

July 27, 2025

# **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)***



**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.stmargaretnj.org/>**

**PARISH E-MAIL: [smcortona1912@aol.com](mailto: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, July 26**

5:30 PM Saint Joachim & Saint Ann  
[Special Intention]

**SUNDAY, July 27, 2025**

**Seventeenth Sunday of the Church Year**

9:00 AM Albert Bussanich  
11:30 AM Michael A. Pansini

**MONDAY, July 28**

12:00 PM Nancy Dillon

**TUESDAY, July 29**

12:00 PM Claire Albana Mondejar &  
Tiana Seville

**WEDNESDAY, July 30**

12:00 PM Ricardo Doronila Mondejar &  
Anita Seville Mondejar

**THURSDAY, July 31**

12:00 PM Jill Tarabocchia

**FIRST FRIDAY, August 1**

12:00 PM Jel Manalang

**FIRST SATURDAY, August 2**

12:00 PM Mass Guild  
5:30 PM Angelina Wolchko

**SUNDAY, August 3, 2025**

**Eighteenth Sunday of the Church Year**

9:00 AM John Bussanich  
11:30 AM Facchini Family

**Memorials**

Bread & Wine  
And  
Sanctuary Candle  
Jill Tarabocchia



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



Ernest J. Gentile

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.



July 20, 2025  
\$2,119



Every penny counts!  
Thank you for your contribution - big and small!





*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 2026 Mass Book will be open for  
Daily and Weekend Masses,  
Memorials-Bread and Wine,  
Sanctuary Candles,  
and Flowers starting on  
Wednesday, August 20, 2025  
Morning from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30am.  
Afternoon from  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



St. Margaret's 2025 Goal	\$22,657
Number of Pledges	89
Amount of Pledges	\$27,164
As of July 22	



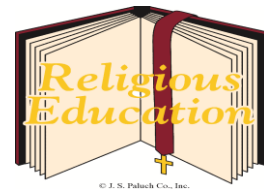
**Sophia Lombardelli, Parish Council Member**



Hi! My name is Sophia Lombardelli. I am a lifelong member of St. Margaret. I grew up watching my parents give to this church, so it just seemed normal for me too. I am Liturgical Coordinator, Reader, Extraordinary Minister of

Holy Communion, Counter, head of the Parish Social Life and will be restarting the Prayer Shawl Ministry shortly. I am also a member of the Pastoral Council and Finance Council.

I can usually be found at Church on the weekends, so if you have any questions, want to talk about anything or would like to volunteer for one of the Ministries, please find me. I may be busy, but I will find time to answer any questions.



*Registrations for new students  
and/or families in our  
religious education program  
for the 2025-2026 school year  
is now in progress.  
Registrations can be made  
in the parish center.*

Quote for Today

Blessed Maria Grazia Tarallo (1866-1912)

Feast day July 27

“ I want to be holy, loving Jesus in the Eucharist, suffering with Christ Crucified and seeing Christ in my brothers and sisters.”

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## ✦ Angels

ANGELS, WE have heard on high, sing sweetly o'er the plain. Our voices blend with theirs in an unending hymn of praise at every Mass. They've made it big in recent years on Broadway, major league baseball, the best-seller list, and the top 40. Few doubt their influence.

Angels have secured a place in popular spirituality. The faithful who try to make sense out of good fortune or coincidence frequently attribute the incidents to the presence and activity of angels. For many, they resemble benign spiritual hackers who break into the data of our lives and rearrange the bits according to their own plan. However, in Scripture and in liturgy, they play a far less mischievous role.

Angels, properly speaking, are messengers. In the Old Testament they appear nearly as manifestations of God. When you ask people to deliver a message for you, you expect their words to be received as your own, their presence to represent your own. That's what angels did in the Bible. The Book of Tobit tells of the angel Raphael who heals on behalf of God.

