

# St. Lucy's Church

## The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



**Pentecost Sunday    MAY 28, 2023**

### MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

**7:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/John Karn  
(Birth) by Mrs. Mesce

**9:00am** Gennaro LaRiccia by Wife & Family/Betty  
Ciccione by Susan LaMorte

**5:30pm** NO MASS

### TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

**7:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Immaculate  
Conception by Denise Harrison

**9:00am** Tom Alessandra (Birth) by Family

**5:30pm** Nancy Barbella by B. Barbella/ (Int)  
Gjonpali by Family

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

**7:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son

**9:00am** Joseph Marinello by Daughter Elizabeth/  
Ty (Birth) by Theresa Disla

**5:30pm** Paul Yannuzzi by Angel Voultepsis/ Artie  
Scarano by Family

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

**7:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son

**9:00am** Carmella & Emil Garruto by Emil & Irene/  
MaryAnn Aulisi by Marie Gerardo & Family

**5:30pm** Souls in Purgatory by Ginny Salerno/  
Health of Daniel by Family

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

**7:00am** Adeline & Michael Bove by Mary/ Mary  
Bove by Niece Diane

**9:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/(Int) Stephen  
Manganelli

**5:30pm** Andrea Tucci by Dennis

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2023

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

**9:00am** Eugene & Ann Tarantini by Family/Evelyn  
Romano by Ellen Rothbaum

**6:00pm** Evelyn Romano by Anthony & Richard/  
Francesco Malatesta by Adolorata

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

**8:00am** In Honor of Our Lady of the Snows by  
Society/Gerardo DiBenedetto by Maria DiMilia

**9:00am** People of the Parish

**11:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/David Soto  
by Brother Luis

**12:30pm** Health of Robert by Joseph & Family

**5:30pm** Janet Waksmunski by Raymond &  
Frankie

#### 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

### Pentecost Sunday

May 29th to June 4th

The Season of Easter concludes with today's celebration, the Feast of Pentecost. On Pentecost we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered in the upper room in Jerusalem; this event marks the beginning of the Church. The story of Pentecost is found in the Acts of the Apostles, today's first reading. The account in today's Gospel, John 20:19-23, also recounts how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Yet the event in John's Gospel takes place on Easter Sunday. There is no need to try to reconcile these two accounts. It is enough that we know that after his death, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send to his disciples a helper, an advocate, who would enable them to be his witnesses throughout the world.

We already heard today's Gospel proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter this year (Lectionary Cycle A). That Gospel passage, however, also included the description of Jesus' appearance to Thomas. In that context, we were led reflect on belief and unbelief.

In the context of the Feast of Pentecost, John 20:19-23 reminds us about the integral connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Jesus' act of breathing the Holy Spirit mirrors God's act of breathing life into Adam at the time of Creation. In fact, both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

This Gospel reminds us that the Church is called to be a reconciling presence in the world. The reconciling presence of Christ is celebrated in the Church's sacramental life. In the Sacrament of Baptism, we are cleansed of sin and become a new creation in Christ. In the Sacrament of Penance, the Church celebrates the mercy of God through the forgiving of sins. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among people.

## *This Sunday's Readings*

### First Reading

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

The Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles gathered in Jerusalem.

### Responsorial Psalm

*Psalm 104:1,24,29-31,34*

God's Spirit renews the earth.

### Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 12:3b-7,12-13*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.

### Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-23*

Jesus appears to his disciples and gives them the gift of the Holy Spirit.



## *Parish Announcements*

### Letter of Good Standing

In order to better understand how our parish responds to these requests, visit our website.



### Weekend Collection

5/6 & 5/7 - \$ 2,311.00

El Miércoles 31 de Mayo nos reuniremos en la plaza para rezar el Rosario viviente en español.

Invitamos a todos los chicos que han recibido los sacramentos para que les enseñemos el amor y devoción por nuestra Mamita María.

**LA LEGION DE MARIA INVITA**

## 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



**Facebook:**

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de Santa Lucia



**Instagram:**

stlucysnwk  
&  
Santalucianewark  
www.saintlucy.net

### Domingo de Pentecostés

El Tiempo de Pascua concluye con la celebración de hoy, la Fiesta de Pentecostés. En Pentecostés celebramos la venida del Espíritu Santo sobre los apóstoles reunidos en el aposento alto de Jerusalén; este evento marca el comienzo de la Iglesia. La historia de Pentecostés se encuentra en los Hechos de los Apóstoles, primera lectura de hoy. El relato del evangelio de hoy, Juan 20,19-23, también relata cómo Jesús entregó el don del Espíritu Santo a sus discípulos. Sin embargo, el evento en el Evangelio de Juan tiene lugar el domingo de Pascua. No hay necesidad de tratar de reconciliar estas dos cuentas. Basta que sepamos que después de su muerte, Jesús cumplió su promesa de enviar a sus discípulos un ayudante, un abogado, que les permitiera ser sus testigos en todo el mundo.

Ya escuchamos el Evangelio de hoy proclamado el segundo domingo de Pascua de este año (Leccionario Ciclo A). Ese pasaje del Evangelio, sin embargo, también incluía la descripción de la aparición de Jesús a Tomás. En ese contexto, fuimos llevados a reflexionar sobre la creencia y la incredulidad.

En el contexto de la fiesta de Pentecostés, Juan 20, 19-23 nos recuerda la conexión integral entre los dones de la paz y el perdón y la acción del Espíritu Santo. Jesús saluda a sus discípulos con el don de la paz. Luego, Jesús comisiona a sus discípulos para que continúen el trabajo que él ha comenzado: "Como el Padre me envió, así también yo los envío a ustedes". Sopla el Espíritu Santo sobre los discípulos y los envía a continuar su obra de reconciliación a través del perdón de los pecados. El acto de Jesús de insuflar el Espíritu Santo refleja el acto de Dios de insuflar vida a Adán en el momento de la Creación. De hecho, tanto la palabra griega como la hebrea para "espíritu" también se pueden traducir como "aliento".

Este Evangelio nos recuerda que la Iglesia está llamada a ser una presencia reconciliadora en el mundo. La presencia reconciliadora de Cristo se celebra en la vida sacramental de la Iglesia. En el Sacramento del Bautismo, somos limpiados del pecado y nos convertimos en una nueva creación en Cristo. En el Sacramento de la Penitencia, la Iglesia celebra la misericordia de Dios a través del perdón de los pecados. Esta presencia reconciliadora debe ser también un modo de vida para los cristianos. En situaciones de conflicto, debemos ser agentes de paz y armonía entre las personas.

