



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*

May 7, 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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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988

By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2989

Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, May 6

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders

SUNDAY, May 7

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM Gianmartino Matesic
10:00 AM Ana Margarita Cofino
12:00 PM Thomas Smith

MONDAY, May 8

12:00 PM Antonia Morin

TUESDAY, May 9

12:00 PM Vincenzo Pischiottola

WEDNESDAY, May 10

12:00 PM Gianmartino Matesic

THURSDAY, May 11

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

FRIDAY, May 12

12:00 PM Donald Walsh

SATURDAY, May 13

5:30 PM For all Mothers Living & Deceased

SUNDAY, May 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
For all Mothers Living & Deceased

Memorials

**Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle**

People of Our Parish Family

May 7, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter

FOLLOWING JESUS' WAY OF LOVE

Throughout the Easter season, we hear the story of the earliest Christian communities in readings from the Acts of the Apostles. We hear how the people grappled with what it meant to place their faith and trust in the Lord, understanding that doing so called them to live differently – to follow Jesus' way of love. This is more than a history lesson for us. As we hear how the people were drawn to Christ and learned to follow Jesus, we are invited to ask ourselves how fully we are taking the gospel to heart. Is Jesus our way, truth, and life? Do our daily actions announce the praises of the Lord?

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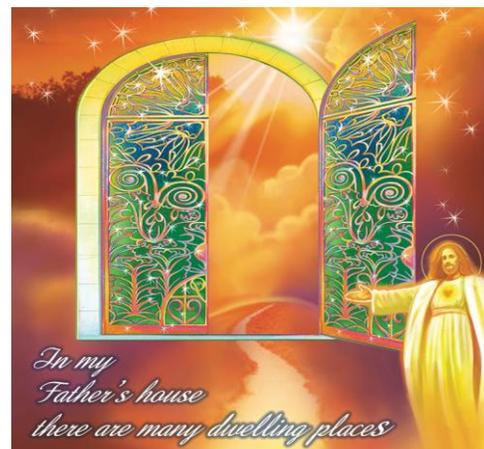
The hand will not reach out for what the heart does not long for.
– German proverb

EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.
– St. Philip Neri

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Easter
Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster; St. John of Avila
Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima



We lift 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 Demczynszyn | 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

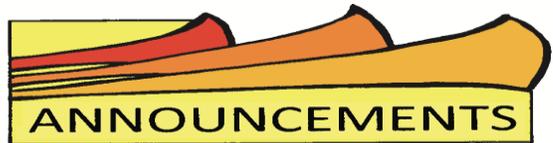
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St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	96
Amount of Pledges	\$20,640

As of May 3



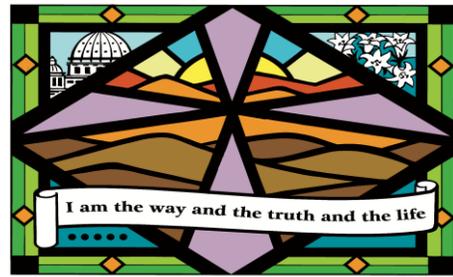
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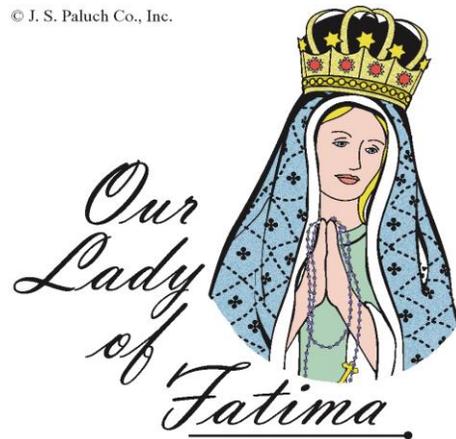
If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Sister Dorothy at 201-641-2989



April 30, 2023
\$2,607



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OUR FASCINATING FAITH

May and Mary

There have long been devotions to our Blessed Mother, but the dedication of the month of May to Mary is a more recent development in the long history of the Church. In the sixteenth century there were month-long Marian devotions, but they were not necessarily associated with May. In medieval times, various celebrations involving Mary occurred in May. But it wasn't until late eighteenth-century Italy that the idea of dedicating May to Mary began to take root. This notion flourished in the nineteenth century and began to foster daily devotions, frequent rosaries, and May crownings around the world. And so May, the lovely month of nature's motherhood, came to be dedicated to our Blessed Mother Mary.

With Mary, the apostles and first disciples kept prayerful vigil for the Spirit's coming, the culmination of Mary's faith-filled lifetime. Mary's faith was shown forth in her acceptance of the angel's word at the Annunciation, her charity in the Visitation to Elizabeth, her trust in Joseph during the flight into Egypt, her steadfast vigil beneath her Son's cross. Throughout these joyful and sorrowful mysteries of her life, Mary's faith-filled heart embraced God's will, making her an instrument for the accomplishment of God's plan for our salvation, and a living model for us of trust and perseverance. For Mary's undaunted faith and the selfless love it inspired, all generations shall call her blessed.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Greater Than Jesus?

Of all the promises Jesus gave to his disciples, sometimes I find the one at the end of today's Gospel to be the most amazing of all. Jesus tells his disciples that they would do greater works than he did. What could be greater than walking on water, curing a blind man, raising the dead,

or feeding five thousand people with only a few loaves of bread?

First, we have to ask what Jesus would think is greater. The apostles performed many miracles because of their faith in the Lord. They cured the sick, and Peter even brought a dead woman back to life (Acts 9:40). But even these signs are not greater than what Jesus did.

No, Jesus meant greater in the sense of the true work of a disciple. The disciples started right after Pentecost, when they received the power of the Holy Spirit. Peter went outside and began preaching to the people, resulting in three thousand people being baptized.

I wonder if we have that same kind of trust in Jesus that the apostles had. Maybe we have to start like they did. They talked about their experience of finding the empty tomb. They prayed, they discussed what had happened, and they looked for Jesus to appear to them. We can do those same things. We can talk about our faith with our families or in a parish discussion group. We can pray to be filled with the gifts of the Spirit and to see Jesus in other people. And we can look for God to act in our lives so that we can share God's love, which has been given to us, with those who do not know the Lord.