announced soon. Keep an eye out for further information.

**ST. LADISLAUS CHURCH** at 25 Cliff St. in Norwalk extends an invitation to all to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sunday afternoon performance of "I Squared" an entertainment of *Irish and Italian songs*, sung by two professional opera singers fresh from the New York stage. The performance will take place on March 21 at 4:30pm. All proceeds are for the benefit of St. Ladislaus Church. Tickets are \$25 and tax deductible. Call 203-952-4993 to order tickets and get directions.