



3/29 9:00 am for our troops

**VIGIL FOR SUNDAY**

4:30pm Anthony DeSantis (family)

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

3/30 8:00 am Deceased Mothers and Fathers

9:15 am Marco Monteiro (Tucci & Monteiro families)

11:00 am Angie Mattera (Al & Angie Bruno)

6:00 pm Edward Wynn, Jr. (the Parish)

3/31 9:00 am Robert Norton (Judi & Bob Dennehy)

4/1 9:00 am Pasquale Tartaglia (Anne & Bill Groener)

4/2 9:00 am Gina Strazza (Anne & Bill Groener)

4/3 9:00 am for deceased family members

4/4 9:00 am George J. Roman, Jr. (the Family)

4/5 9:00 am for our troops

**VIGIL FOR SUNDAY**

4:30pm Anthony DeSantis (family)

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

4/6 8:00 am Angie Mattera (Al & Angie Bruno)

9:15 am Pasquale DeMeglio (Dave & Pam Simso)

11:00 am Julie T. Celentano (Gerald T. Moran)

6:00 pm Pauline Pace (Marie Paul)

\*\*\*There are available times for Mass intentions. Please call the Parish office to schedule a Mass for your loved one.\*\*\*

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.

**Adoration & Silent Prayer**

Everyday between 4:00PM and 5:00PM. Come spend some quiet time with the Lord.

**PLEASE NOTE:** There are no Baptisms or Altar Flowers during Lent.

**Weekly Offertory Summary**

March 23, 2014 \$4,561

Total March to date \$40,951

March offertory budget \$45,000

As always, thank you for your generous support of St. Jerome Parish.

**Women's Guild**

The April Meeting of the St. Jerome Women's Guild will be on Monday, April 7th, at 1:00 PM in the church hall. All are invited.



**REACH**

Today,

March 30th

Grades 1-6 meet at the 9:15 Mass followed by class.

Grade 7&8 Fr. David's small group meets after the 6PM Mass.

Grades 7&8 large groups—check email

Next Sunday, April 6th

Grades K-6 meet at the 9:15 Mass followed by class.

Grade 7&8 Fr. David's small group meets after the 6PM Mass.

Grades 7&8 large groups—check email.

**REACH is now on FACEBOOK (REACH St.Jerome)...Like us! And TWITTER (@REACHStJerome)!! Follow us!**

**REACH Volunteers:**

All Volunteers must take a one time class that is mandated by the Diocese. A full list of classes and registration can be found at <https://www.virtus.org> under the 'registration' tab. You must pre-register on-line.

Upcoming local classes:

St. Cecilia (Stamford) - Tuesday, 4/1 @ 10:00 AM

**Tuition (REACH and TOTAL)**

Current statements have been mailed out. Please remit payments to the REACH office.

Any concerns or payment arrangements should be directed to Kathy Coyne for REACH or Daniela O'Callaghan for TOTAL.

**TOTAL**

Rehearsals for "The Fourteen Steps", will continue tonight at TOTAL. All cast and crew should attend all rehearsals from now until Good Friday. "The Fourteen Steps" is a dramatic portrayal of the Stations of the Cross, which will be presented to the parish on Good Friday at 8:00 pm. All are invited to attend this prayerful evening in the church. Parents, we still need some help with dinner during the long rehearsals on April 6th, 13th, and on Good Friday. Parents are also asked to help put away props after all rehearsals. Please look for the sign-up sheets on the TOTAL bulletin board or contact Daniela directly. Many hands make light work.



### TAKE TAGS FROM OUR LENTEN CROSS

At the rear of the church, the large wooden Cross hung with colored tags is a way our parish can participate in prayer and giving of ourselves during Lent. Take a tag or two each week. Thank you for your continued prayers, kindnesses, and generosity!



### LENTEN FRIDAY SOUP & BREAD SUPPER

Our fourth and last Lenten Friday Supper is this Friday, April 4, at 6:00 PM. As always, there will be great soups and breads. Supper is followed at 7:00 PM by a retreat series on DVD by Fr. Gregory Carlson, S.J. We will conclude at 8:15 PM with Evening Prayer in the church sanctuary.

Please sign up on the church hallway bulletin board for making meatless soups for this last Lenten Friday Supper.



### THANK YOU FOR YOUR FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS

Our March food drive was outstanding, because of our generous parishioners! We collected 1,691 food items; including 360 cans of our "focused" food item -- tuna fish; and 50 pounds of fresh potatoes, cabbage, onions, zucchini, apples and carrots. The Milk Fund collection was \$130. Special thanks to those who filled the bags with lists handed out by REACH students and our REACH families who stayed to help sort and bag all the food. Many hands make light work!

