



St. Jerome Norwalk
April 12th, 2026
2nd Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am
(10 am live streamed)

Saturday April 11th at 9:00 am
Devotion Mass followed by
Holy Rosary

Sunday April 12th at 3pm
Second Sunday of Easter
Divine Mercy Adoration

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 am

Monday - Friday

9:00 am Mass

Confession available after 9 am Mass
and anytime upon request

Mass of the Sick (Healing mass) at 5pm
on April 28th

Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

Friday May 1st at 9 am
Mass of the Sacred Heart of
Jesus

2026 Bishop Appeal
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Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$29,489 Percentage Goal: 43%

Pastor's Desk

My brothers and sisters,

Today we stand in the light of Easter—but not at the empty tomb as a distant memory. We stand there with Mary Magdalene. The Gospel from Gospel of John invites us into that deeply human moment: confusion, grief, longing... and then, recognition. Mary goes to the tomb early, while it is still dark. That detail matters. It's not just about the time of day—it's about the state of her heart. She is in darkness. She has lost everything she hoped in. And yet, it is precisely there—in the darkness—that the Risen Christ comes to her. "Why are you weeping?" Jesus doesn't begin with a dramatic revelation. He asks a simple question: "Why are you weeping?" That question echoes into our lives here in Norwalk. Why are we weeping? Is it anxiety about our families? Worries about work or finances? Grief we carry quietly? Loneliness, even in a crowded world? Jesus meets Mary in her confusion, and he meets us in ours—not after we have everything figured out, but right in the middle of it. "Mary." Everything changes with one word: her name. When Jesus says "Mary," she recognizes him. Not by sight at first—but by relationship. By love. That's the heart of Easter: the Resurrection is not just an event—it is a relationship. Christ is alive, and he knows your name. He calls each of us personally. Here at St. Jerome's, in this parish community, we are not anonymous. We are known and called.

The Early Church: A Living Resurrection. Now turn to the first reading from Acts of the Apostles. What does the Resurrection look like when it takes root in people's lives? We're told the early Christians were devoted to: The teaching of the apostles, fellowship, the breaking of the bread and the prayers. They shared what they had. They cared for one another. They lived with joy and simplicity of heart. In other words, the Resurrection created a community.

A Word for St. Jerome's. That reading isn't just history—it's a mirror. What kind of community are we becoming here at St. Jerome's? Are we: A people devoted to the Eucharist—the "breaking of the bread"? A parish where people feel seen, known, and welcomed? A community that shares—not just resources, but time, compassion, and presence? A place where faith is not just private, but lived together? The early Church grew not because of programs, but because people encountered something real: a community transformed by the living Christ. That same invitation is before us.

From Clinging to Mission. At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells Mary: "Do not cling to me... but go to my brothers." This is striking. Mary wants to hold on—to stay in that moment of recognition and comfort. But Jesus sends her out. Easter faith is not something we cling to—it's something we carry. Mary becomes the "apostle to the apostles," bringing the news: "I have seen the Lord."

Divine Mercy in Action. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. The message is simple and powerful: God's mercy is not abstract—it meets us in our wounds and sends us out to be mercy for others.

In a world that can feel fractured and isolated, the Church—our parish—is meant to be a place where: wounds are met with compassion, doubts are met with patience and every person can hear, like Mary did, their name spoken in love.

Conclusion: So today, imagine yourself in that garden. Hear Jesus speak your name. Let that recognition sink in—not just in your mind, but in your heart. And then hear his call: Do not cling. Go. Go into your families. Go into your workplaces. Go into this Norwalk community. And live in such a way that others, through you, can say: "I have seen the Lord." Amen.

God bless
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of April 11 & 12 2nd Sunday of Easter

MJ Sullivan, David W Faulkner, Nick Doria, Alan Seymour and Judy Classen

Monday, April 13 - In honor of Michaela Coppola

Tuesday, April 14 - Pizzo family

Wednesday, April 15- Parishioners of St Jerome

Thursday, April 16 - Hella Reilly

Friday, April 17 - Jack Durkin

Weekend of April 18 & 19 3rd Sunday of Easter

Dominick Vento, Berta Antoni Cielez, Angela Serrone

*This week the Sanctuary Candle is offered
in Memory of
David W Faulkner and MJ Sullivan
By Maureen Faulkner*



*Loss Group
April 18th at 1-2:30PM
All are welcome.*

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of April 5

In-Pew	\$8,777
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,444
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$11,220</u>
Budget	\$13,950.00

Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.



