



# 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*

September 24, 2023



**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:** 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

# Mass Schedule

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## SATURDAY, September 23

5:30 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

## SUNDAY, September 24

Twenty-fifth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Antonia Piccinich

10:00 AM Adam Morin

12:00 PM Frank Krzyzaniak

## MONDAY, September 25

12:00 PM Frank Francica [4A]

## TUESDAY, September 26

12:00 PM Blanche Baker

## WEDNESDAY, September 27

12:00 PM Richard Kelly, Sr.

## THURSDAY, September 28

12:00 PM Tony Tarabocchia

## FRIDAY, September 29

12:00 PM Domenica Picinich

## SATURDAY, September 30

5:30 PM Terry Howerdel

## SUNDAY, October 1, 2023

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Maria Cerneka

10:00 AM John Bussanich

12:00 PM Rose Ratynski [4A]

### Memorials

Bread & Wine

And

Sanctuary Candle

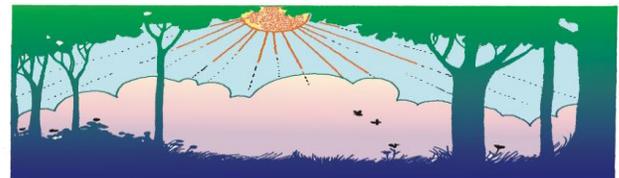
People of Our Parish Family

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 Demczyszyn	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
Chris Lynch	Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn



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



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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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September 17, 2023 \$ 2,675



Annual Appeal <sup>2023</sup>

Make your gift today.



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

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

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**Below is information for those planning to attend a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024**

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2024! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Exam Program for Catholic High Schools will be given on Friday, November 10, 2023. Registration for the HSPT exam is available online at [www.njcoopexam.org](http://www.njcoopexam.org) beginning September 1st. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to [www.catholicschoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicschoolsnj.org).

Additionally, the Catholic High Schools are holding their annual HS Expo Night. Parents and students are invited to meet with representatives from many Archdiocesan High Schools from 7:00-8:30 pm on the following dates and locations:

*Tuesday, September 19th at St. Thomas the Apostle School, 50 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield*

*Tuesday, September 26th at Academy of St. Paul, 187 Wycoff Avenue, Ramsey*

*Wednesday, September 27th at St. Peter's Preparatory School, 144 Grand Street, Jersey City*

*Thursday, September 28th at St. John the Apostle School, 541 Valley Road, Clark*

For directions and more information, visit [www.catholicschoolsnj.org](http://www.catholicschoolsnj.org) or call 973-497-4260.

**Commentary on the Sunday Mass  
Readings for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time, Year A:**

The call to the vineyard (to the Church), through God's gift of faith and the sacrament of baptism, is a gift for which we can never sufficiently thank God. If we remain in the vineyard and labor honestly, that is, if we cooperate with the actual graces God is continually giving us, we are assured of reaching heaven when our earthly days are ended. The work we have to do in God's vineyard is the fulfilling of the duties of our state in life. By carrying out these duties faithfully and honestly we are doing the will of God and earning heaven. The greater part of our day and indeed of our life, will be taken up with tasks of themselves worldly, but these tasks when done in the state of grace and with the intention of honoring God, have a supernatural value. For this we have to thank God for His goodness and generosity. He could have made the attainment of heaven so much more difficult. He could have demanded extraordinary mortifications and renunciations and the reward (heaven) would still be exceedingly great. Instead He allows us to live our everyday life, to enjoy the love and friendship of our family and friends, to satisfy the natural desires of our bodies, within the commandments, and yet to merit a supernatural reward while so doing. As He tells us through St. Paul: "whether you eat or drink or whatever else you do, do all to the glory of God (1 Cor. 10 : 31)." Looking back on our past life, how many years have we really given to God since we came to the use of reason? Those

school years, the time spent learning a trade or profession, the weeks, months, years working in an office or factory or farm, the hours among the pots and pans in the kitchen — have we earned some credit in heaven for all of this, or is it all crossed off our pay sheet through lack of right intention or through sin? If so, those years are lost to us. We were "idle" all that time. Today's parable, however, should give us new hope and courage. It may be the sixth or the ninth or even the eleventh hour of our life but we can still earn heaven if we listen to God's call and set to work diligently in His vineyard. If we put our conscience right with God today and resolve to be loyal to Him from now on He will be as generous to us, as the parable promises.

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time: Prayer**

**O God, who founded all the  
commands of your sacred Law upon  
love of you and of our neighbor,  
grant that, by keeping your precepts,  
we may merit to attain eternal life.  
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.**



**It's Back !!!**

**Parish Picnic is scheduled for  
Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
All Help is Appreciated.**