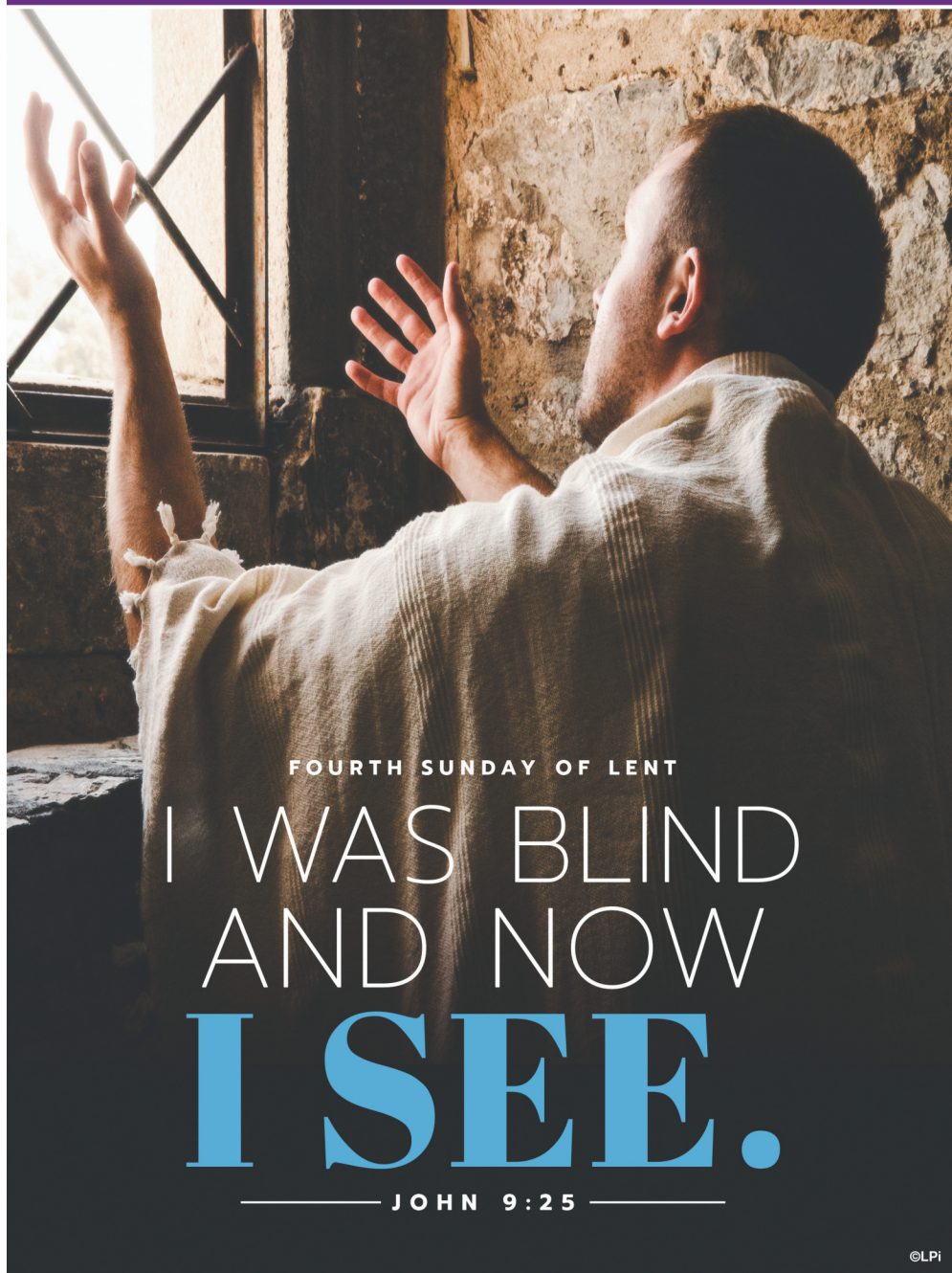


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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
I SEE.

JOHN 9:25

BELONG, BELIEVE, BECOME

Here at St. Gabriel, we strive to embrace these values:

Belong (You are loved here) *Believe* (Discover Christ with us)

Become (Be transformed)

Whoever you are, wherever you are in faith or life, if church is new to you, or you've been away – you are always welcome here. When you feel called to make this place your spiritual home, we warmly invite you to join our parish family by visiting, calling, or emailing the parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 5:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday | 8:00am, 10:00am
11:30am, 6:00pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 9:00am
Tuesday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Wednesday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Thursday | 6:30am, 9:00am
Friday | 9:00am
Saturday | 9:00am
Holy Days | See bulletin for schedule

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FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

THE MIRROR

Every time I get a haircut (Supercuts...it's all I can afford!)...I dread it. Looking at *this* face in the mirror for 20 minutes is excruciating. The receding hairline (a T-top, really). I have a *fivehead*, not a forehead. The grays coming in. My rounding face. Wow. Looking at yourself isn't really that fun. But *seeing* ourselves...that's another story.

In the Gospel today, Jesus smears mud on the eyes of the "man born blind" and sends him to go wash it off. The story never tells us what he first saw when his eyes were opened. But imagine this: after he washed, and his eyes were opened, it's possible the very first thing he ever saw was his own reflection.

