



The Emmaus Christian Community  
At the Shrine of St. Joseph Stirling, NJ  
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LITURGY FOR SUNDAY  
April 21, 2024  
4th Sunday of Easter  
CYCLE B



**READINGS:**

April 21, 2024 4th Sunday of Easter

<b>Reading 1</b>	<b>Acts 4:8-12</b>
<b>Responsorial</b>	<b>Psalm 118: It was the stone rejected by the builders that has proved to be the keystone.</b>
<b>Reading II</b>	<b>1 John 3: 1-2</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 10: 11-18</b>

First Reading: Responsorial:  
Second Reading: Prayer of the Faithful:  
Communion Meditation:  
Mass Coordinator: Liturgy Coordinator:

April 28, 2024 5th Sunday of Easter

<b>Reading 1</b>	<b>Acts 9: 26-31</b>
<b>Responsorial</b>	<b>Psalm 22: You are the theme of my praise in the Great Assembly.</b>
<b>Reading II</b>	<b>1 John 3: 18-24</b>
<b>Gospel</b>	<b>John 15: 1-8</b>

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**PLEASE OFFER PRAYERS FOR:**

Cathy Stephens and her family, former long-time members of the Community, diagnosed with AML & beginning chemotherapy; Kathy Emery and her family, former long-time members of the Community; **thanksgiving for successful health outcomes; Community members recovering** from procedures, **awaiting** results of medical testing & **battling** illnesses or in hospice care and their caregivers; **Community members mourning** the loss of family and/or friends; **members of the medical community, first responders & all essential workers;** the Avirappattu family as they continue to deal with Jacob's severe disabilities with great love.

**PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY** asks community members to notify them of family members who are sick, recovering from surgery or an accident, or who have lost a significant loved one to have prayer requests posted in the bulletin. In addition, if anyone is need of assistance, please contact Elinor Redington at [elliered8@gmail.com](mailto:elliered8@gmail.com)

**COMMUNITY QUESTIONS:**

Please contact members of The Guiding Council with any concerns or questions:

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**COMMUNITY NEWS:**

**Monday, April 22, 2024: Earth Day**  
Passover begins at sundown

**Friday, April 26, 2024: Arbor Day**

**Sunday, June 2, 2024: Community Meeting**  
After liturgy in the auditorium.

**Sunday, September 15, 2024: Community Meeting**  
After liturgy in the auditorium.

**SERVICE AUCTION:**

Openings are still available at some Auction events and will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Click on the link below to view. To purchase an item contact Gordy at [gordyglose@verizon.net](mailto:gordyglose@verizon.net) The link will be updated after each sale, keep using the same link. Order by item # (not row #).

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YOvXC1PHIPY-III7fhKL5Nar556ug0\\_4tb5RF4tA6S4/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1YOvXC1PHIPY-III7fhKL5Nar556ug0_4tb5RF4tA6S4/edit?usp=sharing)

**SANDWICH MINISTRY: Joanne McAneny**  
[fmcaneny@comcast.net](mailto:fmcaneny@comcast.net) 908-693-4176

**Sandwich donations continue to be accepted at Our Lady of Peace Church (OLP) in New Providence every Monday between 1:00 & 2:00**, and can be dropped off at the auditorium kitchen. Luncheon meat and cheese with no mayo, mustard, butter etc. or peanut butter and jelly are good donations. Put sandwiches in individual sandwich baggies and then back in the bread wrapper. Twist tie the wrapper and tape on a paper label with kind of sandwiches and date made.

Beneficiaries have been St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth, St. John's Soup Kitchen in Newark, Salvation Army in Plainfield & Summit Helps Its People (SHIP). Thank you for your help feeding the needy.

**THANK YOU:**

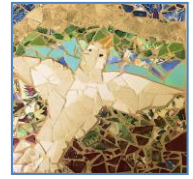
On behalf of all of us at St. Joseph Social Service Center, thank you so much for donating the beautiful baskets filled with goodies to St. Joseph's Easter Basket program. We are very grateful for the support from the Emmaus Christian Community. Because of your kindness, many families and their children were able to enjoy the Easter Holiday. And, through your wonderful generosity, we are able to continue to provide, with compassion, items to help our Elizabeth community live with dignity. From: Mary Phillips, Development Director, SJSSC

**GUEST REFLECTIONIST PROGRAM:**

If you have a recommendation for someone to participate in our guest reflectionist program, please contact Jody at [jodypfeiffer@verizon.net](mailto:jodypfeiffer@verizon.net)



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**MUSIC MINISTRY (Marge Leonard):**

New members welcomed – practice is 1x/week

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**SHRINE INFORMATION:** <https://www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com>

**GIFT SHOP: Monday-Saturday 10-5; Sunday 11-3**

**Masses will be live-streamed for those that cannot attend in person.**

**Masses in English:**

5:30 pm Saturday Vigil in the Chapel

8:00 am Sunday in the Chapel

9:45 am Sunday in the Chapel

**Masses in Spanish:**

9:45 am Sunday in the auditorium

11:45 am Sunday in the Chapel

**Confessions** in the Hope Room daily from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is offered in the Chapel on **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.** and **Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Devotions honoring Saint Joseph** will be offered **Sundays at 3:00 pm** in the Chapel. During the Year of the Eucharist, special prayers will be offered.

**Spiritual Direction:**

The Shrine has trained & certified Spiritual Directors to accompany you on your journey discovering God in every aspect of your life.

**Recovery Mass** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of month at noon.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Fr. Abram Dono, S.T., is in need of someone to assist him with **stuffing envelopes**. We are also in need of volunteers to **assist the Sisters in the Gift Shop**. Please contact the office directly at (908) 647-0208

**Book Release**

As we get closer to celebrating the Shrine's centennial year, we are so excited to offer a newly released book, ***A Shrine to St. Joseph: The Centennial History***, authored by Carl Ganz. The book is available in the gift shop for purchase or on [Amazon](https://www.amazon.com). Pick up your copy today!