

St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 31ST, 2022

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/
Msgr. Armando Perini by Family
9:00am Emil & Carmella Garruto by Emil & Irene
5:30pm Baby Dwyer by Debbie/Padre Pio by
Louise

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son
9:00am Maria Waldron (Birth) by Mother
5:30pm C. Robert Sarcone (Birth) by Samantha &
Sammy / Frank D. DeVito by Anthony & Richard

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son
9:00am Gaetano V. Mesce by Mrs. Mesce/ Ruth
Caputo by Marie DeMaio
5:30pm Health of Brooke D'Aleo by Debbie/
Freddy Conte by Adams Brothers

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son
9:00am Joseph Poccio (Anniv) by Brother/
Giovanni Mincone by Maria
5:30pm Gregorio Polimeni by Friends

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Adeline &
Michael Bove by Mary Bove
9:00am Maria LaRiccia by Gail Beach/ (Int)
Stephen Manganelli
5:30pm Andrea Tucci by Dennis/ Peter &
Philomena Fucetola by Dennis Tucci

SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2022

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Dec'd of Bove
Family by Mary Bove
9:00am Louis Garruto by Emil & Irene/
(Int) Stephen Manganelli
6:00pm Margaret Feiner by Family/ Dec'd of
Galasso Family by Bob Orcinola

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7, 2022

8:00am People of the Parish/ In Honor of Our
Lady of the Snows by Society
9:00am Mary Grace Bellotti by Michael Giganti/
Silotte Elias (Anniv) by Daughter Sybil
11:00am Nicholas Racioppi by Family/ Donato
Rosania by Daughter Mina Yannuzzi
12:30pm Ella & Frank Nappi by Vito Nappi/Dec'd
of Genuario & Gaeta Family by Family
5:30pm Rosemarie Maccioli by Donna Chelel

PASTOR AND PRIESTS

Rev. Paul Donohue, MCCJ, **Pastor.** Rev. Chris Aleti, MCCJ, **Vicar**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

Saturday: 7:00 am, 9:00 am & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am in **Italian**

9:00 am in **Spanish**

11:00 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm in **English**

First Sunday of the Month at 12:30 pm:

Mothers praying to conceive and expectant mothers will receive a special blessing with the relic of Saint Gerard.

Last Sunday of the Month at 5:30 pm:

Mass in French

FROM THE PASTOR

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 31st, 2022 - August 6th, 2022

This week on Saturday, 6 August, we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration. In Luke's version of the story, there are unique details that tell us more clearly what really happened in that scene. The episode is set at an important turning point in the gospel. Jesus has been teaching, preaching, healing, exorcising demons, and gathering disciples as he traverses Galilee. But soon he will "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (9:51). Something happens on the mountaintop that helps Jesus to know the next step in his mission. Luke alone notes that Jesus goes up the mountain with Peter, James, and John, his purpose is to pray.

A clue to the nature of Jesus' prayer comes in the conversation between Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. They "spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." Jesus is wrestling with whether he should leave Galilee and direct his efforts toward Jerusalem, the center of religious and political power. There is still much to do in Galilee, and he could continue to minister there, but he struggles to know whether his efforts could bring about greater systemic change if he were to go to Jerusalem.

Jesus sees the handwriting is on the wall. Opposition to him is already mounting, and it would only intensify if he were to go to Jerusalem. As at every major turning point in the gospel, Jesus enters into deep communion with God as he discerns what to do.

In this profound encounter with God, Jesus receives surety about his next steps, and this "aha" experience is visible on his face. Notably, Luke does not say that Jesus was transfigured; rather, that "his face changed in appearance." Like Moses, whose face was radiant after being with God on Mount Sinai (Exod 34:29), and Hannah, whose face was lifted up after her prayer was heard (1Sam 1:18), so Jesus' encounter with God is written on his face. He comes to understand that, indeed, he is to go to Jerusalem, and that he will be put to death there, but his death will not be the end of his life and mission. Rather, his exit from earthly life will bring new liberation for God's people.

