



# St. Jerome Norwalk

## May 10th, 2026

### 6th 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 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 May 26, 2026

### Wednesdays

8:00 am Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament and  
benediction

Join us for a special Mother's Day Mass during  
the weekend of May 9th and 10th.

*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: \$33,574 Percentage Goal: 49%

# Pastor's Desk

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this Sixth Sunday of Easter, the Gospel from John (14:15–21) gives us a message that is both simple and demanding: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.” Love, in Jesus’ eyes, is not just a feeling—it’s something that takes shape in how we live, how we act, and how we treat one another. Jesus speaks these words to His disciples at a moment when they are anxious about being left alone. He knows their fear. And He responds not by removing the challenge, but by promising something deeper: “I will not leave you orphaned.” He promises the Advocate—the Holy Spirit—who will remain with them, guide them, and strengthen them. That promise is not just for the first disciples. It is for us here and now, gathered as the community of St. Jerome’s Church. In a place like Norwalk, life moves quickly. Many of you are balancing work, family responsibilities, financial concerns, and the constant noise of modern life. It’s easy for faith to become something we keep for Sunday, something we visit rather than something we live. But Jesus’ words don’t allow that kind of separation. He calls for a love that shows up on Monday morning, in traffic, in workplaces, in homes, in how we respond when we’re tired or frustrated. Keeping His commandments doesn’t mean perfection. It means direction. It means choosing patience when irritation feels easier. It means choosing honesty when cutting corners would be more convenient. It means making room for prayer even when schedules feel full. These are not dramatic gestures—but they are real expressions of love. And here’s the important part: Jesus doesn’t ask us to do this alone.

The Holy Spirit—the Advocate—is not an abstract idea. The Spirit is God actively present in your daily life. When you feel the quiet nudge to forgive someone, that’s the Spirit. When you find strength to keep going despite discouragement, that’s the Spirit. When you feel drawn to help someone in need, that’s the Spirit at work. Sometimes we expect God to show up in big, undeniable ways. But more often, God is present in the small, steady movements of grace that shape our decisions. Jesus also says something profound: “Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Notice that—He reveals Himself not just to those who understand everything, but to those who love and follow. So the question for us this week is not, “Do I feel close to God?” The question is, “Am I living in a way that makes space for Him?”

For our parish community, this could mean a few concrete things:

Recommitting to prayer—not just routine words, but real conversation with God.

Being more attentive to one another—especially those who feel unseen or burdened.

Strengthening families by practicing forgiveness and patience at home.

Participating more fully in the life of the parish, not as spectators, but as a living body.

Because a parish is not just a building—it is a people shaped by love and guided by the Spirit. And finally, Jesus reminds us: “Because I live, you also will live.”

This is the foundation of our hope. No matter the uncertainty we face—personally or as a community—our lives are rooted in His risen life. So as we continue this Easter season, don’t look for God only in extraordinary moments. Look for Him in the decision to love when it’s difficult. Look for Him in the quiet strength to do what is right. Look for Him in the Spirit already at work within you. He has not left you alone. And He never will.

God bless

Fr. Hygi.

# HOW ARE WE DOING?

| WEEKLY OFFERTORY  | 2026            |
|---|-----------------|
| Week of May 3   |                 |
| In-Pew  | \$3,353         |
| Online - Our Sunday Visitor   | \$2,206         |
| Total Weekly Offertory  | <u>\$5,559</u>  |
| Budget  | \$6,940.00      |
| <i>Note: Gifts, and Annual Offertory are reported at month end.</i> |                 |
|   |                 |
| MONTH-END OFFERTORY SUMMARY   | 2026            |
| Month of April  |                 |
|   | 4 Sundays       |
| Weekly In Pew Offertory   | \$17,924        |
| Online - Our Sunday Visitor   | \$14,307        |
| Gifts and Annual Offertory  | \$4,580         |
| Total Offertory and Gifts   | <u>\$36,811</u> |
| Budget  | \$40,357        |

*Second collection  
Catholic Communication  
Campaign  
May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>*



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.*

## 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.

# Mass Remembrances

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

**Weekend of May 9 & 10** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Kathleen Gioffre; Eileen L Kennedy; Rosalind Serna; Angelia Serrone; Vincenzo Iannone Jr.; James Pellegrino Sr.; Jean Somma**

**Monday, May 11 - Richard Pinto**

**Tuesday, May 12 - Frank Iossa**

**Wednesday, May 13 - Parishioners of St. Jerome**

**Thursday, May 14 - Lucy Allocca**

**Friday, May 15 - Parishioners of St. Jerome**

**Weekend of May 16 & 17** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Monsignor Malanowski; Dominick Vento; Joan Leskovsky; Pecoraro Family; Gabriella Moglia**

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*Loss Group Meeting Parish Hall  
May 16<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 2:30pm*

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*This week the Sanctuary Candle  
is offered in Memory of  
Mark Errico*



## **SAVE THE DATE**

Join us as we come together to honor Fr. Mike before he transitions to his new assignment with the Jesuit community in Massachusetts.  
Sunday, June 7, 2026 at 10:00 AM Mass.

A parish gathering will follow immediately after Mass downstairs in the Church Hall.

Shhh... We are planning a special surprise for him — a photo book filled with memories from throughout the years.  
Please share your photos with us as soon as possible. You may drop them off at the Parish Office or [office@stjeromenorwalk.org](mailto:office@stjeromenorwalk.org).

## **FAITH FORMATION**

No Classes for K-6<sup>th</sup> grades  
No Classes for Confirmation Prep 7-8<sup>th</sup> grade

## **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.**





**Please join us for a special Mother's Day Mass,  
with blessings and gifts for all mothers.**

**May 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 PM**

**May 10<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and 10 AM**



### **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!

**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.**

# 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**



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

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