



# St. Jerome Norwalk

## April 19th, 2026

### 3rd Sunday of Easter

## Mass Schedule

### Weekends

Saturday 4:00 pm

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

### 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*  
*To make a donation please visit*  
*BishopAppeal.org, or call 203-416-1470*  
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Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$29,989 Percentage Goal: 43%

# Pastor's Desk

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel today from the Gospel of Luke gives us one of the most human and relatable resurrection stories: the walk to Emmaus. Two disciples are leaving Jerusalem. They are not just traveling—they are walking away. Away from hope, away from community, away from everything they thought Jesus would be. Their words say it plainly: “We were hoping...” That small phrase carries enormous weight. Hope, in their minds, is already in the past. And isn't that where we sometimes find ourselves? We had hopes—for our families, our health, our faith, our future—and something didn't turn out the way we expected. Disappointment sets in quietly. Like those disciples, we keep walking, but our hearts grow heavy. Then something remarkable happens. Jesus Himself draws near—but they do not recognize Him. This is the first lesson of Emmaus: Christ is present even when we do not see Him. He walks with them in confusion. He listens to their sadness. He does not interrupt or correct them immediately. Instead, He lets them speak. Then, gently, He opens the Scriptures to them, helping them understand that suffering was not the end of the story—it was part of God's plan. How often do we fail to recognize Christ walking beside us—especially in difficult moments? We look for Him in dramatic signs, but He often comes quietly: in a conversation, in Scripture, in someone who listens, and in a moment of unexpected peace.

The second turning point comes when they arrive at Emmaus. They urge Him: “Stay with us.” That simple invitation changes everything. My friends, Jesus does not force Himself into our lives. He waits for me to be invited. The moment we say, “Stay with me, Lord,” our eyes begin to open. And then we reach the heart of the Gospel: “He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them.” In that moment, they recognized Him. This is not just a memory—it is the pattern of the Eucharist. Every time we gather for Mass, the same Lord walks with us, speaks to us in the Word, and is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. The Emmaus story is happening here, even now. And what happens after they recognize Him? Jesus vanishes from their sight. Why? Because now they can see Him in a new way—not just physically, but spiritually. Their faith has been awakened. They say to each other: “Were not our hearts burning within us?” That burning heart is the sign of a living encounter with Christ. And finally—notice this—they immediately return to Jerusalem. The same road they walked in sadness, they now walk in joy. The same distance that once felt heavy now feels urgent. They cannot keep the Good News to themselves. This is the third lesson: an encounter with Christ sends us on mission. What does this mean for us? When you feel discouraged, remember: Christ is already walking with you, even if you don't recognize Him yet. Stay close to Scripture and the Eucharist—that is where our eyes are opened. Invite Him in. A simple prayer— “Stay with me, Lord”—can transform everything. Let your heart burn again. Faith is not meant to be cold or routine—it is meant to be alive. Go and share the Good News. Like the disciples, we are sent back into the world with renewed hope. We all walk the road to Emmaus at times. But the message of Easter is this: the road of disappointment can become the road of encounter. Christ is alive. He walks with us. He speaks to us. He feeds us. And He sends us. So today, let us simply say: “Stay with us, Lord.” And trust that He will. Amen.

God bless.

Fr. Hygi.

# HOW ARE WE DOING?

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of April 12

In-Pew	\$3,337
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,695
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$8,032</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,950.00

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

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If envelopes are your thing, you can drop in the basket, drop off or mail those to the church office at any time!! *Thank you for your support.*

### 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.

# **Mass Remembrances**

*This week we pray for the following...*

**Weekend of April 18 & 19** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Dominicik Vento, Berta Antoni Cielez, Angela Serrone**

**Monday, April 20 - Jim Dernback**

**Tuesday, April 21 - Jim Dernback**

**Wednesday, April 22- Jim Dernback**

**Thursday, April 23 - Parishioners of St. Jerome**

**Friday, April 24 - In honor of Maurren Medeiros**

**Weekend of April 25 & 26** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Felix Glica, Fred DeFelice, Muriel Kubelle, Joseph Abruscato, Maureen Fortune, Ed O'Brien**

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

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# News

Thank you to all who attended the Divine Mercy Adoration this past Sunday.



