



# *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*

*March 12, 2023*



**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:** 12:00 p.m.

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

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

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### **Parish Center Office**

Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172

Monday to Thursday

### **Rectory**

201-641-2988

By appointment only

### **Religious Education**

201-641-2989

Sunday to Thursday



**SATURDAY, March 11**

**5:30 PM John Morin] [8A]  
(Gasparo)**

**SUNDAY, March 12, 2023**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM Michelle Paparella  
10:00 AM Anna Morin  
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro**

**MONDAY, March 13**

**12:00 PM Mario Hroncich**

**TUESDAY, March 14**

**12:00 PM Rosa Rutigliano**

**WEDNESDAY, March 15**

**12:00 PM Antonietta Morin**

**THURSDAY, March 16**

**12:00 PM Pasquale Manente**

**FRIDAY, March 17 *Saint Patrick's Day***

**12:00 PM Maria De Sario**

**SATURDAY, March 18**

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

**SUNDAY, March 19, 2023**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**8:00 AM Michelle Paparella  
10:00 PM Anna & Antonio Hroncich  
12:00 PM Joseph De Ruvo**

**Memorials  
Bread & Wine  
Sergio Passaro**

**Sanctuary Candle  
People of Our Parish Family**

**March 12, 2023 Third Sunday of Lent**

**GOD EVER PURSUES US**

We hear today of God's unrelenting pursuit of us. Our readings tell stories of God's intense desire to share the divine life with us. From Exodus, we see how God shows endless persistence and compassion, even to those who grumble against God, or seem to have forgotten God. From the Gospel of John, we hear of how Jesus, in his extended conversation with the Samaritan woman, gives her dignity, names uncomfortable truths, and gradually leads her into a new path of faith. We can have confidence that as we bring our own confusions, fears, and failings to God, we may receive God's mercy and forgiveness. God always persists and continually finds new ways to invite people into unity with God. As Paul describes in Romans, in the cross we see how God will go to any length to demonstrate the depth and breadth of divine love.

**TODAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading —** When the people grumbled to Moses for water in the desert, the LORD heard and brought forth water from the rock for all to drink (Exodus 17:3-7).

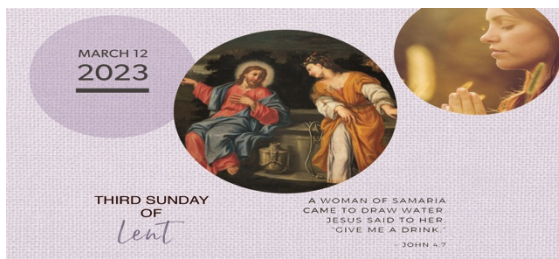
**Psalm —** Listen to God's voice today; be not hardhearted (Psalm 95).

**Second Reading —** God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-2, 5-8).

**Gospel —** Ask, and you will be given living water so that you will never thirst again (John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent;  
Daylight Saving Time begins  
Friday: St. Patrick; Abstinence  
Saturday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem**





**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 Hubertz | 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         |

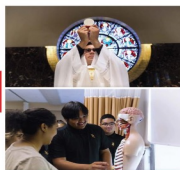


Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



**Annual Appeal** the 2023

**Make your gift today.**



St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	59
Amount of Pledges	\$15,080

As of March 7



*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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

The 5<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus.

April 16, 2023 - 3:00 pm 50 years (All counties)

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 and April 11th for those celebrating 50 years of marriage.

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



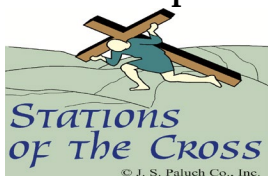
March 5, 2023  
\$2,896



**Lenten Penance Service**

will be held on  
**Wednesday • March 29, 2023**  
at 7pm

Our homilist and Confessor  
will be the Very Rev. Joseph D'Amico,  
Pastor of Saint Anastasia's Church in  
Teaneck, as well as other Confessors  
who will be present.



There will be no Stations of the Cross  
except for Good Friday.

The Church will be open 9 am to  
6 pm on Monday thru Saturday and Fridays till  
8 pm for those who choose to say Stations  
of the Cross at your leisure.

**HOLY WEEK**

**Palm Sunday ~ April 2**

Blessing of the Palms at all Masses

Saturday ~ 5:30 pm

Sunday ~ 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

**Christm Mass ~ April 3**

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart ~ 8:00 pm

April 3 ~4 ~5

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Daily Mass ~ 12:00 noon

**Holy Thursday ~ April 6**

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

Adoration until midnight or when  
the church is empty

**Good Friday ~ April 7**

Stations of the Cross ~ 12 Noon

Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
with Veneration of the Cross

and Holy Communion at 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday ~April 8**

Easter Vigil of the Resurrection ~ 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday Masses ~ April 9

8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Archdiocese of Newark 2023

Lenten Regulations

In observance of Lent 2023, the following obligations  
are to be observed by all Catholics of the Archdiocese  
of Newark who enjoy the blessings of good health:

The days of both Fast and Abstinence are Ash  
Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast  
on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil  
(on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to  
honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus,  
and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to  
celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

- The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
- Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one (1) full meal and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.
- The obligation of Fast applies to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
- On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. The obligation of Abstinence applies to Catholics who have reached the age of 14.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, Feb. 26, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Jun. 4, 2023.
- *\*Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*
- The Memorial of St. Patrick is on a Friday this year. For those members of the faithful celebrating this Solemnity and who desire it, Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R. has dispensed the penitential obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17. A substitution should be made in the form of fasting, prayer and/or almsgiving.