

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 23, 2025



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.
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 201-641-2988
 By appointment only

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 201-641-2988
 Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, March 22

5:30 PM Domenica Mattessich

SUNDAY, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Ken O'Reilly

11:30 AM Joseph De Ruvo

MONDAY, March 24

12:00 PM Nicoletta Minervini

TUESDAY, March 25

12:00 PM Frank Francica

WEDNESDAY, March 26

12:00 PM Antonia Morin

THURSDAY, March 27

12:00 PM Joseph J. Ruzich

FRIDAY, March 28

12:00 PM Florence Seeger

SATURDAY, March 29

5:30 PM Sebastiano Pansini

SUNDAY, March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM Patrick Pansini

11:30 AM Sergio Passaro

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



**March 16, 2025
\$2,488**



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

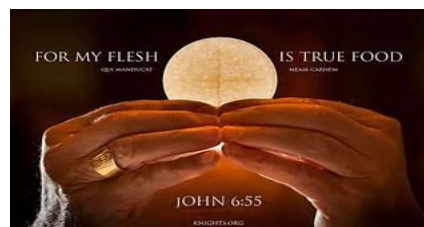


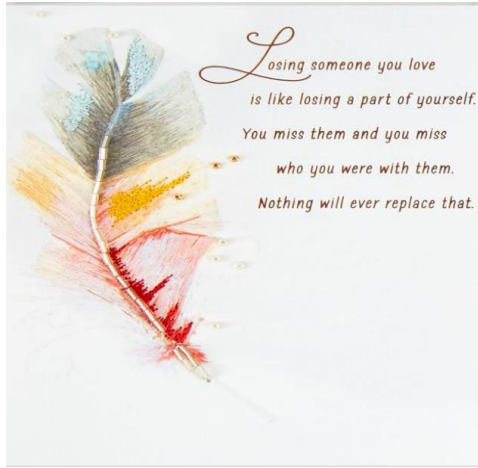
Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions and for all those victims who suffered and lost their loved ones, under the COVID-19 pandemic.



St. Margaret's 2025 Goal	\$22,657
Number of Pledges	38
Amount of Pledges	\$ 9,250

As of March 18





**The Grief Support Group
Will Meet Every Monday**

March– 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.**

****Save the Date**

**The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled
for:**

**Tuesday - April 8, 2025 at 7 PM
(more info to follow)**

☬ Solemnity

A SOLEMNITY is a day of greatest significance on the Roman Catholic Church calendar. We commonly call almost any special day a “feast day,” but “feast” is only one category of celebration. A solemnity is more important than a feast.

Solemnities resemble Sundays. However, not all solemnities are days of obligation. Catholics begin observing a solemnity on the evening before its date. We hear three Scripture readings at Mass. We recite the Creed. We include the Glory to God, even if the solemnity occurs during Advent and Lent, the seasons when this hymn is omitted from the Sunday Mass. On solemnities, flowers may adorn the altar and the organ may play solo music, even during Lent, when these practices are otherwise forbidden. If an event such as a wedding takes place at Mass on a solemnity, the prayers and readings of the solemnity are used.

Solemnities include some biographical events and titles of Jesus (Christmas, Epiphany, Sacred Heart, and Christ the King), events and titles associated with Mary (Immaculate Conception, Annunciation, Mother of God, and Assumption), key biblical saints (Joseph, John the Baptist, Peter and Paul), and other days of religious significance (All Saints, Most Holy Trinity, and the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Locally, solemnities include the patronal day of the city or state, the anniversary of the church’s dedication, the day of the church’s title, and the day of the title, founder, or patron of a religious order or congregation.

The solemnities of Christmas and Easter extend for eight days with some modified celebration each day. If a solemnity conflicts with a Sunday or another solemnity, it either replaces the Sunday or is transferred to the first available date.

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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**

The Importance of Prayer

Without prayer we will not love God with genuine love. We may be his servants, his fighters, even his disciples, but we will not be the lovers of Jesus Christ. The form of our prayer may vary a good deal but it is through this prayer that we meet the living God, the living Christ.

What about the human methods and techniques of praying? Again there are many of these. But whichever we find works for us, we must soon make use of those great mysterious powers which reach God himself, the theological “powers” of faith, hope, love. Whatever “launching pad” we use—the rosary, the divine office, our reflections on some book or some action or some meeting—the great supernatural forces are at our disposal....

When we suddenly become aware of some bitter, unpleasant truth about ourselves—it doesn't matter what led to this awareness—only the power of hope will be able to disperse our gloom. Just as it is only hope that enables us to desire the right kind of happiness (the beatitudes!) for those we love. And whatever the form of our prayer, we soon come to realize that our own powers are inadequate for loving God. We need his love, we need agape. Faith, hope, love (agape) are presents to us from God. He gives them to whoever asks for them. So the prayer that puts us into the presence of the living God will be self-fueling. In teaching us why we love, it will urge us to ask for the power to love. Our desire to offer ourselves as a gift each day, each hour of each day, will become ever stronger, and the self that we offer will be continually renewed, constantly new.... We will have a passionate desire to be more and more like him, reproducing in ourselves even the smallest of his character traits, the least of his thoughts, the slightest of his gestures. Where will we be able to absorb these if not in prayer?

One day the Lord advised his disciples to close the door when praying. But another day he taught them the Our Father on the road and in the midst of a great crowd of people. He himself prayed both in solitude and in a crowd. If a Christian knows that he should pray in certain fixed places—Jesus for example prayed in the Temple—he should also know that he can pray anywhere.