

# **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)***

**February 15, 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](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



**SUNDAY, February 15, 2026**

**Sixth Sunday of the Church Year**

**5:30 PM (Saturday) Angelo & Vitangelo**

**Bavaro**

**9:00 AM William Jehle & Family**

**11:30 AM Francesco & Vincent Ciliberti**

**MONDAY, February 16**

**12:00 PM William Carter & Dolores Borelli**

**TUESDAY, February 17**

**12:00 PM Angela Salvatore Facchini**

**WEDNESDAY, February 18 Ash Wednesday**

**8:00 AM Gileodita Orola**

**12:00 PM Casimir Katkowski**

**3:30 PM Distribution of Ashes**

**7:00 PM. Edward Cisiewicz**

**THURSDAY, February 19**

**12:00 PM Larry Felberg**

**FRIDAY, February 20**

**12:00 PM Charlotte Cimmino**

**SATURDAY, February 21**

**5:30 PM Mary & John Van Sadars**

**SUNDAY, February 22, 2026**

**First Sunday of Lent**

**9:00 AM John & Rose Dariano**

**11:30 AM Josephine & Peter Kustishock**

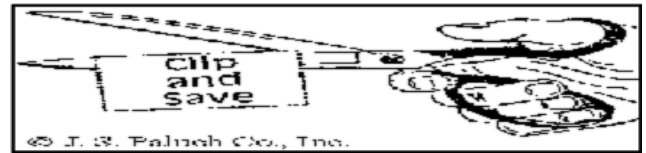
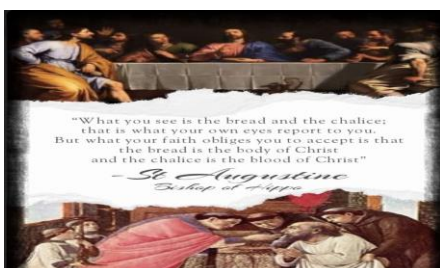
**Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

**And**

**Sanctuary Candle**

**People of Our Parish Family**



**Saint Margaret of Cortona**

**Parish Donations**

**Request for the Year 2025**

**Please send my Parish Contributions  
/Stewardship Statement for the year  
ending December 31, 2025.**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Envelope Number: 962 - \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please fill out this paper completely  
and drop this sheet in the collection  
basket or return to the Parish  
Center.**

**Please allow us some 'turn around  
time' to process your request.**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Masses and Distribution  
of Ashes**

**8 am // 12 noon // 7 pm**

**Scripture Service and  
Distribution of Ashes**

**3:30 pm**



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	Arline 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



Anton Picinic (Tonic)

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.

#### JUBILEE YEAR TO ST. FRANCIS BEGAN JANUARY 10

Pope Leo has designated this to be a Jubilee Year in honor of Saint Francis, marking the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. The year is slated to run from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. It is to be commemorated in the entire Church, but especially in those communities dedicated to Saint Francis -- including Franciscan religious orders and their lay affiliates, parishes named for St. Francis of Assisi, and schools and universities founded in honor of him.

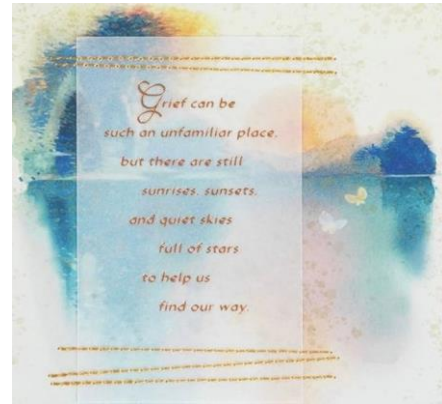
The year invites us all to focus on spiritual renewal, fostering peace, and embracing the Franciscan charism of simplicity and care for creation.

#### QUOTE: February 15

*"Do not be depressed. Do not let your weakness make you impatient. Instead, let the serenity of your spirit shine through your face. Let the joy of your mind burst forth."*

~ St. Peter Damian (1007-1072),

Bishop, Feast Day February 2



### The Grief Support Group Will Meet Every Monday

Beginning February 16 - 23 - March 2 -  
March 9 - March 16 - March 23, 2026

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

#### 2026 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, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.** \*Canon 920, §1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.

# St. Margaret of Cortona Scripture Study



*With Booklets By*

Little Rock Scripture Study

Led By Fr. Kevin E. Carter

Opening session:  
Monday February 23  
6:30 PM in the Rectory

## Participant's Responsibility Before Each Session

- **Read** material for each session.
- **Reflect** on the questions after each session.
- **View** an online video for each session.

## Participant's Responsibilities During Each Session

- Participate in open discussion on the questions.
- Will require purchase of a participant's booklet for \$12.
- Future courses will be selected by consensus.

..... **Please Return By February 13** .....

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am enclosing \$12 for the participant's booklet.