



May 18, 2025

St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

31 Chamberlain Ave Little Ferry, NJ 07643

***Serving the Catholic Communities of
Little Ferry and Moonachie***

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

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Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
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Reverend Michael Otuwurunne,
In Residence
Reverend Victor P. Kennedy,
Weekend Assistant
Eileen M. Ballone,
Director of Music
Dina R. Tarabocchia,
Parish Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9 :00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.)

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

Mass Guild – First Saturday of the Month – 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE:

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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988
By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2988
Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, May 17

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Sadlers

SUNDAY, May 18, 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Francesco & Francesca Rojas

11:30 AM Angelo Marino & Kathleen Disanza

MONDAY, May 19

12:00 PM Reynaldo Castillo

TUESDAY, May 20

12:00 PM Anna Murolo

WEDNESDAY, May 21

12:00 PM Jane Perkel

THURSDAY, May 22

12:00 PM Elvira Cervone

FRIDAY, May 23

12:00 PM Gaspare Cervone

SATURDAY, May 24

5:30 PM Nicolo Bussanich, Jr.

SUNDAY, May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00 AM Johnny & Joseph Cerneka

11:30 AM Victor Traverso

Memorials

Bread & Wine

And

Sanctuary Candle

People of Our Parish Family



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

Catherine Mary Moncello

Anthony Deli

Michele Porta

Valerie Vernay

Camilla Leventhal

Julian Morgan

Nicole Grano

Lena Vitale

Julio Sanchez

Robert Zienkiewicz

John Ratynski

Brandon Kingsley

Arline Hrbek

Paula Kelnhofer

Jacqueline Palmadessa Barbara Demczyszyn

Robin Toscano

Caroline Ruppert Hubert

Ron Ruppert

Robert & Carolyn Salzman

Chris Lynch

George Stauble

Mary Mirrop

Pia Maria Pignataro

Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn Chris Lee

Steven Sciancalepore

Tom Greaux

Johanna Hanush



Bobby Mattessich Vera Ruscigno

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.



May 11, 2025

\$2,240

FYI * Please do not touch or add flowers or rosaries to statues inside or outside church grounds, as they are leaving marks and destroying them. Thank you



**To Hospitality this weekend with
Light Refreshments after all Masses.**



*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
Farther Kevin at 201-641-2988*



St. Margaret's 2025 Goal	\$22,657
Number of Pledges	72
Amount of Pledges	\$20,895
As of May 6	

✠ Under My Roof

AFTER THE priest invites the people to receive Communion, they express their unworthiness for it. The first English translation had the people say, "Lord, I am not worthy to receive you," but the revised translation puts it this way: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof."

The revision expresses more closely the words that have always been there in Latin. The first translation recognized the difficulty of the metaphor, but the revised Missal restores it in hopes that it will provoke meditation and prayer.

Why "under my roof"? The words, of course, come from the story of Jesus's healing the servant of the centurion (Matthew 8:8; Luke 7:6). In Matthew's account, the centurion himself comes to Jesus, but in Luke's version, he sends representatives. In either case, he doesn't feel right having Jesus come to his home, and he has complete trust in Jesus's power over sickness and evil. And, perhaps, he just wants to avoid inconveniencing the master. His statement is one of faith, trust, and respect. So Jesus works the miracle.

The invitation to Communion should call this story to mind. Some people may mistakenly think that the new words refer to the roof of the mouth. But its intent is to quote the centurion. We should have the same attitude: faith, trust, and respect. Jesus, unfailingly, in spite of our unworthiness, still draws us to his table. We are not praying for the physical healing of our servant; we are praying for the spiritual healing of our soul. We can be confident that our prayer will be answered as we leave our place, go to the minister, and present ourselves for Communion.

Catholic Bible

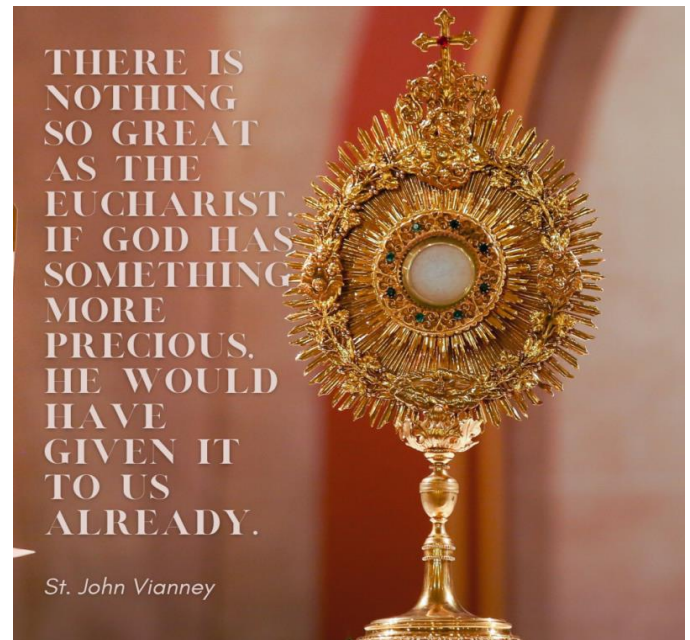
THE BIBLE used by the Catholic Church includes a few books that some other Christians do not consider equally sacred. The formation of the Bible took many centuries, and there is still not complete agreement over which books belong between its covers.

The Old Testament evolved from ancient books written mostly in Hebrew. By the third century BC, these were being translated into Greek along with a few books not so widely regarded as Sacred Scripture. The collection was called the *Septuagint*, and it was favored by many early Christians who knew Greek. In the fourth century AD, St. Jerome learned enough Hebrew to translate the Old Testament into Latin, and that collection has been called the *Vulgate*. Jerome omitted some questionable books from the Septuagint. Still, there were disputes about what belonged in a Bible.

In the sixteenth century, Martin Luther placed a number of the disputed books of the Bible in a separate section called *Apocrypha*. Luther and the Reformers questioned the status of some New Testament books also, but today's Christian Churches generally agree on the same twenty-seven of them.

The Catholic Bible includes some Old Testament books not found in other Bibles, such as Judith, Tobit, and 1 and 2 Maccabees. Verses from some of these offended the opinions of Protestant Reformers. Catholics used 2 Maccabees 12:43–45 to defend the teaching on purgatory and Tobit 12:9 to exhort the merits of good works. Excerpts from these books may show up, for example, at a Catholic funeral or wedding, when Christians from other churches may be present. The differences in these few books should not obscure the realization that Catholics have substantial agreement with other Christians about the content and importance of the Bible.

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Immaculate Mother of Jesus, we honor you as God's chosen one— beautiful, beloved, and free from all sin. Keep watch over us, pray that we rise above our sins and failings and come to share the fullness of grace. Be a mother to us in the order of grace by assisting us to live your obedience, your faith, your hope, and your love. Mary Mother of Jesus, pray for us. Amen

