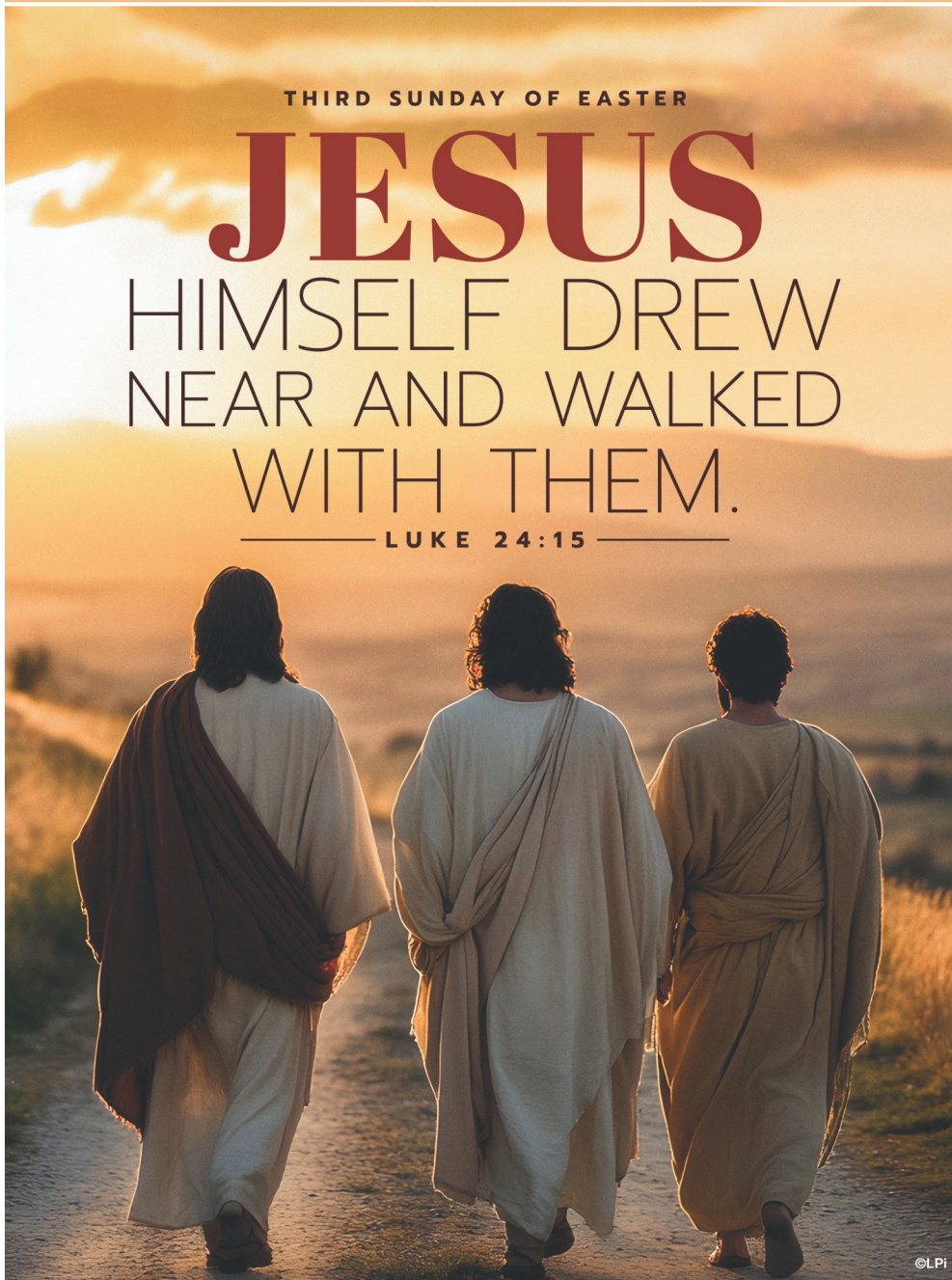


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SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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HIMSELF DREW
NEAR AND WALKED
WITH THEM.
— LUKE 24:15 —



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

We've all had moments where life didn't turn out the way we hoped. Plans fall apart. Relationships end. Dreams collapse. And when that happens, our instinct is to walk away. Sometimes, run. That's the story of the disciples on the **Road to Emmaus**. They were *leaving* Jerusalem – the scene of the "crime," where it all went down. *"We hoped he'd be the one..."* Disappointed and crushed. That's where the Risen Jesus starts to walk alongside them on their escape route, as a stranger. Listening, letting them speak *honestly* about their pain and their confusion.

