

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)

February 16, 2025



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
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Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,
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.
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 201-641-2988
 By appointment only

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 201-641-2988
 Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, February 15

5:30 PM Scardigno Family

SUNDAY, February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Gioacchino & Antonia Piccinich
11:30 AM William Carter & Dolores Borelli

MONDAY, February 17 *President's Day*

12:00 PM Etta Heinzman

TUESDAY, February 18

12:00 PM Casimir Katkowski

WEDNESDAY, February 19

12:00 PM Larry Felberg

THURSDAY, February 20

12:00 PM Gerard Navarro

FRIDAY, February 21

12:00 PM Jill Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, February 22

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders

SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Carmela Della Fave
11:30 AM Gioacchino Piccinich [30A]

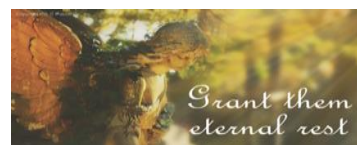
Memorials

**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 Demczynsyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczynsyn	Chris Lee
Steven Sciancalepore	

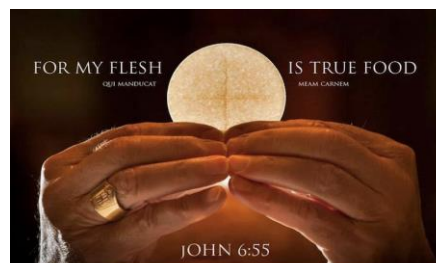


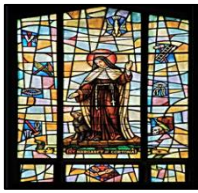
Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



February 9, 2025

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Saint Margaret of Cortona

Feast day: February 22

Poor Margaret! When she was only 7 years old her mother died. To make matters worse, her father remarried and her new stepmom wasn't very nice. Sound like a fairytale you know? Did you guess Cinderella? Well, unlike Cinderella, she didn't have talking mice to help her out.

After a few years of living with her father and stepmother, Margaret met a man named Arsenio, and ran off with him. (This man was no Prince Charming! Margaret led a sinful life with him and the two had a son together.)

Ever catch yourself doing something wrong and you know it is wrong, but you do it anyway? You know you should change your behavior, but you choose not to? Well, this is how it was for Margaret. She knew she wasn't leading a Godly life, but she wasn't ready to change yet.

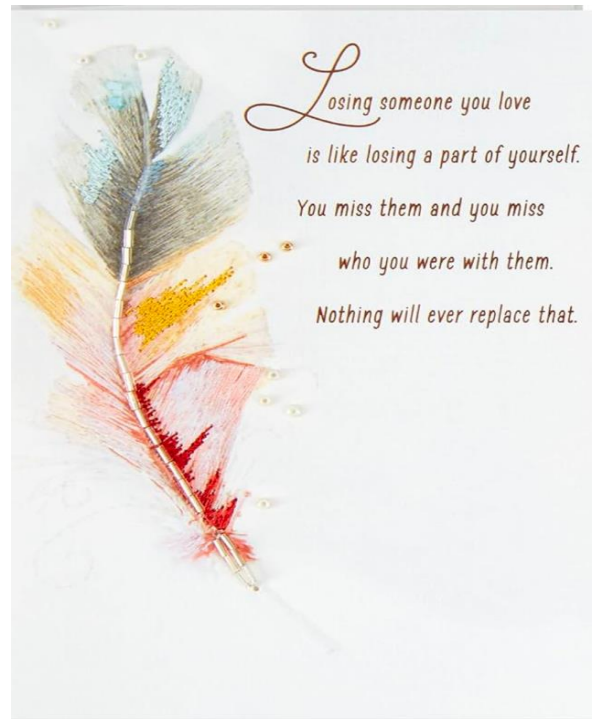
One day, while Margaret waited for Arsenio to come home, only his dog returned. This was one smart dog! Margaret scratched the dog between the ears but instead of sitting and wagging his tail, he grabbed Margaret's apron and began tugging on it. Sensing something might be wrong, she followed the dog. Unfortunately, the dog led her to where her husband laid dead — murdered!

Margaret took this as a sign from God that it was time to start living a pure life. So, she packed up her stuff and took her son and went back home. But, because of the life she had led, her father didn't want her back home again.

Feeling discouraged, she went to another town where she had heard some friars often helped people willing to reform their lives. When she arrived at that town she met two Godly women.

They let Margaret and her son live with them in their home. Margaret reformed her life and spent a good portion of her day praying and doing penance. Her son attended school and later became a Franciscan monk. Eventually, Margaret became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and devoted her life to helping the poor and sick. She even started a hospital.

St. Margaret of Cortona, pray for us.



The Grief Support Group **Will Meet Every Monday**

March 10 – 17 – 24 – 31-

April 7 – 14, 2025

Time – 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Place – Saint Margaret of Cortona

Church - Rectory

31 Chamberlain Avenue

Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643

To Register: Please call

Mary - 201-724-5492 or

Pat - 201-982-3004

Chair of Peter

THE CHAIR of Peter, the only piece of furniture with a feast day on the Catholic calendar, is honored each year on February 22. The chair is largely symbolic. It is a way of speaking of the authority of the one who uses it. A cathedral carries that name because it is named for the bishop's chair, the *cathedra*. A pope speaks *ex cathedra*—"from the chair"—when he gives official pronouncements. We use a similar expression when we say a judge speaks "from the bench." The furniture represents the authority of the one who speaks from it.

The day honors the tradition that St. Peter became the bishop of Antioch on this day before becoming bishop of Rome, an event that was formerly honored on January 18. In fact, January 18–25 became the week of prayer for Christian unity because those dates bridge the days assigned to two great Christian biblical leaders: the Chair of Peter and the Conversion of St. Paul. Revisions to the calendar combined the two feasts of Peter, and the more ancient of the two, February 22, remained.

It is doubtful that Peter actually sat in a designated chair to rule the Christians of Rome, and even more doubtful that that chair has been preserved. However, in the ninth century Charles the Bald gave what some believed to be Peter's chair to the Vatican. It is enshrined against the back wall of the St. Peter's Basilica beneath the alabaster image of the Holy Spirit, inside a reliquary designed by Gianlorenzo Bernini above what is appropriately called the Altar of the Chair.

The Collect for the day acknowledges the confession of faith made by Peter, upon whom Christ built the Church. His successors, the popes, occupy his "chair," and speak with his authority.

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We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

As we welcome the New Year, Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read ***We Are His Witnesses***, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis' call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future for our Church community. Read ***We Are His Witnesses*** and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ's call to be His witnesses in the world.

(This letter is also available on our website)

<https://rcan.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/We-Are-His-Witnesses-Jan-6-2025-FINAL.pdf>



Robert L. Craig PTO's 1st Annual
Designer Bag BINGO
SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025

Join us for an evening of fun Bingo and a chance to win a Designer Bag!

BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS AND BEVERAGES OF YOUR CHOICE!
ADDITIONAL BOARDS FOR PURCHASE DURING THE EVENT

TICKETS \$45

Boys & Girls Club
460 Passaic Ave.
Lodi, NJ 07644

Tickets Include:
Admission to a fun filled evening of Bingo
10 Bingo Game Cards / 1 card per board
Entry to door prizes

DOORS OPEN 5:30PM | GAME BEGINS 6:30PM

TO PURCHASE TICKETS CONTACT:
CANDACE TARABOCCHIA @ 201-783-4523
OR PTORBERTLCRAIG@GMAIL.COM

CASH ONLY!

All guests must be 21+