

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)

November 30, 2025



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
Pastor
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.

PARISH WEBSITE:

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

PARISH E-MAIL: smcortona1912@aol.com

Parish Center Office
Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172
Monday to Thursday

Rectory
201-641-2988
By appointment only

Religious Education
201-641-2988
Sunday to Thursday



SATURDAY, November 29

5:30 PM Anastasia Otuwurunne

SUNDAY, November 30

First Day of Advent

5:30 PM (Saturday) Anastasia Otuwurunne

9:00 AM Ronald W. Thomas

11:30 AM Hroncich & Mattessich Families

MONDAY, December 1

12:00 PM Aldaiza Morin

TUESDAY, December 2

12:00 PM Mauro F. Mora [1-A]

WEDNESDAY, December 3

12:00 PM Daniel Palmadessa

THURSDAY, December 4

9:00 AM Michael Otuwurunne

FIRST FRIDAY, December 5

12:00 PM John Bussanich

FIRST SATURDAY, December 6

12:00 PM Mass Guild

5:30 PM Sebastiano Pansini

SUNDAY, December 7, 2025

Second Day of Advent

9:00 AM Michael A. Pansini

11:30 AM Maria & Matteo Matesic

Memorials
Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
Ronald W. Thomas



November 23, 2025

\$2,735

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 Demczyszyn	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	Demczyszyn
Delia Libunao	Pedro Jimenez
Amy Way	Lori Ruppert Hagens
Pat Miller	Phyllis Francis
Antonio Delosreyes, Sr.	



David Koslow

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.

Quote for November 30

It is not the actual physical exertion that counts towards one's progress, nor the nature of the task, but by the spirit of faith with which it is undertaken.

~ St. Francis Xavier (1506-1552), Priest, Missionary, Feast Day December 3

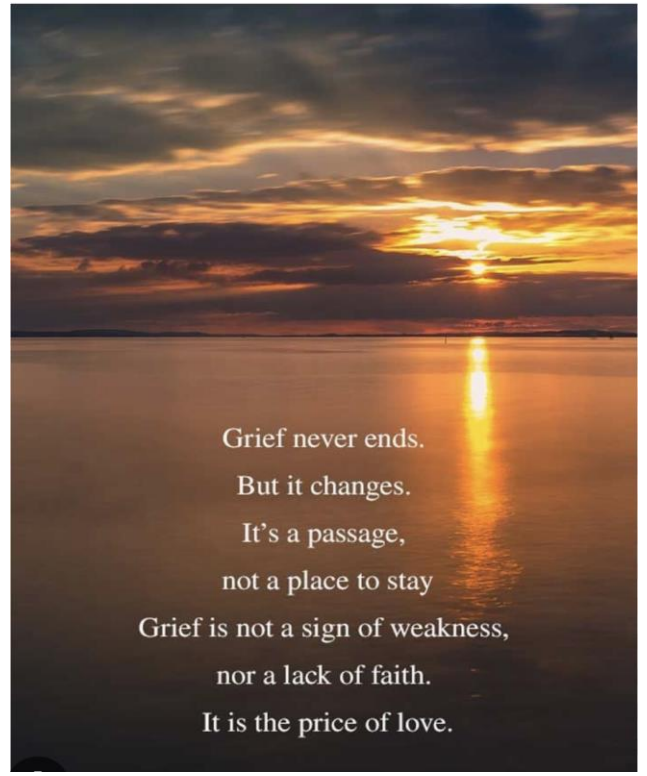


*If there is any adult (18+yrs.)
who wishes to complete
their initiation into the
Catholic Church by
receiving Confirmation and/or
Communion and Confirmation,
please call
Father Kevin at 201-641-2988*



**A Festival of Lessons and
Carols
Sunday • December 14, 2025
3 PM**

Beginning December 1st
Each evening, read 1 chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible.
There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve, you will have
read the whole account of
Jesus's life and wake up on
Christmas Morning knowing
Who and Why we
Celebrate Christmas.



**The Grief Support Group
Continues Every Monday**

December 1 - 8 - 15, 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**





**This year we will continue
with our Advent Giving Tree
for the families with children
in our area who require some
help
with Christmas.**

**Tags will be available
November 29th & 30th.
All gifts should be returned
no later than December 18th.
Please “do not wrap” the
gifts.**

**Please contact Pat Miller-
201-296-0141 or
Cheryl Vorisek– 201-805-
0796**

**with any questions.
Thank you in advance for
your generous response to
this
worthy cause.**

Immaculate Conception

“THE IMMACULATE Conception” is a title for Mary, the mother of Jesus. The expression means that Mary was conceived without sin. The conviction that Jesus was born of a virgin is a distinct belief, even though many Catholics erroneously think that the Immaculate Conception refers to Jesus.

Contributing to the confusion is the celebration of the Immaculate Conception during the season of Advent. While the faithful are preparing to honor the birth of Jesus, we commemorate the conception of Mary. The choice of December 8 for the Immaculate Conception does not directly relate to Advent; it corresponds more to the traditional date for the Feast of the Birth of Mary, September 8, which coincides with the dedication of a Jerusalem church in honor of the mother of Mary. The feast for the conception of Mary is backed up from that day nine months. In a similar way, we celebrate the Annunciation on March 25, nine months before the birth of Jesus.

Belief in the Immaculate Conception asserts that God preserved Mary from all sin from the moment of her conception, thus preparing a pure vessel for the Incarnation of the Son. This belief is not expressly contained in the Scriptures, but it enjoys a wide-spread following in the Church’s tradition. Although the Immaculate Conception of Mary has been affirmed since the earliest centuries of Christianity, it was not formally proclaimed a dogma of the Church until 1854. December 8 is now a holyday of obligation in the United States, which is placed under Mary’s patronage with this title.

When Mary is depicted as the Immaculate Conception, she is often shown wearing a crown of stars as the woman in Revelation 12 and standing on a snake, reversing the temptation of Eve. Mary, the Immaculate Conception, is the exalted Queen of Heaven who manifests God’s power over sin.