



St. Jerome Norwalk
March 29, 2026
Palm Sunday

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

Confessions

Saturday 3:00-3:30 PM

Stations of the Cross on Friday March 27th at 5PM.

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.

Wednesdays

8:00 AM Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
benediction

2026 Bishop Appeal
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Goal: \$69,200 Pledged: \$22,277 Percentage Goal: 32%

Pastor's Desk

My dear brothers and sisters,

Today we begin Holy Week with a powerful contrast. We started outside with palms in our hands, shouting "Hosanna!"—just as the people welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. But only moments later, we listened to the Passion, where those same voices turn into "Crucify Him!" Palm Sunday confronts us with a question: Where do I stand in this story?

1. The Obedient Servant (Isaiah 50:4–7): In the first reading, the prophet speaks of the suffering servant: "I gave my back to those who beat me... my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting." This is not weakness. This is strength rooted in obedience. The servant listens to God and remains faithful even in suffering. Jesus fulfills this completely. He does not run from pain. He does not resist humiliation. Instead, He entrusts Himself to the Father. Here in our parish St. Jerome's, in our daily struggles—whether in family life, ministry, or personal trials—we are invited to the same spirit: to listen, to trust, and to remain faithful even when it is difficult.

2. The Humility of Christ (Philippians 2:6–11)– St. Paul gives us one of the most beautiful hymns in Scripture: "Though He was in the form of God... He emptied Himself... becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross." Jesus shows us that true greatness is not in power, but in self-emptying love. In a world that values recognition, success, and control, Christ teaches us a different path: humility instead of pride, service instead of domination and surrender instead of self-will because of this humility, God exalted Him. The way up is the way down. The path to glory passes through the cross.

3. The Passion: A Mirror of the Human Heart (Matthew 26–27): The Passion narrative is not just a story of what happened to Jesus—it is a revelation of the human condition. We see Judas betraying, Peter denying, the disciples fleeing, Pilate compromising and the crowd choosing Barabbas. If we are honest, we can find ourselves in each of these characters. How often do we betray Jesus for convenience? How often do we deny Him out of fear? How often do we remain silent when we should stand for truth? Yet, in the midst of all this sin, something greater shines: the mercy of God. Jesus does not retaliate. He does not condemn. Even on the cross, He gives everything in love.

4. From Palms to the Cross: Today we hold palms, symbols of victory. But this victory is not worldly—it comes through sacrifice. Palm Sunday teaches us that following Jesus is not just about moments of enthusiasm, but about commitment in suffering. It is easy to say "Hosanna" when life is good. It is much harder to remain faithful at the foot of the cross.

5. A Call for Our Parish Community. Here at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, this Holy Week is an invitation to walk with Jesus, not just admire Him. To enter into His Passion, not just hear about it. And to examine our hearts and return to Him. Let us not be spectators. Let us be disciples.

Conclusion: As we begin this sacred week, let us ask for three graces:

1. The grace to listen like the suffering servant
2. The grace of humility like Christ
3. The grace of fidelity to remain with Him to the end

So that when we reach Easter, we may not only celebrate the Resurrection but truly experience it in our lives. My brothers and sisters, today we walk with Jesus from the palms to the cross. Let us stay with Him—because beyond the cross lies the glory of the Resurrection.

God bless,
Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of March 28 & 29 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mary C. Sullivan; Laura Mastrianni; Bertha Franklino; Krystyna Aleksiejczyk; Carmine Pauciello and Giovanni Casale

Monday, March 30th - Olga Iossa

Tuesday, March 31st - Rafaela Gravey

Wednesday, April 1st - Dan Loch

Thursday, April 2nd - Dominick Vento

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



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 22

In-Pew	\$2,474
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$2,406
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,880</u>
<i>Budget</i>	\$6,840.00

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

Please consider using the sample bulletin announcement below for the second collection on Good Friday, April 3. Please make the Parish check out to "Diocese of Bridgeport Special Collections"

Special Collection for the Holy Land (Collection date: Good Friday, April 3, 2026)

The Holy Father has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, we stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as witnesses of peace, supporting Catholics in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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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.

Holy Week Schedule

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

Faith Formation Grade K-6th
Class on 3/29th at 9AM

Confirmation Prep
No Session

Social Concerns Meeting
Our next Social Concerns meeting will be held on Monday, March 30 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.
All are welcome to attend.

[Please sign up for adoration on Holy Thursday see bulletin board or clip board in back of church.](#)



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
SATURDAY**

ST JEROME UPDATES

THE “GOOD NEWS” FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

OUR MISSION

As Guardians of the future of Saint Jerome’s, we are the Parish leadership team to serve God, our Pastor and our Parish. We create, develop and execute a short and long-term vision, then initiatives, to grow our parish in Spirituality and Fellowship, while trying to inspire new parishioners and increase revenue. We support our Pastor and his initiatives, as one inspired and unified team with a sense of urgency.

OUR VISION

A Saint Jerome Parish growing in parishioners, spirituality and beauty that will endure for generations to come.

OUR PLANS

As we strive to grow our joyful and passionate parish & community in Fellowship, Beauty, Promotion, Communications, Spirituality and Revenue, please note our current initiatives....

- ~ Our new 10am Mass Welcome Committee: young adults, youth, children
- ~ Our monthly in-Mass-in-pew “Good News at Saint Jerome” to promote communication
- ~ Our after 10am Mass outdoor “Fellowship Breakfasts”
- ~ Our new “Peace in the Storm” Ministry, to spiritually accompany the suffering
- ~ Our upcoming “Grandparents Day” and “Parents Day”

Recently completed initiatives: 2nd Annual Saint Patricks Day Lunch, Hall Renovation, New Parish Street Signs

DID YOU KNOW...

The Parish of Saint Jerome has nearly 100 children, youth and young adults in our Faith Formation Program!

More “Good News” to come in the weeks & months to follow...!

Lenten Donation Deliveries

We are pleased to share the delivery reports provided by Nancy Wagner:

- **March 17:** 13 bags were delivered to Malta House, Notre Dame, and Autumn Lake.
- **March 24:** 33 bags and two cases of water were delivered to NCC.

We extend our sincere thanks to **Nancy and John Wagner** for their faithful help in delivering these items.

Each Wednesday during Lent, the **Autumn Lake Ambassadors** have also been transporting donations, and additional contributions to **Notre Dame Convalescent Home** have amounted to approximately **30 bags**.

We deeply appreciate the generosity of all who donated and supported those in need throughout the Norwalk community.

Lenten Food Drive

Please consider donating to our Lenten Food Drive. This week, we are collecting pasta and sauce.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please support those that support us!!!

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