



# St. Jerome Norwalk

June 7, 2026

## The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

### 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

Friday June 5th at 9am

Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass

Saturday June 6th at 9am

Devotion Mass followed by  
Holy Rosary

#### 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 June 30th

#### Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament and  
benediction

*2026 Bishop Appeal  
To make a donation please visit  
BishopAppeal.org, or call 203-416-1470  
with your phone or scan QR code*



Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$39,444 Percentage Goal: 57%

# Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Today the Church celebrates one of the greatest gifts ever given to humanity: the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. On this beautiful feast of Corpus Christi, we gather as the family of God at St. Jerome Church to thank the Lord for the gift of the Holy Eucharist—the sacrament in which Jesus gives us not merely a symbol of himself, but his very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

In today's Gospel from John chapter 6, Jesus speaks words that shocked his listeners and continue to challenge us today: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." He goes even further, saying, "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you." Many who heard Jesus found these words difficult. Some could not accept them and walked away. Yet Jesus did not soften his teaching. He did not say that he was speaking only symbolically. Instead, he repeated his message with even greater clarity. Why? Because he wanted his disciples—and us—to understand the depth of his love. He desired to remain with us in a way more intimate than anyone could have imagined. Every time we come to Mass, we encounter this same Jesus. The bread and wine offered on the altar become the Body and Blood of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. What appears ordinary to our eyes becomes extraordinary through faith. The Eucharist is heaven touching earth. It is Christ feeding his people with divine life.

In a world where many people experience loneliness, anxiety, division, and spiritual hunger, Jesus offers himself as the true nourishment of the soul. We spend much of our lives seeking fulfillment—through success, possessions, relationships, or achievements. While these things have their place, none can satisfy the deepest longing of the human heart. Only Christ can do that. Only the Bread of Life can fill the hunger that exists within every person.

The Eucharist is also a call to communion. When we receive the Body of Christ, we become more deeply united not only with Jesus but also with one another. We are reminded that we belong to one family, one Church, one Body. At St. Jerome Parish, our diversity of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences becomes a beautiful sign of God's kingdom. Around this altar, we stand as brothers and sisters, equal in dignity and united in faith.

Receiving the Eucharist also carries a responsibility. If we receive Christ's love, we must share Christ's love. The Eucharist is not meant to end when Mass ends. The Lord whom we receive at the altar sends us forth to be his presence in the world. We become his hands to serve the poor, his voice to encourage the discouraged, and his heart to forgive those who have hurt

Today is also an opportunity to renew our appreciation for the Mass. Sometimes familiarity can diminish our sense of wonder. We come week after week and may forget the miracle taking place before us. Corpus Christi invites us to rediscover awe and gratitude. Every Mass is a sacred encounter with the living Christ. Every Communion is a personal invitation from Jesus to remain in him and allow him to remain in us. As we celebrate this feast, let us ask ourselves: Do I truly recognize Jesus present in the Eucharist? Do I approach Holy Communion with faith and reverence? Does my participation in the Eucharist transform the way I live, love, and serve? May the Blessed Virgin Mary, who first carried Jesus within her, help us to receive him with open hearts. And may the Eucharistic Lord continue to strengthen and unite the parish family of St. Jerome Church, making us a community of faith, hope, and charity.

God bless  
Fr. Hygi.

# **Mass Remembrances**

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

**Weekend of June 6 & 7** The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
**Carol & Phil Messing; Zita Sebastian; Vincenzo Iannone Jr.; Ignazio Granata; Jack Laracca; Dominick Vento; George Iacono**

**Monday, June 8 - Doris Eagen (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)**

**Tuesday, June 9 - Ann Regan**

**Wednesday, June 10 - Hoang Pham**

**Thursday, June 11 - Richard Serna**

**Friday, June 12 - Jack Durkin**

**Weekend of June 13 & 14** 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  
**Angelo Mattera; Antonio Granata; Tina Morlando; Rose and Tom Conte; Jean Somma and Dominick Vento**

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**Funeral Service for George Iacono**  
**Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11AM**  
**St. Jerome Parish**

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**TIME CHANGE**

**Loss Group Meeting**  
**Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**2:00-3:30PM**

**Parish Hall**  
**All are welcome!**

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY****2026**

Week of May 31

In-Pew	\$2,782
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$1,172
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$3,954</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,940.00

*Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.***MONTH-END OFFERTORY SUMMARY****2026**

Month of May

5 Sundays

Weekly In Pew Offertory	\$14,622
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$13,162
Gifts and Annual Offertory	\$7,090
Total Offertory and Gifts	<u>\$34,874</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$41,257

**ONLINE GIVING  
SUPPORTS  
ST. JEROME****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.**

**One-time credit card donations can be made on our website by visiting**

**[www.osvhub.com/Stjeromenorwalk/giving/funds](http://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.***

# 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.

## Our Newly Baptized

**We joyfully welcome Julian Gruber, our newest parishioner, who was baptized on May 31st.**



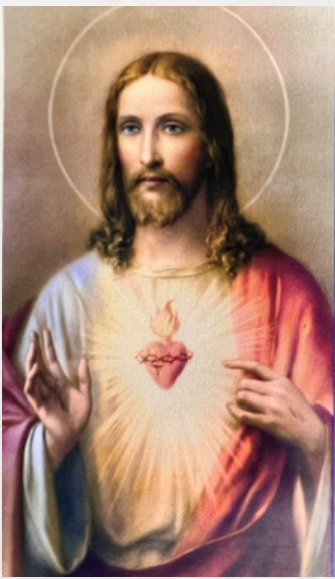
**Mass at 9AM  
Rosary after Mass  
Confessions at 3 PM**

**First Saturday**

**Devotion**

*Join us*

**EVERY FIRST  
SATURDAY**



## Consecration of the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

As part of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Bishops will consecrate the United States of America to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on June 11, 2026.

St. Jerome Parish will join in this historic, nationwide act of devotion at 4pm on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 8am and 10am Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Our June Social Concerns collection will take place from June 6 through June 15. We are gratefully accepting the following items: men's shaving cream, men's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, men's socks, and Walmart or Target gift cards. Please place all donations in the collection rack located in the church hallway.

Thank you for your generosity during our recent Malta House Diaper Drive. Approximately 30 boxes and bags of diapers and wipes were delivered to Malta House. In addition, about 25 bags of food were donated and distributed to Open Door, Person to Person, and the NCC Food Pantry in Norwalk. Your kindness is making a real difference for local families in need.

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.

If any parishioner is in need of food please reach out to the Parish Office for assistance.

### What is the Saint John Vianney Trust?

Faced with the rising number of retired priests, as well as skyrocketing medical costs, Bishop Caggiano established the St. John Vianney Trust as a dedicated 501(c)(3) to support retired priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport. This fund supplements the priests' pension, covering the costs of rising living expenses. Our goal is to raise \$2.5 million annually to meet our priests' growing needs.



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"Kindness to a father will not be forgotten." Slrach 3:14

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2026 Bishop's Appeal  
FOR THE BRIDGEPORT

**STRENGTHENING PARISHES  
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