



St. Jerome Norwalk

May 3rd, 2026

5th 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 May 2nd 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

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places... I am the way, and the truth, and the life."

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

These words from John's Gospel meet us exactly where we live: in a world that is often uncertain, anxious, and restless. Jesus does not begin with a command or a correction—He begins with a consolation: "Do not let your hearts be troubled." He knows the weight we carry. He knows the questions that keep us awake at night, the fears we try to hide, the burdens we quietly endure. And yet, He does not promise a life free from trouble. Instead, He offers something far greater: Himself. "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." Notice what He does not say. He does not say, "I will show you a way," or "I will teach you a truth," or "I will give you life." He says, "I am." The answer to our deepest longing is not a roadmap, not a philosophy, not even a set of rules—it is a person. To follow Christ is not merely to adopt a belief system; it is to enter into a relationship, to walk with Him, to trust Him even when the path ahead is unclear.

Thomas asks the question that many of us carry in our hearts: "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" It is an honest question, born not of doubt alone, but of desire—desire to follow, desire to understand. And Jesus responds not with directions, but with invitation: Stay with me. Trust me. Walk with me. How often do we want certainty before commitment? We want the full map before we take the first step. But faith does not work that way. Faith is not about having all the answers; it is about trusting the One who does.

Philip, too, speaks for us: "Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." And Jesus gently replies, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father." In other words, if you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus—His compassion, His mercy, His patience, His love poured out even unto death. There is no hidden God behind Him. There is no different face of God waiting elsewhere. In Christ, God has come close, has become visible, has become knowable. And this is where the Gospel becomes both comforting and challenging. Jesus says that those who believe in Him will do the works that He does—and even greater ones. That is a staggering claim. It means that faith is not passive. It is not simply about receiving comfort; it is about becoming instruments of God's presence in the world.

So, what does this mean for us here at St. Jerome church here and now? It means that when hearts are troubled—in our families, in our community, in our own lives—we are called not only to hear Christ's words, but to embody them. To be a source of peace. To be a sign of hope. To be a reflection of His love. It means that when someone feels lost, we help point them to "the way" not by argument alone, but by the integrity of our lives. It means that when truth feels obscured in a noisy world, we cling to Christ—not just as an idea, but as the living truth that shapes how we speak, how we act, how we love. And it means that when we encounter death, despair, or discouragement, we do not surrender to them, because we belong to the One who is "the life." "My Father's house has many dwelling places." These are not just words about the end of life—they are words about belonging. You have a place. You are known. You are wanted. And Christ Himself prepares that place for you. So today, whatever troubles your heart, hear again the voice of the Lord: Do not be afraid. Believe in me. And then take the next step—however small—with Him. Because He is the way. He is the truth. He is the life.

Amen.

God bless,

Fr. Hygi.

Mass Remembrances

This week we pray for the following...

Weekend of May 2 & 3 5th Sunday of Easter

Dominick Vento; Helen Marie Santos; Margaret McDonald; Souls of Granata Family; Alan Seymour; Mary Parks

Monday, May 4 - Agnese Maturi

Tuesday, May 5 - In honor of Jessica Casale

Wednesday, May 6 - Parishioners of St Jerome

Thursday, May 7 - Parishioners of St Jerome

Friday, May 8 - Kathleen Gioffre

Weekend of May 9 & 10 6th Sunday of Easter

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

HOW ARE WE DOING?

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

2026

Week of April 26

In-Pew	\$3,030
Online - Our Sunday Visitor	\$1,612
Total Weekly Offertory	<u>\$4,642</u>
Budget	\$6,950.00

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



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

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.



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.

FAITH FORMATION

Classes K-6th grade at 9:00 AM May 3rd
No Classes for Confirmation Prep 7-8th 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 9th at 4 PM

May 10th 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.