



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie
In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912*

March 26, 2023

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In Residence

Sister Dorothy A. Donovan, S.S.J.,
Pastoral Associate

Eileen M. Ballone,
Director of Music

Dina R. Tarabocchia,
Parish Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE:

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Parish Center Office

Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172

Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988

By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2989

Sunday to Thursday



Saturday, March 25

5:30 PM Malvina Smoyer

SUNDAY, March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Egidio Picinich

10:00 AM Antonia Morin

12:00 PM Victor Traverso

MONDAY, March 27

12:00 PM Joseph J. Ruzich

TUESDAY, March 28

12:00 PM Luke Marquez

WEDNESDAY, March 29

12:00 PM Chris Picinic

THURSDAY, March 30

12:00 PM Luke Marquez

FRIDAY, March 31

12:00 PM Chris Marquez

SATURDAY, April 1

12:00 PM Mass Guild

5:30 PM Patricia Lynch

SUNDAY, April 2, 2023

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM Martino Picinich

10:00 AM Anthony Giovine

12:00 PM Sergio Passaro



**Memorials
Bread & Wine
People of Our Parish Family**

**Sanctuary Candle
Joseph Castellano**

LIFE FROM GOD

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now. We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

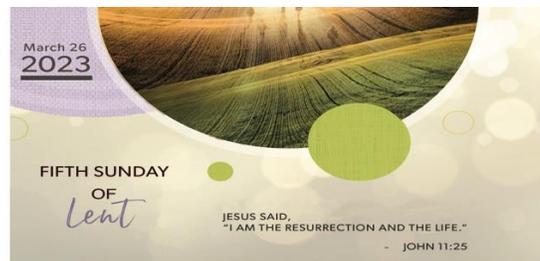
Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus
while before your face I humbly kneel,
and with burning soul
pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart
lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity;
true contrition for my sins,
and a firm purpose of amendment.
While I contemplate with great love and pity,
your five most precious wounds,
pondering over them within me,
I call to mind the words which David,
your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus:
"They have pierced my hands and my feet,
they have numbered all my bones."

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.

Place your Spirit in us so that we may live
in a world of freedom.





We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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| Catherine Mary Moncello | Anthony Deli |
| Michel Porta | Valerie Vernay |
| Camilla Leventhal | Julian Morgan |
| Nicole Grano | Baby Amato Jordan |
| Johanna Hanush | Philip Dittmar |
| Lena Vitale. | Grace Ehler |
| John Thomas Lazur Dersch | Julio Sanchez |
| Robert Zienkiewicz | Arline Hrbek |
| Florence Navarro | Kevin Michael Francis |
| Paula Kelnhofer | Jacqueline Palmadessa |
| Barbara Demczyszyn | Michael Toscano |
| Caroline Ruppert Hubertz | Ellie Lombardelli |
| Tom Greaux | Brandon Kingsley |
| John Ratynski | Robert & Carolyn Salzman |
| Victor Ruggiero | James Moran |
| Dominick Di Buono | Olivia La Forte King |
| David I. Ramos | Emily Menzella |
| Charlie Di Buono | Vitangelo Bavaro |



Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.

Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}
Make your gift today.

St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	70
Amount of Pledges	\$16,390

As of March 22



If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989



The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years (or any years, specify) of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2023. These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below.

The 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

The 5th & 25th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus.

April 16, 2023 - 3:00 pm 50 years (All counties)

May 7, 2023 - 3:00 pm 5 years and 25 years (All counties)

Registration must be in by April 28 for those celebrating 5 years and 25 years of marriage and April 11th for those celebrating 50 years of marriage.

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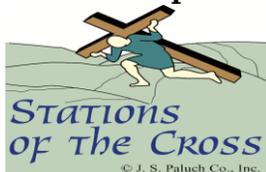


March 19, 2023
\$1,943



Lenten Penance Service
will be held on
Wednesday • March 29, 2023
at 7pm

Our homilist and Confessor
will be the Very Rev. Joseph D'Amico,
Pastor of Saint Anastasia's Church in
Teaneck, as well as other Confessors
who will be present.



There will be no Stations of the Cross
except for Good Friday.
The Church will be open 9 am to
6 pm on Monday thru Saturday and Fridays till
8 pm for those who choose to say Stations
of the Cross at your leisure.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday ~ April 2

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses
Saturday ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday ~ 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Chrism Mass ~ April 3

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart ~ 8:00 pm

April 3 ~4 ~5

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Daily Mass ~ 12:00 noon

Holy Thursday ~ April 6

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration until midnight or when
the church is empty

Good Friday ~ April 7

Stations of the Cross ~ 12 Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion

with Veneration of the Cross
and Holy Communion at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday ~ April 8

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection ~ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses ~ April 9

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Archdiocese of Newark 2023

Lenten Regulations

In observance of Lent 2023, the following obligations are to be observed by all Catholics of the Archdiocese of Newark who enjoy the blessings of good health:

The days of both Fast and Abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

- The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one (1) full meal and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
- The obligation of Fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. The obligation of Abstinence applies to Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 26, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Jun. 4, 2023.
- *Canon 920, 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*
- The Memorial of St. Patrick is on a Friday this year. For those members of the faithful celebrating this Solemnity and who desire it, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R. has dispensed the penitential obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17. A substitution should be made in the form of fasting, prayer and/or almsgiving.