



**St. Jerome Norwalk**  
**April 5th, 2026**  
**Easter Sunday of the**  
**Resurrection of the Lord**

**Mass Schedule**

**Weekends**

Saturday 4:00 PM  
Sunday 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
(10 AM live streamed)

Saturday Devotion Mass  
followed by Holy Rosary  
9:00 AM on May 2nd

Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Divine Mercy Adoration

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

**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 28<sup>th</sup>

**Wednesdays**

8:00 AM Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament and  
benediction

*2026 Bishop Appeal*  
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# **Pastor's Desk**

Beloved brothers and sisters of St. Jerome Parish,

On this radiant morning of Easter, we gather with hearts full of expectation, just as Mary Magdalene did in the early dawn. The Gospel from John (20:1–9) draws us into that first Easter moment—not with trumpets or spectacle, but with silence, confusion, and an empty tomb.

Mary comes while it is still dark. That detail matters. She is grieving, searching, perhaps unsure of what she will find. And isn't that often where we begin, too? We come carrying our losses, our doubts, our unanswered questions. Yet it is precisely there, in that darkness, that the first light of the Resurrection begins to break. She sees the stone removed and runs to Simon Peter and the beloved disciple. They, too, run—one faster than the other—but both are drawn toward the same mystery. When they arrive, they do not find what they expected. No body. No closure. Only linen cloths, lying there. The Gospel tells us that the beloved disciple “saw and believed,” even though they did not yet fully understand. This is the heart of Easter: seeing before fully understanding, believing before everything makes sense.

For us here at St. Jerome Parish in Norwalk, this Gospel speaks directly into our daily lives. We are a people who run—running between responsibilities, worries, and hopes for our families and our community. Like Peter and the beloved disciple, we are often trying to make sense of what we encounter: the struggles of our world, the challenges in our homes, the burdens we carry quietly. But Easter tells us this: the empty tomb is not a sign of absence—it is a sign of God's surprising presence. The stone rolled away is not just about Jesus leaving the tomb; it is about God opening what we thought was closed. The empty space where death once seemed to reign becomes the place where hope is born. Perhaps there are “tombs” in our lives—places where we feel stuck, discouraged, or afraid. A relationship that seems beyond healing. A grief that lingers. A faith that feels fragile. Easter does not deny these realities. Instead, it proclaims that they are not the end of the story.

Like the beloved disciple, we are invited to look again. To see differently. To believe that God is already at work, even when we do not yet understand how. And notice this: the Resurrection is first encountered in community. Mary runs to the others. Peter and the beloved disciple run together. Faith is not meant to be lived alone. Here in our parish, we are called to be that community for one another—running together toward Christ, supporting each other in moments of doubt, and sharing in the joy of new life.

Today, the empty tomb invites each of us to take a step of faith. Not because everything is clear, but because Christ is risen. Not because all our questions are answered, but because hope has broken into the world. So let us leave this place as people who have “seen and believed.” Let us carry the light of the Resurrection into our homes, our workplaces, and our neighborhoods in Norwalk. Let us be witnesses that even in darkness, even in uncertainty, life has the final word—because Christ has conquered death.

Alleluia. He is risen.

Alleluia.  
God bless  
Fr. Hygi.

# Mass Remembrances

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

**Weekend of April 4 & 5** Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord  
**Dorothy Abruscato Coppola; Tom Rietano; Dan Loch; Richard & Rosalind Serna; Vincenzo Iannone Jr.; Joseph Mastrianna; Dominick Vento**

**Monday, April 6 - Parishioners of St. Jerome**

**Tuesday, April 7 - Mildred Hawkins**

**Wednesday, April 8- Lucy Allocca**

**Thursday, April 9 - Mary Oess**

**Friday, April 10 - Jack Durkin**

**Weekend of April 11 & 12** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter Sunday  
**MJ Sullivan, David W Faulkner, Nick Doria, Alan Seymour and Judy Classen**

Church / Program	Dates	Day & Time
St. Thomas More, Darien – Bereavement Program	April 8 – June 3	Wednesdays, 2:00– 3:30 PM
St. Leo Parish – New Day Bereavement Program	April 16 – June 11	Thursdays, 6:30– 8:00 PM
Purpose (for both programs)	A guided, faith-based support group to help individuals process grief, find healing, and move toward renewed hope after loss.	—
Contact / Registration (for both)	Visit <a href="http://thegrief.org">thegrief.org</a>	Carolyn Killian – 203-404-0023

# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

## Holy Saturday

April 4th 1:00 PM – 2:30 Confessions

## Easter Vigil Mass

April 4th at 8:00 PM

## Easter Sunday Mass

April 5th at 8:00 AM 10:00 AM (live streamed -Facebook) & 12:00 PM

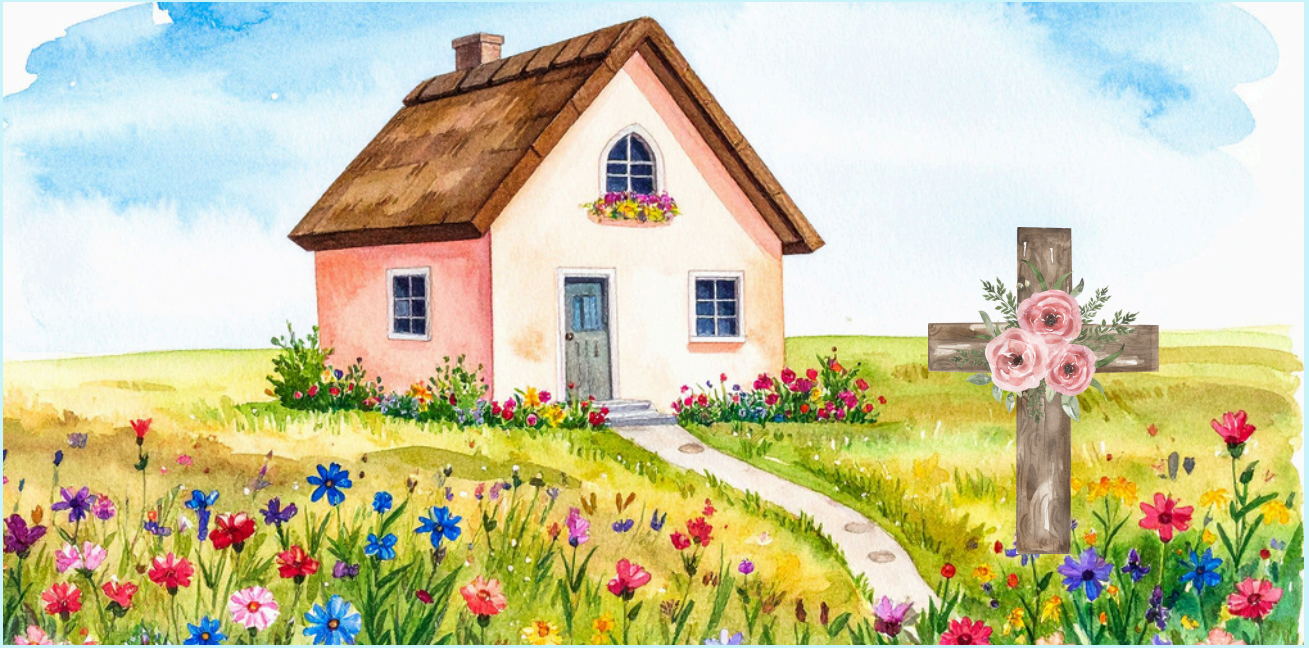
The Lenten Cross donations were a tremendous success. We received 33 bags for NCC, approximately 28 bags for Autumn Lake, about 30 bags for Notre Dame, and 25 bags for Malta House. When our volunteers delivered these items, each location expressed deep gratitude and appreciation. Our Mt. Foodmore collection for the NCC Food Pantry, Person to Person, and Open Doors totaled approximately 1,200 items. We extend our sincere thanks to Rosemary, Honey, Carol, Jean, Linda, Kathy and Barbara for faithfully setting up the display each Sunday.

We also want to acknowledge and thank all the volunteers who helped last Sunday to sort, count, and organize the donations in the church hallway. On Sunday, Nancy and John Wagner loaded more than 30 bags for delivery to Open Doors. On Monday morning, Person to Person sent their truck to pick up over 30 bags for their site. On Tuesday, Rebecca Sweeney and Barbara loaded the remaining 30-plus bags, which the Sweeney family will deliver to the NCC Food Pantry. Thank you to everyone who worked together as a community to make this project such a meaningful success.

## EASTER EGG HUNT



# 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](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*

**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.**

# HOW ARE WE DOING?

## WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of March 29

In-Pew	\$4,027
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$3,948
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$7,975</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,840.00

*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 Update

Our Bishop's Appeal goal is currently at 25%. 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 reach our parish goal of \$75,000 by June 14, St. Jerome will receive a \$5,000 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.

We joyfully congratulate our Confirmation students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



**Please support those that support us!!!**

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