



# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie  
In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912*

**August 20, 2023**



**Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,**

*Pastor*

**Reverend Michael Otuwurunne,**

*In Residence*

**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.

## **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, August 19**

5:30 PM Saverio Passaro

**SUNDAY, August 20, 2023**

**Twentieth Sunday of the Church Year**

8:00 AM Frank Maas

10:00 AM Tony Tarabocchia

12:00 PM Jonathan Wende

**MONDAY, August 21**

12:00 PM Maria Tarabocchia

**TUESDAY, August 22**

12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

**WEDNESDAY, August 23**

12:00 PM Antonio Tarabocchia

**THURSDAY, August 24**

12:00 PM Maria Vlacancich

**FRIDAY, August 25**

12:00 PM Antonio Tarabocchia

**SATURDAY, August 26**

5:30 PM Johnny Garcia [8A]

**SUNDAY, August 27, 2023**

**Twenty-First Sunday of the Church Year**

8:00 AM Tony Tarabocchia

10:00 AM Terry Howerdel

12:00 PM Maria Mattessich

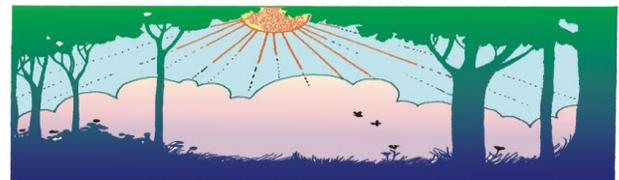
**Memorials  
 Bread & Wine  
 And  
 Sanctuary Candle  
 People of Our Parish Family**

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

Catherine Mary Moncello	Anthony Deli
Michel Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Baby Amato Jordan
Johanna Hanush	Philip Dittmar
Lena Vitalle.	Grace Ehler
John Thomas Lazur Dersch	Julio Sanchez
Robert Zienkiewicz	Arline Hrbek
Florence Navarro	Kevin Michael Francis
Paula Kelnhofer	Jacqueline Palmadessa
Barbara Demczynszyn	Robin Toscano
Caroline Ruppert Hubert	Ellie Lombardelli
Tom Greaux	Brandon Kingsley
John Ratynski	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Victor Ruggiero	James Moran
Dominick Di Buono	Olivia La Forte King
David I. Ramos	Emily Menzella
Charlie Di Buono	Vitangelo Bavaro
Mary Mirrop	Ron Ruppert
Michael Demczynszyn	Chris Lynch



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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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



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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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  
Farther Kevin at 201-641-2988*



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**August 13, 2023**  
**\$2,568**



**Annual Appeal** for 2023

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St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	98
Amount of Pledges	\$20,840
<small>As of May 13</small>	

**[Here is Sr Dorothy's contact info  
as of July 1]**

**Address**

**St. Joseph Villa**

**110 West Wissahickon Ave, Room 704**

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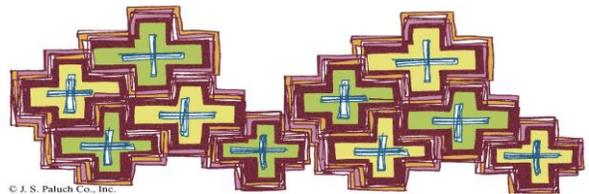
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**The 2024 Mass Book is now  
open for Daily and Weekend  
Masses, Memorials-Bread and  
Wine, Sanctuary Candles, and  
Flowers**

**Monday thru Thursday, from  
10:00 a.m. to 11:30am.  
Afternoons from 1:00 pm. to 4:00  
pm.**



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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: O**  
God, who have prepared for those who love  
you good things which no eye can see, fill  
our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your  
love, so that, loving you in all things and  
above all things, we may attain your  
promises, which surpass every human  
desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your  
Son, who lives and reigns with you in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and  
ever.



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The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 56:1, 6-7*. The theme of the prophet here is the call of the Gentiles to the service of the true God on the great day which is to come. The temple of that future messianic age will be a "house of prayer" for all peoples.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:13-15, 29-32*. In this reading Paul admits clearly that in the Christian Church is the fulfillment of all the hopes and promises made to Israel, yet this fulfillment of Judaism is composed of Gentiles as well as Israelites. Paul here calls himself the apostle to the Gentiles but still prays that the Israelite rejection of Jesus may one day be reversed. (Excerpted from *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary—A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin)

When we turn to Christ in our needs is our faith in Him as sincere and unwavering ??No doubt it often is, and yet we do not get the desired answer. As Christians we know that our particular request may not always be for our good, or for the final good of the person for whom we are praying. In that case, the good God will not grant what would be to our eternal disadvantage. But if our prayer is sincere and persevering, we shall always get an answer, and one which is better than what we asked for.

How often do we wonder at or perhaps doubt God's mercy when we see, for example, the young father of a family being taken from his loved and helpless ones, notwithstanding the prayers and tears of his

wife and children. Where is God's mercy here? Where is His answer to these sincere prayers? But who are we to question God's mercy? The answer is there and often clear enough: that death brings out in his relatives and neighbors virtues which they would otherwise never have had occasion to practice—virtues that will earn for them eternal life.

It is only when we get to heaven - and getting to heaven is our purpose in life - that we shall see how our prayers, sincere and persevering, were answered by God.

