



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 23, 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 23 , 2026

Twenty-First Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) David Ramos
9:00 AM Mary Pansini
11:30 AM Tony Tarabocchia

MONDAY, August 24 (Saint Bartolomew)

12:00 PM Pasquale & Maria Paniscotti

TUESDAY, August 25 (Saint Louis, Saint Joseph Calasanz)

12:00 PM Franklin Mora

WEDNESDAY, August 26

12:00 PM Joseph J. Ruzich

THURSDAY, August 27 (Saint Monica)

12:00 PM Maria Mattessich

FRIDAY, August 28 (Saint Augustine)

12:00 PM Charlotte Eilertsen

SATURDAY, August 29

5:30 PM Madonna Danganan

SUNDAY, August 30 , 2026

Twenty- Second Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Eduardo Espino
11:30 AM Lynn Rose

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



**August 16, 2026
\$4,285**

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	Arlene 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 Addesso	



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.



St. Margaret's 2026 Goal	\$27,028
Number of Pledges	85
Amount of Pledges	\$22,901
As of August 4	



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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.

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., B.B., Archbishop of Newark

CO-CELEBRANT
Bishop Pedro Barmack, C.S.R., B.B., Archbishop 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>



ADULT CHOIR

Join us this September

Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Season begins September 10th

**Sing at the 11:30 am Mass
September - June**

New Singers welcome,

No experience necessary

WELCOMING COMMUNITY

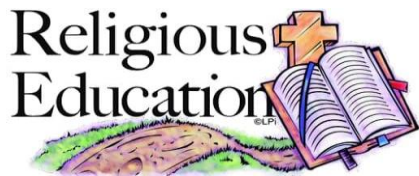
Questions? Ready to sing?

Eileen M. Ballone

Director of Music/Organist
musicmemb@yahoo.com

Or come see me after mass!





**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**

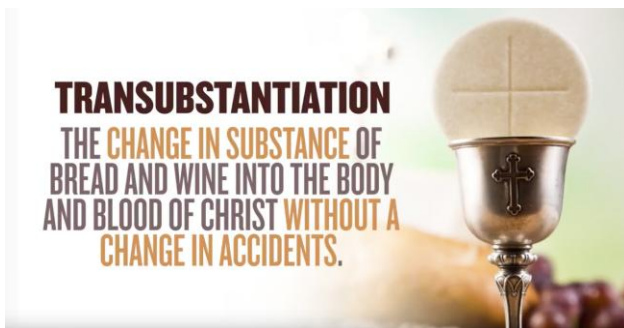
**Grades 6, 7, 8 - Tuesdays
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

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

Quote for August 23

***"Whenever we cover our brother's sin,
God will cover ours; whenever we tell
people about our brother's guilt, God
will do the same about ours."***

**~ St. Poemen (340-450), Monk, Desert
Father, Feast Day August 27**



✠ Peoples' Hands

AT MASS, people use their hands for a variety of purposes, but there is little legislation governing what to do with them. All the faithful should make the Sign of the Cross with the priest at the beginning. They sign their foreheads, lips, and breast with the deacon or priest just before the Gospel. They may offer some sign of peace. They have the option of receiving Communion in the hand.

The priest follows plenty of instructions. He extends his hands for prayers and greetings, and he outstretches them for solemn blessings. During the Eucharistic Prayer, people may see him raise his hands during the Preface dialogue, impose them over the bread and wine, sign the same elements with the Cross, lift and show the Body and Blood of Christ to the people, make a Sign of the Cross over himself, and elevate the Body and Blood of Christ for the final doxology. The priest breaks bread with his hands and holds a broken host while saying, "Behold, the Lamb of God."

People use their hands for some actions that are not in the rubrics, but are sensible nonetheless. They switch off electronic devices upon entering the church. They hold participation aids to join in the singing and the responses. They place contributions into the collection basket.

Some people improvise other actions. They hold a rosary. They gesture back to the priest when he gestures to them. They join hands with others and raise them together. They sign themselves with the cross for the final blessing.

People's most common gesture associated with prayer—folding hands—is never explicitly mentioned in the rubrics of the Mass. However, in the interests of popular piety, it is a praiseworthy practice. Especially when the words people say or hear are directed to God, they may fold their hands in a way that signals to the individual, to other worshipers, and to God, that a moment has arrived to pray.

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