Then, in a strangely *ordinary* moment, over a **meal**, everything changes. Their spiritual eyes are opened and they realized Jesus was with them the whole time, in the breaking of the bread!

What's amazing is that Jesus doesn't *erase* the past and *fix* everything. He doesn't *change* what happened in Jerusalem. He changes *them*.

Maybe the question isn't necessarily: *"How do I fix my life?"* But *"Where is Jesus walking with me – right now?"* Because he is, in the *places* and *experiences* we think he'd *never* want to show up and hear about, when we're trying to escape life. And then feeds us and gives us the *fuel* to make the trek all the way back to the scene where it all went down: our personal "Jerusalem's."

And if we invite him in to *"stay with us,"* in the questions, in the struggle – something shifts. We find the *strength* to go back...to face life again...not *alone*, but *changed*, with him.

My hope is that's what our Sunday experience of the Eucharist is for us. A time, I'm sure, many of us come to escape the Monday to Saturday stuff. That's fine. But that somehow, in our *honesty*, bringing the real stuff of our week, *"our hearts burn as he speaks to us"* (**Word**), and that we recognize him in the *"breaking of the bread"* (**Eucharist**).

What's incredible is that this **Emmaus** story happened on **Easter Sunday**, the very first evening of the resurrection, and...Jesus was *already* "celebrating" **Mass**! He *knew* it would be the fuel we'd need to go and face what's waiting for us in "Jerusalem." Running back, without fear – because we know it was *him* we met, and how he *fed* us and is *with* us!

Notice in the Gospel: when the *"stranger"* breaks the bread and gives it to them, he **vanishes** from their sight. And Cleopas and the other disciple just sit there with a piece of bread in their hands. **What other convincing do we need!** If the *physical* Jesus would have remained at the table, it would have been a *strange, double presence*. Jesus was making the point: *"that bread? That's me. And that's how you're going to be experiencing me – from now on."*

Transubstantiation, etc., fine. Cleopas and the other disciple would have *no* clue what that means. Yet, they *simply* knew him in the **breaking of the bread**. Let's be mindful of that when we celebrate Mass and receive Communion together. This is Jesus, giving you his very self. Not a symbol. But his Body and Blood, whole and entire, desiring to *feed* you, choosing to be with you – because he *loves* you, and wants to *empower* you. He wouldn't fake us out but saying, "this resembles me." Nope: *"This is MY Body. Given for you."*

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First Communion

Speaking of the Eucharist, what a joy yesterday to share with our young friends their First Communion! We have another celebration this Saturday. I'll say more about it when all our 34 children have received. Thank you, children, for reminding us of how precious a gift the Eucharist is – for us!

Annual Appeal 2026

We've reached our stretch goal! Yay! Thank you! Even more encouraging: the number of donors has increased from this time last year. More people are stepping in, joining the mission of Christ, in all its areas. That said, the QR code to donate remains in the bulletin. Why? Because the mission doesn't stop. Our Archdiocese continues to do incredible work for those in need, and it only happens through our participation. If you haven't participated yet, I invite you to consider doing so. Your gift, whatever it may be, is a tangible way to be part of that mission.

Heads up Next Weekend: "Called By Name"

Please read the bulletin piece on this Archdiocesan initiative. As you know, we are in desperate need to priestly vocations. I will speak more about this next week in my column and my homily.

