



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*

April 23, 2023



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In Residence

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

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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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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988

By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2989

Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, April 22

5:30 PM Irene Katkowski

SUNDAY, April 23, 2023

Third Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Domenica Mattessich
10:00 AM Pietro De Sario
12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

MONDAY, April 24

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

TUESDAY, April 25

12:00 PM Marco Vlacancich

WEDNESDAY, April 26

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

THURSDAY, April 27

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

FRIDAY, April 28

12:00 PM Carmelo Marinzoli

SATURDAY, April 29

5:30 PM William Santos

SUNDAY, April 30, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Nevio Mattessich
10:00 AM Mauro Favuzzi
12:00 PM Doris Mattessich

**Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
People of Our Parish Family**

April 23, 2023 Third Sunday of Easter

EMMAUS AND THE MASS

Emmaus might as well be Brigadoon. We hear of it in this one story—and it’s only in Luke—and then it disappears. The journey to Emmaus is one of the most beloved stories about Jesus, and yet the town is probably “mythical” in the truest sense. Like so much of life, this story is about the journey, not the destination. Running away from Jerusalem and their fears, probably going home in disillusionment, two of Jesus’ disciples encounter a stranger on the road who, like a rabbi, is able to help them understand their experiences using his deep knowledge of scripture. Later, sharing a meal with him, they recognize the stranger as Jesus, and they return to Jerusalem to tell the others. How like our Mass—we hear the scriptures and an explanation of them, we share a meal, and then we go out to tell the good news.

EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

WORTHY WORK

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

—Charles de Foucaul



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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 Hubert | 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 |
| Mary Mirrop | |



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	91
Amount of Pledges	\$19,090

As of April 18



RCIA



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

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

Please call the Parish Office for more information 201-641-2988.



*April 16, 2023
\$2,263*

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

Neophytes

Perhaps you've noticed that those who were baptized and newly initiated into the Church at Easter are still sitting in a prominent location during Sunday Mass.

Aren't they done? What's going on?

During this Easter season the newly initiated are called "neophytes," and they are living through the final period of the catechumenal process, known by the name "mystagogy." They are exploring the mysteries of their new identity, reflecting on the meaning of the sacraments they celebrated at the Easter Vigil, and strengthening their bonds with Christ and the Christian community. That they are living their new identity in such a public way should be an inspiration to the rest of us, a sign that this new life in Christ really makes a difference. And they are also still in need of the prayers and support of the rest of the community. As neophytes and fully-initiated members of the Christian community, they are no longer being dismissed for catechesis during Mass. Perhaps you might take advantage of their presence at the end of Mass and engage one in conversation. Learn about their experience and let them know of your continuing prayers and support for them.

Today's Gospel has some surprises for the disciples going to Emmaus. The first is that Luke tells us Jesus appeared to them, "but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (Luke 24:16). More likely, they were prevented by their lack of faith. They knew that Jesus had died, so this man who looked familiar couldn't be him. All they had heard was that Jesus' body was missing from the tomb. That leads to the second point. They were amazed at how Jesus explained the scriptures. Even the disciples had not thought of them as predicting Jesus' suffering and death. Yet they seem to know the truth of what Jesus was saying. Their story can help us, too. If you find you are not always able to see Jesus in the people or events of your life, you may need to stretch your faith. One way to do that is to discuss it with others. The two disciples were stretching their faith as they discussed what they had heard. Your faith will grow as you learn to express it. Another way to stretch your faith is to read and pray over the scriptures. Ask what God is trying to tell you in them. The disciples on the way to Emmaus began to see how Jesus fulfilled the promises found there. Ask God to help you see Jesus in other people. Receive Jesus in Communion as often as you can (at least once a week). Trust him and expect to see Jesus both in people around you and in the changes that come into your life. The more you look for Jesus, the easier it is to see him.

