



03/27	9:00 am	For the parish
	4:30 pm	William Ainsworth (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv.) (Wife, Marian)
03/28	8:00 am	Mary Bradshaw (D'Amato family)
	9:15 am	Anne O'Callaghan (The family)
	11:00 am	Carol Ford (Sarah & Ray Laracqenta)
	6:00 pm	Stefan Leglor (Dunsmore family)
03/29	9:00 am	Anthony DeSantis (The family)
03/30	9:00 am	Ann D'Orso (M/M Gerald Vento)
03/31	9:00 am	For all deceased parents
<b>Holy Thursday</b>		
04/01	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>The Lord's Supper</b>
	<b>11:00pm</b>	<b>Night Prayer</b>
<b>Good Friday</b>		
04/02	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
	<b>3:00 pm</b>	<b>The Lord's Passion</b>
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>"Fourteen Steps"</b>
<b>Holy Saturday</b>		
04/03	9:00 am	Morning Prayer
	<b>8:00 pm</b>	Easter Vigil
04/04	8:00 am	Giacomo, Vincenza & Teresa Sciarretta (Lucy Albano)
	9:15 am	Rev. Joseph Novak, S.J. (Joseph O'Callaghan)
	<b>12:30 pm</b>	For the intentions of the parish

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

**IF THERE IS ANYONE IN NEED OF A CANE OR A WALKER, OR YOU NEED TO BORROW A WHEEL CHAIR, PLEASE SEE FR. JOE.**

**REACH**

**Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Grades 1-6 – all attend 9:15 Mass followed by class.

Pick up as usual.

Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

**Looking ahead...**

**Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

No class – Happy Easter!

**Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

No class – Spring Break

**Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Grades K-6 meet in the morning

Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

**Family Gospel Connection**

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, marks the beginning of Holy week. During this week, we prepare ourselves for Easter by prayerful reflection upon the events of Jesus' passion and death. During this week, your family might display a crucifix in a prominent place as a reminder of the salvation Christ won for us. This can also serve as the focal point for family prayer during Holy Week.

Because of the length and complexity of the passion narrative, it is difficult for children to remain attentive when it is proclaimed in its entirety. Families can make it a tradition to read a portion of this Sunday's Gospel each day of Holy Week, providing ample opportunity for children to ask questions and respond to the events described there. In this way, the entire week can become a "way of the cross."

Each day, during Holy Week, the family can gather in a prayerful space with a crucifix as its focal point. The passion as found in Luke's Gospel might be read as follows throughout the week:

Sunday: Luke 19:28-40 (gospel at Procession)

Monday: Luke 22:14-23

Tuesday: Luke 22: 24-38

Wednesday: Luke 22:39-71

Thursday: Luke 23:1-25

Friday: Luke 23:26-49

Saturday: Luke 23:50-56

After reading from the Gospel each day, the family might reflect on the reading together. Conclude your prayer time by praying the Lord's Prayer.

**TOTAL:**

Today is our last long rehearsal for "The Fourteen Steps" for everyone in the cast and all those on the tech and prop crews. A sign-up poster is in the hallway for anyone willing to help out with our Good Friday meal for "The Fourteen Steps" on April 2. Help will also be needed tonight and after "The Fourteen Steps" on Good Friday to help put away the props. Please keep our teens and all the adults helping out in your prayers as we prepare for this very special night. They have been working very hard to make this gift to the parish a very special one.

**7:00PM HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER – GET WASHED, GIVE SHOES**

Please join us at 7:00PM on Holy Thursday, April 1, for a deeply compelling liturgy. At the First Lord's Supper, Jesus asked His disciples to share the bread and wine with Him and to "Do this in remembrance of me." We encourage all to receive the Eucharist on this special evening.

**COME UP AND BE WASHED!** Jesus washed the feet of His disciples at that First Lord's Supper to show us how we should care for and serve each other. At our liturgy on Holy Thursday evening, we invite all families, neighbors, individuals, and friends to take part in the loving act of washing feet. Members of our parish who have taken part in past years describe it "as a powerful experience" and "a meaningful sign of respect and service for each other."

**SOLES4SOULS ON HOLY THURSDAY.** This year we ask you to come up at foot-washing time to donate a new or "gently used" pair of shoes into a basket where we are collecting shoes for Haiti earthquake survivors.

**"LOAVES AND FISHES" ENVELOPES.** Throughout Lent all of us were invited to make a Lenten gift to feed the hungry in the **Loaves and Fishes** envelopes. Please hand these envelopes in on Holy Thursday evening in the Basket for the Poor, which will be presented at the Offertory during the Liturgy of the Lord's Supper. Your gift helps the six diocesan soup kitchens and food pantries.

**REHEARSAL.** If you have an assigned role in the Holy Thursday services, a mandatory rehearsal will be held on Monday, March 29, beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. This run-through will be finished by 8:00 PM. Questions? Please call Helen Eidt, 203-846-9718.

**PARISH RETREAT DAY AT MERCY CENTER BY THE SEA, IN MADISON, CT. ON APRIL 17, 2010** part of our long year 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 @ 3:00PM. Fr. David will be the celebrant. 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)

**THE GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

This collection takes us back in time to the pontificate of Pope Martin V. In the year 1421, he regulated the gathering of offering on the Holy Land's behalf. These days, this collection is of crucial importance and will take place on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. As with your church, the more parishioners who belong, the larger the offering, the more ministries, the better connected the community. Well, the Catholic community in the Holy Land is almost extinct. Your support is necessary in keeping alive the Mother Church in Jerusalem. The Good Friday Collection is the main source of income for the CHURCH in the Holy Land. We are blessed to have Parishes documenting the entire earthly ministry of Jesus. The least we can do is to provide financial resources for these priceless parishes. Kindly be generous in your stewardship towards the Holy Land, and consider to plan a visit to the Holy Land, it's your birthright and it is safe. As Catholic Christians, we make a tremendously positive statement to the world when our "Sacred Spiritual Heritage" is vibrant and well maintained. Peace. Rami Qumsieh, a concerned Catholic from Bethlehem

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**About Us:** This apostolate was born out of love and concern for the well being of the Christian character of the Holy Land. Our activities include providing speakers at the Sunday Mass to raise awareness, maintain a website with current and valuable information about the Holy Land, support the only active Catholic TV station in the Holy Land, Provide updates to Parishes about the Holy Land by way of bulletin announcements, provide steady employment in the Holy Land through marketing religious goods made by the local Christians and also by promoting Pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

**FAITH DIRECT**

Your generosity to St. Jerome truly helps our parish extend God's loving presence to those among us who are most in need. During this season of Lent, I pray you will enroll with Faith Direct.

This commitment to recurring electronic giving will not only provide our parish with the consistent resources that help us with the operating needs of St. Jerome but in turn provide you with the convenience of automatic deduction from your specified checking account or credit card.

There is no cost to you to enroll. Please enroll by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net), our parish code is: CT46.

**MONTHLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY**

March 21, 2010	\$ 6,313.
Faith Direct for March	11,515
Total March to date	29,294
March offertory budget	44,500

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