



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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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.

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Monday to Friday

Rectory

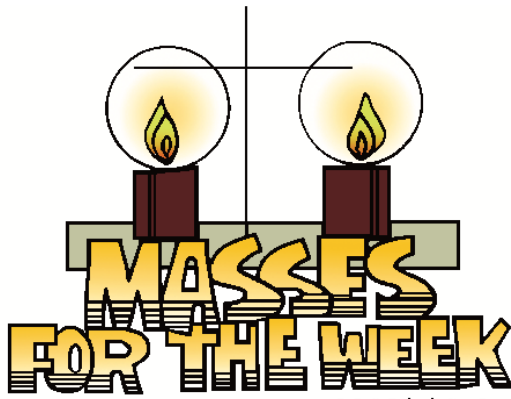
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By appointment only

Religious Education

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Sunday to Thursday



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SATURDAY, March 6

9:00 AM Mass Guild
5:30 PM Maria Manente

SUNDAY, March 7, 2021

Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Laura Mastellone
10:00 AM Caterina Hroncich
12:00 PM Malvina Smoyer

MONDAY, March 8

12:05 PM Wm. Loewy

TUESDAY, March 9

12:05 PM Rosario Conte

WEDNESDAY, March 10

12:05 PM Ignazio Tatulli

THURSDAY, March 11

12:05 PM Donald Francis [12A]

FRIDAY, March 12

12:05 PM Antonella Maniscalco

SATURDAY, March 14

5:30 PM Mario Hroncich

SUNDAY, March 15, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Florence Seeger
10:00 AM Caterina Hroncich
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro [5A]

**Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
John (Gasparo) Morin**

HEAVEN

Heaven is at present out of sight, but in due time, as snow melts and discovers what it lay upon, so will this visible creation fade away before those greater splendors which are behind it.

— John Henry Newman

REMINDERS

People more frequently require to be reminded than informed.

— Samuel Johnson



**THIRD
SUNDAY OF LENT**

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15



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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

I, the LORD, am your God . . .

You shall not have other gods besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

TOTAL ALLEGIANCE

In previous weeks we have seen how the theme of covenant—as a preparation for the baptismal covenant celebrated at Easter—occupies an important place in our cycle of Lenten readings. The notion of covenant as a relationship between two parties carries with it an expectation of mutual accountability and fidelity to the terms of the covenant. When God forged the covenant with the Jewish people on Mt. Sinai, it was a pledge of God’s protection, and it would forever permit them familiar access as the Chosen People. For their part, the Jewish people were to observe the dictates of the law, summarized most succinctly here in the form of the Ten Commandments. To be in a covenantal relationship with the Lord God requires an exclusive relationship, just as discipleship with Jesus—ritualized in baptism—demands a total allegiance to him and none other.



We are having Stations of the Cross every Friday, during Lent, at 7:00 pm in the church.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — The law was given through Moses (Exodus 20:1-17 [1-3, 7-8, 12-17]) or Exodus 17:3-7.

Psalm — Lord, you have the words of everlasting life (Psalm 19) or Psalm 95.

Second Reading — We proclaim Christ crucified; the foolishness of God is greater than human wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:22-25) or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8.

Gospel — Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up (John 2:13-25) or John 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42].

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Monday: St. John of God

Tuesday: St. Frances of Rome

Friday: Abstinence



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

Shirley Pizza
Catherine Mary Moncello
Camilla Leventhal
Nicole Grano
Johanna Hanush
Lena Vitale.
John Thomas Lazur Dersch
Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro
Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa
Michael Toscan
Ellie Lombardelli
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FEAST OF FAITH

Postures of the Mass

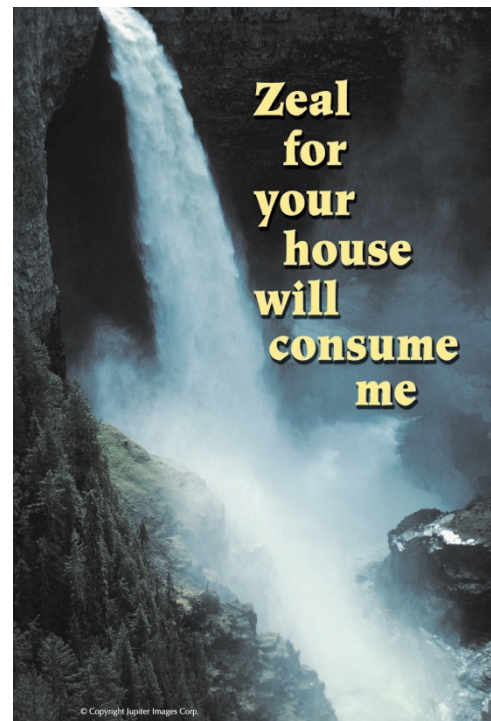
In the Mass, we pray not only with our lips, but with our bodies as well. We stand when the ministers enter. In Western culture, standing is a sign of attention, a mark of respect: all stand when the judge enters the courtroom, for example. Standing is also an ancient posture of prayer, mentioned frequently in the Old Testament. When the readings begin, we sit down: a listening posture. Mary sat at Jesus’ feet to listen to his teaching; the crowds sat on the hillside or the seashore to hear his words. Kneeling is another posture that is full of meaning. It expresses adoration and worship, but it can also express humility and contrition. We bow: a sign of honor and reverence, acknowledging the presence of God, especially when we receive the Eucharist. And there are other ritual gestures as well—striking the breast, genuflecting, and of course making the sign of the cross. The liturgy invites us to pray with our whole person—with heart and mind, voice and body.



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.



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FOOD PANTRY

Next weekend, March 13th and 14th will be our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of coffee and cold/hot cereals.

Please note: At this time we are *not* in need of canned vegetables. The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 17th for those who qualify. The hours are from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The wonderful generosity of our parishioners every month is very much appreciated by those we try to serve.



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.

“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

Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English)

elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)

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

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK **2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent 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.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

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, February 21 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**



Annual Appeal

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St. Margaret’s 2021 Goal	\$24,229
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