



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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March 19, 2023



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Director of Music

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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.

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201-641-2988
By appointment only

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Sunday to Thursday

**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

MONDAY, March 20

12:00 PM Joan Lee

TUESDAY, March 21

12:00 PM Irene Katkowski

WEDNESDAY, March 22

12:00 PM John & Mattea Morich

THURSDAY, March 23

12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

FRIDAY, March 24

12:00 PM Egidio Picinich

SATURDAY, March 25

5:30 PM Malvina Smoyver

SUNDAY, March 26, 2023**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM Egidio Picinich
10:00 AM Antonia Morin
12:00 PM Victor Traverso



Memorials
Bread & Wine
Joseph De Ruvo

Sanctuary Candle
Frank Francica

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent
by The Faithful Disciple

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

GROW: Five days, five minutes of sunshine: That's how the city where I live greeted 2023. As the month wore on, the gloom seemed unrelenting with only momentary breaks in the clouds. When the sun did return, people posted photos on social media with a combination of joy and relief. That experience hints at the effect Jesus had on St. Paul and the early Christians. As he writes, "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord." Today, just as then, Jesus brings light and healing to the darkness within us and within our world. Unlike the elusive sun, we can see the light of Jesus every day – in the people we love, the kindness of strangers, moments of prayer, unexpected joys. In turn, St. Paul encourages us to "live as children of light" by being the face of Jesus to others.

GO EVANGELIZE | PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

GO: Even in the midst of Lent as a penitential season, the Sunday readings offer us much hope. Consider today's familiar story of Jesus healing the blind man. He doesn't just tell the man to open his eyes. Instead, Jesus smears clay on the man's eyes and has him wash in the Pool of Siloam; only then does the blind man see. He was transformed through Christ. Through our baptism we, too, have been transformed and "enlightened," becoming sons and daughters of light (CCC 1216). As we continue to observe Lent, perhaps we're working on areas in our life where we have been spiritually blind – or at least not seeing 20/20. Through our baptism and the sacraments, we can be healed and transformed by Jesus, the "light of the world." In turn we can share that light with others, as we continue to grow in the virtues of "goodness and righteousness and truth" of which St. Paul speaks.

PRAY: Psalm 23 is a favorite of many and for good reason. Read or listen to it this week as encouragement on your Lenten journey:

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.



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 |



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

Passover Celebration

Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m., you are invited to join us as we celebrate the seder. This experience informs, educates and inspires Catholic Christians to understand the Passover as it relates to the Triduum. The seder experience draws its inspiration and structure from - but does not replicate - the Jewish seder. We will be invited to draw upon core Christian precepts to deepen our appreciation of Passover as the historic antecedent of our Holy Week. A dinner (lamb and/or chicken) will be part of the celebration. Obviously, you must register to participate. The cost is \$10 per person. Registration forms are available in the back of church and in the parish center. Forms must be returned by Thursday, March 23.



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.



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.

St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	59
Amount of Pledges	\$15,080
As of March 7	

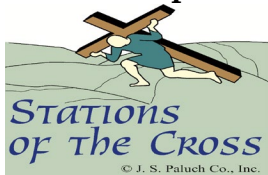


March 12, 2023
\$2,657



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

ChrisM 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.