

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)

March 9, 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:
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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



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

SATURDAY, March 8

5:30 PM Donald Francis [16A]

SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM John Morin (Gasparo)
11:30 AM Jim Murphy & Family

MONDAY, March 10

12:00 PM John Morin [10A]
(Gasparo)

TUESDAY, March 11

12:00 PM Bobby M. Busanic

WEDNESDAY, March 12

12:00 PM Pasquale Paniscotti

THURSDAY, March 13

12:00 PM Mario Hroncich [50A]

FRIDAY, March 14

12:00 PM Anna Morin

SATURDAY, March 15

5:30 PM Betty Filippone

SUNDAY, March 16, 2025

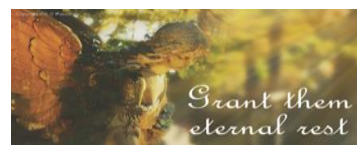
Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Mattea Morich
11:30 AM Anna & Antonio Hroncich

Memorials

Bread & Wine
John Morin [10A]
(Gasparo)

Sanctuary Candle
People of Our Parish Family



Joseph Raimondo

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.



St. Margaret's 2025 Goal	\$22,657
Number of Pledges	26
Amount of Pledges	\$8,450

As of March 4



SATURDAY
MARCH
22 **DINNER**
AND A MOVIE



The Story of St. Frances Cabrini
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner
St. Margaret of Cortona
6:30 PM Marnell Hall
(After the 5:30 Mass)
All Ages Are Welcome! A Free Will Offering Only! Let Us Know If You Are Coming And How Many!
201-641-2988 SMCORTONA1912@AOL.COM

****Mission Opportunity**
The First Presbyterian Church of Moonachie offers non-perishable food every month during their First Saturday Hot Lunch ministry. If you would like to donate, they are accepting items such as canned goods and other non-perishable foods. To arrange a drop-off or pick-up, please call the church office at 201-641-4919 and leave a message with your name and phone number. They will call you back to arrange a time to drop-off or to pick-up the donation.



Losing someone you love is like losing a part of yourself. You miss them and you miss who you were with them. Nothing will ever replace that.

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



For the Fridays in Lent there will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm in the church.

Why are the Gloria and Alleluia omitted during Lent?

Even the liturgy "fasts" in preparation for the glorious season of Easter.

The Lenten season is marked by two very distinct liturgical omissions. Neither the hymn known as the **Gloria** (Glory to God in the Highest) nor the **Alleluia** verse sung before the Gospel is permitted during the entire 40 days of Lent (with a few small exceptions).

Why is that?

First of all, the Gloria is a hymn that celebrates the coming of the Lord using words from the angels at Christ's birth. The Church during Lent returns in spirit to a time when the people of God were in exile, waiting for the Messiah to come and save them. It is a similar season of expectation as is Advent, but instead of awaiting Christ's birth from the womb of Mary, the Christian people await Christ's second "birth" from the womb of the sepulcher.

Secondly, following this same spirit of exile, the Church joins Moses and the Israelites as they wander in the desert for 40 years. It is a time of agony and purification, one where the faithful join together in saying, "How shall we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?" (*Psalms 137:4*) The word "**Alleluia**" is rooted in a Hebrew expression that means "**praise the Lord**" and is thus omitted during Lent.

As a result, our focus in Lent is not in rejoicing, but in mourning our sins, looking at those things that prevent us from an authentic relationship with God. Once these are removed through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are able to rejoice again at Easter, for it is not only Christ's resurrection that we celebrate, but our own rebirth in the spirit.



Archdiocese of Newark OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL **2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025**