

# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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April 18, 2021



**Reverend Kevin E. Carter,**  
*Pastor*

**Reverend Michael Otuwurunne,**  
*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:** 12:05 p.m.

**CONFessions:** Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

**PARISH WEBSITE:**

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**Parish Center Office**

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Monday to Friday

**Rectory**

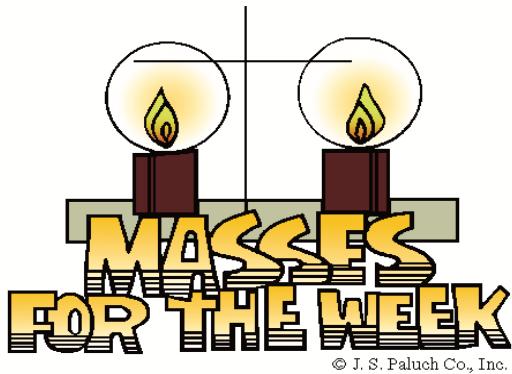
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By appointment only

**Religious Education**

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Sunday to Thursday



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**SATURDAY, April 17**  
5:30 PM Mario Hroncich

**SUNDAY, April 18**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Judy Uva  
10:00 AM John & Mattea Morich  
12:00 PM Rosaleen & John Dicks

**MONDAY, April 19**  
12:05 PM Pietro De Sario

**TUESDAY, April 20**  
12:05 PM George Georghalli

**WEDNESDAY, April 21**  
12:05 PM Irene Katkowski

**THURSDAY, April 22**  
12:05 PM Polycarpo & Maria Magdalena  
Cavalcante

**FRIDAY, April 23**  
12:05 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

**SATURDAY, April 24**  
5:30 PM Giuliano Spadavecchia

**SUNDAY, April 25**  
**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 AM Elaine Palladino  
10:00 AM Maria Alfio Lanuto  
12:00 PM Marco Vlacancich

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

**NATURE'S LESSONS**

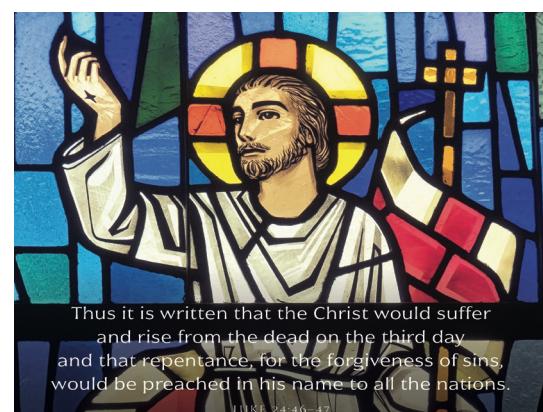
Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters.

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

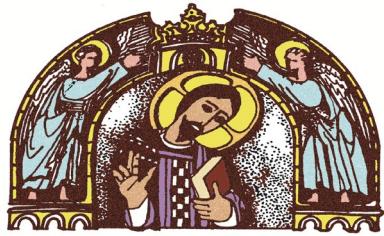
**MARTYRDOM**

It is not the suffering but the cause that makes the martyr.

—English proverb



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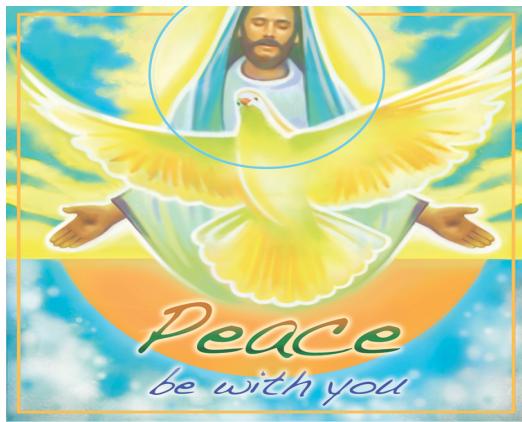


*Everything written  
about me  
must be fulfilled*

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## FULFILLMENT

It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures") were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin Missa, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ.