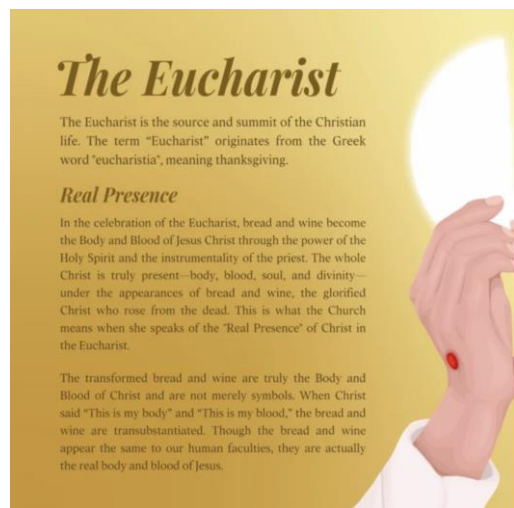
Michael appears as the protector against evil in Daniel 10:21, Jude 9, and Revelation 12:7. And Gabriel brings the good news of salvation to Zechariah (Luke 1:11) and to Mary (Luke 1:26-27). However, Paul warned the Colossians against the worship of angels (Colossians 2:18).

At Mass, angels turn their attention toward God. They appear in every preface, before we sing the "Holy." The first Eucharistic prayer asks that God's angel take the sacrifice to God's altar on high. During the Creed we acclaim the God who has created not only things visible, but also invisible—like angels. And in the fall each year the archangels get their own feast (September 29) and the guardian angels follow (October 2). Prior to 1965, we used to end every Mass with a prayer to St. Michael.

Thus, angels have secured a place in the Scripture and liturgy of our Church. For us, they have performed as messengers of God's word. For God, they worship with all creation. As messengers and worshipers, they model the responsibilities we share in the church to spread the good news and praise God.

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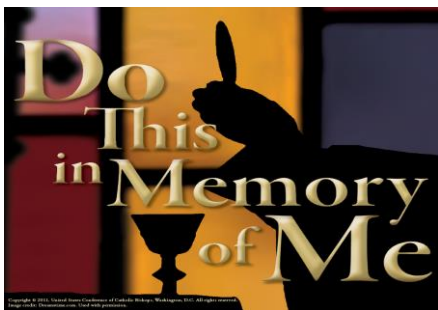
### The Eucharist

The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The term "Eucharist" originates from the Greek word "eucharistia", meaning thanksgiving.

#### Real Presence

In the celebration of the Eucharist, bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and the instrumentality of the priest. The whole Christ is truly present—body, blood, soul, and divinity—under the appearances of bread and wine, the glorified Christ who rose from the dead. This is what the Church means when she speaks of the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist.

The transformed bread and wine are truly the Body and Blood of Christ and are not merely symbols. When Christ said "This is my body" and "This is my blood," the bread and wine are transubstantiated. Though the bread and wine appear the same to our human faculties, they are actually the real body and blood of Jesus.



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## ✦ Miraculous Medal

THE MIRACULOUS medal is a devotional article adopted by many Catholics around the world. The medal is worn on a ribbon around the neck to assist in the practice of prayer.

Saint Catherine Labouré had just begun her life in the Parisian religious community of the Daughters of Charity in 1830 when she saw a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary proclaiming her care for the world and her desire to help those in need.

The design of the medal comes directly from Catherine's vision. On the front appears an image of Mary, standing atop a partially visible globe and crushing the head of a serpent (Genesis 3:15 says that a woman—or her offspring—would crush the head of the tempter). Rays of light stream from Mary's fingers, symbols of the grace she channels for believers. Along the oval border, stand the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Thus, the image affirms the belief that Mary was preserved from sin throughout her entire life, from the moment she was conceived in her mother's womb. The Church celebrates the Immaculate Conception each December 8.

On the reverse appears the letter M, over which stands a cross resting upon a bar that weaves through the letter. Twelve stars surround this image, recalling the prophetic vision of Revelation 12:1. Near the bottom can be seen two suffering hearts, one wrapped with thorns, signifying the heart of Christ, and the other penetrated by a sword, recalling a prophecy from Luke 2:35, and representing Mary.

Many people testify that some who put on the medal experience miraculous cures. Anyone who wears it may become more attentive to the favors God grants at the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

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