

# St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



The Ascension of the Lord

MAY 12, 2024

## SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

8:00am

9:00am

The Intentions of

11:00am

All Mother's Living & Deceased

12:30pm

5:30pm

## MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ P. Sansone Family by P. Sansone

9:00am Savastano Family by Family/Stefanie Balestrieri & Family by Connie Clemente

5:30pm In Honor of Our Lady of Fatima by Anthony & Dennis/Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

## TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Ruth Pace by Sons

9:00am Cristina E. Nardone by Sam & Samantha/Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

5:30pm Andrea Tucci by Dennis/Thanksgiving for Baby Leo by Mom

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Fidel Laracuente by Family

9:00am Connie Arre by Family/ Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

5:30pm In Honor of St Dymphna by Anthony & Dennis/JoAnn Saporito Veon (Anniv) by Family

## THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Giuseppina Malanga by Vinnie DiCostanzi

9:00am Ana Encarnacion by Family/Sam Batista by Emil & Irene Garruto

5:30pm In Honor of the Blessed Mother by Ron Pace/Jerry Ferrara by Toby & Sue Nicastro

## FRIDAY, MAY 17, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs. F. Sprella by Son/Ippolitina Coretto by Mary Coretto

9:00am John C. D'Avella by Family/Katie Natiello by Family

## SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son /Firancesco Mignone by Mary Coretto

9:00am Armand & Theresa Tavernese by Family/ Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

6:00pm Barbara Helen Czock by Richard & Anthony/ Anna Parisi by Finocchiaro Family

### PASTOR AND PRIESTS

Rev. Chris Aleti, MCCJ, Administrator

Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, In residence

### DEACONS

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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

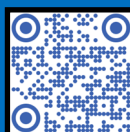
9:00 am in Spanish (Sunday and Wednesday)

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 May 12, 2024**

Jesus started preparing us for his ascension in the readings of the past Sundays. In the fourth Sunday of Easter, he called us to be good shepherds to keep his flock and in fifth Sunday, he invited us to remain in him as branches to bear fruit while in the sixth Sunday, he reminded us to remain in his love as He remains in His father's love. With these common expressions Jesus was planning for His physical departure from us while telling us what to do after He is gone.

The readings of today describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into his Heavenly glory after promising his disciples to receive the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to him throughout the world by their lives and preaching. Today is Jesus' final glorification after his suffering, death, and Resurrection – a glory in which we, too, hope to share.

In the first reading St. Luke tells us that Jesus began his departure by instructing his apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit. This baptism would make them to become His witnesses throughout the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. Here again we hear the word 'remain' in Jerusalem which echoes his previous expression of "remain in me" and "remain in my love." Jesus is not abandoning us but telling us that He will still be with us through the presence of the Holy Spirit. Today we meet Him in the Sacraments, ecclesial movements, in sharing our lives with others, in the scriptures and in the different gifts of the Holy Spirit poured on us as charisms.

St. Paul assures us in the second reading that one day, we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. It is now up to us to do our part to attain the same glory of the Lord. We are called to preach the love of God with words and proclaim it with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

The gospel is now preached not by Jesus, not by the Holy Spirit, not by anyone but human beings like you and I who dedicate themselves to become instruments of the Holy Spirit, and instruments of the Word of God, and instruments of the healing and salvation of mankind. With the help of the Holy Spirit. Jesus invites us to make disciples of all nations and become signs of hope for each other.

**Father Chris Aleti, MCCJ**

## *This Sunday's Readings*

### **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11*  
Jesus is taken up to heaven in the presence of the apostles.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9*  
Sing praise to God as he mounts his throne.

### **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 1:17-23 or Ephesians 4:1-13*  
(shorter form: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13)  
God raised Jesus from the dead and seated him at his right hand.

### **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 16:15-20*  
Jesus is taken to heaven, and the disciples go forth to preach as Jesus commanded.



## *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**

**4/20 & 4/21 \$ 2,918.00**

## Community Announcements

Jesús comenzó a prepararnos para su ascensión en las lecturas de los domingos pasados. En el cuarto domingo de Pascua nos llamó a ser buenos pastores para guardar su rebaño y en el quinto domingo nos invitó a permanecer en él como ramas para dar fruto mientras que en el sexto domingo nos recordó a permanecer en su amor como Él permanece en el amor de su padre. Con estas expresiones comunes, Jesús estaba planeando Su partida física de nosotros mientras nos decía qué hacer después de que Él se haya ido.

Las lecturas de hoy describen la Ascensión del Señor Jesús a su gloria celestial después de prometer a sus discípulos recibir el Espíritu Santo como fuente de poder celestial y ordenarles que dieran testimonio de él en todo el mundo con sus vidas y predicaciones. Hoy es la glorificación final de Jesús después de su sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección, una gloria que nosotros también esperamos compartir.

En la primera lectura San Lucas nos dice que Jesús comenzó su partida instruyendo a sus apóstoles a permanecer en Jerusalén y esperar el bautismo del Espíritu Santo. Este bautismo los haría convertirse en sus testigos en todo el mundo por el poder del Espíritu Santo. Aquí nuevamente escuchamos la palabra "permanecer" en Jerusalén, que hace eco de su expresión anterior de "permanecer en mí" y "permanecer en mi amor". Jesús no nos abandona sino que nos dice que todavía estará con nosotros a través de la presencia del Espíritu Santo. Hoy lo encontramos en los Sacramentos, en los movimientos eclesiales, en el compartir nuestra vida con los demás, en las Escrituras y en los diferentes dones del Espíritu Santo derramados sobre nosotros como carismas.

San Pablo nos asegura en la segunda lectura que un día también nosotros ascenderemos a la Gloria Celestial, siempre que cumplamos la misión que nos ha confiado el Señor ascendente. Ahora nos toca a nosotros hacer nuestra parte para alcanzar la misma gloria del Señor. Estamos llamados a predicar el amor de Dios con palabras y proclamarlo con nuestra vida. Pidamos la guía del Espíritu Santo, mientras damos testimonio de Jesús con nuestra transparente vida cristiana.

El evangelio ahora no es predicado por Jesús, ni por el Espíritu Santo, ni por nadie más que por seres humanos como tú y yo, que nos dedicamos a convertirnos en instrumentos del Espíritu Santo, e instrumentos de la Palabra de Dios, e instrumentos de sanación y salvación de la humanidad. Con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo. Jesús nos invita a hacer discípulos de todas las naciones y convertirnos en signos de esperanza unos para otros.

**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**

