



St. Lucy's Church

The National Shrine of St. Gerard

118 Seventh Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year C - September 7th , 2025

Mass intentions /Intenciones de Misa

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son
9:00am Souls in Purgatory by Ginny Salerno/
 Antoinette & Pat Ciccone by Toby & Susan
6:00pm Theresa Colon Santiago by Torres Family

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

8:00am Antonia Palladino by Mr & Mrs D'Amato/
 (ITALIAN) In Honor of Our Lady of Snows by Society
9:00am Anna Martinez by Husband/
 (SPANISH) Olga Gomez Santana by Chavez Tepoz
 Family

11:00am Donald Belfiore by Family/
 Lucy Tucci (Anniv) by Anthony Pascucci

12:30pm Eugene Michael Collins by Family/
5:30pm Peter Grillo by Toby & Susan Nicastrò/
 Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/
 Gerard Laracuenta by Family
9:00am Gerald DeNoia by Family/
 Mary Grace Bellotti by St Gerard Society
5:30pm Raffaella Bonavitacola by Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2025

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son/
 Giuseppina Malanga by Vin DiCostanzi
9:00am Bronislaw Waksmunski by Ray & Frankie/
 Brosius & Raniero Family by Family
5:30pm Pasquale DiSarno by Patricia Mercurio/
 Lucien Vessichelli (Anniv) by MaryAnn

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

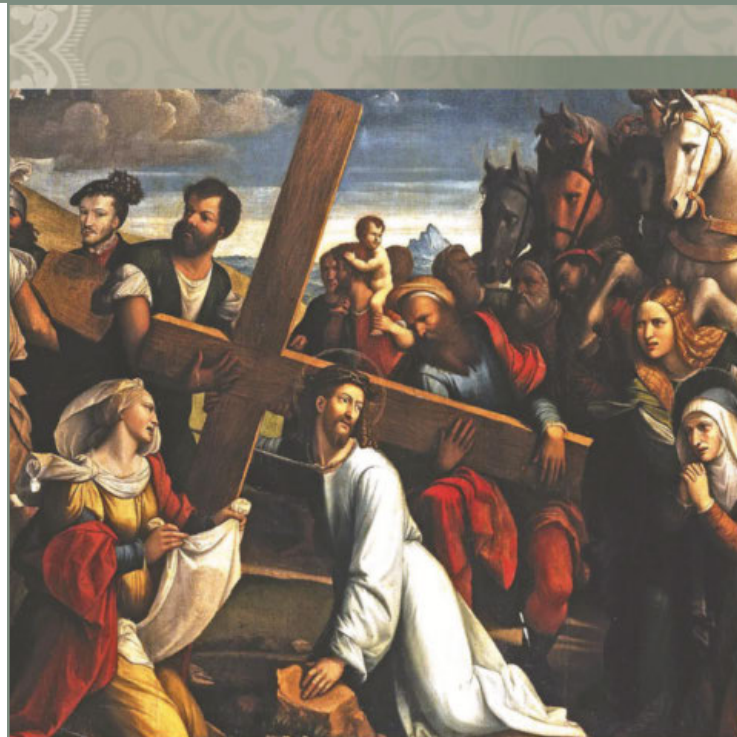
7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son
9:00am Rose Mercurio by Maryann/
 Halan Edwin Gomez by Jackie & Family
5:30pm Members of Sorletti Family by Family

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

7:00am Mr & Mrs F. Sprella by Son /
 Janet Dalbo, Mary & Anthony Manno by
 Family
9:00am Cristina Palacio by Family/
 Anthony & Virginia Tortorello by Family
5:30pm All Those Who Perished on 9/11 by Diane
 Bove

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

7:00am Mr & Mrs. F. Sprella by Son/
 Rev. G. Ruggiero by Anthony Laracuenta
9:00am Nick & Millie Mesce by Anthony & Richard
 Lucy Tucci (Anniv) by Son Dennis



23rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever does not carry his own
 cross and come after me cannot be
 my disciple." - Lk 14:27

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Eucharistic Adoration
 Adoración Eucarística

Every Friday
 Todos los viernes

5 : 30 pm - 7 : 00 pm



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Reflection on Sunday Gospel

Responsible planning

The parables of Jesus are many, but his teaching remains the same: anyone who begins an important project without knowing if he has the means and energy for the task, risks ending up with a mess on his hands. No farmer starts building a guard-tower for his vineyard, without first calculating what the job requires. If the project remains unfinished, he will look ridiculous to his neighbors. No ruler will go to war against a powerful enemy, without first calculating the chances of final victory.

