



# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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

April 11, 2021



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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: 12:05 p.m.**

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

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

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### **Parish Center Office**

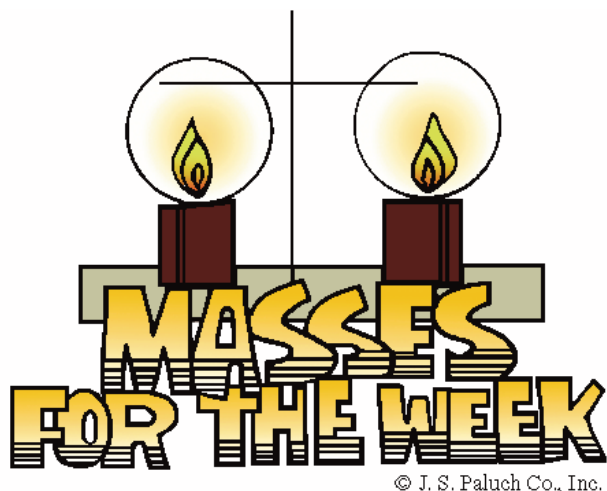
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Monday to Friday

### **Rectory**

201-641-2988  
By appointment only

### **Religious Education**

201-641-2989  
Sunday to Thursday



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**SATURDAY, April 10**

**5:30 PM Patricia Lynch**

**SUNDAY, April 11**

**8:00 AM Deceased members of Herzich Family**

**10:00 AM Caterina Hronchich**

**12:00 PM Sergio Passaro**

**MONDAY, April 12**

**12:05 PM Tommaso Morin**

**TUESDAY, April 13**

**12:05 PM Tommaso Morin**

**WEDNESDAY, April 14**

**12:05 PM Ottavio Tarlao**

**THURSDAY, April 15**

**12:05 PM John Bussanich**

**FRIDAY, April 16**

**12:05 PM Phyllis Salerno**

**SATURDAY, April 17**

**5:30 PM Mario Hronchich**

**SUNDAY, April 18**

**8:00 AM Judy Uva**

**10:00 AM John and Mattea Morich**

**12:00 PM Rosaleen and John Dicks**

**Sanctuary Lamp**  
**Week of April 11**  
**Susanna Olfar**

**Second Sunday of Easter ~ April 11, 2021  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

**Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?**

**— 1 John 5:5**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-9; Jn 3:1-8**

**Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15**

**Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21**

**Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20;  
Jn 3:31-36**

**Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14;  
Jn 6:1-15**

**Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19;  
Jn 6:16-21**

**Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1  
Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48**



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**April 11, 2021**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
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**DOUBT**

The desire to be able to prove the existence of a divinity has troubled humanity since human consciousness first became aware of the divine. To this very day we are fond of saying that any number of things—from sunsets to hot fudge sundaes—are “proof that there is a God.” We get so caught up in the story of “doubting Thomas” that we fail to notice that today’s Gospel gives us John’s account of Pentecost, the bestowing of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples following the Resurrection. Thomas, evidently, missed out not only on seeing the Risen Christ, but receiving the Holy Spirit as well. This is not to be taken lightly and, perhaps, makes Thomas’ disbelief a bit easier to comprehend. It also makes his professing that Jesus is his Lord and God—the only time the New Testament explicitly refers to Jesus Christ as “God”—more remarkable.

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading** — With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus (Acts 4:32-35).

**Psalm** — Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** — The victory that conquers the world is our faith (1 John 5:1-6).

**Gospel** — Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:19-31).

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday:** Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
- Monday:** Ramadan (Islamic observance) begins at sunset
- Tuesday:** St. Martin I
- Thursday:** Income Tax Day

**CHRIST IS HERE**

Christ departed from our sight that we might return to our heart, and there find him. For he departed, and behold, he is here.

—St. Augustine

**A CHEERFUL GIVER**

A cheerful giver does not count the cost of what he gives. His heart is set on pleasing and cheering the one to whom the gift is given.

—St. Julian



Annual Appeal <sup>2021</sup>



**Make your gift today.**

St. Margaret’s 2021 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	74
Amount of Pledges	\$13,945

As of April 6



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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Shirley Pizza            | John McConnell           |
| Catherine Mary Moncello  | Michel Porta             |
| Camilla Leventhal        | Julian Morgan            |
| Nicole Grano             | Baby Amato Jordan        |
| Johanna Hanush           | Giovanna Careri          |
| Lena Vitale.             | Grace Ehler              |
| John Thomas Lazur Dersch | Julio Sanchez            |
| Robert Zienkiewicz       | Arline Hrbek             |
| Florence Navarro         | Kevin Michael Francis    |
| Paula Kelnhofer          | Philip Dittmar           |
| Jacqueline Palmadessa    | Barbara Demczynszyn      |
| Michael Toscano          | Caroline Ruppert Hubertz |
| Ellie Lombardelli        | Tom Greaux               |
| Anthony Delia            | Mary Ceppaglia           |



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**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.**



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## FEAST OF FAITH

### The Psalms in the Liturgy

The book of Psalms is a prayer book, hymnal, and anthology of verse all rolled into one. It contains one hundred fifty ancient songs—poem-prayers that express the joys and sorrows of the Hebrew people and their longing for God. The psalms are incredibly varied in tone. Some are solemn anthems of praise that once accompanied processions of great multitudes to the temple; others record the lonely cries of a faithful soul who feels abandoned by God.

This ancient prayer book of the Hebrew people is our principal prayer book as well. The psalms are everywhere in the liturgy—in the antiphons and acclamations of the Mass, and most particularly in the responsorial psalm that follows the first reading. The psalm that is sung at Mass usually echoes the themes of the first reading, and sometimes even comments on it. On this Third Sunday of Lent, we listen to the Exodus account of the stubbornness of God’s people in the desert, and then the psalm comes to remind us: “If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts” (Psalm 95:8). In their wonderful variety, the psalms teach us how to pray.

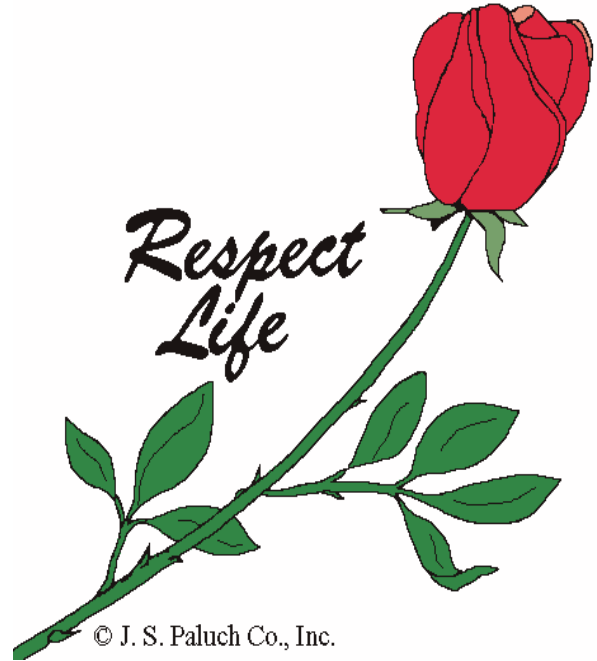
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Jesus said to Thomas,  
 "Put your finger here and see my hands,  
 and bring your hand and put it into my side,  
 and do not be unbelieving, but believe."  
 John 20:27



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



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**Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.” (Pope Francis)**

**The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.”**

**So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?**

**The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.**

**Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish). Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2) or e-mail**

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**“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)**

**\* All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed**