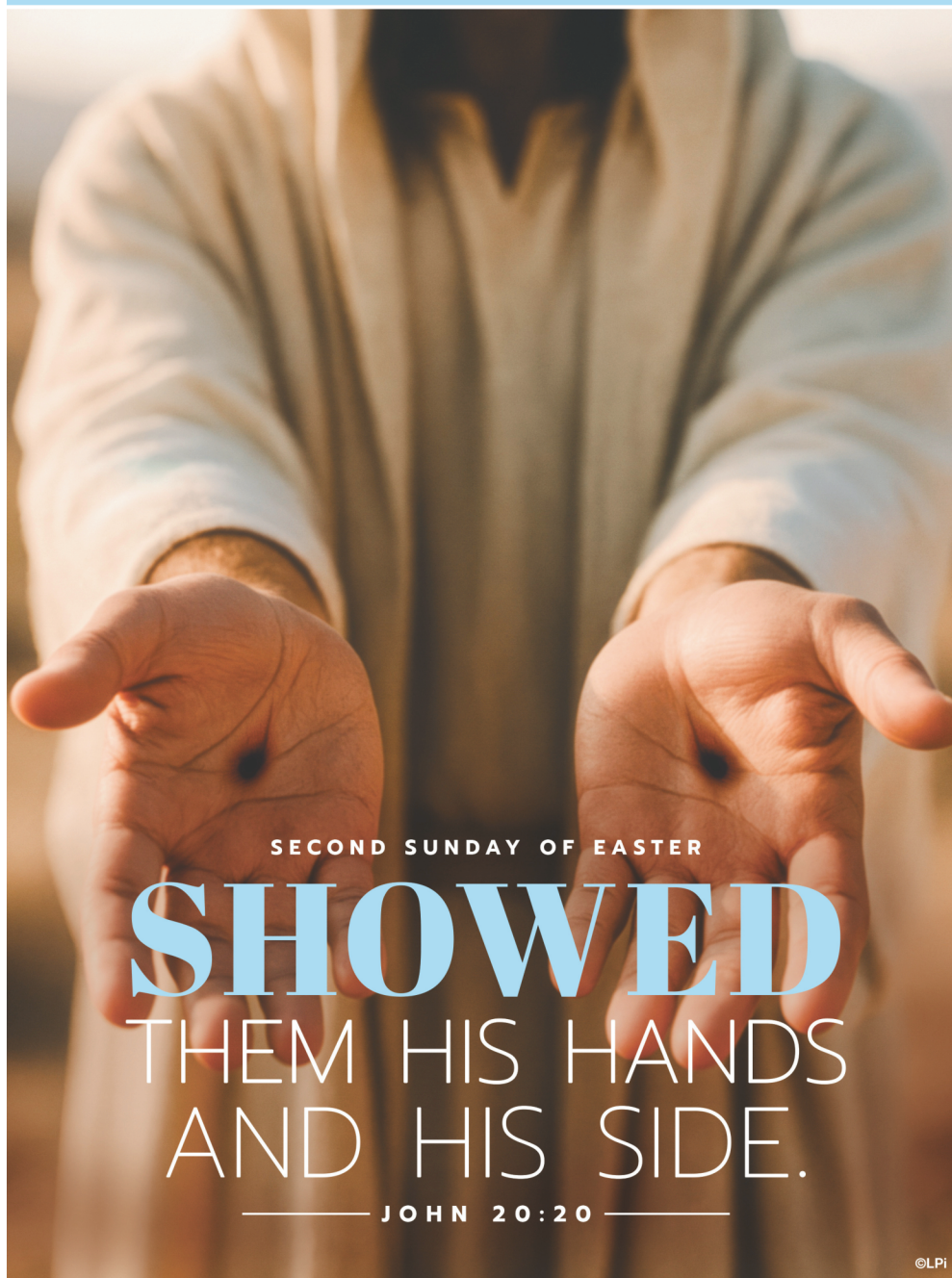


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SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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THEM HIS HANDS
AND HIS SIDE.

— JOHN 20:20 —

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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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.



FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

As I sit here writing this column on Easter Monday, I'm reflecting on my very first Lent, Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Sunday at Saint Gabriel. It's tough to pick just one highlight – whether it was the **Stations of the Cross**, the deeply moving Washing of Feet and Procession with the Holy Eucharist on Holy Thursday; or the Adoration of the Cross on **Good Friday**...I had the presider's chair – the best seat in the house – watching your faces as you approached the Cross. I could see the real burdens, the real faith written in your eyes, your faces, your posture. Your love for, and hope in Christ *changes me*; or the music that carried us through, including **Tenebrae**; or gathering around the "New Fire" outside for the **Easter Vigil**; or the image and symbol of a darkened church with just that singular light from the Paschal (Easter) Candle piercing through; or when the all the lights came on during the singing of the "Gloria" that night, with the bells ringing...wow; or **Easter Sunday** morning – it was *electric*! Packed to the brim, but *filled* with excitement. I really don't have the words to capture what I was experiencing. The whole experience was nothing short of inspiring. I would love to hear what you all were experiencing!

You know, these celebrations don't just *happen*. It takes planning, creativity and commitment, and very talented people to pull it off. And so, I especially want to express my gratitude to **Melody Chen**, our Director of Music. I say it often, but she is such a blessing. Her collaborative spirit, her expertise, her care...believe me, as a professional musician/organist myself, she is *incredible*. It a *rarity* in Catholic churches to have such amazing musicianship. I want to thank our marvelous **choir**; our **altar boys** (altar "pros") for the Triduum and setting such a holy, solemn tone – brothers **James, Joseph, and Nicholas Governara**, and brothers **Matthew and Olman Barrantes**; all our **Eucharistic ministers, lectors, ushers, and the Knights of Columbus** who made the Easter Vigil fire possible. Special shout-out to **Olman Barrantes** and **Mark Sterancsak** for getting that Easter Vigil fire *a-blazin'*! (They dubbed themselves "The Holy Keepers of the Flame!") And a thank you to **John Haiduk** and his **brother** for supplying the wood. Thank you to **Pat Pula**, our Art and Environment specialist! for arranging the Easter Altar flowers, with the help of **Cathy Howath**. And thank you **everyone** who *donated* those flowers in memory of loved ones. For **Liam Rogers, Denyse and Bill Galda** for narrating the Tenebrae reflections. And a thank you to **Erin MacArthur-Leal** and the guest musicians who helped us meditate on the Stations. (I hope I'm not leaving anyone out.)

Together, we made these seasons one to remember. And those of our **week-in week-out parishioners**: don't minimize your impact! Thank YOU for your presence, your participation, and your welcome to all our **guests** who joined us on Easter Sunday. Hopefully they felt our warmth and the joy of belonging, even just for an hour.

As we move forward, let's keep that same spirit alive – the Easter Season lasts for 50 days, and Easter is eternal – welcoming, joyful, and ready for what God has in store for our parish community. Christ is alive and dies no more! That's the tone we need to commit ourselves to every Sunday – even if it's in the middle of July! Christ is alive, here!

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Again, thank you for making this an unforgettable Easter.

And lastly, let's keep all our **First Communion children** (and their families) in our hearts these next two Saturdays. Pray that they sense the wonder of meeting Jesus in the Eucharist for the first time. Let's also make sure they know our parish family is cheering them on – and that this is just the start of something beautiful.

And as a heads up: on April 26 at the 10am Mass, we'll celebrate Confirmation and First Eucharist for those adult **Candidates** seeking the fullness of the life of Christ in the Catholic Church.

Friends, know you are loved!

Happy Easter!

Fr. Frank



The Sacrament of Baptism

We're delighted to welcome your child into the life of Christ.

Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Saturdays of each month at 12:00pm (*not celebrated during Lent, except in cases of serious need*). First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Adults seeking Baptism, Confirmation, or Eucharist are invited to contact Frances Ferraro.



The Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations! 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





THE KNIGHTS CORNER



Thanks to all who **supported our annual Easter plant sale**. Once again, as with all our other fundraisers this year, the Saint Gabriel's family stepped up in a big way to help us **sell out of all our plants**.

Our apologies to the 6:00pm Mass goers as the support was so strong during the morning Masses that we had no inventory left for the evening. **Funds raised exceeded \$1,100**, all of which will go to a local charity whose work is consistent with the mission of the Knights and the values of the Saint Gabriel's community.

