

St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



Third Sunday of Easter APRIL 14, 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00am Joseph DiTrolio by D'Amato Family/
Carmine Gonnella by Wife Maria
9:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Amanda Chavez
DeMariano by Family/ First anniv. Alex Rafael
Sucuzhanay Guallpa by mom
11:00am Andrea Tucci by Dennis/Anna & Anthony
Pascucci by Marie & Anthony
12:30pm In Honor of St. Gerard/ Nicholas D'Orsi
(Birth) by Wife
5:30pm Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Freida
Modaffare by Lola Abbondandolo
9:00am Theresa Ann Markowski by Josephine
Minerva/Lucy Oliverie by DeFronzo Family
5:30pm Al & Grace Orsini by Bobby Orcinola/Nino
Vanni (Anniv) by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Raffaello
Macchia by Angelo & Tina
9:00am Marie Casale by Son Anthony/Ana
Encarnacion by Family
5:30pm Marie D'Alessio by Anthony/Theresa Arre
Racanelli by Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Serafino Ruglio
by Daughter Gerry
9:00am William Magliacano by Family/Ralph
Lardieri by Peter & MaryAnn Lardieri/ First Anniv.
Gladys Berdecia by daughter
5:30pm T. Gladys Berdecia / Edelmira Miranda by
Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Amato &
Caterina Pennella by Gerardo & Rosa
9:00am In Honor of St. Gerard by Melchionna
Family/Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family
5:30pm Nicholas Maria by Wife Irene/William
Mielnicki by Judith DeLeon

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs. F. Sprella by Son/Cosmo
Canestri (Anniv) by Family
9:00am Dale Romer (Anniv) by Maria & Sam/
Arthur Scarano Jr. by Family

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son /Sr. Frances
Sanzo by Riccardello Family
9:00am Frank Russomanno by Family/Josephine
Pace by Family
6:00pm Louis Masi by Wife/ Dennis Mercurio by
Wife & Children

PASTOR AND PRIESTS

Rev. Chris Aleti, MCCJ, Administrator
Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, In residence

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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

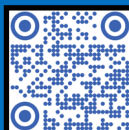
9:00 am in Spanish (Sunday and Wednesday)

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



Background on the Gospel

Reflection for April 14, 2024

The foundation of Christian faith is listening to the personal experiences of others like the apostles, saints and people who live uprightly among us today.

In today's gospel, we hear the testimony of the two disciples who encountered Jesus on their way to Emmaus. They went back to share that experience with their brothers who were locked in the room out of fear. As they were still narrating, Jesus appears in their midst to strengthen them in their sharing.

He brought hope to everybody in the room by offering them peace. The disciples were living in fear because of the death of Jesus but Jesus now assures them to leave their fears and share peace with Him.

This is the way to go in our search for the meaning of life. It is in Jesus that we find true value of human life. Amid our life struggles, He offers us hope and peace. The disciples thought they were seeing ghost, but Jesus invites them to experience his resurrected body with their senses, to look and to touch. Peace begins to take root in their hearts, as their fears turn to joy and amazement.

Dear brothers and sisters, in our time, like the apostles of Emmaus, we meet Jesus in the Eucharist. He invites us to partake in His body and blood and commissions us to do it always in memory of Him. It is this same grace that sent the disciples back to meet their brothers in a locked room.

We are called to go back home after we encounter the Lord in the Eucharist to share those joys with our family members and friends. This is our baptismal promise clearly stated in the gospel of Mathew chapter 28, verse 19: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them..."

May the experience of the risen Lord touch our hearts to be disciples of our families, friends, neighbors, and all those we meet. He is truly risen, and we meet Him profoundly in the breaking of bread of the holy Eucharist. May we imitate the greeting of Jesus, "Peace be with you", when we meet others in our life.

Father Chris Aletì, MCCJ

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15,17-19
Peter preaches that Jesus has been raised from the dead and calls upon the people to repent.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 4:2,4,7-8,9
A prayer seeking God's favor

Second Reading

1 John 2:1-5a
Those who know God keep his commandments.

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:35-48
Jesus appears again to his disciples and shares a meal with them.



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):
Contact the rectory for more info

Weekend Collection
3/23 & 3/24 \$ 3,269.00

Community Announcements

El fundamento de la fe cristiana es escuchar las experiencias personales de otros, como los apóstoles, los santos y las personas que viven rectamente entre nosotros hoy.

En el evangelio de hoy escuchamos el testimonio de los dos discípulos que encontraron a Jesús en su camino a Emaús. Volvieron a compartir esa experiencia con sus hermanos que estaban encerrados en la habitación por miedo. Mientras aún estaban narrando, Jesús aparece entre ellos para fortalecerlos en su compartir.

Trajo esperanza a todos los presentes ofreciéndoles paz. Los discípulos vivían con miedo por la muerte de Jesús, pero Jesús ahora les asegura que dejen sus miedos y compartan la paz con Él.

Este es el camino a seguir en nuestra búsqueda del sentido de la vida. Es en Jesús donde encontramos el verdadero valor de la vida humana. En medio de las luchas de nuestra vida, Él nos ofrece esperanza y paz. Los discípulos pensaron que estaban viendo un fantasma, pero Jesús los invita a experimentar su cuerpo resucitado con los sentidos, a mirar y a tocar. La paz comienza a echar raíces en sus corazones, a medida que sus miedos se convierten en alegría y asombro.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas, en nuestro tiempo, como los apóstoles de Emaús, encontramos a Jesús en la Eucaristía. Nos invita a participar de su cuerpo y sangre y nos encarga hacerlo siempre en memoria de Él. Es esta misma gracia la que envió a los discípulos a encontrarse con sus hermanos en una habitación cerrada con llave.

Estamos llamados a regresar a casa después de encontrarnos con el Señor en la Eucaristía para compartir esas alegrías con nuestros familiares y amigos. Esta es nuestra promesa bautismal claramente expresada en el evangelio de Mateo capítulo 28, versículo 19: “Por tanto, vayan y hagan discípulos a todas las naciones, bautizándolos...”.

Que la experiencia del Señor resucitado toque nuestros corazones para ser discípulos de nuestras familias, amigos, vecinos y de todos aquellos con quienes nos encontramos. Él ha resucitado verdaderamente y lo encontramos profundamente en la fracción del pan de la sagrada Eucaristía. Que imitemos el saludo de Jesús: “La paz este con ustedes”, cuando nos encontremos con otros en nuestra vida.

Padre Chris Aleti, MCCJ

Director of Religious Education

BA in Theology/Religious Education or a related educational field and/or a certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning. Proven participation and continuing updating of the Safe Environment Program sponsored through the diocese.

Language: English and Spanish required.

Send your resume to: stlucysnwk@yahoo.com

Letter of Good Standing

The purpose of a Letter of Good Standing is to show that we value the example and commitment of godparents and sponsors, and it is hypocritical to stand up for someone when you either do not believe or practice what you profess. The letter assures the requesting parish that the person recommended is serious about his or her Catholic faith and will share that faith with the one to be baptized or confirmed. **If you need a letter, please contact Fr Chris only if you are a Registered Parishioner.**



Safe Environment Corner

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at

201-407-3256