His whole life people told him who he was. All types of labels: the blind man, the beggar, the sinner. The unfortunate one. Those labels followed him everywhere. But when his eyes were opened, not only does he see the world differently – he begins to see *himself* differently. Jesus doesn't only help us see God. He helps us see ourselves the way God sees us.

In a world of filters, selfies, and carefully edited versions of ourselves, we're constantly presenting an image we hope others will accept. But Christ sees (and loves) the real person underneath all of that. And when we encounter him, old labels start to fall away.

Maybe Lent is an invitation to look at the "mirror" a little longer and begin to see what Jesus saw in us all along: someone worth healing, worth loving, worth saving.

Coming Up at St. Gabriel's

Friends, Lent is moving quickly, and these next few weeks are filled with beautiful opportunities to pray together and prepare our hearts for Easter. I want to highlight a few things coming up in the parish so you can mark your calendar and even better, invite someone to come with you.

St. Joseph Devotion (This Thursday, March 19 at 7pm)

St. Joseph is a *quiet* figure. He never uttered one word in the Gospels. But he's a *powerful* figure – a protector, provider, and faithful servant of God. It will be a simple, prayerful evening together as we ask his intercession for our families and our parish.

Easter Dinners for St. Michael's, Newark (Next Weekend, March 21–22)

Please pick up a flyer for a list of needed food items on your way out of church. Then bring the items back next weekend when you come to Mass and place them in the truck in the upper parking lot. It's a *simple* way to make a real difference for a family in need. You can also make a donation that will be forwarded to St. Michael's. (Make check payable to St. Gabriel)

Parish Reconciliation Service (Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30pm)

As Easter approaches, this is one of the most important things we can do spiritually. It will be a beautiful prayer service, followed by an opportunity for individual confession, with several priests available. If it's been a while, don't worry! Just come. There is something powerful about laying things down and walking into Easter lighter.

Stations of the Cross (Friday, March 27 at 7:30pm)

You've probably prayed Stations of the Cross before – but I promise you, you've never experienced "Stations" like this! We'll listen to some reflections, a short sermon, meditative music, and candlelight. It's deeply prayerful and incredibly moving. The entire service is about 45 minutes, and many people have told me in the past when I've presented this that it becomes one of the most meaningful parts of their Lent. This is THE way to enter Holy Week.

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Looking Ahead to Holy Week and Easter

Please check the bulletin for the Palm Sunday, Triduum, and Easter schedule. Now's the time to start thinking about who you might invite – someone who hasn't been here in a while, someone searching, someone who might just say "yes" if you asked.

And just one more thing: if you've never experienced the Triduum ("TRIH-doo-um," meaning "Three Days" of Holy Thursday, Good Friday or the Easter Vigil), you are missing out! I mean that! These are the most powerful celebrations of the whole year. The beauty, the symbolism, the music, the prayer – it's the Church at her very best. And I'm so excited to celebrate my first Holy Week with you!

Friends, know that you are loved...and have a happy **St. Patrick's Day!** Salute! Cin cin!...I mean, Sláinte! We're ALL Irish on Tuesday. May Patrick inspire us to live and share the Gospel with the same courage he showed in Ireland in the 5th century. More than 1,500 years later, we're still talking about him. Imagine that. May the life and faith we live today be remembered by those who come after us 1,500 years from now.

Fr. Frank ✱

Holy Week & Easter at St. Gabriel's

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

We begin Holy Week remembering Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, with the blessing of palms and the proclamation of the Passion.

April 2 | 7pm | Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord's Supper

This beautiful liturgy remembers the night Jesus gave us the Eucharist and the Priesthood, and washed the feet of his disciples. We conclude in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Church open until 12am.
(No morning Mass)

April 3 | 7pm | Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

We gather at the traditional hour of the Lord's death to hear the Passion, venerate the Cross, and receive Holy Communion.
(No morning Mass)

April 2 | 7pm | Tenebrae – Scripture & Choral Meditations

A powerful and prayerful service led by our choir. Through Scripture, music, and the gradual dimming of the church lights, we reflect on the final hours of Christ. About 35 minutes. *All are encouraged, however, to attend the principal celebration at 3pm.*

April 4 | 8pm | Easter Vigil – The Resurrection of the Lord

The most beautiful liturgy of the entire year. Beginning in darkness and candlelight, we hear the great story of salvation and celebrate Christ's victory over death. This Mass counts for Easter Sunday.
(No morning Mass and no regular 4pm Confessions and 5pm Mass)

April 5 | Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord | 8am, 10am, 12n

*Please note the time change from 11:30am to 12n.
There is no 6pm Mass

Parents, please invite your children to come forward and make the 10:00am your family Mass.

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THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus holds **Saint Joseph** as a premier model of fatherhood, service, and masculinity, encouraging members to emulate his

Like Saint Joseph, Knights are called to be **protectors of the family and to lead with faith, hope, and charity**. All Saint Gabriel Knights are encouraged to attend the parish Saint Joseph Day prayer service on **March 19**. Details are elsewhere in this bulletin.