The next Saint Gabriel's Knights of Columbus **council meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, April 13**, starting with a social gathering at 6:30pm, followed by our business meeting at 7:00pm. The officers have made a commitment to do their best to end each business meeting by 8:00pm. We encourage all Brother Knights to attend, especially those we haven't seen in a while.

On March 29, 1882, the Knights of Columbus was formally chartered by the state of Connecticut. In his 2020 apostolic letter announcing our founder, Father Michael McGivney's, beatification, Pope Francis affirmed that Father McGivney's "zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel and generous concern for the needs of his brothers and sisters made him an outstanding witness of Christian solidarity and fraternal assistance." Today, more than 2 million Knights around the world continue to live out Blessed Michael McGivney's vision.

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? Easter did not end after your Easter Sunday celebrations. It is just beginning! The Easter season (or Eastertide) in the Catholic Church is the 50-day period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is the most important liturgical season, characterized by joyful celebration, the singing of "Alleluia," and the continued presence of the Paschal Candle.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Recent collection totals were not available at the time of publication and will be posted as soon as they are available. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and support.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL



The 2026 Annual Appeal is now underway!

We've surpassed our goal of \$78,840 and we're so close to making our stretch goal of \$102,492! This is fantastic news! Thank you all for your generosity. We truly believe in our Archdiocese's mission to help those in need. Let's try to push past that mark. If we do so,

before June 30, we'll either get a 2% reduction in our parish assessment or a rebate, which will help us tackle some important future projects!

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PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

April 11- 12

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Charlie

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Anthony

April 18- 19

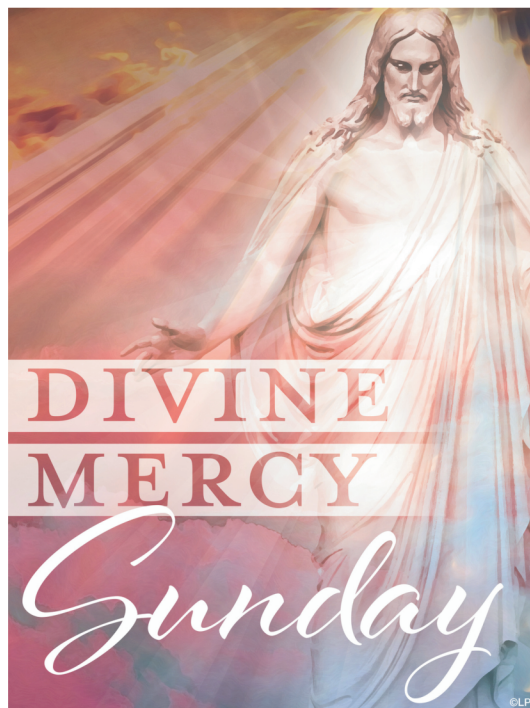
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OUR PARISH COMMUNITY HOLDS IN PRAYER ALL WHO ARE SICK OR HOMEBOUND.

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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





Sunday, April 12, 2026 | Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: April 11, 2026

9:00am † Stefan Mazur - r/b Family

5:00pm † Emilio & Tiffani Alonso - r/b Donna Alonso

Sunday: April 12, 2026

8:00am † Dave Gilsenan - r/b John and Anne Krautheim

10:00am † Anthony Picinic, Jr - r/b Mom & Dad

11:30am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b The Stefanacci Family

6:00pm Special Intention

Monday: April 13, 2026

9:00am Fr. Frank Del Prete (Living Intention) - r/b Marco & Margaret Minuto

Tuesday: April 14, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Rose Mongelli - r/b The Mongelli Family

Wednesday: April 15, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Corinne D'Orta - r/b The Mongelli Family

Thursday: April 16, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Richard V Cancilla - r/b Pat Cancilla

Friday: April 17, 2026

9:00am † Michael Peloso - r/b Jayne I

Saturday: April 18, 2026

9:00am † Bill Jergensen - r/b Doris Jergensen

5:00pm † Joseph Fichter - r/b Maureen and Ron

Sunday: April 19, 2026

8:00am † Jim FitzPatrick - r/b Joe and Sharon Muscarelle

10:00am † Jerry Pieroni - r/b The Salvitelli Family

11:30am † Vic Bet - r/b Marie and Artie Bet

6:00pm † Jack Inserra - r/b Patti Ross and 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.

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