



St. Jerome Norwalk
March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent

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 April 4th

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Please join us every Friday during Lent at 5:00 p.m. for the Stations of the Cross . Please note on March 20th it will start at 6 pm followed by 7pm mass.

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 March 31st.

Parish Annual Lenten Retreat 3/24 and 3/25 at 7pm

Communal penance service will follow the retreat on Tuesday, March 25.

Wednesdays

8:00 AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and benediction

*2026 Bishop Appeal
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Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$17,265 Percentage Goal: 25%

Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters of St. Jerome's Parish,

Today's readings speak about sight and blindness—not only physical sight, but spiritual sight. They invite us to ask an important question: Do we truly see as God sees?

1. **God Sees the Heart:** In the first reading from First Book of Samuel, the prophet Samuel is sent by God to anoint a new king for Israel. When Samuel sees Jesse's strong and impressive sons, he assumes the eldest must be God's chosen one. But God corrects him: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." Eventually, the youngest son, David, a simple shepherd boy, is chosen. This reminds us that God's vision is different from ours. We often judge by appearance, success, or status. But God looks at the heart, the sincerity, the faith, and the love within a person. Here at St. Jerome's Parish, we see this truth every day. In quiet ways—through those who volunteer, those who pray for others, those who visit the sick, those who serve without recognition—God sees hearts full of faith.

2. **From Darkness to Light:** In the second reading from Epistle to the Ephesians, Paul the Apostle reminds the Christians: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Paul is telling us that faith is not only something we believe it is a transformation of how we live. Light reveals truth. Light guides our steps. Light removes fear. As Christians, we are called to be people of light—bringing kindness where there is anger, hope where there is discouragement, and compassion where there is suffering. In a busy community like Norwalk, where many people struggle with loneliness, illness, family worries, or economic stress, the Church must be a place of light.

3. **The Blind Man Who Truly Saw:** The Gospel from Gospel of John gives us the powerful story of a man born blind whom Jesus Christ heals. At first glance, the blind man seems to be the one without sight. But as the story unfolds, we discover something surprising: The blind man gradually comes to see—not only physically, but spiritually. The religious leaders, who believe they see clearly, remain spiritually blind. The healed man moves step by step in faith: First, he calls Jesus "the man called Jesus." Then he says Jesus is a prophet. Finally, he recognizes Him as the Lord and worships Him. This journey mirrors our own spiritual journey. Faith often grows step by step.

4. **Spiritual Blindness Today -** Spiritual blindness still exists today. Sometimes we fail to see the suffering of the poor; the loneliness of the elderly and the struggles of immigrants and families. The pain hidden behind smiles. Sometimes we also fail to see God working quietly in our lives. But Jesus wants to open our eyes—just as He opened the eyes of the blind man.

5. **A Message for Our Parish:** Here at St. Jerome's Parish, this Gospel challenges us to ask: Do we see people as God sees them? Do we recognize Christ in those who suffer? Are we bringing light into our families and community? Our parish is called to be a community that helps people see God—through prayer, kindness, service, and faith. Sometimes the most powerful witness is not a sermon but a simple act of love: visiting someone in the hospital, comforting a grieving family, welcoming a newcomer, or helping someone in need. These are moments when God's light shines through us.

6. **Christ Opens Our Eyes-** The beautiful message of today's Gospel is this: Jesus still heals blindness today. He opens our eyes: when we listen to His word, when we receive the Eucharist, when we encounter Him in others. And every time we come to Mass, Christ gently says to us what St. Paul proclaimed: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." **Conclusion -** Brothers and sisters, let us ask the Lord today to give us eyes that see the goodness in others, hearts that recognize God's presence in our lives, and courage to walk as children of light.

May Jesus, the light of the world, open our eyes so that we may see clearly and help others see His love.

Amen. 🙏
God bless
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of March 14 & 15 4th Sunday of Lent

Ann & Wally Regan; Fanni Marucci; Edmund & Mary Lucy Marinucci; Janis Glica Chuba; Robert J. Sullivan; Ersilia Antolino

Monday, March 16th - George Maiberger

Tuesday, March 17th - Dominick Vento

Wednesday, March 18th - Debbie Moss

Thursday, March 19th - Narciso Cruz

Friday, March 20th - 9AM and 7PM for the Parishioners of St. Jerome

March 21 & 22 5th Sunday of Lent

Betty Voutsinas; Anna and Antoni Matusiewicz; Narciso Cruz; Edilio Peralta and Jose Ramon Peralta

Thank you to everyone who helped with the funeral reception for Dominick Vento.

We are especially grateful to those who donated salads and desserts, and to all who set up, served, and cleaned. A heartfelt thank-you to: Barbara Bagnato, Carol Caragine, Lorraine Larkin, Andrea Licek, Florence Loch, Annette Maiberger, Jean Pagliuca, Honey Secchi, Betty Agostino and Tara Whalen.

Your kindness and service are deeply appreciated.

