



02/04 9:00 am Maria Cappuccia
(Agnese DelGiudice & family)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Bill & Dotty Kerin
(Brian & Linda Stone)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02/05 8:00 am Gerry Pinto
(Zita Sebastian & family)

9:15 am Phil Glica
(Mary Chuba)

11:00 am Juozas (Joseph) Migonis

6:00 pm Frank Umbrino
(Richard & Annette Maiberger)

02/06 9:00 am For our parish

02/07 9:00 am Gerardo, Justina & Hilda Marrero
(Mark Marrero)

02/08 9:00 am George Donnelly
(Joanne Clark)

02/09 9:00 am Our teens & college students

02/10 9:00 am Rose Miserendino & Louis Pinto
(JoAnn & Tony DiPanni)

02/11 9:00 am Rich Lusniak
(Wife & children)

VIGIL FOR SUNDAY

4:00 pm Deborah Piacente (2nd. Anniv.)
(John & Jo Denicola)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

02/12 8:00 am J. Robert McDonald
(M/M Robert Rooney)

9:15 am Joseph Germano
(Joe & Andrea Licek)

11:00 am Julia T. Celentano
(M/M Gerald J. Moran)

6:00 pm Bill Maiberger
(VOTF Board)

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 next weekend are in memory of Julia T. Celentano, given by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald J. Moran.



ADORATION AND SILENT PRAYER IS EVERY DAY FROM 4:00-5:00PM, IN THE CHURCH. COME AND SPEND TIME ALONE WITH THE LORD.



PLEASE NOTE: MASS TIME CHANGE FOR PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY. THE 9:15AM MASS WILL CHANGE TO 9:30AM



WEEKLY OFFERTORY SUMMARY

January 28, 2012	\$ 6,576
Total for January	49,770
January offertory budget	48,500

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

ST. JEROME WOMEN'S GUILD

The Women's Guild will meet in the Parish Hall on Monday, February 6th at 12:45PM (please note, time change). Information on upcoming St. Patrick's Day Card Party on March 14th will be shared with members.

At 1:00PM J.C. Bender, Physical Therapist, will speak on ways to improve balance. All are welcome. Hope to see you there.

**Religious
Education 
Program**

REACH

Today, Sunday, February 5th
Grades K-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 NO CLASS

Sunday, February 12th
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 NO CLASS

Sunday, February 19th
NO CLASS

Sunday, February 26th
Grades 1-6 meet in the morning
Grades 7&8 meet in the evening

****First Reconciliation News****

An email was sent to all parents with very important dates regarding the rest of the year. Please RSVP to the office with the times that you will attend each event.

Coming up this month:

Parent Reconciliation Meeting – Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7:00PM

Parent/Child workshop – Saturday, Feb. 25th 10:30AM or 2:30PM

Inscription – Sunday, Feb. 26th 9:15AM Mass

REACH SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY – In the event of snow, you can check for a cancellation at NEWS 12; Ch 3 WFSB' Ch. 6 NBC CT (sign up for alerts at www.nbcconnecticut.com) or call the REACH office 203-846-2111 and listen to the message.

REACH BILLING REMINDER – thank you to all that have paid tuition. If you have not paid your tuition yet, kindly do so as soon as possible.

ASCS Cash Raffle and Candy Sale

Representatives from All Saints will be available next weekend selling Hershey Chocolate bars for \$2 each and/or cash raffle tickets for \$50 each. Questions, call Kathy Rohr at 203-847-9416.

Family Gospel Connection

We know from last week's Gospel that Jesus gathered and prayed with the community in the synagogue. Today we learn that Jesus also took the time to pray alone. Following the example of Jesus, we also pray together with our community, and we take the time to pray alone. Our children observe our prayer with others. We might want to take the opportunity to talk with them about our private prayer, so that through our example, they may learn to make private prayer an important part of their daily lives.

Gather as a family and talk about the ways in which your family prays together (at Mass, grace before meals, bedtime prayers). Invite each member of the family to talk about his or her private prayer: When do you pray? Where do you pray? How do you pray? What do you pray for?

TOTAL: There is NO TOTAL tonight. We will meet again on February 26th with auditions for "The Fourteen Steps". This will be the only night for auditions because of our short rehearsal schedule.

Juniors and Seniors – There is still time to register for **Emmaus** (Feb. 10, 11 and 12). Please contact Daniela or Joe if you are interested in attending. There will be a parent meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7:00PM for the parents of any child joining us on Emmaus.

The **30 Hour Famine** will take place at St. Philip on March 3rd and 4th. You must register by Feb. 29th.

Please contact Daniela and Joe for further info.

Freshman – You will be receiving a letter regarding small group Confirmation classes that will begin the week of Feb. 20th.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR JAN. FOOD

DRIVE – Many thanks to all for donating to our January Food Drive! We surpassed the 1,000 mark with a total of 1,130 collected food items. The Milk Fund Collection total was \$227. REACH Grade 4 students and their families were outstanding sorters on Sunday morning, helping the whole packing-up process fun and speedy. Fantastic!

RANDDOM THOUGHTS

Time is indeed racing. You will be reading this on the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, sometimes called Super Bowl Sunday! If the Super Bowl is here, can Lent be far behind? No indeed, or as the Roman Missal III would likely say, "indubitably NO". This year Ash Wednesday is February 22nd and the Lenten schedule is an insert in this week's bulletin.

I want to draw your attention to the five Friday nights in March. On the first three, March 2, 9 and 16, we will follow last year's successful program and have a bread and soup supper, followed by a witness talk by a parishioner and concluding with evening prayer in the sanctuary before the Blessed Sacrament. On the fourth Friday we will have soup and bread followed by a Communal Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at about 7:15PM. Then on the last Friday we will have the parish fish fry which will conclude with a simple Stations of the Cross for children. Save the Friday nights in March.

As usual, we will have Lenten booklets for your private devotion. The idea is that if you have a good Lent, you will then know the joy of Easter.

Changing topics, you will also find an insert in the bulletin reporting on the first half of the fiscal year. The good news is that we had a small surplus of \$1400 for the first half of the year which was a huge improvement over this time last year when we had a major deficit of over \$30,000. We have cut expenses and are holding our own but the raffle will need to be very profitable for us to be able to put some money aside at the end of the year. Thanks for your great generosity to the parish. This is a wonderful parish and it is a blessing to lead such a community of faith.

Finally, although I am going to seek diocesan approval for our building project described on the bulletin board in the hallway, the Pastoral Council has recommended that we hold off on any capital campaign until the economy improves and we are feeling less pressure. Please take a look at the plans for the new addition. As you will see, it will solve many problems that the parish has been facing for over fifteen years. It would be great if eventually we could do this project.

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY EVENTS

LIVING THEOLOGY WORKSHOP – "Jews in the Christian Imagination" – Franklin Harkins, Assistant Professor of Theology, Fordham University – Saturday, February 11, 9:30AM – Noon – DiMenna – Nyselius Library Multimedia Room.