



St. Jerome Norwalk

April 26th, 2026

4th 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 pm

Saturday May 2nd at 9am
Devotion Mass followed by
Holy Rosary

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

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

2026 Bishop Appeal
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Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$29,989 Percentage Goal: 43%

Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On this Fourth Sunday of Easter, the Church always gives us an image that is both simple and profound: Jesus as the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel from John may sound a little unusual at first Jesus speaks about sheepfolds, gates, thieves, and shepherds—but at its heart is a deeply personal message: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly. "That is not just poetry. That is a promise.

Jesus begins by contrasting two kinds of voices: the voice of the shepherd and the voice of the stranger. The sheep, he says, recognize the shepherd's voice and follow him—but they run away from strangers because they do not recognize those voices. If we pause for a moment, we realize how relevant that is for our lives today. We are surrounded by so many voices—voices telling us what success looks like, what happiness looks like, what we should value, what we should fear. Some of these voices are loud and persistent. Others are subtle, almost hidden. But not all voices lead to life. Jesus is telling us: learn to recognize my voice. Because His voice does not confuse, divide, or manipulate. His voice calls, invites, and leads. It knows us personally. It speaks truth, even when it is challenging, and it always leads toward life—toward deeper love, deeper freedom, deeper peace. He goes even further and says something striking: "I am the gate."

In other words, Jesus is not just the guide—He is also the way in. He is the one through whom we enter into safety, into belonging, into life with God. The gate is not there to keep people out; it is there to protect what is inside and to lead us into fullness of life. And then comes that line again, one of the most beautiful in all of Scripture: "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." Think about that. Jesus does not come merely so we can "get by," or simply avoid sin, or just make it to heaven someday. He comes so that even now, in the middle of our ordinary lives—in Norwalk, in our homes, in our work, in our struggles—we might experience abundant life.

But what does that abundance look like? It does not necessarily mean a life without problems. We all know that is not true. Instead, it means a life filled with meaning, a life rooted in God's love, a life where even difficulties are not empty but become places where grace can work. It means living with the quiet confidence that we are known and loved by the Shepherd. For us as a parish community here at St. Jerome's, this Gospel also invites us to ask: whose voice are we listening to? And just as importantly: what kind of voices are we for others? Do our words reflect the voice of the Good Shepherd—encouraging, truthful, patient, and loving? Or do we sometimes echo the voices of fear, judgment, or division? The world does not need more noise. It needs people who echo Christ's voice.

And finally, this Sunday is also a day when the Church prays in a special way for vocations. Because the Good Shepherd continues His work through those He calls—priests, deacons, religious men and women—and also through every baptized person. Each of us, in our own way, is called to help others hear that voice of Christ. Maybe that begins very simply: by making time for prayer, by reading the Gospel, by sitting in silence and asking, "Lord, help me recognize your voice." Because the more we listen, the more we begin to recognize Him—not only in prayer, but in daily life.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, Jesus is not a distant figure. He is the Shepherd who knows you, who calls you by name, who walks ahead of you. And He is still speaking. The question is: are we listening?

Amen.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of April 25 & 26 4th Sunday of Easter

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

Monday, April 27 - Angelo Mattera

Tuesday, April 28 - Dorothy Definise

Wednesday, April 29 - Robin Denaro

Thursday, April 30 - Parishioners of St Jerome

Friday, May 1- Jack Durkin

Weekend of May 2 & 3 5th Sunday of Easter

**Dominick Vento; Helen Marie Santos; Margaret McDonald; Souls of
Granata Family; Alan Seymour; Mary Parks**

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY	2026
Week of April 19	
In-Pew	\$2,782
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$4,028
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$6,809</u>
Budget	\$6,950.00

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

*Second Collection
Catholic Home Mission Appeal and Black and Indian
Missions*

April 25 & 26, 2026



One-time credit card donations can be made on our website by visiting www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds and click on my Account on top toolbar.

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.