St Jerome Norwalk Holy Week Schedule April 2026

Parish Annual Lenten Retreat at 7pm in church

BREAKING THE YOKE: The Power of Healing Through Reconciliation

March 24th - Recognizing the Yoke – understanding the brokenness and need for reconciliation. March 25th – Mercy and Forgiveness at the root of reconciliation followed by Communal penance

Holy Thursday

April 2nd at 7:00 PM Mass of the Last Supper. Adoration after Mass concluding with night prayer at midnight

Good Friday

April 3rd 12:00 PM Outdoor Stations of the Cross *weather permitting

3:00 PM Passion of the Lord

Holy Saturday

April 4th 1:00 PM – 2:30 Confessions

Easter Vigil Mass

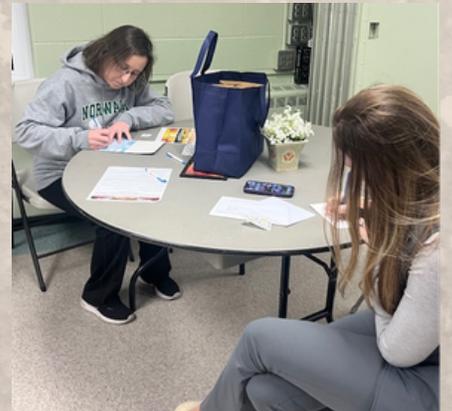
April 4th at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass

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

Confirmation Prep Compassion Mission

We had a wonderful evening making Easter baskets for underprivileged children, thanks to the enthusiastic help of our Confirmation Prep students and their parents. Their generosity and teamwork made the night both meaningful and fun, and we're grateful for the joy these baskets will bring to the children who receive them.



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.



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

First Saturday

Devotion

Join us

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SATURDAY**

ST JEROME UPDATES

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

We still have 2026 calendars please take one in church hall or stop by the office for a copy.

*Loss Group Meeting
March 21, 2026
1-2:30pm
Church Hall*

All are welcome!

Lenten Food Drive Announcement:

Our Lenten food drive begins next weekend. Each week will be designated for a most needed food item category. Please see the schedule below. Your contributions will be greatly appreciated to help us build a mountain of food. Come check out Mt. Foodmore and see how it grows!

Weekend February 28 and March 1: "Cereal Sunday"
(All types of dry cereal)

Weekend of March 7 and 8: "Soupy Sunday"
(All types of canned and boxed soup)

Weekend of March 14 and 15: "Sudsy Sunday"
(All types of cleaning products from laundry to toothpaste)

Weekend of March 21 and 22: "Tutti-Frutti and Vegi-Rama"
(All types of canned and dried fruit and vegetables)

Weekend of March 28 and 29: "Plenty O' Pasta"
(All types of pasta and sauce)



Lenten Cross

Our Lenten Cross is up in the front of the church. Please come and take a tag or two. The tags vary by color and call for acts of prayer, donation and kindness.

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of March 8

In-Pew	\$2,938
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$1,130
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,068</u>
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$6,840.00</i>

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

Second Collection March 14 & 15

**Catholic Relief Services Collection and
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and Eastern Europe.**

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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 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.

St Jerome Events

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>FAITH FORMATION: GRADES K-6</u>
Sunday, 3/1	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 3/1	Grade 6 All Saints Session (3pm - 5:15pm)
Sunday, 3/8	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 3/15	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 3/22	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)
Sunday, 3/29	Saint Jerome Faith Formation Session (9-11am)

<u>MARCH</u>	<u>CONFIRMATION FORMATION (grades 7-8)</u>	
Sunday, 3/1	Grade 7:	All Saints (3pm to 5:15pm)
Tuesday, 3/3	Grade 8:	Saint Jerome (6:30-8pm)
Sunday, 3/8	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 3/15	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Sunday, 3/22	Grades 7-8:	Saint Jerome - Confirmation Formation (9am to 11am)
Friday, 3/27	Grade 8:	Confirmation Ceremony (6pm at Saint Philip Church)
Sunday, 3/29	Grades 7-8:	No Session



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SUNDAY, MARCH 15th, 2026 at 11:15am

~ An Irish Lunch ~ With Activities for Kids

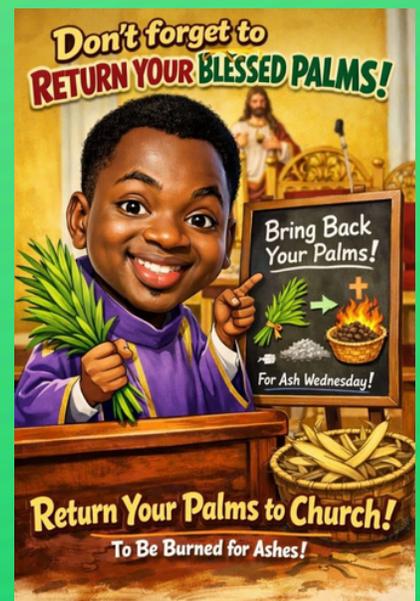


TICKET INFORMATION

\$25 (adult).....purchased by Sunday, March 8th
 \$10 (children 12-18).....purchased by Sunday, March 8th
 \$0 (children under 12).....purchased by Sunday, March 8th
 \$35.....purchased at door

Please purchase tickets early!

Ticket Sales end March 8th - Tickets limited to 150 guests



Dear Parishioners,

If you are a parishioner who contributes online, we need your help. It has come to our attention that donations for special collections—such as Easter and Holy Days—may need to be reselected each calendar year.

In addition, some parishioners' regular Sunday online contributions have not been updating automatically. For example, if your credit card has expired or your bank account information has changed, you may not have received an alert to update your information.

We kindly ask all online donors to log in at **OSVhub.com** and review your giving selections to ensure they are complete and accurate for 2026.

Your attention to this helps us plan responsibly and continue supporting the ministries and mission of St. Jerome Parish.

Thank you!



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