At first glance, this seems to recommend a prudence and caution far from the boldness he ordinarily asks from his followers. But that is not really the message of those comparisons. The mission he gives his followers is so important that nobody should commit to it without discernment. Jesus calls for a mature reflection. The two protagonists of the parables should sit down to reflect. We need to sit down on the path to follow. We need more listening of the Gospel together, to discover God's call today, to awaken charisms, and cultivate a renewed style of following Jesus.

In our times we are living through major socio-cultural change. We cannot spread faith in this new phase of our world, without knowing it well and understanding it from within. What access to the Gospel can we offer, if we despise or ignore the thinking, feelings and language of our own times? We cannot respond to today's challenges with yesterday's strategies.

It is reckless to act without reflection. We'd be exposing ourselves to frustration, ridicule or even disaster. According to the parable, the "unfinished tower" brought mockery on its builder. Remember the thoughtful language used by Jesus, inviting his disciples to be "leaven" in the midst of the people, or pinch of "salt" that give new flavor to people's lives.

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Events-Eventos

TUESDAY / MARTES

- Grupo Legión de María - 7:30 PM—Sótano de la Iglesia

FRIDAY / VIERNES

- Eucharistic Adoration / Adoración Eucarística

5:30 PM— 7:00PM—Iglesia / Church

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 4 at 6:30 PM (Spanish and English)

- Preparación para bautismo / Baptism preparation—Iglesia / Church



September



This Sunday's Readings

FIRST READING/PRIMERA LECTURA

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Who can conceive what the LORD intends?

¿Quién puede concebir lo que el Señor tiene en mente?

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Ps 90: 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge!

En todas las épocas, Señor, has sido nuestro refugio.

SECOND READING/SEGUNDA LECTURA

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Prisoner for Christ Jesus!

Prisionero por Cristo Jesús

GOSPEL READING/EVANGELIO

Luke 14: 25-33

Need for detachment

Necesidad del desprendimiento



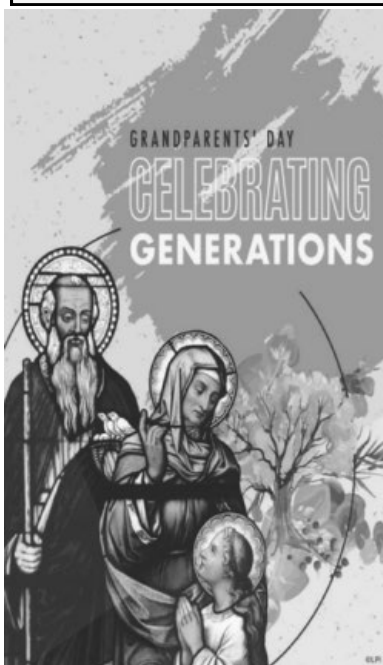
Sundays Readings

Weekend Collection/

Colecta de la Semana

8/23 & 8/24

\$ 1,526.00



Planificación responsable

Las parábolas de Jesús son muchas, pero su enseñanza sigue siendo la misma: cualquiera que emprenda un proyecto importante sin saber si cuenta con los medios y la energía necesarios para llevarlo a cabo, corre el riesgo de acabar en un desastre. Ningún agricultor comienza a construir una torre de vigilancia para su viñedo sin calcular primero lo que requiere el trabajo. Si el proyecto queda sin terminar, quedará en ridículo ante sus vecinos. Ningún gobernante irá a la guerra contra un enemigo poderoso sin calcular primero las posibilidades de victoria final.