Social Concerns

DIAPERS AND BABY WIPES DRIVE – MAY 1-16

In honor of Mother's Day, Social Concerns Committee is running our annual collection of baby diapers and baby wipes to be donated to Malta House, our neighbor on West Rocks Rd. Since its inception in 1998, Malta House has welcomed over 900 single mothers and their babies with a nurturing home environment, support services, and independent living skills. Mothers at Malta House receive counseling, financial education, and parental development followed by transitional and post-residential support.

Malta House is in constant need of diapers, sizes 3,4,5,6, and 7, and baby wipes. You may drop off your donations to the hallway and volunteers will deliver them to Malta House. Thank you for helping!

Social Concerns Meeting
Monday April 27th at 7pm
in Church Hall

The Social Concerns Committee is creating a list of local, reliable businesses that may be able to assist parishioners who need help with home repairs or other household needs. We are also gathering names of volunteers who would be willing to drive fellow parishioners to medical appointments or shopping trips. If you are interested in being included on either list, please contact the Parish Office and leave a message.



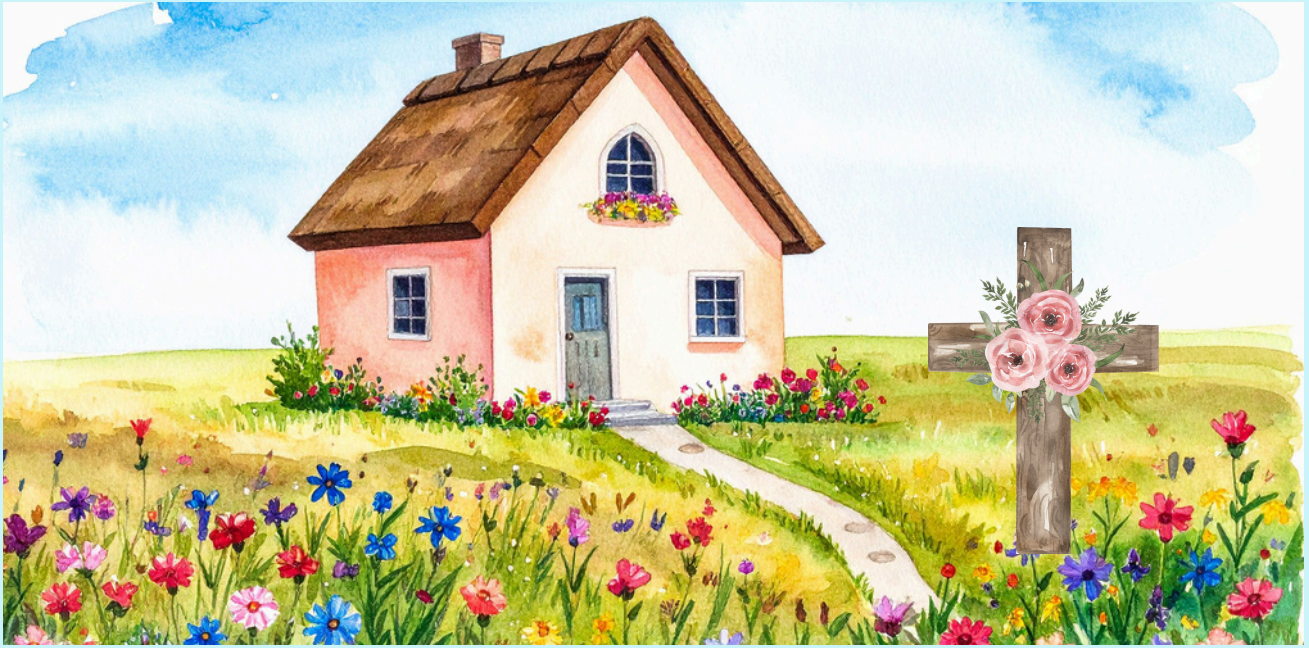
Grocery Pantry Most Needed Item

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 | |

Social Concerns Food Drive
April 18th - April 30th

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 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
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