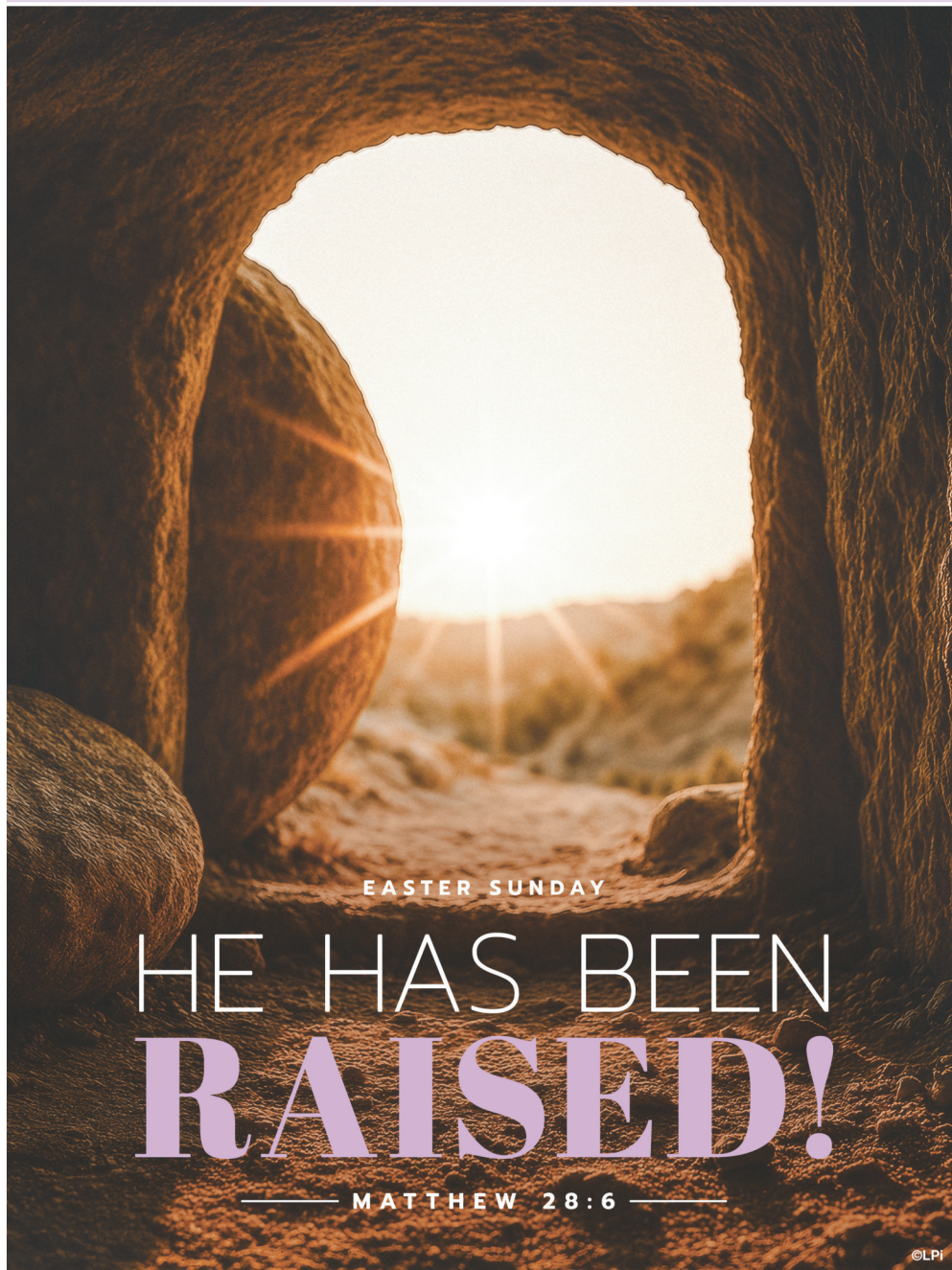


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SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026



EASTER SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED!

— MATTHEW 28:6 —

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

HAPPY EASTER!

If this is your first time with us, your first time in a long time: welcome!

If you're not a church person, a skeptic, or you were dragged here...even if you think this *whole* thing is nonsense or superstition – I'm *especially* glad you're here. Really. Hopefully, we can be a church that people who don't *like* church, actually like!

I'm going to level with you: Easter used to be the most stressful day of the year. So many people show up, and as a priest, you feel this pressure: *"If I do an amazing job, maybe they'll come...twice a year."* And underneath that is an even bigger pressure: *"I've got to convince people that Jesus really rose from the dead."*

Christmas? That's easy. Everybody loves a baby. Birth is natural. Christmas is warm, nostalgic (even if the whole "God being born" stretches things a bit).

But Easter? It's not natural. People don't rise from the dead. If anything, Easter might push some people further into doubt: *"OK, the Virgin Birth is one thing – but the Resurrection? That's too far."* And honestly, I get that. I'm a natural skeptic myself.

But here's what I've come to realize: it's not my job to make anyone believe. Faith isn't about forcing answers or winning arguments. Too often, Christians think if they just say the right words and say them often – voilà! people will just suddenly "get it." (But there usually going on about moral or hot-button issues. Meanwhile, they'll rarely speak about the essentials: Jesus. Easter. The resurrection.)