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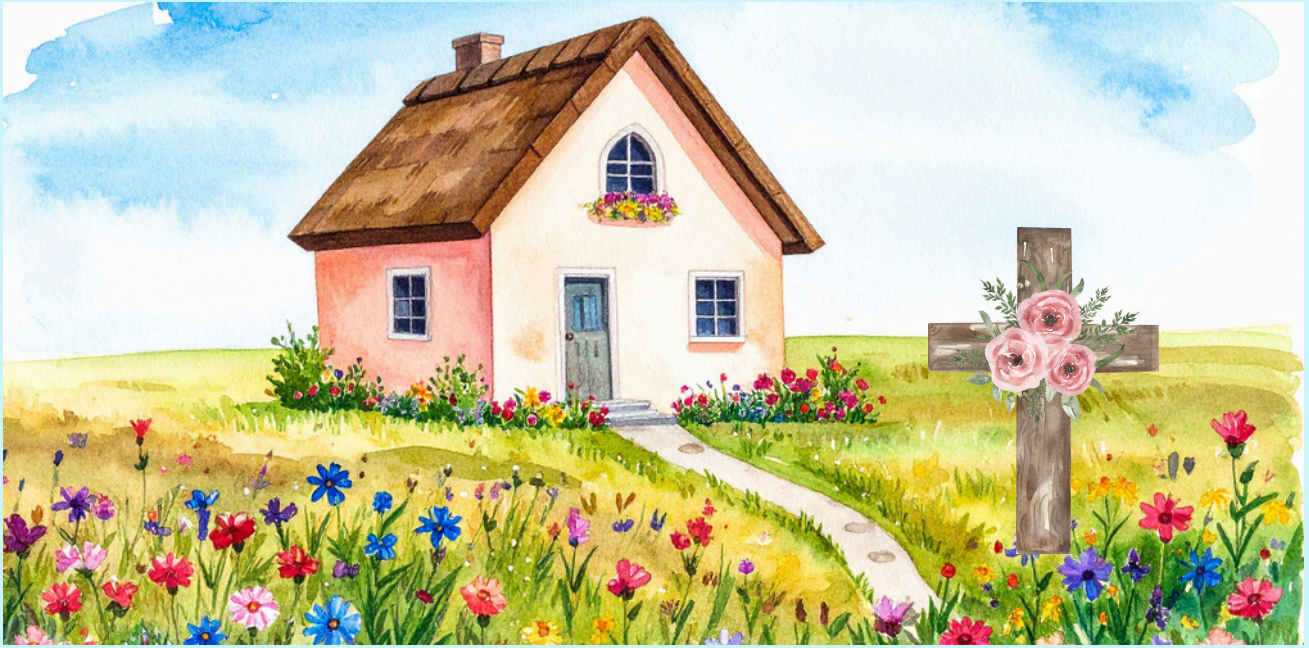
Bishop's Appeal

Bishop Appeal has started. Your support helps fund essential ministries across our Diocese, including Seminarians, Retired Priests, Catholic Schools, Faith Formation programs, underprivileged families, Catholic Charities, and other programs that serve both Compassion Missions and the Truth, Beauty, and Goodness of our Faith.

If we exceed our parish goal of \$69,200 by June 14, St. Jerome will receive a grant for our own parish needs. Only the pledge needs to be made by June 14; payments can be completed later in the year.

Please consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal and helping St. Jerome reach this important goal.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSING



A Cherished Easter Tradition

It has long been a beautiful and cherished tradition in the Church to have homes blessed during the Easter Season.

This sacred custom invites Christ's peace, joy, and resurrection hope into the heart of the family home. Continuing this meaningful practice, Fr. Hygi will be offering Easter House Blessings on:

**Mondays and Thursdays
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
throughout the Easter Season.**

To Make an Appointment please sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board or call the parish office at 203-847-5349.

Tabernacle Candle For Loved One

Tabernacle Candle Memorial Offering

This is a special opportunity to remember and honor a loved one by sponsoring the lighting of our Tabernacle Candle. The offering is \$25, and the candle burns for seven days, beginning and ending on Saturday.

The name of your loved one, along with the requesting individual or family, will appear in the bulletin as follows: "The Tabernacle candle burning in the Sanctuary of the church this week is in memory of [Name], as requested by [Individual or Family Name]."

If you'd like to reserve a week or need more information, please send email to office@stjeromenorwalk.org or call at 203-847-5349.



Votive Candle Offerings

Votive candles on our candle racks may be lit for your loved ones. The offering is \$2 for small votives and \$5 for large votives. Lighting a votive candle is a simple and meaningful way to hold someone in prayer throughout the day.

2027 Mass Book has arrived please visit or call the office at 203-847-5349 to book a mass.



**Mass at 9AM
Rosary after Mass
Confessions at 3 PM**

First Saturday

Devotion

Join us

**EVERY FIRST
SATURDAY**



Divine Mercy Novena — The 9 Daily Intentions from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday on April 12th at 3pm at St Jerome Church.

*Each day follows this structure: Begin with: “Today bring to Me...” (the day’s intention)
Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Optional: meditation on Jesus’ words to St. Faustina for that day*

4/3rd Day 1 — All Humanity, Especially Sinners

Jesus asks that we pray for all people, especially those most in need of mercy.

4/4th Day 2 — The Souls of Priests and Religious

Pray for those who serve the Church—priests, nuns, brothers—asking for grace and strength in their vocation.

4/5th Day 3 — All Devout and Faithful Souls

These are the souls who strive to follow God faithfully. We pray for their perseverance and deeper trust.

4/6th Day 4 — Those Who Do Not Believe in God and Those Who Do Not Yet Know Jesus

This day is offered for nonbelievers and those who have never encountered Christ.

4/7th Day 5 — The Souls of the Separated Brethren

Pray for Christians who are not in full communion with the Catholic Church, asking for unity.

4/8th Day 6 — The Meek and Humble Souls and the Souls of Little Children

These souls are especially dear to Jesus; we pray for their protection and growth in grace.

4/9th Day 7 — The Souls Who Especially Venerate and Glorify God’s Mercy

These are the people devoted to Divine Mercy. We pray for them to be living reflections of God’s compassion.

4/10th Day 8 — The Souls in Purgatory

We pray for the faithful departed who are being purified before entering heaven.

4/11th Day 9 — Lukewarm Souls

Jesus described these souls as causing Him great suffering. We pray for their conversion and renewal.

Please pick up a Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlet in the church hall for prayers.

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