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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Pictures of Easter and Swieconka



First Holy Communion - May 3rd

10:30AM - Polish
12:00PM - English

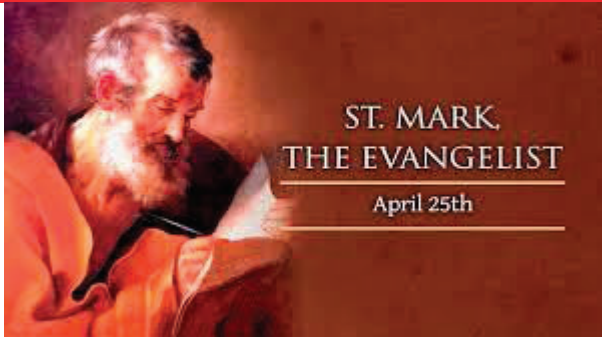


NEWARK PRIEST

CALLED BY NAME

HELP US CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF PRIESTS

We are in need of more priests. So, next weekend is Called By Name Sunday, an initiative to honor faithful young men who may be open to the priesthood. Cardinal Tobin is inviting parishioners of every parish of the Archdiocese of Newark to submit names of young men who have shown a love for God and a desire to serve their neighbor. These men will be sent a letter from the Cardinal, invitations to discernment events, and receive ongoing support from our Vocation Team to help them better discern their vocation. Through all of us as the Church, the Lord will call more men to embrace their vocation.



Most of what we know about Saint Mark comes directly from the New Testament. He is usually identified with the Mark of Acts 12:12. When Saint Peter escaped from prison, he went to the home of Mark's mother.

Paul and Barnabas took him along on the first missionary journey, but for some reason Mark returned alone to Jerusalem. It is evident, from Paul's refusal to let Mark accompany him on the second journey despite Barnabas's insistence, that Mark had displeased Paul. Because Paul later asks Mark to visit him in prison, we may assume the trouble did not last long.

The oldest and the shortest of the four Gospels, the Gospel of Mark emphasizes Jesus' rejection by humanity while being God's triumphant envoy. Probably written for Gentile converts in Rome—after the death of Peter and Paul sometime between A.D. 60 and 70—Mark's Gospel is the gradual manifestation of a "scandal": a crucified Messiah.

Evidently a friend of Saint Mark—calling him "my son"—Peter is only one of this Gospel's sources, others being the Church in Jerusalem (Jewish roots), and the Church at Antioch (largely Gentile).

Like another Gospel writer Luke, Saint Mark was not one of the 12 apostles. We cannot be certain whether he knew Jesus personally. Some scholars feel that the evangelist is speaking of himself when describing the arrest of Jesus in Gethsemane: "Now a young man followed him wearing nothing but a linen cloth about his body. They seized him, but he left the cloth behind and ran off naked."

Others hold Mark to be the first bishop of Alexandria, Egypt. Venice, famous for the Piazza San Marco, claims Mark as its patron saint; the large basilica there is believed to contain his remains.

A winged lion is Mark's symbol. The lion derives from Mark's description of John the Baptist as a "voice of one crying out in the desert" (Mark 1:3), which artists compared to a roaring lion. The wings come from the application of Ezekiel's vision of four winged creatures to the evangelists.

Polska Szkoła Doksztalająca

Rozpoczynamy zapisy do naszej szkoły na rok szkolny 2026–2027. Nasza szkoła to coś więcej niż nauka – to miejsce, gdzie dzieci poznają język, kulturę i budują swoją polską tożsamość w atmosferze życzliwości i wspólnoty. Serdecznie zapraszamy zarówno obecne, jak i nowe rodziny do dołączenia do naszej szkolnej rodziny

Opłaty:
 \$450 – pierwsze dziecko (w tym \$50 na Komitet Rodzicielski)
 \$250 – drugie dziecko
 \$100 – każde kolejne dziecko

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BESTCHURCH SENIORS

The BestChurch Seniors will be taking a summer break. Our Last meeting for this season will be **May 21st** for the end of season luncheon at **12:00PM** in the church office.



Since lunch will be served
Please contact the office if you will be attending.

ROSARY SOCIETY



The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after Mass with Benediction at 10:45AM.

RICE BOWL

Rice Bowl boxes are located at all the entrances of the church. Your help is greatly appreciated. You may return them to the office or in the collection basket at Mass by April 26th. Children in Religious Education classes can return them in class by April 22nd.



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$17,155.00!**

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:



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Collection for April 12th

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Total\$ 5,655

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Care for Creation

Our annual diaper and toiletries collection has begun and will continue through the month of May. This year we will collect diapers (size 3 to 6), baby wipes, full size lotions, soaps, shampoos, as well as feminine hygiene products.

Donations will be distributed to United Families in Plainfield and to the Plainfield Star Fish Food Bank. Donations of any type and amount are appreciated. Please leave all items in the open area of the church or in the Parish Office.

Any questions please contact Theresa.cosmas@gmail.com (908- 889-1945).

From Fr. Marcin

The Gospel from this Sunday, which is the Third Sunday of Easter, is that of the disciples of Emmaus. They were two of Jesus' disciples who, after his death and the Sabbath was past, leave Jerusalem and return, sad and dejected, to their village which was named Emmaus. Along the way the Risen Jesus draws near to them, but they do not recognize Him. Seeing them so sad, He first helps them to understand that the Passion and death of the Messiah were foreseen in the plan of God and announced in the Sacred Scriptures: thus He rekindled a fire of hope in their hearts.

At that point, the two disciples experienced an extraordinary attraction to the mysterious man, and they invited Him to stay with them that evening. Jesus accepted and went into the house with them. When, at table, He blessed the bread and broke it, they recognized Him, but He vanished out of their sight, leaving them full of wonder. After being enlightened by the Word, they had recognized the Risen Jesus in the breaking of the bread, a new sign of His presence. Immediately they felt the need to go back to Jerusalem to tell the other disciples about their experience, that they had met the living Jesus and recognized him in the act of the breaking of the bread.

The road to Emmaus thus becomes a symbol of our journey of faith: the Scriptures and the Eucharist are the indispensable elements for encountering the Lord. We often go to Sunday Mass with our worries, difficulties and disappointments. Life sometimes wounds us, and we go away feeling sad, towards our "Emmaus," turning our backs on God's plan. We distance ourselves from God, but the Liturgy of the Word welcomes us: Jesus explains the Scriptures to us and rekindles in our hearts the warmth of faith and hope, and in Communion He gives us strength. The Word of God and the Eucharist are essential in the life of a Christian! This is what happened to the disciples of Emmaus: they received the Word; they shared the breaking of bread, and from feeling sad and defeated they became joyful.

Dear brothers and sisters, the Word of God and the Eucharist fill us with joy always. Remember it well! When you are sad, take up the Word of God. When you are down, take up the Word of God and go to Sunday Mass and receive Communion, to participate in the mystery of Jesus. The Word of God, the Eucharist: they fill us with joy.

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