



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)

August 9, 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.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



SUNDAY, August 9, 2026

Nineteenth Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) Edward Kennedy
9:00 AM Dominic Raimondo
11:30 AM Facchini Family

MONDAY, August 10 (*Saint Lawrence*)

12:00 PM Linda Mernar

TUESDAY, August 11 (*Saint Clare*)

12:00 PM Evelyn Carter

WEDNESDAY, August 12 (*Saint Jane Frances
de Chantal*)

12:00 PM Patrick Kensek

THURSDAY, August 13 (*Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus*)

12:00 PM Rosa Mancini

FRIDAY, August 14 (*Saint Maximilian Kolbe*)

12:00 PM Anna Bussanich

SATURDAY, August 15 (*Assumption of the
Blessed Mother*)

12:00 PM Pietro De Sario
5:30 PM Deceased Members of
Baker/Van Sadlers Family

SUNDAY, August 16, 2026

Twentieth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Saverio Passaro
11:30 AM Adilia Espinales

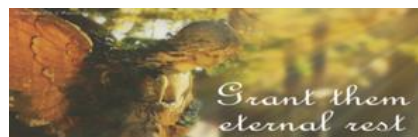
**Memorials
Bread & Wine
People of Our Parish**

**Sanctuary Candle
Cristina Amato**



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	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
Phyllis Francis	Colette Caminiti
Steve De Martini	Ignazio De Bari
Jean Addresso	



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.

Quote for August 9

" The great method of prayer is to have none.

**If in going to prayer one can form in oneself a pure capacity for receiving the spirit of God,
that will suffice for all method."**

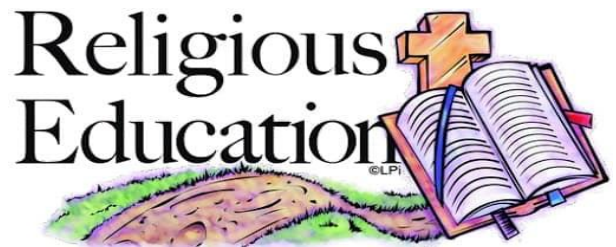
**~ St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1572-1641),
Patron of the forgotten, Feast Day August**



*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*



**The 2027 Mass Book will be
open for Daily and Weekend
Masses, Memorials-Bread
and Wine, Sanctuary
Candles,
and Flowers starting on
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to
11:30 a.m. Afternoons from
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



Saint Margaret of Cortona Religious Education

**Registration for 2026-2027
Religious Education is now open**

**To register please go to the parish
office Monday through Thursday from
10AM - 4PM and complete the
registration paperwork or download
the registration forms from the website
St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic
Church in Little Ferry.
(stmargaretlfnj.org)**

**All forms must be dropped off at the
parish office. The fee for one child is
\$110.00 for 2 children, \$140.00 and
\$160.00 for 3 or more children.**

**Checks can be made payable to
Saint Margaret of Cortona Church.**

**Grades 1 and 2 - One Sunday each
month 10:10 AM to 11:20AM**

**Grades 3, 4, 5 - Tuesdays -
3:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Grades 6, 7, 8 - Tuesdays
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

**If you have any questions, please
contact the parish office. 201-641-2988.**

Orans

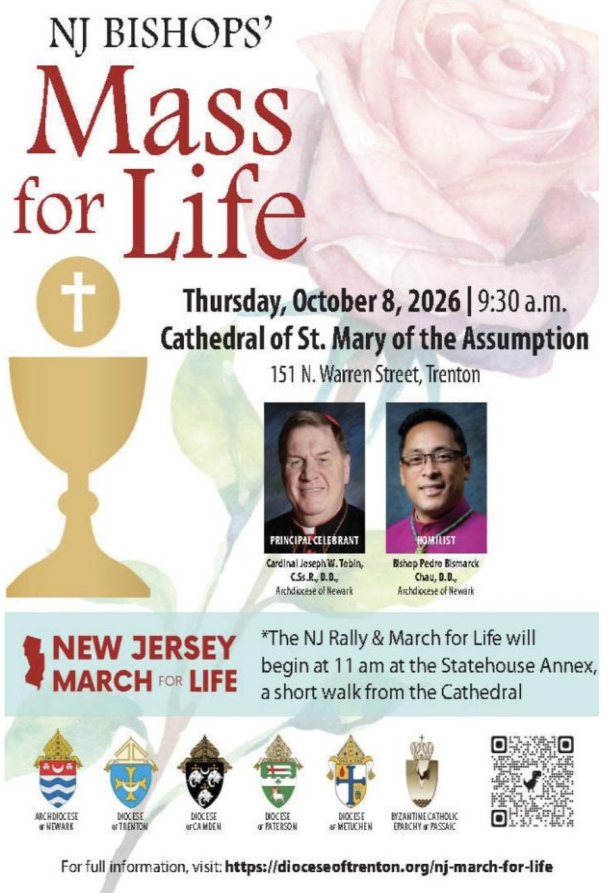
ORANS is a Latin word meaning “praying.” It also defines the formal posture assumed by a priest whenever he prays during Mass. Any time he directly addresses God, the priest stands with his hands slightly raised and outstretched. This gesture can be traced to stories of Moses (Exodus 9:29) and descriptions of prayer in the Psalms (28:2; 63:4, 134:2). It resembles the gesture of a small child ready to hug or asking to be lifted up. Tertullian, the second-century father of the Church from North Africa, said that extending hands in prayer bears witness to the Cross of Christ. Depictions of early Christians in the orans position can be found in the catacombs. The gesture has had an honored place in the history of the Roman liturgy.

The precise position admits some variation. After the council of Trent, priests were instructed to raise their hands no higher nor wider than the shoulder, palms facing each other and the fingers of each hand joined. Some still follow that former rubric, even though it is no longer in force. Some stand with arms spread completely outstretched to the sides, while others choose a mid-position. Some stand with arms lifted up high, palms facing out, in a gesture that says in another context, “Don’t shoot!” but here implies a reverent surrender to God in prayer. The priest is to assume a recognizable prayer posture. In this way he, the assembly, and God all know what is going on during the most solemn parts of the Mass.

Some communities have found it helpful for the assembly to assume the orans position when it prays together, for example, at the Lord’s Prayer. Although many Catholics may join hands at that time, they could stand with arms outstretched, palms upraised. Some will find this posture helpful at private prayer.

A member of the armed forces assumes a specific posture when addressing a superior. You hold the telephone a certain way if you expect the person you called to hear. Christians traditionally stand in the orans position when we address God.

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NJ BISHOPS' Mass for Life

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.R., D.D., Archdiocese of Newark

CO-CELEBRANT
Bishop Pedro Barmack, O.S.A., D.D., Archdiocese of Newark

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

For full information, visit: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life>

