



# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie  
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February 12, 2023,



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**Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,**  
*In Residence*

**Sister Dorothy A. Donovan, S.S.J.,**  
*Pastoral Associate*

**Eileen M. Ballone,**  
*Director of Music*

**Dina R. Tarabocchia,**  
*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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### **Parish Center Office**

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Monday to Thursday

### **Rectory**

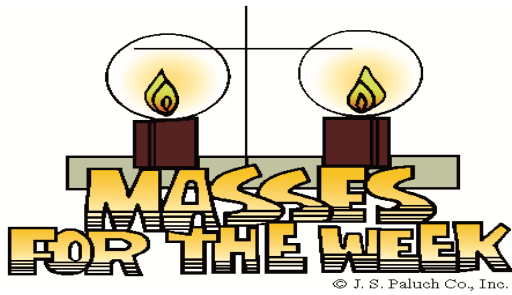
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By appointment only

### **Religious Education**

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Sunday to Thursday



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

**SATURDAY, February 11 *Our Lady of Lourdes***  
5:30 PM Giovanni Hroncich [28A]

**SUNDAY, February 12, 2023**  
**Sixth Sunday of the Church Year**

8:00 AM Mary Hussey  
10:00 AM Angelo Bavaro  
12:00 PM Margaret & Frank Herzich

**MONDAY, February 13**  
12:00 PM James Herlihy

**TUESDAY, February 14**  
12:00 PM Larry Felberg

**WEDNESDAY, February 15**  
12:00 PM Angela & Salvatore Facchini

**THURSDAY, February 16**  
12:00 PM William Carter

**FRIDAY, February 17**  
12:00 PM Etta Heinzman

**SATURDAY, February 18**  
5:30 PM Mary & John Van Sadlers

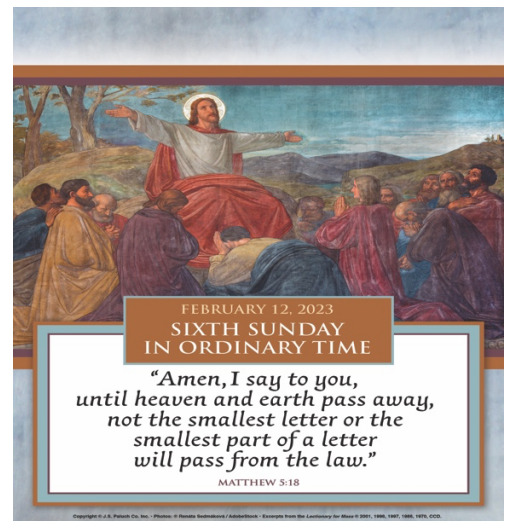
**SUNDAY, February 19, 2023**  
**Seventh Sunday of the Church Year**

8:00 AM Lucia Intal  
10:00 AM Casimir Katkowski  
12:00 PM Darriano Family

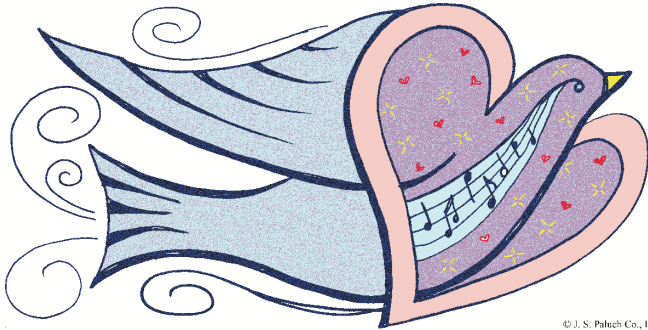
**THE CURE**  
The only known cure for fear is faith.  
—Lena K. Sadler

**WEIGHTY**  
An ounce of practice is worth a pound of preaching.  
—John Ray

**PRESIDENTIAL GARDENING**  
After I die, I want it said of me that I plucked a weed and planted a flower wherever I thought a flower would grow.  
—Abraham Lincoln



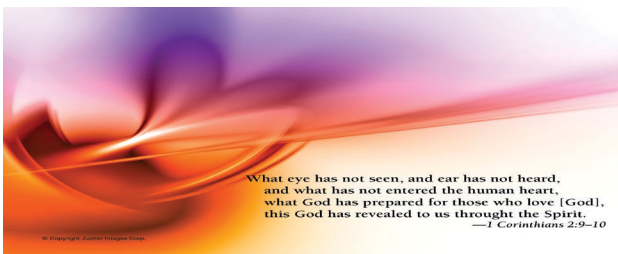




February 12, 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### THE GLORY OF THE DIVINE WAY

Today's readings draw us into ageless, vibrant depths. Followers of God's law, we belong to ancient traditions. Children of God, we marvel at the freshness of creation. The Old Testament readings, from Sirach and the Psalms, celebrate the rich blessings we receive when we observe God's commands—not because we are slaves to the law, but because the law gives life in abundance. Saint Paul's Letter to the Corinthians confirms the glory of divine law, but warns that God's ways tend to be unpopular and misunderstood in this world. Paul speaks of the ancient wisdom of God, which is mysteriously both "hidden" and "revealed." God does not have secret codes that we earthly mortals cannot understand; in love, God reveals the glory of the divine way in Jesus. Saint Matthew's Gospel emphasizes the importance of living in God's law, enlivened by a deep and personal relationship with Jesus.



### TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — God allows us to make choices, but we are not to choose injustice or sinfulness

(Sirach 15:15-20).

Psalm — Happy are those who observe God's commands (Psalm 119).

Second Reading — God's wisdom is mysterious and hidden (1 Corinthians 2:6-10).

Gospel — Jesus has come not to abolish but to fulfill the law and the prophets (Matthew 5:17-37).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

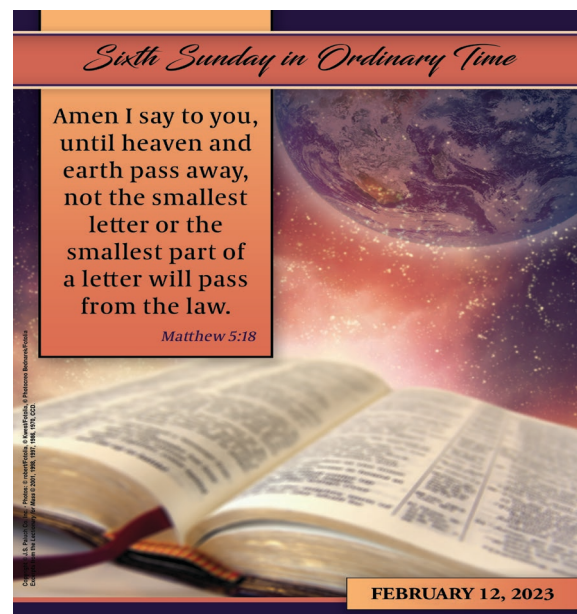
Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day;

Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Ss. Cyril and Methodius; Valentine's Day

Friday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary





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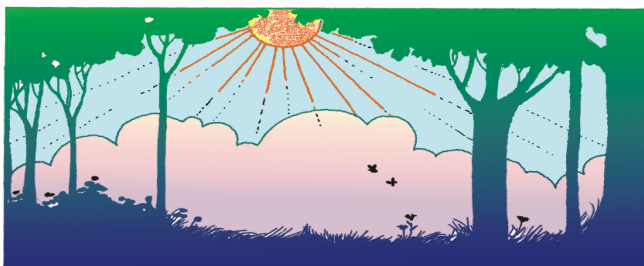
We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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| Catherine Mary Moncello  | Anthony Deli             |
| Michel Porta             | Valerie Vernay           |
| Camilla Leventhal        | Julian Morgan            |
| Nicole Grano             | Baby Amato Jordan        |
| Johanna Hanush           | Philip Dittmar           |
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| John Ratynski            | Robert & Carolyn Salzman |
| Victor Ruggiero          | James Moran              |
| Dominick Di Buono        | Olivia La Forte King     |
| David I. Ramos           | Emily Menzella           |
| Charlie Di Buono         |                          |



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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, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



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RCIA



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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.



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Fish & Chips - It is Back We will be having Fish & Chips on Saturday March 11 from 6:15 to 7:30. Tickets will again be \$15. Tickets will be on sale in the back of the church starting February 11 If you bought tickets for the 2019 Fish & Chips, please call Ellie at 201-641-0883

If you would like to volunteer to help, please also call Ellie.



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**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 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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. The 5<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 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.**

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What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love God, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

— 1 Corinthians 2:9-10



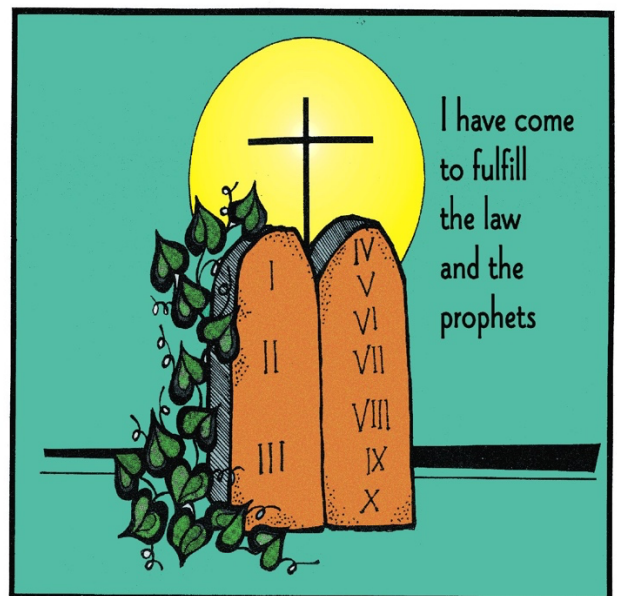
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
License to Sin*