During this intense prayer of discernment, Jesus is given sure signs that he is guided by God. A cloud, the sign of God's presence with the Israelites as they went forth from Egypt, overshadows him, as at his baptism. Two heavenly messengers embody the divine presence, giving Jesus strength as he leans on God's word in the law and the prophets. The heavenly voice reassures both him and his disciples of Jesus' chosen status and the rightness of his choice. Thus, assured of God's love and direction, Jesus turns his transformed face toward Jerusalem. Placing his own life in danger, Jesus makes a deliberate, prophetic choice to continue to "proclaim liberty to captives" (Luke 4:18), as he had declared in his hometown synagogue. His death is not an inevitable fate, but a choice for freeing love.

Adapted from *Abiding Word* by Sr. Barbara Reid, OP,
President of *Catholic Theological Union*, Chicago.

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:13-21

A person's life does not consist of possessions.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

To book masses , please call the
rectory Monday through Friday
between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Para las intenciones de misas, favor
de llamar a la rectoría de Lunes a
Viernes entre 9:00 am y 4:00 pm

Deceased of our parish

James Procopio

Wedding Celebrations

8/7

*Elias Chamoun &
Eva Richa*

Dates to remember

JOIN US FOR

CASINO NIGHT

*a fundraiser hosted by St. Lucy's Church.
All proceeds go towards the restoration of St. Gerard's chapel.*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

CRAPS • POKER • BLACKJACK • ROULETTE
DJ • DANCING • TRICKY TRAY • DINNER • CASH BAR

THE FUN BEGINS AT 6:00 PM

The Hanover Manor

16 Eagle Rock Ave, East Hanover, NJ

TICKET INFORMATION:

\$100 PER PERSON

INCLUDES: DINNER, BEER, WINE & SODA

AND \$200 OF PLAY MONEY

FOR TICKETS PLEASE EMAIL

JENTORT@GMAIL.COM

CASH OR CHECK ONLY

(MADE PAYABLE TO ST. LUCY'S CHURCH)

Weekend Collection
7/9 & 7/10 - \$ 1,414.00

Religious Education
2022-2023 registration available.

For more info go to:
www.saintlucy.net/catechesis



CASINO NIGHT
September 22, 2022
Fun begins at 6:00 pm
The Hanover Manor
\$100 per person

En el capítulo 12 del Evangelio de Lucas, Jesús instruye a sus discípulos ya la multitud sobre cómo estar preparados para el juicio venidero. Una multitud de miles se ha reunido para escuchar a Jesús. Al principio habla sólo a los discípulos, recordándoles que no es la persecución lo que deben temer, sino el juicio que viene para todos los que no reconocen al Hijo del Hombre. De repente, un hombre en la multitud le grita a Jesús: “Maestro, dile a mi hermano que comparta la herencia conmigo”. Parece haberse cansado de que Jesús hable solo a los discípulos. Jesús no ofrece ayuda al hombre. En cambio, usa la pregunta para enseñar en qué consiste realmente la vida, a la luz del juicio venidero.

Jesús le cuenta una parábola a la multitud. Las tierras de un hombre rico han producido más cosechas de las esperadas. Su respuesta no es considerar cómo podría compartir toda la comida extra con los demás, sino preguntarse cómo es posible que pueda almacenarla toda. Tiene lo que cree que es una idea brillante: derribar sus graneros actuales y construir otros más grandes. Entonces tendrá muchas cosas almacenadas para años de comer, beber y divertirse.

“Necio” es la respuesta de Dios a este hombre porque esa misma noche le quitarán la vida. A quién pertenecerá entonces todo, pregunta Dios. El mundo del hombre rico es pequeño, solo él y sus posesiones, y ahora se entera de que va a perder la vida. ¿De qué sirven sus posesiones ahora? Jesús declara la moraleja de la historia. Así será para todo aquel que atesora para sí mismo pero no es rico en lo que a Dios le importa.

Siglos después, San Gregorio Magno enseñó que cuando atendemos las necesidades de los pobres, les estamos dando lo que es de ellos, no nuestro. No solo estamos realizando obras de misericordia; estamos pagando una deuda de justicia. La vida no consiste en posesiones sino en compartir lo que poseemos con los demás. Los bienes de la tierra han sido dados a todos.

Sacraments and Celebrations

Baptisms: (In Spanish) - **Saturdays** at 1:00pm sharp.
(In English) - **Sundays** at 1:30 pm sharp.

Arrangements must be made at least **three months** in advance at the rectory.

Confessions: Saturday 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Marriages: Arrangements are to be made **6 months before** the date of the wedding.

Religious Education (CCD):
Sundays 9:30am - 11:00am

Official Social Media



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