



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
(Destroyed by Sandy - Oct 29, 2012 – Restored in Christ Aug 4, 2013)

June 28, 2026



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
Pastor
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:

<http://www.stmargaretfnj.org/>

PARISH E-MAIL: smcortona1912@aol.com

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Monday to Thursday

Rectory
201-641-2988
By appointment only

Religious Education
201-641-2988
Sunday to Thursday

SUNDAY, June 28, 2026

Thirteenth Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) Cosmo Mezzina
 9:00 AM Rose Smith
 11:30 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir
 (Happy Birthday)

MONDAY, June 29

12:00 PM Alfonso Piccinich

TUESDAY, June 30

12:00 PM Peter Lombardi

WEDNESDAY, July 1

12:00 PM Daniel C. Bolwell, Sr.

THURSDAY, July 2

12:00 PM Mauro F. Mora

FIRST FRIDAY, July 3

12:00 PM Anton Picinich

FIRST SATURDAY July 4 Independence Day

12:00 PM Mass Guild

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders

SUNDAY, July 5, 2026

Fourteenth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM John Bussanich

11:30 AM Joseph De Ruvo

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



**June 21, 2026
 \$3,984**



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 Vitalle
Julio Sanchez	Arline Hrbek
Robert Zienkiewicz	Brandon Kingsley
Paula Kelnhofer	Jacqueline Palmadessa
Barbara Demczynsyn	Robin Toscano
Caroline Ruppert Hubert	Ron Ruppert
Robert & Carolyn Salzman	George Stauble
Chris Lynch	Pia Maria Pignataro
Mary Mirrop	Johanna Hanush
Steven Sciancalepore	Michael & Stephen
Tom Greaux	Demczynsyn
Delia Libunao	Pedro Jimenez
Amy Way	Lori Ruppert Hagens
Phyllis Francis	Colette Caminiti
Steve De Martini	Ignazio De Bari
Jean Adesso	Raffaella Bavaro

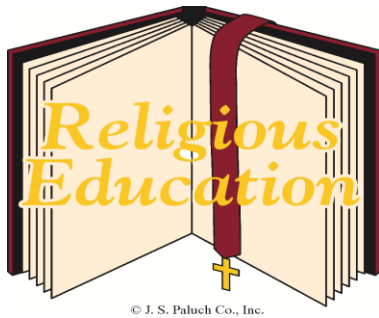


Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and loss their loved ones, under the covid-19 pandemic.



St. Margaret's 2026 Goal	\$27,028
Number of Pledges	83
Amount of Pledges	\$22,651

As of May 27



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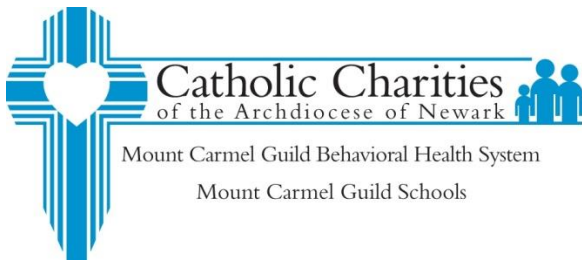
Registrations for new students and/or families in our religious education program for the 2026-2027 school year is now in progress. Registrations can be made in the parish center.

Quote for June 28

"The greatest gift we can give is forgiveness, for it sets both the giver and the receiver free."

*St. Junipero Serra (1713-1784),
Patron of California,
Feast Day July 1*

You Deserve a Break



July is often remembered for its excessive heat, picnics with relatives and friends and of course, time at the beach. We work very hard and deserve leisure time. Some people, due to the hardships of life, have difficulty enjoying recreation in any form. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who suffer. Please help us to continue our mission by contributing to the Donation Bin(s).

God Bless.

Don Bosco Prep

TOGETHER WE ARE IRONMEN

Looking for an exciting way to make this summer count? Don Bosco Prep is offering a variety of summer camps and enrichment programs for rising 8th graders and students of all interests! From HSPT Prep Courses and hands-on Robotics Workshops to competitive Sports Camps and Theater Under the Stars, there's something for everyone. Whether your child wants to sharpen academic skills, explore creativity, or stay active, Don Bosco Prep provides a fun, engaging, and faith-filled summer experience. Programs begin in July. Visit donboscoprep.org

DBP SUMMER CAMPS

HSPT PREP COURSE/RISING 8TH GRADERS
SESSION 1 JULY 6-9, JULY 13-16
SESSION 2 JULY 20-23, JULY 27-30
TIME: 8:00-12:00 EACH DAY
REGISTER AT DONBOSCOPEP.ORG