A primera vista, esto parece recomendar una prudencia y cautela muy alejadas de la audacia que normalmente pide a sus seguidores. Pero ese no es realmente el mensaje de esas comparaciones. La misión que encomienda a sus seguidores es tan importante que nadie debe comprometerse con ella sin discernimiento. Jesús pide una reflexión madura. Los dos protagonistas de las parábolas deberían sentarse a reflexionar. Necesitamos sentarnos en el camino a seguir. Necesitamos escuchar más juntos el Evangelio, para descubrir la llamada de Dios hoy, despertar los carismas y cultivar un estilo renovado de seguir a Jesús.

En nuestros tiempos estamos viviendo un cambio sociocultural importante. No podemos difundir la fe en esta nueva etapa de nuestro mundo sin conocerla bien y comprenderla desde dentro. ¿Qué acceso al Evangelio podemos ofrecer si despreciamos o ignoramos el pensamiento, los sentimientos y el lenguaje de nuestro tiempo? No podemos responder a los retos de hoy con las estrategias de ayer.

Es imprudente actuar sin reflexionar. Nos expondríamos a la frustración, al ridículo o incluso al desastre. Según la parábola, la «torre inacabada» provocó las burlas hacia su constructor. Recordemos el lenguaje reflexivo utilizado por Jesús, invitando a sus discípulos a ser «levadura» en medio del pueblo, o una pizca de «sal» que da nuevo sabor a la vida de las personas.



SAINT LUCY'S CHURCH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM



PROGRAMA DE FORMACION EN LA FE

Starting of Classes September 7th, 2025

Comienzo de Clases Septiembre 7, 2025

Important Info / Informacion Importante

1. ALL STUDENTS AND PARENTS MUST GO TO THE SCHOOL GYM AFTER THE SPANISH MASS FOR THE START OF CLASSES.
2. IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE 1:30 P.M. PROGRAM, PLEASE GO TO THE RECTORY AFTER THE 12:30 MASS FOR THE START OF CLASSES.
3. NO CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON SHOULD GO TO CATECHISM ALONE; THEY MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENTS.
4. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND MASS. THEY WILL RECEIVE A MASS CARD, WHICH WILL BE SIGNED EVERY SUNDAY BY A CATECHIST.

**WE PRAY TO GOD FOR A FRUITFUL YEAR OF CATECHESIS FOR
THE WHOLE FAMILY.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Invitación Especial Grupo de Reflexión de la Palabra de Dios

Te invitamos cordialmente a un espacio de encuentro fraterno para reflexionar juntos sobre el Evangelio y fortalecer nuestra relación con Dios.

- Día: Todos los jueves
- ⌚ Hora: 7:30 p.m. a 9:00 p.m.
- 📍 Lugar: Luigi Hall
- ⏱ Duración: 1 hora y 30 minutos
- 🎯 Objetivo: Profundizar en la Palabra de Dios, compartir nuestra fe y crecer espiritualmente en comunidad.

Tu presencia es muy valiosa para nosotros!
Ven con el corazón dispuesto a escuchar,
compartir y dejarte transformar por el
mensaje del Señor.

"Donde dos o tres se
reúnen en mi nombre,
allí estoy yo en medio
de ellos." - Mateo 18:20

🙏 ¡Te esperamos
con alegría!



1. TODOS LOS ESTUDIANTES Y PADRES DEBEN DE IR DESPUES DE MISA DE ESPAÑOL AL GIMNACIO DE LA ESCUELA, PARA EL COMIENZO DE CLASES.
2. SI SU HIJO/A ESTA EN EL PROGRAMA DE LAS 1:30PM, DESPUES DE LA MISA DE 12:30 IR A LA RECTORIA PARA EL COMIENZO DE CLASES.
3. NINGUN NIÑO/A O JOVEN PUEDE IR SOLO A LA CATEQUESIS DEBE ESTAR ACOMPAÑADO DE SUS PADRES.
4. EL ESTUDIANTE DEBE DE ASISITIR A MISA, RECIBIRA UNA TARJETA DE MISA Y SERA FIRMADA TODOS LOS DOMINGOS POR UN ENCARGADO.

