



# ***St. Margaret of Cortona Parish***

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**March 13, 2022**



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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 Friday

### **Rectory**

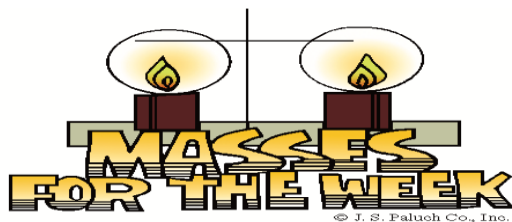
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By appointment only

### **Religious Education**

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Sunday to Thursday



**SATURDAY, March 12**

**5:30 PM** Mariantonio &  
Salvatore Gagliardi

**SUNDAY, March 13, 2022**

**Second Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM** Sergio Altomare  
**10:00 AM** Mario Hroncich  
**12:00 PM** Sergio Passaro [6A]

**MONDAY, March 14**

**12:00 PM** Benito Bussanich

**TUESDAY, March 15**

**12:00 PM** Antonia Scrivanich

**WEDNESDAY, March 16**

**12:00 PM** Dolores Courtney

**THURSDAY, March 17**

**12:00 PM** Maria De Sario

**FRIDAY, March 18**

**12:00 PM** Casimir Katkowski

**SATURDAY, March 19**

**5:30 PM** Joan Lee

**SUNDAY, March 20, 2022**

**Third Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM** Elaine Palladino  
**10:00 AM** Anna & Antonio Hroncich  
**12:00 PM** Joseph De Ruvo



**Memorials**  
**Bread & Wine**  
**Sergio Passaro [6A]**  
**Sanctuary Candle**  
**Nerina Picinich**

**INSPIRED SCRIPTURE**

The study of inspired scripture is the chief way  
of finding our duty.  
—St. Basil the Great

**FLOWERING**

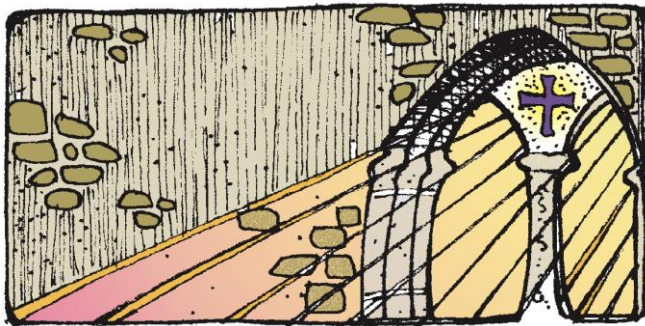
The flower does not bear the root, but the root  
the flower . . . The rose is merely the evidence of  
the vitality of the root.  
—Woodrow Wilson

**LET NOTHING DISTURB YOU**

Let nothing disturb you,  
Nothing frighten you.  
All things are passing.  
God never changes.  
Patient endurance attains all things.  
Whoever possesses God lacks nothing,  
God alone is sufficient.  
—St. Teresa of Ávila







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## Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

### A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.



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**March 6, 2022**

**\$2,790**

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The Lord made a covenant with his faithful servant, Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land" (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18).

Psalm — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading — We await the Lord Jesus, who will change us to conform with his glorified body (Philippians 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]).

Gospel — Peter, James, and John witness the transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain (Luke 9:28b-36).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins

Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance)  
begins at sunset

Thursday: St. Patrick

Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary



St. Margaret's 2022 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	61
Amount of Pledges	\$13,305

As of March 7



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

John McConnell	Anthony Deli
Catherine Mary Moncello	Michel Porta
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	Tony Tarabocchia
Cynthia Ratynski	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Victor Ruggiero	



**Rachel Tozzini**

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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**Lenten Penance Service 7:00 pm  
Monday - March 28, 2022**  
**Sacred Silence**

**For a feeling of austerity and to mark the special character of the season,**

**there will be NO closing hymn during Lent.**

**Check out our  
Parish Website: <http://stmargaretlfnj.org/>**

**You will find a video of the parish mass and important news / prayers / bulletins and more!**

***\*\*Thanks so much for your participation in our Easter candy sale – both online and “in person.” We are most grateful for your support! When the candy that was ordered “in person” is set to be delivered, I will notify you. It will be some time during the week of April 4. Any questions?? Contact Sister Dorothy. God’s blessing on your Lenten efforts!***

**“STAND FIRM IN the Lord.” (PHIL 4:1)**

March 13, 2022 | Second Sunday of Lent Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

| Phil 3:17—4:1 or Phil 3:20—4:1 | Lk 9:28b-36

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### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY,**

**ENGAGE, SERVE** In today’s Gospel from Luke, Jesus is transfigured before the disciples: They see a glorious vision of him wearing dazzling white, with a “face changed in appearance,” and conversing with Moses and Elijah about the “exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem.” This is in marked contrast to what Luke had recounted just prior to these verses: Jesus’ prediction of his suffering and death, and the assertion that his disciples must take up their crosses daily in order to follow him. So it is no surprise that Peter, likely somewhat stunned after being a part of both moments, “did not know what he was saying.” Then a cloud passes over and, while they are frightened, they hear God’s voice affirm what they have just seen: “This my chosen Son; listen to him.” We all experience these extremes – days where all seems lost; others where we feel as though we’ve had glimpses of heaven. Today’s Gospel encourages us to look to Jesus, who has experienced the frailty of humanity and the glory of divinity. Through his suffering, death, and resurrection, we are redeemed, and ultimately – as the disciples glimpsed today – “he will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.”

### **GO EVANGELIZE PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Life can bring unexpected joys and disappointments. One day we celebrate a birth; another we grieve the loss of a loved one. We fall in love; we experience broken relationships. Many of us may find ourselves in flux much of the time: Will this pandemic ever end? Will the cancer recur? What’s next now that the kids are grown? Today’s readings give me great hope in the knowledge that God is with us through all the twists and turns and ups and downs of our lives. Just as God fulfilled his promises to Abraham, God has given us a Savior in Jesus Christ and promises that we will someday share in his glory. To that end, we can strive to ensure that no darkness in our world prevents us from becoming a source of light to others. Jesus and the saints walk before us. We pray, then, for the grace to listen to God’s chosen Son, and to “stand firm in the Lord.”

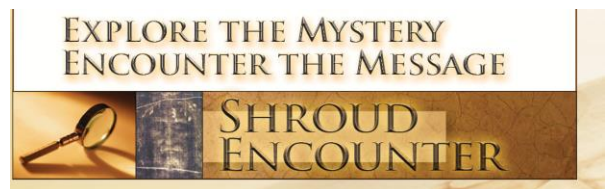
### **PRAY**

Lent is a good time to try a new form of prayer. Do you often pray silently? Try the rosary or spoken prayer. Do you normally pray out loud? Try centering prayer or another form of quiet or silent prayer, such as *Lectio Divina*.



### **Here are the Church regulations for fasting and abstinence during Lent:**

- Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
- Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age, is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed minimal penitential practices.



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