*In the James Bond movies, 007 has a license to kill. He can shoot all the bad guys he wants without worrying about being charged with murder. God, however, does not issue a license to sin. The first reading from Sirach reminds us that any time we choose between life and death, good and evil, it is our free choice and our responsibility. God may allow us to make bad choices, but God never commands anyone to sin.*

*Jesus goes even deeper than Sirach. The people of Sirach's time had followed the laws and commandments that governed external actions. As long as they treated others fairly, did not kill anyone or steal from them, they could think whatever they wanted. But Jesus taught that thoughts and desires that lead to sin can also be freely chosen or rejected. In the Gospel he gives us some examples.*

*The first is about killing. Jesus says that anyone who gets angry enough to kill or who looks down on his neighbor as not deserving to live has committed murder in his heart. What prejudices or grudges am I holding in my heart? The longer I hold onto hurtful feelings, the more likely it becomes that they will lead to hurtful actions.*

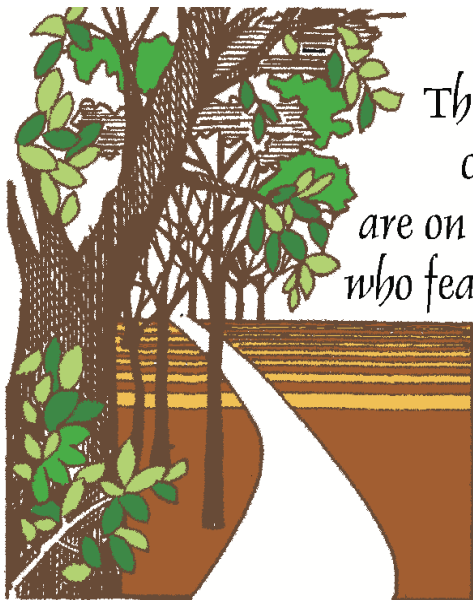
*Because the Eucharist is our sacrament of unity, we should take care to be reconciled with others before coming to the altar. The next warning is about adultery, which also begins with interior feelings. Jesus exaggerates when he tells us to cut off a hand or tear out an eye, because he knew how easily we rationalize our feelings and pretend they are harmless. This leads to the next warning about divorce. Jesus takes marriage seriously and expects his disciples to do the same. His final example concerns taking oaths. Apparently, people would swear upon almost anything in an effort to be believed. Jesus gets to the point and says that we wouldn't need oaths if we always told the truth and kept our promises. Our faith is based on the knowledge that God keeps promises. Shouldn't we do the same?*



## BOTH PRESENT AND FUTURE

Matthew continues Jesus' Sermon on the Mount in today's Gospel, which is Jesus' extended teaching on the central theme of his ministry, the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew highlights Jesus as a teacher like Moses, and who is rooted in the law of Moses. Jesus interprets the law by intensifying its meaning, by going to the root values behind the specific teachings in the law. These include reconciliation with others; mutual care for all persons as sacred, especially women; and being trustworthy and honest.

The Kingdom of Heaven is described as both in the present and in the future. When these values are lived out in daily life within the community, the Kingdom becomes present there and demonstrable to others. Jesus also spoke about life in the future, when God fulfills the divine promises to establish fully justice and peace on earth. The reconciliation, care, and trust experienced now will reach their fullness in the promised Kingdom.



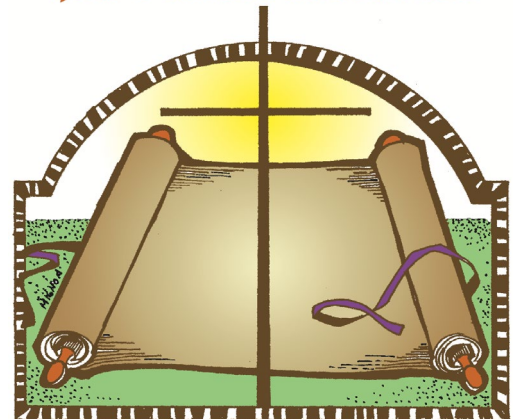
The eyes  
of God  
are on those  
who fear God

## WITH EACH OTHER

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount today turns to the relationships within the community. Jesus understands the traditional teachings about relationships in light of the coming Kingdom. He describes a deep trust and accountability among members of the community. Not settling for meeting minimum requirements, he points his new community toward an intimate knowledge and caring for each other, so that all may flourish as individuals and as a whole.

Although he highlights the dignity of each individual person, Jesus also envisions a community life where there is both a responsibility for each other and an accountability to each other. Members are to attend to each other's struggles and sorrows. Members become aware that their individual choices and lifestyle will be an example to others. We are to work out how to follow Jesus together in community, not only as individuals. We discern and live out our community's vocation, not only our own. Our unity with God is also with each other.

**Obey and teach  
God's commandments**



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