

# St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



Easter Sunday The Resurrection of the Lord

MARCH 31, 2024

## SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

**8:00am** Maria Feliicita Santoli by Rossana Family/  
Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son

**9:00am** Amanda Chavez DeMariano by Family/  
Palma DiMeo by Fuentes Family

**11:00am** David Paul by Hunter Family/Theresa  
Spagone by Family

**12:30pm** Jason Clemente by Anthony & Maria  
DeOliveira/ William-Pollison Family by Family

**5:30pm** NO MASS

## MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

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

**9:00am** Lucia & Pasquale Pitosera by Family/  
Carmela & Emil Garruto by Emil & Irene

**5:30pm** Christina Nicastro by Toby & Susan  
Nicastro/ (Int) Stephen Manganelli

## TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

**7:00am** Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Andrea &  
Vincenza Minerva by Josephine

**9:00am** Dec'd Of DiPietro Family by Mary DiPietro/  
Lucia & Francesca Di Stasio by Family

**5:30pm** Thanksgiving to St Rita by Angela Zangari/  
Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024

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

**9:00am** Anna Tarantino by Family/Guerino Pannullo  
by Sabine

**5:30pm** Pasquale Family by Toby & Susan Nicastro/  
Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

## THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024

**7:00am** Salvatore & Fortunata Barillari by Family/  
Gerardo Marioni by Angelo & Tina

**9:00am** Dec'd of Mercurio Family by Maryann/  
Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

**5:30pm** Roland Luciano by Family/Andrea Tucci by  
Dennis

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024

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

**9:00am** Mariann Mariano by Susan LaMorte /  
Maria Lardieri by Peter & Maryann

## SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024

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

**9:00am** Giuseppina Malanga by Vin DiCostanzi/  
Fidel & Virginia Laracuente by Family

**6:00pm** Elsie Feiner (Birth) by Family/ (Int) Stephen  
Manganelli

### PASTOR AND PRIESTS

Rev. Chris Aleti, MCCJ, Administrator

Rev. Louis Okot, MCCJ, In residence

### DEACONS

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### ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY:

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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

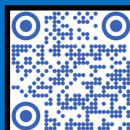
9:00 am in Spanish (Sunday and Wednesday)

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 March 31, 2024**

Today marks the commencement of the Easter Season, a 50-day period dedicated to contemplation of the profound mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel narrative for today recounts the pivotal moment when the disciples encountered the empty tomb, yet remained unaware of Jesus' resurrection. It is crucial to recognize that these accounts do not aim to provide empirical proof of the Resurrection, but rather to prompt deep reflection on the transformative power of faith in Jesus and his triumph over death.

In each of the four Gospels, emphasis is placed on the significant role of women in the discovery of the empty tomb, a notable detail given the societal norms of first-century Judaism, wherein women lacked legal standing as witnesses. John's Gospel, notably, focuses on Mary of Magdala as the sole witness at the tomb, diverging from the Synoptic narratives by omitting mention of angelic appearances. Mary's initial assumption upon finding the tomb disturbed reflects a lack of understanding regarding Jesus' resurrection, further underscoring the theme of gradual comprehension among the disciples.

The subsequent rush of Simon Peter and the beloved disciple to verify Mary's account underscores the urgency of the moment, while their differing responses upon reaching the tomb contribute to the narrative's vivid imagery. The description of the burial cloths within the tomb serves not only as a detail but also as a potential indication to listeners that Jesus' body had not been stolen, given cultural practices regarding grave robbery.

**Despite witnessing the empty tomb and the arrangement of burial cloths, the disciples remain perplexed about the Resurrection. Following this account, Mary of Magdala encounters Jesus but initially mistakes him for a gardener. Subsequent Gospel passages will illuminate how the disciples gradually come to believe in Jesus' Resurrection through his post-resurrection appearances. Our Easter faith finds its foundation in their testimony, both through the empty tomb and their ongoing communion with Jesus—manifested in his appearances and the bestowal of the Holy Spirit upon them.**

## *This Sunday's Readings*

### **First Reading**

*Acts of the Apostles 10:34a,37-43*

Peter preaches about Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

*Psalm 118:1-2,16-17,22-23*

Rejoice in this day of the Lord.

### **Second Reading**

*Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8*

Colossians: Having been raised by Christ, be concerned with what is above.

1 Corinthians: Let us celebrate this feast with new yeast.

### **Gospel Reading**

*John 20:1-9*

Mary of Magdala finds that the stone has been removed from Jesus' tomb.



## *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**

**3/9 & 3/10 \$ 2,081.00**

## Community Announcements

### 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](mailto: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**

Hoy comienza el Tiempo Pascual, un período de 50 días dedicado a la contemplación del profundo misterio de la Resurrección de Cristo. Nuestra narración evangélica de hoy relata el momento crucial en el que los discípulos se encontraron con la tumba vacía, pero no se dieron cuenta de la resurrección de Jesús. Es crucial reconocer que estos relatos no pretenden proporcionar pruebas empíricas de la Resurrección, sino más bien suscitar una reflexión profunda sobre el poder transformador de la fe en Jesús y su triunfo sobre la muerte.

En cada uno de los cuatro evangelios, se pone énfasis en el importante papel de las mujeres en el descubrimiento de la tumba vacía, un detalle notable dadas las normas sociales del judaísmo del primer siglo, en las que las mujeres carecían de capacidad legal como testigos. El Evangelio de Juan, en particular, se centra en María de Magdala como única testigo ante la tumba, divergiendo de las narrativas sinópticas al omitir la mención de las apariciones angélicas. La suposición inicial de María al encontrar la tumba perturbada refleja una falta de comprensión respecto de la resurrección de Jesús, subrayando aún más el tema de la comprensión gradual entre los discípulos.

La posterior prisa de Simón Pedro y el discípulo amado por verificar el relato de María subraya la urgencia del momento, mientras que sus diferentes respuestas al llegar a la tumba contribuyen a las vívidas imágenes de la narración. La descripción de los lienzos funerarios dentro de la tumba sirve no sólo como un detalle sino también como una posible indicación para los oyentes de que el cuerpo de Jesús no había sido robado, dadas las prácticas culturales con respecto al robo de tumbas.

A pesar de presenciar la tumba vacía y la disposición de los lienzos funerarios, los discípulos siguen perplejos ante la Resurrección. Siguiendo este relato, María de Magdala se encuentra con Jesús, pero inicialmente lo confunde con un jardinero. Los pasajes subsiguientes del Evangelio iluminarán cómo los discípulos gradualmente llegan a creer en la resurrección de Jesús a través de sus apariciones posteriores a la resurrección. Nuestra fe pascual encuentra su fundamento en su testimonio, tanto a través de la tumba vacía como de su comunión continua con Jesús, manifestada en sus apariciones y el otorgamiento del Espíritu Santo sobre ellos.