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS
BASEBALL, BASKETBALL, SOCCER,
FOOTBALL, & LACROSSE CAMPS
REGISTER @ DONBOSCOPEATHLETICS.ORG/

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
SESSION 1 JULY 6-9, JULY 13-16
SESSION 2 JULY 20-23, JULY 27-30
TIME: 9:30-11:30 EACH DAY
REGISTER AT DONBOSCOPEP.ORG

THEATER UNDER THE STARS
JULY 6 - 17 MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM
MORE INFO THEATERARTS@DONBOSCOPEP.ORG

✦ Entering the Church

WHEN ENTERING the church for Mass, Catholics typically perform a series of rituals. They may greet people they see. They cross the threshold that separates the outside world from the church. They may pick up the parish bulletin or a religious newspaper. They dip their hand in holy water and make the Sign of the Cross. They approach the place where they will sit. They genuflect. They enter the seat, where they may kneel for a few moments, perhaps making the Sign of the Cross again during the genuflection or on taking their place. Many Catholics do all this even if they arrive late for the service. If they have arrived before Mass begins, they may sit for a while and read the materials they picked up on the way in.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* says very little about how Catholics should enter the church. Most of these particular rituals have derived from custom rather than law.

Of all these gestures, the instruction makes only some brief comments about the respect shown the altar and the tabernacle. If the tabernacle is in the sanctuary, the ministers genuflect to it at the beginning and the end of Mass, but not during it. “Otherwise, all who pass before the Most Blessed Sacrament genuflect, unless they are moving in procession” (274). “A bow of the body, that is to say a profound bow, is made to the altar” (275b).

Upon entering the church, Catholics should either genuflect or bow. They genuflect to the tabernacle if it is in the sanctuary. If it is not, they make a bow of the body toward the altar before taking their place.

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BREAD OF LIFE

John 6:44-51

✦ In this passage, Jesus says, “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him.” This reminds us that **faith is not just our own effort**—it is first a gift from God. The desire you feel to pray, to seek truth, or to follow Christ is already God gently drawing you closer to Him.

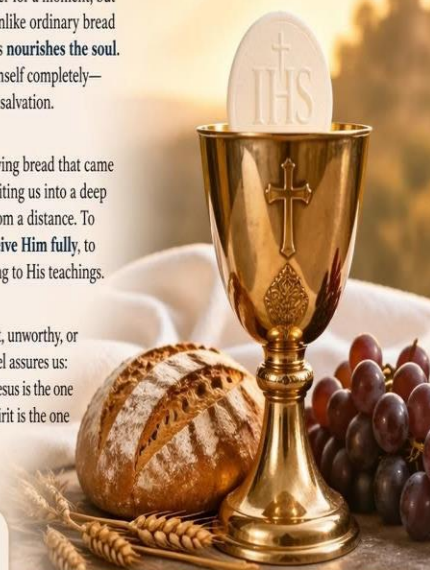
✦ Jesus reveals Himself as the **Bread of Life**, not just something that satisfies hunger for a moment, but One who gives eternal life. Unlike ordinary bread that nourishes the body, Jesus **nourishes the soul**. In the Eucharist, He gives Himself completely—His Body and Blood—for our salvation.

✦ When Jesus says, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven.” He is inviting us into a deep relationship, not just belief from a distance. To “eat this bread” means to **receive Him fully**, to trust Him, and to live according to His teachings.

✦ Sometimes we may feel distant, unworthy, or spiritually weak. But this Gospel assures us: God is the one who **draws us**, Jesus is the one who **feeds us**, and the Holy Spirit is the one who **keeps us alive in faith**.

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever.”

John 6:51



REFLECTION

- Do I recognize God drawing me closer each day?
- How often do I receive Jesus in the Eucharist with faith and gratitude?
- Am I allowing Christ, the Bread of Life, to truly nourish my soul?



PRAYER

Lord Jesus, Bread of Life, draw me closer to You. Feed my soul with Your presence in the Eucharist. Help me to trust in Your promise of eternal life and to live each day united with You. Amen.



✦ “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day.” John 6:54

Are You Going On Vacation?



Don't miss Mass just because you're away! Take the Mass Times for Travel app, available in the Apple app store, and the Play Store app with you when you travel this summer and never miss a Mass. Or, visit www.masstimes.org.

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