In the end, it really comes down to this: either he rose, or he's still dead.

And yes, Christians make a bold claim: he rose. He's alive. He's here, even now, and life is found in him. But even saying that – I know – it can go right over our heads. So maybe *this* is a better place to land: you don't have to have it all figured out today. You don't have to be convinced by a homily or a bulletin article. But it's worth asking the question.

A whole movement was born from that first Easter. Ordinary people suddenly empowered, willing to suffer, even be killed, because they were convinced that they had seen something real. Not an idea. Not a philosophy. A Person – alive! And *that's* really the heart of it.

Christianity doesn't begin with a rulebook or a list of moral demands. It begins with an event. An empty tomb. A claim that refuses to go away.

And maybe you're not there. Maybe "he rose" *still* feels like too much. That's OK. But if there's even a small part of you that wonders, *"what if it's true?"* then, stay with that. Follow that question. Because Easter isn't just about something that happened back then – it's about what could happen now. The claim isn't just that Jesus rose long ago, but that he's alive and still meeting people, still changing lives, bringing "dead" people back to life again, still offering hope where there doesn't seem to be any. And he didn't do this by pressure or arguments. He does it, personally.

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If it IS true, that will eventually bring me to a place of decision. But, for right now, stay with the question. Wrestle it out.

So, whether you come here every week, twice a year, or this is your first time in church in a long time: this is a place for you. A place to question. A place to doubt. A place to look again. A place to peek inside the empty tomb and wonder, *"what if it's true?"* And maybe, just maybe, a place to encounter something real.

STAY CONNECTED WITH US BEYOND EASTER!

Allow us to be connected with you through **Flocknote**, a communication service we use to send out updates, announcements, and parish news – delivered straight to you through email (see the QR code in this bulletin to register). Follow us on **Instagram** and **Facebook** to stay encouraged, see what's happening in our community, and share in parish life throughout the week. We've begun to livestream our 10am Sunday Mass on both **Facebook** and **YouTube**, so subscribe there, too! (Daily Masses are streamed on YouTube only) However *you* prefer to connect, we'd love to stay in touch with you!

Know I pray for you and your families every single day. I'm so blessed to find myself here at St. Gabriel's. I happen to think we're having fun! Keep me in your prayers as well.

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



The Knights of Columbus were happy to actively participated in **Holy Week**. Key activities included lectoring, acting as ushers, serving as Extraordinary

Ministers of the Eucharist, singing in the choir, and even donating the wood and tending to the fire during the Easter Vigil. Our involvement aimed to **deepen the faith of all parishioners** through the Easter Triduum.

Thanks to all who supported our **annual Easter plant sale**. See next week's bulletin for the results.

Happy Easter to All. Joyeuses Pâques (French). Felices Pascuas (Spanish). Buona Pasqua (Italian). Frohe Ostern (German). Z Velykodnem (Ukrainian). Feliz Páscoa (Portuguese). Vrolijk Pasen (Dutch). Khristos Voskres (Russian). Chag pascha samev'ach (Hebrew). Happy Easta (Jersey City). No matter how you say it, the message is the same: **Christ is Risen! – Truly He is Risen!**

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.

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 traditions are rooted in ancient spring festivals and Christian history, featuring the **egg as a symbol of new life**. Originating from German folklore, the Easter Bunny was historically a hare that left colored eggs for children. The **White House Easter Egg Roll** tradition began in 1878, initiated by President Rutherford B. Hayes. Today, Easter is the second largest candy-consuming holiday in the US, with over **90 million chocolate bunnies** produced annually.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The amount of the collection for March 22 was \$13,577.75. Because of early bulletin deadlines, additional totals were not available at the time of printing and will be shared in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you, & God bless your generosity.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL



The 2026 Annual Appeal is now underway!

Each year, our parish reaches its goal, helping to support essential ministries of our Archdiocese. This year's goal is \$78,840 - and together, we can do it again. Gifts to the Annual Appeal support

priest and seminarian formation, Catholic schools, social services for those in need, pastoral care, and programs that strengthen parish life across our Archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider participating.

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



PRESIDERS' SCHEDULE



April 4-5

Sat 8:00pm- Fr. Frank

Sun 8:00am- Bishop Saporito

Sun 10:00am- Fr. Frank

Sun 12:00N- Fr. Frank

No 6:00pm

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



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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 5, 2026 | Easter Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday: April 4, 2026

9:00am Blessing of Easter Meals

8:00pm Easter Vigil- For the people of the parish

Sunday: April 5, 2026

8:00am For the people of the parish

10:00am For the people of the parish

12:00Noon For the people of the parish

Monday: April 6, 2026

9:00am † William Kelly - r/b Dave Stuhr

Tuesday: April 7, 2026

9:00am † Carol Lee Crowley- r/b Carol Lamela

Wednesday: April 8, 2026

9:00am † Robert Mattessich - r/b Lina Mattessich

Thursday: April 9, 2026

9:00am † Richard Stefanacci - r/b The Stefanacci Family

Friday: April 10, 2026

9:00am † Dorothy Scior - r/b Dave Stuhr

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

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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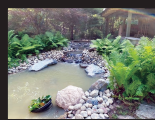
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