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| 09/25 | 9:00 am | Anne Taverner (1 st Anniv) (Family) |
| | 5:00 pm | John Bolger (Landon Family) |
| 09/26 | 8:00 am | Nicholas Ostasiewicz (Family) |
| | 9:15 am | Jerry Dooley (Kathy Hanrahan) |
| | 11:00 am | Maria Granata (Donna & Cris Granata) |
| | 4:00 pm | FESTIVAL-CRANBURY |
| PARK | | Anthony Granata (Judi & Bob Dennehy) |
| 09/27 | 9:00 am | Carmella Sesto (Yvette & Maria Kulscar) |
| 09/28 | 9:00 am | Sarah DeFeo (Husband Sal) |
| 09/29 | 9:00 am | Lena Scianna (9 th Anniv) (Family) |
| 09/30 | 9:00 am | Joseph & Marge Fekety (Katherine Lucchesi) |
| 10/01 | 9:00 am | Deceased Mothers & Fathers |
| 10/02 | 9:00 am | George Young (wife Kay) |
| | 5:00 pm | For the Parish |
| 10/03 | 8:00 am | Alcides Rentas (Rentas Family) |
| | 9:15 am | Janice Dooley (Kathy Hanrahan) |
| | 11:00 am | William Ely (Agnes Conover) |
| | 6:00 pm | Matthew Chiappetta (Pat Chocas) |

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.

**I turn my feet from evil paths
to obey your word.
I have not turned away from your decrees;
you yourself have taught me.
Your promise is sweeter to my taste
than honey in the mouth.**

Psalm 119:97-104

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.



THE WEEKEND COLLECTIONS FOR LAST YEAR AND THIS WAS:

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| September 22, 2003 | \$7,433.00 |
| September 19, 2004 | \$9,884.00 |

Thank you for your support.



THE BANNES OF MARRIAGE are announced for the second time between Carolyn Eidt & Thomas Strazza.

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you would like to memorialize a family or friend by donating flowers for our altar, you may do so by giving a donation of \$50. The name of your loved one will be announced in the bulletin. There will be one donor per weekend. If you are interested, please contact Pat at the parish office at 847-5349 at least two weeks prior to the date you choose.



REACH: REACH has begun!!! A big **thank you** to all our volunteers! What a wonderful group – we are so blessed. Because of the parish festival in honor of our patron Saint Jerome at Cranbury Park, there will be **NO REACH** classes today.

Grades K-6 will meet next Sunday, October 3.

Grades 7 & 8 still need volunteers.

Please call the office at 846-2111 if you can help in some way.

TOTAL: TOTAL's event this Sunday is enjoying and helping at the St. Jerome Festival at Cranbury Park from noon and concluding with Mass at the park at 4PM. There will be no 6PM Mass or TOTAL at church tonight. Next Sunday's optional activity in the afternoon is the trip to Bishop's Orchards in Branford to pick apples and raspberries. In the evening at TOTAL, we will use the apples to make apple crisp. Last Sunday we had a great Opening Night of TOTAL with 80 teens and our TOTAL team participating. Sign-up posters will remain up in the Youth Room and hall for the next few weeks for our many opportunities for service, programs and fun. Call Judi Dennehy anytime at 847-3635 for information about any TOTAL activities for our high school parishioners who this year attend 12 different public and private high schools. Call a friend and be here every Sunday.

ST JEROME FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPT 26, 2004

This is it...ST JEROME FESTIVAL WEEKEND. We appreciate all who have signed up to help make this community gathering a success. Bring your tickets with you to the festival. The fun and food begins at noon. Then at 4PM we celebrate St. Jerome's feast day with a special liturgy at Cranbury Park. Bring blankets or folding chairs. Festival BAKE CONTEST this year features 3 categories: children, men and women. Make your specialty & bring it to the festival for judging & sharing.

SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING SEPT 27, 2004

Monday evening at 7:30PM in the Kevin Eidt Youth Room, the Social Concerns Committee will hold their first meeting. All members are asked to attend this planning session. Any other parishioners interested in joining are welcome and encouraged to attend.

NOTRE DAME CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Notre Dame Catholic High School in Fairfield will conduct an Entrance Exam on Saturday, October 9, 2004 at 8:30 AM. Students may register on the day of the test. Testing fee is \$40.

Also, Notre Dame invites 8th graders and parents to an Open House on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 6:30 PM. For an information packet, please call Notre Dame at 203-372-6521.

FAIRFIELD COLLEGE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Open House: Fairfield Prep invites all seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to an open house Sunday, October 3, 2004 from 2-4 PM. Meet faculty, administrators, and students to learn more about Fairfield Prep's many offerings. For directions to Prep and for more information, visit our web site at www.prep.fairfield.edu and click on admissions.

ENTRANCE EXAMS: Registrations are now being

accepted. Please call Prep Admissions at 254-4210 for information. **Exam dates are 10/16/04 and 11/13/04.**

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Last weekend was very busy. We had two funerals on Saturday. The first was for Irene Ostasiewicz and the second for Alfred Senese, Sr. The first funeral was accompanied by a monsoon that caused 8 leaks to appear in the Church roof. Apart from our baptismal font, I hate the sound of running water.

Julie Coyne spoke at all the Masses. We had the first weekend of REACH, the first weekend of TOTAL and tickets were on sale for the parish festival which is this Sunday, the 26th. There were people everywhere from dawn to 9:00 pm.

Julie's talk was excellent. She has been doing this work for ten years and gave us a history of Education and Hope. I couldn't help but think of the parable of the mustard seed that starts small and ends up as a huge bush capable of sheltering and protecting many. Julie's work started small and has grown to provide education and help for 154 children. It is miraculous and clearly a work blessed by the Lord.

People made contributions to her work in the amount of \$14,199. The parish will also contribute a check for \$2,500 bringing the total to \$16,699, and I am sure, more contributions will come in. In a real sense, her work is also part of our missionary work as a parish, and it makes me proud to see such generosity.

Lastly, don't forget that the Festival is this Sunday at Cranbury Park. I predict a beautiful sunny day and hope to see many of you there. It is always a fun day regardless of the weather. I am so grateful to Suzanne Calnon and her committee who have worked hard all summer long to make the festival a success. Remember, there will not be a 6:00 pm Mass on Sunday, the 26th. The last Mass of the day will be at 4:00 PM at Cranbury Park. Come and worship with us in the beautiful outdoors.

THE CONVENT OF THE SACRED HEART

Greenwich, CT., invites you and your family to the Upper School open House, for grades 9-12 on Thursday, October 7, 2004 at 6:30 PM.

Convent of the Sacred Heart is an independent, Catholic, girl's school, (Preschool-Grade 12), located at 1177 King Street in Greenwich, CT. (near SUNY Purchase and the Westchester County Airport). For info, call 203-531-6500.