Next Sunday at the 10am Mass: Adult Confirmation and First Eucharist

Please keep **Nicholas Frei, Luca Kiss, Anita Mathew, and Linda Strobeck** in your prayers. After their journey of preparation, they will be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit first given at Baptism, and will receive the Eucharist for the very first time. This is that culmination of their initiation into the Catholic Church – the moment they are fully welcomed to the table of the Lord. Strengthened by the Spirit and nourished by the Eucharist, they will then begin to live fully as Catholic-Christian disciples. A beautiful moment for them – and for our whole parish family!

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@stgabriel.org
Fr. Frank Fano: ffano@stgabriel.org



THE KNIGHTS CORNER



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the monthly **Men's Mass** on Saturday, **April 25 at 8:00am**. All men of the parish, and guests, are welcome. The Mass is

followed by light snacks and discussion about issues of the day that affect us as Catholic men. We will be exploring the **"Into the Breach"** series, inspired by the Apostolic Exhortation for Catholic Men written by Bishop Olmsted of Phoenix, and produced by the Knights of Columbus, which seeks to answer the question of what it means to be a man and how to live as a man in today's world. **This month's topic is Evangelization.**

The April **coffee social**, sponsored by the Knights, will be held after all Masses on Sunday, **April 26**. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with your fellow parishioners. We hope to see you there.

As the Catholic Church celebrates the **hundreds of thousands of people received into full communion** during the Easter Vigil, it is essential that resources be made available to support the continued spiritual growth of converts — an area where the **Knights of Columbus can play a special role**. Through works of faith and charity, Knights bear witness to the Gospel around the world, drawing support from parishioners and others.

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? April 25 is the **Feast Day of Saint Mark the Evangelist** (often identified as John Mark). He was not one of the original 12 apostles, but was a **pivotal early Church leader**, close companion to St. Peter, and author of the oldest and shortest Gospel. He is recognized as the founder of the Church in Egypt, serving as the first Bishop of Alexandria. Mark is **traditionally depicted as a winged lion**, symbolizing the resurrection of Jesus and the "voice crying in the wilderness" from his gospel's opening.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for April 12 was \$12,846.75.

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

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ 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!

Please prayerfully consider participating.

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



CALLED BY NAME

HONORING FAITHFUL YOUNG MEN IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Dear friends, next weekend (April 25-26) our Archdiocese is doing something special. It's called **"Called By Name Sunday."**

Cardinal Tobin is inviting each parish to recognize young men (ages 15-35) among us who have a deep love for God, a love for people, and a heart for service. If someone comes to mind- someone you think could have that call- we'll have an opportunity to share their name through contact cards. These men will then receive a letter from the Cardinal, be invited to discernment events, and get ongoing support to see where God may be leading them. Our Archdiocese is in need to more priests for the future. Check the bulletin, Flocknote, and social media for all the details!



NEWARK PRIEST



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE

April 18- 19

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Charlie

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Frank

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Frank

April 25- 26

Sat 5:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 11:30am- Fr. Anthony

Sun 6:00pm- Fr. Charlie



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 19, 2026 | Third Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Insera - r/b Patti Ross and Family

Monday: April 20, 2026

9:00am † Alfred Leone - r/b The Zak Family

Tuesday: April 21, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Tiffani Loughnane - r/b Donna Alonso

Wednesday: April 22, 2026

6:30am For the people of the parish

9:00am † Joseph Giancristofaro - r/b Judy

Thursday: April 23, 2026

6:30am † Bayani Suarez - r/b The Carabuena Family

9:00am Mass in Thanksgiving - r/b Patti Ross

Friday: April 24, 2026

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

Saturday: April 25, 2026

9:00am † Elizabeth Lawson - r/b The Bigley Family

5:00pm † Jerry Mattessich - r/b The Tarabocchia Family

Sunday: April 26, 2026

8:00am † Walter Mueller - r/b Ron and Camille Giancristofaro

10:00am † Mark Cockcroft and Deceased members of the Taite family - r/b Susan Taite-Malone

11:30am † Catherine Montgomery - r/b Dave Stuhr

6:00pm † Anthony Favaloro - r/b Audrey Galletti



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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