### PARISH FISH FEAST TICKETS ON SALE



Tickets on sale this weekend after all Masses for our parish Fish Feast on Friday, 4/11 in the church hall from 5:30-7:30 PM. Adults -\$10 & children (12 and under) - FREE with a paying adult. (Strictly limited tickets will be available at the door because we need to know how much food to buy.) Menu: Tilapia piccata, Mediterranean fish bake, and linguine and clam sauce for adults, fish sticks and mac & cheese for children, plus clam chowder, veggies, roast potatoes, salad and bread, coffee cake, coffee, tea, iced tea, and lemonade. BYOB (Bring your own beer and wine). **VOLUNTEERS are needed for hall set-up, simple food prep, food serving, and clean-up.** Please sign up on the hallway bulletin board.



### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Today we are reminded that Jesus identified himself with our poorest brothers and sisters. The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who suffer from unjust laws, and in those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe. Through your support with today's collection, you **help Jesus in disguise.** Please be generous.

*Thanks*

*Dear St. Jerome family,  
I am thankful to have had the chance to celebrate my 20th anniversary of life in Guatemala. This milestone is really our collective achievement because making the decision to spend my life serving the people of Guatemala would never have been possible without your love and support. Thank you to all who helped to put together a beautiful party. I am so grateful to be a member of this extraordinary community.*

*With love and gratitude, Julie*

**Lauralton Hall** invites you to attend "Take a Look Tuesday" on April 1, 2014 at 8:00 am. Join us for coffee and a tour. RSVP to (203)877-2786 ext 144 (but if you don't know till the last minute—just drop in.) 200 High Street, Milford, CT.

**All Saints Catholic School** - Discover the difference a Catholic education can make for your child's future. We are enrolling now for the 2014-2015 school year for Grades Pre-K through 8. Come and join us for "Take a Look Tuesday" open house every Tuesday between 8:30am and 10am, or call our Admissions Coordinator at 203-847-3881 to arrange a tour. More information at [www.allsaintsnorwalk.com](http://www.allsaintsnorwalk.com).

**Trinity Catholic High School** - College Fair in the gymnasium on Thursday, April 10, 2014 from 6:30-8:30pm. The school is located at 926 Newfield Avenue Stamford, CT 06905.

### OUTDOOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

held at ST. MARGARET SHRINE, 2523 Park Avenue, Bridgeport, on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 1 pm. Sponsored by the CT State Council of the Knights of Columbus, our BISHOP FRANK CAGGIANO will lead us on our journey of the Stations on the beautiful grounds of our Diocesan Shrine. Everyone is invited to join us on this special occasion.

### Retrouaille of Connecticut

If your marriage has become troubled and stressed, unloving or uncaring or if your relationship has grown cold or distant., if you are thinking of separation or divorce, or are already separated or divorced, Retrouaille can help. It can provide the tools to communicate better. You do not need to be Catholic to attend. Also, there are no group discussion or coerced sharing. The next Retrouaille is April 25-27, 2014. For information, call confidentially 1-800-470-2230 or go to the website [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

### Diocesan Adult Confirmation Program

On Pentecost Sunday, June 8 at 1:30pm, the Diocesan celebration of Confirmation for adults will be celebrated at Saint Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport. Classes to prepare adults 18 years of age and older for the Sacrament of Confirmation are offered on seven dates from April 22 to June 3, from 7-9pm at Saint Luke's, Westport. A retreat will also be held. The cost for the entire program is \$50. For further information, contact Gina Donnarummo at the Diocese at (203) 416-1446 or [gdonnarummo@diobpt.org](mailto:gdonnarummo@diobpt.org). These classes are also offered as refresher courses to anyone in the diocese. To register - [www.officeforpastoralservices.org/index.php/adult\\_formation/ac-form](http://www.officeforpastoralservices.org/index.php/adult_formation/ac-form).

### Confessions during Lent....

Lent invites us to be aware of how alienated and sinful humankind can be, but return is always possible through Christ our Lord. Whether you have not received the sacrament in 4 months or 25 years, come "be reconciled to God." (2Cor. 5:20). Remember that every Tuesday at every parish Confession is available from 7pm—8pm.

### BISHOP CAGGIANO'S CORNER

Gifts to the Annual Bishop's Appeal assist Catholic Charities three major nutrition programs: the Thomas Merton Center in Bridgeport, New Covenant House and the Senior Nutrition Program in Stamford, and the Morning Glory Program in Danbury. Thank you for your support.

### POPE FRANCIS @Pontifex "Tweet of the Week"

"May we learn to say 'thank you' to God and to one another. We teach children to do it, and then we forget to do it ourselves."