## Social Concern Food Drive April 18th - April 30th



### Grocery Pantry Most Needed Items

Low-sodium and sugar-free options are appreciated

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|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Canned tuna      | Canned chicken              |
| Spaghetti sauce  | Dried beans (red or black)  |
| Peanut butter    | Canned beans (red or black) |
| Jelly            | Fruit cups/canned fruit     |
| Rice (2 lb bags) | Instant mashed potatoes     |
| Canned soup      | Juice or juice boxes        |
| Canned veggies   | Dry or shelf-stable milk    |
| Mac & cheese     |                             |
| Cereal           |                             |
| Oatmeal          |                             |
| Coffee           |                             |
| Tea              |                             |



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#### FOR PARISH BULLETINS

If possible, please include in your upcoming Church Bulletin.

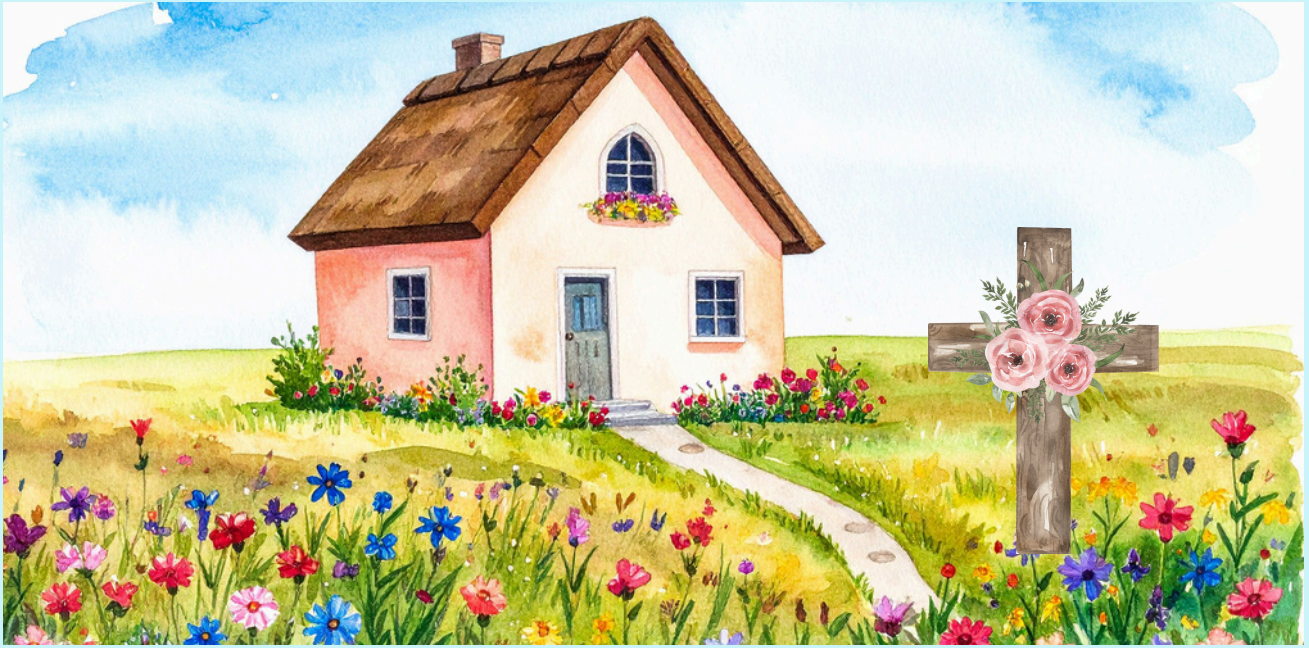
#### NOTRE DAME PREP – FAIRFIELD Spring Information Session

On **Tuesday, April 28** at 6:30 p.m. Notre Dame Prep in Fairfield will host an Information Session for prospective students and their families. The evening will give families a comprehensive look at Notre Dame Prep including its academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs as well as NDP's partnership with Sacred Heart University. Families will have the opportunity to meet with coaches and members of our many clubs as well.

We will also offer a practice Entrance Exam will be offered on Saturday, **May 9** at 9:00 a.m. for students currently in seventh grade. Complete information can be found on the school's website, [www.notredame.org](http://www.notredame.org)

For questions, please call 203-372-6521 or email Karen Guastelle, Director of Admissions, at [kguastelle@notredame.org](mailto:kguastelle@notredame.org)

# 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 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](mailto: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*

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SATURDAY**



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