

St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Mona Lisa Adamo by Family

9:00am Maria Calcagno by Nephew/Tharakan Jacob by Martha Mulvey

5:30pm Carmine & Maria Malatesta by Addolorata/Lucretia Smyth by Daughters

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Connie Ruglio by Sister Gerry

9:00am Ethel Connolly by Ann & Chuck

5:30pm Rocco Ferrante Jr. by Anthony & Richard

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2024

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

9:00am Jerry Melillo by Bob Adams/Ralph Nicastro by Toby & Susan Nicastro

5:30pm John DiMilia by Dee Kirk

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/Margarita Pennella by Family

9:00am Micone Family by Maryann Mercurio/Alec Joseph Calderon by Family

5:30pm JoAnn Saporito Veon (Birth) by Maria & Sammy

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son /Vincenzina Pennetto by Family

9:00am Rose Rosania (Anniv) by Family/Ida & Harry Cincotti by Family

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/ Michael Capitti by Maryann Mercurio

9:00am Rocchia Gonnella by Family/Angelina Rosania by Brother Joe

6:00pm Rick Carbone by Family/Joseph Cacio by Great Granddaughter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:00am Al Conte by Family/ Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son

9:00am Miguelina Graham by Family

11:00am Sally Garruto by Family/Bill Lawrie by Family

12:30pm Alessio Vitagliano (Birth) by Family/Alice Russomanno (Anniv) by Daughter Dorothy

5:30pm People of the Parish/Maria Calcagno by Nephew

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time

The theme of our celebration today is faith in action. St Mark gives us a clear picture of the development of the public ministry of Jesus. Right from the arrest of John the Baptist, He steps up to begin his public ministry at the Sea of Galilee with the formation of His first disciples. Last Sunday, He moved from the sea to the Synagogue where he taught with authority and healed the man possessed by demons leaving a positive impact of His image on the lives of the people.

In today's gospel, He leaves the Synagogue and moves to meet the people in their families. He arrives at the family of Simon and cures his mother-in-law. Here he begins to expand the ministry of discipleship. The mother-in-law of Simon who has just been cured joins the group by providing food for the disciples as they do their work of bringing more people to Jesus for healing and driving out the demons.

Any encounter with Jesus is always an invitation for us to get involved in His ministry of reaching out to others with the good news of giving hope. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministries. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, praying for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins through the sacrament of confession, and comforting those who are suffering from different challenges in life.

It is always nice to see the eucharistic ministers from St. Lucy's Church taking the blessed sacrament after mass to the elderly and sick in their homes. Some come on weekdays to take the blessed Sacrament to the sick. This is how we translate our faith into action. May the Lord inspire us to participate in different aspects of our parish needs to be at the service of the community.

This is the story St. Mark is telling us about Jesus. He started from the Sea of Galilee, moved to the Synagogue and today he is in the families. In all this, Jesus offers His presence to the people and that presence comes with the grace of healing souls. In doing so, Christ continues to move around healing, transforming, and empowering us to help others. The invitation of Jesus needs only our availability to offer our time to do whatever we can for others.

Jesus also invites us to do our work in consultation with the Father through prayer. In prayer, the Lord will refill us with new energy of love, patience, and courage to continue our ministry. It is through prayer that we renew our faith of depending on the Lord for our activities.

Father Chris Aleti, MCCJ

This Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job laments his sufferings and his life.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 147:1-6

A song of praise for the Lord's goodness to the lowly.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.



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

1/20 & 1/21 **\$ 2,279.00**

Reflexion sobre el Evangelio

El tema de nuestra celebración de hoy es la fe en acción. San Marcos nos da una imagen clara del desarrollo del ministerio público de Jesús. Desde el arresto de Juan el Bautista, Él da un paso adelante para comenzar su ministerio público en el Mar de Galilea con la formación de Sus primeros discípulos.

El domingo pasado se trasladó del mar a la Sinagoga donde enseñó con autoridad y sanó al endemoniado dejando un impacto positivo de su imagen en la vida del pueblo.

En el evangelio de hoy, Él sale de la sinagoga y se dirige al encuentro de las personas de sus familias. Llega a la familia de Simón y cura a su suegra. Aquí comienza a ampliar el ministerio del discipulado. La suegra de Simón, que acaba de ser curada, se une al grupo proporcionando comida a los discípulos mientras realizan su trabajo de llevar más personas a Jesús para sanar y expulsar a los demonios.

Cualquier encuentro con Jesús es siempre una invitación para que nos involucremos en Su ministerio de llegar a otros con las buenas nuevas de dar esperanza. La Iglesia continúa extendiendo la presencia sanadora de Cristo a otros en sus ministerios. En el Sacramento de la Unción de los Enfermos, orar por la curación espiritual y física, el perdón de los pecados a través del sacramento de la confesión y consolar a quienes sufren diferentes desafíos en la vida.

Siempre es agradable ver a los ministros eucarísticos de la Iglesia de Santa Lucía llevando el santísimo sacramento después de la misa a los ancianos y enfermos en sus hogares. Algunos vienen entre semana a llevar el Santísimo Sacramento a los enfermos.

Así es como traducimos nuestra fe en acción. Que el Señor nos inspire a participar en diferentes aspectos de las necesidades de nuestra parroquia para estar al servicio de la comunidad.

Esta es la historia que nos cuenta San Marcos sobre Jesús. Partió del Mar de Galilea, pasó a la Sinagoga y hoy está en las familias. En todo esto, Jesús ofrece su presencia al pueblo y esa presencia viene con la gracia de sanar almas. Al hacerlo, Cristo continúa moviéndose sanándonos, transformándonos y capacitándonos para ayudar a los demás. La invitación de Jesús sólo necesita nuestra disponibilidad para ofrecer nuestro tiempo y hacer todo lo que podamos por los demás.

Jesús también nos invita a hacer nuestro trabajo en consulta con el Padre a través de la oración. En oración, el Señor nos llenará de nueva energía de amor, paciencia y coraje para continuar nuestro ministerio. Es a través de la oración que renovamos nuestra fe de depender del Señor para nuestras actividades.

Padre Chris Aleti, MCCJ

Community Announcements

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Friday 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed and Eucharistic Adoration will be in Silence.



JOB OPENING IN SAINT LUCY'S CHURCH

1.- 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

Word of gratitude to all our proclaimers.

My dear proclaimers, I take this opportunity to thank you for your service in the Church. We encounter the Lord through the word and the word is our spiritual food. This is what you do when you proclaim the word of God in the liturgy. You are feeding us with the grace of God. May the good Lord bless you and enrich you to feed more people with his word.

My dear faithful Parishioners of our Church community; these are the names of our proclaimers.

English proclaimer

Adebimpe Illori
Anna Tizzio
Dennis Tucci
Severino Giansante
Michelle Coleman
Nancy Pirl
Nicole Agu
Pat Marinello
Joseph Patrick Paul Hamoy
Sybil Elias
Tiffany Koffi
Tony D'Amato

Spanish Proclaimers

Ruly Lopez
Vilma Palma
Virginia Atahualpa
Luis Plaza
Maria Santiago
Laura Florencio
Genarito Perez
Shirley Bermeo
Albany Perez
Sofia Lemmo
Lorena Lemmo
Dania Serrano
Miley Jumbo
Franklin Acosta
Claudia Usma

I keep you all in my prayers.
May God bless you abundantly.

Fr. Chris Aleti, MCCJ
Parish administrator

