



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912*

April 9, 2023



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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.

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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988

By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2989

Sunday to Thursday



HOLY SATURDAY, April 8 (Easter Vigil)

8:00 PM People of Our Parish Family

**SUNDAY, April 9, 2023 EASTER SUNDAY
OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**

8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
People of Our Parish Family

MONDAY, April 10

12:00 PM John Bussanich

TUESDAY, April 11

12:00 PM Joseph Kirincich

WEDNESDAY, April 12

12:00 PM Renato Danganan [SP]

THURSDAY, April 13

12:00 PM Tommaso Morin

FRIDAY, April 14

12:00 PM Joseph Kirincich

SATURDAY, April 15

5:30 PM Gagliardi Family

SUNDAY, April 16, 2023

Second Sunday of Easter of Divine Mercy

8:00 AM Egidio Picinich
10:00 AM Patrick Pansini
12:00 PM Angelo Bavaro



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

**April 9, 2023 Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord**

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

If Christmas is the “most wonderful time of the year,” then Easter is the most joyous, glorious, awesome time of the year! Really? Today’s readings don’t exactly brim over with the kind of holiday cheer we find at Christmas—except for the responsorial psalm, which admittedly rings with gleeful joy. But otherwise, not so much. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Peter gives a dry, condensed rendering of the story of Jesus to a group of Gentiles in Caesarea. The Colossians reading actually does have us looking forward to glory. Most underwhelming, though, is the Gospel proclamation of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we want to hear about angels and earthquakes and trumpets and glory, we hear about a dark, silent, empty tomb. This Easter Sunday story from John’s Gospel is startling in its emptiness. Like Peter in the story, we must enter into this mystery.

DANCING FOR JOY

The people say that the sun dances on this day in joy for a risen Savior.
—Alexander Carmichael

When Christ your life appears,
then you too will appear with him in glory.
— Colossians 3:4





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 Vitalle. | 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 |
| 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	70
Amount of Pledges	\$16,390

As of March 22



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 50th Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.
- The 5th & 25th 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.



April 2, 2023

\$3,554

OUR FASCINATING FAITH Easter Season

Our Easter celebration lasts fifty days, during which Resurrection joy should overflow the hearts of believers to refresh a parched and weary world with the revivifying waters of faith, hope, and charity. All season, at every Sunday Mass, we read Luke's Acts of the Apostles, charting the young church's Spirit-led journey, sometimes peaceful, sometimes persecuted, beset by enemies without and turmoil within. But this young church is always moving onward, from Jerusalem's familiarity to the strangeness of every place between there and Rome; and outward, from an inherited Judaism's comfortable uniformity to the Gentile world's challenging diversity. A week after Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday invites us to renew our personal relationship with Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Easter, the disciples at Emmaus recognize Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and return to share the Good News even as modern-day disciples should. On Good Shepherd Sunday, the church prays for priestly and religious vocations. All the while, Acts shows people drawn to the early Church because they had seen the Risen Jesus not in person, but in persons, in disciples who still form Christ's living Body, the Church. Each of us is likewise called to be the kind of disciple, personally and in communion with our brothers and sisters, in whom those who seek Jesus may at least glimpse his presence.



Easter Sunday Believing Is Seeing

You've heard the saying "Seeing is believing." Today's first reading seems to say just the opposite. You might think that when Jesus rose from the dead, everyone would see him. Yet Peter says that he was only visible to some of the disciples. Even they did not immediately see him. The first thing they saw was the empty tomb, with burial cloths lying on the ground. They may have thought that if his enemies had stolen Jesus' body, they would not have removed the burial cloths; touching a corpse would have made them unclean.

So it seems the empty tomb helped them to believe, and believing enabled them to see the Lord. The exception to this may be Thomas, who said he would not believe until he saw and touched Jesus' risen body. Yet when he does see the Lord, Jesus himself declares that believing is primary when he blesses those who have not seen but still believe (John 20:31).

What does this mean for us? Jesus seems to be hidden again. Yet we say that he is present in the sacraments; baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation show that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit live in us. So perhaps we just need to believe in order to see him. Mother Teresa could do it. She said she was amazed at the love she felt when she saw Jesus in the poor and the dying people of Calcutta. Maybe we need to grow in faith so that we can see Jesus in the poor, the dying, the people who annoy us, even our enemies. That is why it is so important to spread the faith; if we don't see Jesus in everyone, we may never have true peace.