**ROGAMOS A DIOS POR UN AÑO DE
CATEQUESIS LLENOS DE FRUTOS, PARA
TODA LA FAMILIA.
LOS ESPERAMOS!!!**

126th Annual Feast of ST. GERARD MAIELLA

October 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th, 2025



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Tuesday, October 7th – Wednesday, October 15th
Novena begins at 7:00 pm each evening

FAMILIES AFFECTED BY CANCER. October 7th
FAMILIES AFFECTED BY DEMENTIA. October 8th
ANOINTING OF THE SICK. October 9th
THOSE AFFECTED BY AUTISM AND CHILDREN WITH
SPECIAL NEEDS. October 10th
THANKSGIVING FOR FAVORS RECEIVED
FROM ST. GERARD. October 11th
BLESSING OF WOMEN PRAYING TO CONCEIVE.
October 13th
BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS. October 14th
BLESSING OF NEWBORN BABIES. October 15th

SPECIAL SERVICES

ITALIAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS.
October 16th
SPECIAL MASS IN THANKSGIVING FOR FIRE/POLICE/
SHERIFF OFFICERS/CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS AND
FIRST RESPONDERS.
October 17th at 6:30 pm

ENTERTAINMENT

Thursday, October 16th
Jared Sorce
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Friday, October 17th
DJ Chris
5:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Saturday, October 18th
Joe Causi
Saturday's Host for the Day
Pappa Joe DeClemente
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Uncle Louie's Variety Show
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Biaggio
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Nine Deez Nite
8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Sunday, October 19th
Gerard Esposito
11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Music by Arlette
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
Vanessa Racci
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Jersey Sound
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

DJ - CJ & Modish Entertainment will MC ALL WEEKEND

Secure Parking on and off Site. Shuttle Service Available From 7th Avenue and
Martin Luther King Blvd. on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.

IMPORTANT

When you prepare your cape, blanket or ribbon, PLEASE USE PINS.
The bank has informed us that they will no longer accept money
with tape or sticky residue.

THE PROGRAM

Thursday, October 16th, 2025
Masses at 8, 9, 10, 11 am and 12:15 pm
Solemn High Mass at 11:00 am

In Honor of The National Shrine of Saint Gerard Maiella Association

The procession will leave the church at 2:00 pm
Proceed up Seventh Ave to Villa Victoria, then proceed down
Seventh Ave to Stone Street, left on Stone St. to Park Ave, right on
Park Ave to Bloomfield Ave, right on Bloomfield Ave to Webster St,
right on Webster St to Crane St, right on Crane St. to Cutler St., left
on Cutler St. to Seventh Ave to St. Lucy's Church.

Saturday, October 18th, 2025
Masses at 8, 9, 10, 11 am, 12:15 pm
Solemn High Mass at 11:00 am
9:00 am & 10:00 am will be in Italian
In Honor of St. Gerard, Patron of Mothers

The procession will leave the Church at 2:00 pm
Proceed up Seventh Avenue to Villa Victoria then down Seventh
Avenue to Stone St., left on Stone St. to Victoria Ave,
left on Victoria Ave to Clifton Ave, right on Clifton Ave to Park Ave,
left on Park Ave to Ridge St., right on Ridge St. to Second Ave, right
on Second Ave to Mt. Prospect Ave, right at Mt. Prospect Ave
to St. Lucy's Church.

There will be an evening mass after the
procession returns to the Church.

Sunday, October 19th, 2025
Masses at 8, 9, 10, 11:00 am and 12:30 pm
Mass at 8:00 am Italian
Mass at 9:00 am Spanish
Mass at 10:00 am Italian
Mass at 11:00 am English Mass at 12:30 pm English

Solemn High Mass at 11:00 am
To honor the Caposelese Devotees who brought this tradition to
Saint Lucy's Church

The procession will leave the church at 2:30 pm
Proceed up Seventh Ave to Mt. Prospect Ave, right on Mt. Prospect
to Victoria Ave, right on Victoria Ave to Garside St, left on Garside
Street to Park Ave, left on Park Ave to Clifton Ave, right on Clifton
Ave to Third Ave, right on Third Ave to Garside St, right on Garside
St to Park Ave, left on Park Ave to Cutler St, right on Cutler St to
Seventh Ave, left on Seventh Avenue to St. Lucy's Church.

There will be an evening mass after the
procession returns to the Church.

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