



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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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: 12:05 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

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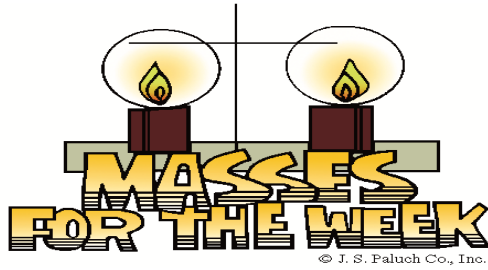
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Rectory

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By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2989
Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, May 1

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild
5:30 PM Francesco La Rocca

SUNDAY, May 2, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Giuliano Spadavecchia
10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo
12:00 PM Matthew Nierstedt

MONDAY, May 3

12:05 PM Michele Brattoli

TUESDAY, May 4

12:05 PM Leonard Mazzola, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, May 5

12:05 PM John Bussanich

THURSDAY, May 6

12:05 PM Ida Coppola

FRIDAY, May 7

12:05 PM Antonia Hroncich

SATURDAY, May 8

5:30 PM All Mother's Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, May 9

Sixth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM

All Mother's Living & Deceased

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

**Sanctuary Candle
Marion Greene**

CHRISTIANITY

Christianity is the spirit of
Jesus Christ at work in the world.
— Anonymous

HOLiest FLOWER

Mary is the lily in God's
garden.
— St. Bridget of Sweden

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride
could you have given than to claim you
were not proud?
— St. John Climacus

SMALL TASKS

Each small task of everyday life
is part of the total harmony of the
universe.
— St. Thérèse of Liseux



May 2, 2021

**Let us love not in word or speech
but in deed and truth.**

— 1 John 3:18

BEARING FRUIT

Few of us, even when we meditate on the image of the vine and branches, stop to really think about how God “prunes” us. For some there is the danger of thinking that we are already producing fruit for the kingdom, in deed and truth as John says, perhaps raising a family, being active in our parish, and so on. But even those branches which are bearing fruit, the Gospel tells us, can be pruned to produce still more. Today Saul, freshly “pruned” by his conversion, arrives in Jerusalem and meets resistance. Since he had been persecuting Christians, this was only natural. But even after he is accepted and begins to bear fruit, he meets further adversity, and his letters are filled with many accounts of how his trials “pruned” him to produce greater fruit for the kingdom. Like him, as long as we remain in Christ we will continue to bear fruit and, when the will of the Father determines it is time to prune us, the strength of the true vine must enable us to endure it.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — Barnabas reported to the apostles how Saul had seen the Lord on the way (Acts 9:26-31).

Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people (Psalm 22).

Second Reading — This is God’s commandment: that we may believe and love (1 John 3:18-24).

Gospel — I am the true vine; whoever remains in me will bear much fruit (John 15:1-8).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

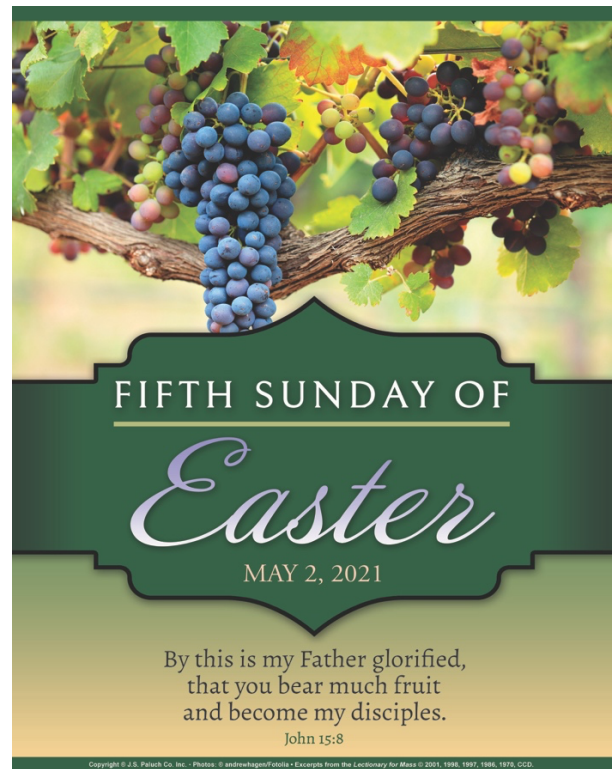
Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Monday: Ss. Philip and James

Wednesday: Cinco de Mayo

Thursday: National Day of Prayer

Friday: First Friday





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

Shirley Pizza
Catherine Mary Moncello
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale.
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro
Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa
Michael Toscano
Ellie Lombardelli

John McConnell
Michel Porta
Julian Morgan
Baby Amato Jordan
Giovanna Careri
Grace Ehler
Julio Sanchez
Arline Hrbek
Kevin Michael Francis
Philip Dittmar
Barbara Demczyszyn
Caroline Ruppert Hubertz
Tom Greaux

Mary Ceppaglia



Ann (Cookie) Patunas

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.



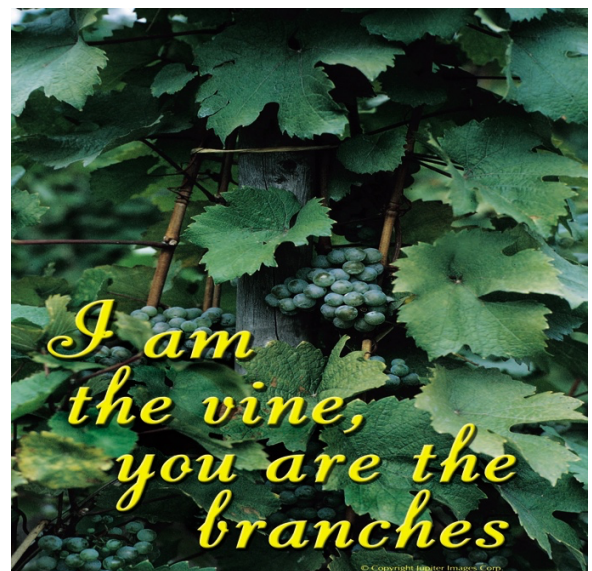
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FEAST OF FAITH

The Homily

The ambo, or pulpit, is a special place—it is the place for God's word. That is why it is not used for all the spoken words of the Mass, even important words like the collects and the blessing. The ambo is only used for the scripture readings, and for the homily and the prayer of the faithful.

The homily is part of the Liturgy of the Word. It flows from the readings we have just heard, and helps us to understand the way in which God is speaking to us today. The homily is not a lecture, a catechism lesson, or a speech. It is more like an exhortation; it has an urgency about it, for it calls us to find ourselves in the scripture, to live the faith we profess, to see our world by the light of the Gospel. The homily, in itself a response to God's word, demands a response from us. There are many styles of preaching and many ways to respond to the scriptures. But whether the homily is weak or strong, an open ear and an open heart can find in it an abundance of spiritual nourishment.





"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish). Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail

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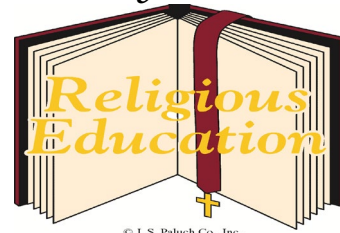
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"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

*** All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.**



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



Registration for new students and/or families in our religious education program for the 2021-2022 school year are now in progress.

Registration can made in the parish center.

Call Sister Dorothy for further information or with questions.

Thank you.



Annual Appeal



Make your gift today.

St. Margaret's 2021 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	83
Amount of Pledges	\$14,995

As of April 20

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