

St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



Fifth Sunday of Easter APRIL 28, 2024

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

8:00am Giuseppina Crocco by Daughter Maria/
Joseph DiTrolio by Lucia & Giustino DiTrolio

9:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Palma DiMeo by
Fuentis Family

11:00am Anna V. Averna by Anthony & Richard/
Anthony Ilaria by Daughter Roseann

12:30pm Frank Petolino by Francine & Joe
Corcoran/James Caruso (Anniv) by Family

5:30pm Julia Antonia Vega by Family/Fidel &
Virginia Laracuenta by Family

MONDAY, APRIL 29, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Angelina &
Rosina Pennella by Mattinella Mariani

9:00am In Honor of Our Lord by M/M Savastano/
Manuel Galarza by Jackie & David Laracuenta

5:30pm Frederick Feiner Jr (Birth) by Family/Fidel &
Virginia Laracuenta by Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Thanksgiving to
St Gerard by Maria Bucci

9:00am Maiella Family by Dolores Nicastro/Fidel &
Virginia Laracuenta by Family

5:30pm Toni Marie Citarelli by Anthony & Richard/
David Delloso by Mom

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Mary Fiorenti-
no by Susan La Morte

9:00am Sr. Evangeline (Anniv) by Maryann/Carmela
& Emil Garruto by Emil & Irene

5:30pm In Honor of St Pio by Mary Bove/Lucy
Chiamonte by Christine Aguesseau

THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/John Kelly by
Morgan & Clark Family

9:00am Americo Cordasco by Sons/Joyce Howard
by Maria DeOliveira

5:30pm Thanksgiving to St Gerard by Angela
Zangari/Andrea Tucci by Dennis

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs. F. Sprella by Son/Adeline &
Michael Bove by Mary Bove

9:00am Anthony Mia by Connie Clemente/(Int)
Stephen Manganelli

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son /Dec'd of Bove
Family by Mary Bove

9:00am (Int) Stephen Manganelli/Fidel & Virginia
Laracuenta by Family

6:00pm Michela Capozzoli by Darlene Saporito/
Palma DiMeo by Family

PASTOR AND PRIESTS

Rev. Chris Aleti, MCCJ, Administrator

Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, In residence

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Simplex Ahoua

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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

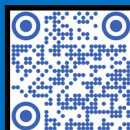
9:00 am in Spanish (Sunday and Wednesday)

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 28, 2024

In the gospel today, Jesus invites us to remain in Him. He is the source of our life. He uses the image of the vine and branches to explain our connection with Him. In real life, when a branch of a tree is cut off from the main stem, the leaves immediately wither and die off. It is only when the branches continue to remain attached to the main stem that they can bear fruit.

As believers of the word of God, we are called to remain in contact with Jesus who is our spiritual stem. It is through Jesus that we continue to bear the fruit of love, forgiveness, patience, and life of joy.

St. John in the second reading expresses the aspect of remaining and united with Jesus through love. He urges that our love must go beyond words but be expressed concretely in deeds. The practical expression of our love for the other is evidence of living the gospel truth of Jesus. Remaining in Jesus involves, like the vine, pruning to better our spiritual discipline. The Church offers us the possibility of spiritual pruning through the sacraments of reconciliation and Eucharist.

The testimony of St. Paul shows the steps of the spiritual pruning. Saul's acceptance into the Christian community through Barnabas's advocacy demonstrates the importance of community, belonging, and the role of mediation in the life of believers. It reminds us that the Church is a place of welcome for all, including those who were once far off.

This also demonstrates the mercy of the Lord upon His people. If the Lord can forgive Saul and make him an apostle, what about us? Let us come back to our faith that we professed in the sacrament of baptism. We are invited to belong to a community that will provide for us the possibility to reconcile and grow in our faith journey towards Jesus.

Father Chris Aleti, MCCJ

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31
Paul is accepted by the apostles at Jerusalem.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32
The whole world shall praise the Lord.

Second Reading

1 John 3:18-24
God commands us to believe in Jesus Christ and to love one another.

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8
Jesus teaches that he is the vine and that his disciples are the branches.



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

4/6 & 4/7 \$ 2849.00

Community Announcements

En el evangelio de hoy, Jesús nos invita a permanecer en Él. Él es la fuente de nuestra vida. Él usa la imagen de la viña y sus ramas para explicar nuestra conexión con Él. En la vida real, cuando se corta una rama de un árbol del tallo principal, las hojas inmediatamente se marchitan y mueren. Sólo cuando las ramas continúan unidas al tallo principal pueden dar fruto.

Como creyentes de la palabra de Dios, estamos llamados a permanecer en contacto con Jesús quien es nuestro tallo espiritual. Es a través de Jesús que seguimos dando frutos de amor, perdón, paciencia y vida de alegría.

San Juan en la segunda lectura expresa el aspecto de permanecer y estar unidos con Jesús a través del amor. Insta a que nuestro amor vaya más allá de las palabras y se exprese concretamente en hechos. La expresión práctica de nuestro amor por el otro es evidencia de vivir la verdad del evangelio de Jesús. Permanecer en Jesús implica, como la vid, podar para mejorar nuestra disciplina espiritual. La Iglesia nos ofrece la posibilidad de una poda espiritual a través de los sacramentos de la reconciliación y la Eucaristía.

El testimonio de San Pablo muestra los pasos de la poda espiritual. La aceptación de Saulo en la comunidad cristiana a través de la defensa de Bernabé demuestra la importancia de la comunidad, la pertenencia y el papel de la mediación en la vida de los creyentes. Nos recuerda que la Iglesia es un lugar de acogida para todos, incluidos los que alguna vez estuvieron lejos. Esto también demuestra la misericordia del Señor para con Su pueblo. Si el Señor puede perdonar a Saulo y convertirlo en apóstol, ¿qué pasa con nosotros? Volvamos a nuestra fe que profesamos en el sacramento del bautismo. Estamos invitados a pertenecer a una comunidad que nos brinde la posibilidad de reconciliarnos y crecer en nuestro camino de fe hacia Jesús.

Padre Chris Aleti, MCCJ



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