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## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading — We have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel — Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day (Luke 24:35-48).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

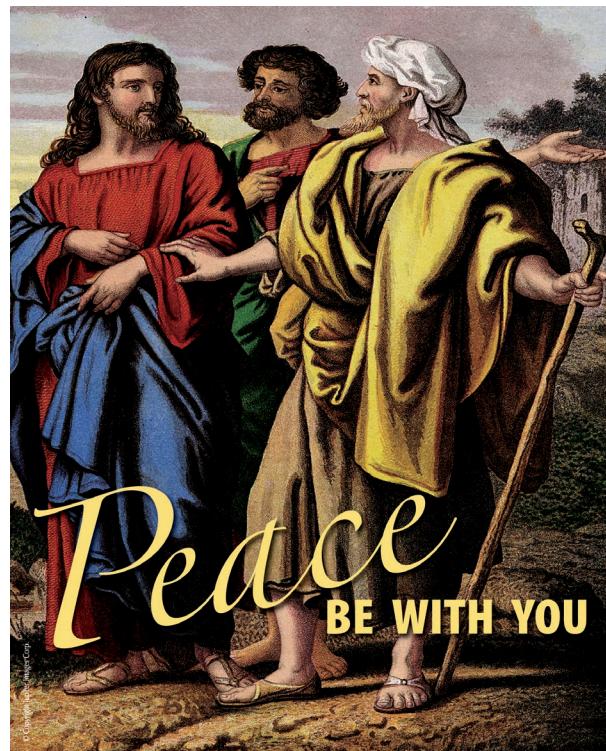
Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Wednesday: St. Anselm;  
Administrative Professionals Day

Thursday: Earth Day

Friday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Saturday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen





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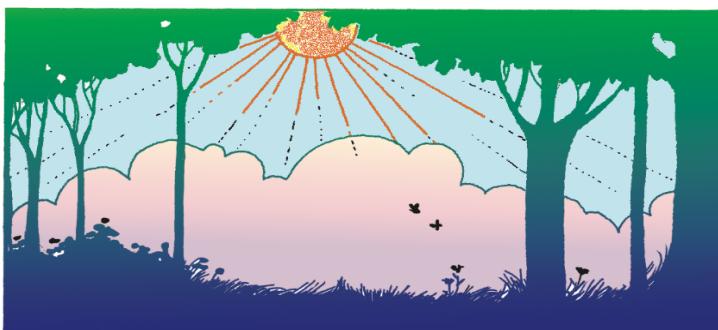
## We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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

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



**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 Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

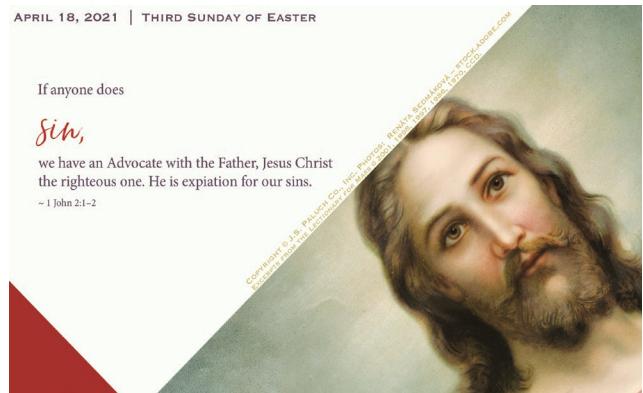
APRIL 18, 2021 | THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

If anyone does

*sin,*

we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one. He is expiation for our sins.

~ 1 John 2:1-2



## FOOD PANTRY

This weekend, April 17 & 18th is our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of coffee and cold/hot cereals.

Please note: At this time we are *not* in need of canned vegetables. The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, for those who qualify.

The hours are from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The wonderful generosity of our parishioners every month is very much appreciated by those we try to serve.



*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.*



Annual Appeal <sup>2021</sup>



Make your gift today.

St. Margaret's 2021 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	74
Amount of Pledges	\$13,945

As of April 6



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"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

[Cheryl.riley@rcan.org](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org) (English)

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

\* All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed.



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