Please **mark your calendars** for our **annual Easter plant sale**. We will be selling Hydrangeas and Easter Lilies after all Masses on **Palm Sunday**. Keep us in mind before you purchase somewhere else. These are **top quality plants** that can be transplanted in your garden once spring weather arrives. And, as with all our fundraisers, **all proceeds go to local charities**.

Throughout Lent, opportunities abound for Knights to fulfill their obligations of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. In Nantucket, Massachusetts, **Knights embraced a challenge** that combined all three, spending a cold Ash Wednesday night outdoors to raise money for people experiencing homelessness. Whether by serving pregnancy resource centers, strengthening prayer life in the parish or holding food drives, councils around the world are living out the Order's principles of **charity, unity and fraternity** in a special way this Lent.

If you are interested in **joining the St. Gabriel's Knights of Columbus**, contact a current member or send us an email at knights@stgabrielsr.org.

Did you know? The Gospels contain **zero recorded words** spoken by Joseph, highlighting his role as a silent, active servant of God. Described as a **tekton** (Greek), he was more than a carpenter; he was an artisan, builder, or woodworker. Tradition holds that **Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary** before Jesus' public ministry began, making him the patron of a peaceful, final death.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 1 was \$12,557.75.

The amount of the collection for March 8 was \$12,612.75.

Thank you for your generosity and God bless you & your families.



The Sacrament of Baptism

First & third Saturdays at 12:00pm (not during Lent except in serious need). Baptism Prep required for first-time parents.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist: contact Frances Ferraro.

The Sacrament of Marriage

To begin marriage preparation, contact Fr. Frank Fano.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45 PM, or by appointment.

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound

If you or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to your home, please contact the parish office.

Frances Ferraro: fferraro@stgabrielsr.org

Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabrielsr.org

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY PRAYER SERVICE

Saint Gabriels will be hosting a prayer service in honor of Saint Joseph on **Thursday, March 19, at 7:00pm**. All are welcome and please feel free to invite guests. Following the 20 to 30-minute service, there will be coffee and pastries in the Sanzari Room featuring traditional Saint Joseph's zeppole and other treats.

The Catholic Church celebrates the solemn feast of Saint Joseph on March 19th. Catholics celebrate Saint Joseph's Day even when it falls during Lent.

St. Joseph is admired for his obedience to God, his unwavering faith, and his role in protecting and providing for Mother Mary and Jesus. He is the patron saint of fathers, workers, and immigrants. Saint Joseph is a model of faith, obedience, and humility and is considered a powerful intercessor for many causes, including family matters, employment, and spiritual guidance.

Please plan to join us for this community prayer event.

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL



The 2026 Annual Appeal is now underway!

Our parish goal is \$78,840, and each year we proudly reach it together. Your gift supports priest and seminarian formation, Catholic schools, social services, pastoral care, and ministries throughout the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark.



Please prayerfully consider participating.

You may give online at rcan.org/sharing (select our parish), or scan the QR code.

PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

March 14- 15

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Charlie

March 21- 22

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Charlie

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Anthony

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank



OUR PARISH COMMUNITY HOLDS IN PRAYER ALL WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

Salvatore Averso

Dawn Conguis

Meg Gallagher

Bill Hamilton

Joan Massotti

Nicole Trotta

Patrick Scheid Scorese

Daniel Castillo

Ada Fields

Grace Gilbert

Bob Kleinknecht

Marco Minuto

Merilyn Wolf

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: March 14, 2026

9:00am † Glenn Fromm - r/b The Mongelli Family
5:00pm † Tiffani Loughnane - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: March 15, 2026

8:00am † Robert McDonnell Muscarelle - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle
10:00am † Bobby Mattessich - r/b The Salvitelli Family
11:30am † Mark Cockroft, Jr & Deceased members of the Taite Family - r/b Susan Taite-Malone
6:00pm † Frederick Makhoul - r/b Dr. & Mrs. Gerard Makhoul and Family

Monday: March 16, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Anne and Edgar Schiewbold - r/b Dave Stuhr

Tuesday: March 17, 2026

6:30am † Mary Lou Gartland - r/b The Gornell's
9:00am † James FitzPatrick - r/b Mike and Helen Vaupotic

Wednesday: March 18, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Emilio Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Thursday: March 19, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Michael Yanoschak - r/b Patti Ross and Family

Friday: March 20, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish
9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Saturday: March 21, 2026

9:00am † Diane Stewart - r/b The Mongelli Family
5:00pm Living and Deceased members of the Taite and Nobile Family - r/b Susan Taite Malone

Sunday: March 22, 2026

8:00am † Robert McDonnell Muscarelle - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle
10:00am † The Ferro and Ross Families - r/b Patti Ross
11:30am † Annette Tedeschi - r/b Barbara Milone
6:00pm † Elizabeth D. Lawson - r/b The Bigley Family

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp at the Blessed Sacrament and the Altar Bread and Wine consecrated during the week are available as memorials for loved ones.

To arrange, please contact the parish office at (201) 327-5663.

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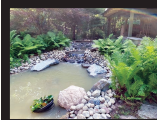
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