



# *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)*

**December 31, 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

(From Memorial Day through Labor Day: Sat 5:30 p.m.,  
Sunday 9 :00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.)

**Weekdays: Monday to Friday:** 12:00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

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**PARISH E-MAIL:** smcortona1912@aol.com

## **Parish Center Office**

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Monday to Thursday

## **Rectory**

201-641-2988

By appointment only

## **Religious Education**

201-641-2988

Sunday to Thursday

**SATURDAY, December 30**

5:30 PM Larry Felberg

**SUNDAY, December 31, 2023**

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

8:00 AM Sadie Murphy  
 10:00 AM Luciano Lo Sardo  
 12:00 PM Peter Annunziato

**MONDAY, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of  
 Mary, The Mother of God (New Year's Day)**

12:00 PM People of Our Parish Family

**(This year, New Year's Day is not  
 a Holy Day of Obligation)**

**TUESDAY, January 2**

12:00 PM Mauro Rutigliano

**WEDNESDAY, January 3**

12:00 PM Nerina Morich Picinic

**THURSDAY, January 4**

12:00 PM Eugene De Martino

**FRIDAY, January 5**

12:00 PM Girolemo Angione

**SATURDAY, January 6**

12:00 PM Mass Guild  
 5:30 PM James Moran

**SUNDAY, January 7, 2024**

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:00 AM John Bussanich  
 10:00 AM Frances J. Careri  
 12:00 PM Sergio Passaro

**Memorials**

**Bread & Wine**

**And**

**Sanctuary Candle**

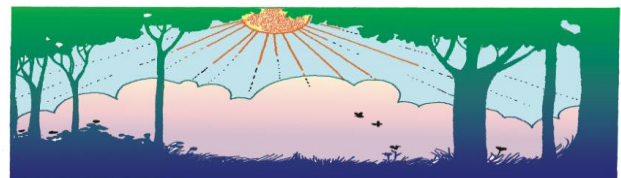
**People of Our Parish Family**

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
Vitangelo Bavaro	Chris Lynch
Mary Mirrop	Ron Ruppert
Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn	Pia Maria Pignataro



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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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



*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*

**O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. 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.**



**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]**

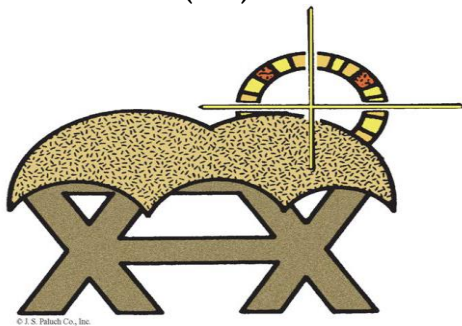
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**Today is the Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas.**

**Feast of the Holy Family:**

Scripture tells us practically nothing about the first years and the boyhood of the Child Jesus. All we know are the facts of the sojourn in Egypt, the return to Nazareth, and the incidents that occurred when the twelve-year-old boy accompanied his parents to Jerusalem. In her liturgy the Church hurries over this period of Christ's life with equal brevity. The general breakdown of the family, however, at the end of the past century and at the beginning of our own, prompted the popes, especially the far-sighted Leo XIII, to promote the observance of this feast with the hope that it might instill into Christian families something of the faithful love and the devoted attachment that characterize the family of Nazareth. The primary purpose of the Church in instituting and promoting this feast is to present the Holy Family as the model and exemplar of all Christian families.

—Excerpted from *With Christ Through the Year*, Rev. Bernard Strasser, O.S.B.



**Feast of the Holy Family—Day Seven**

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, but also every family's feast day, since the Holy Family is the patron and model of all Christian families. Today

should be a huge family feast, since it is devoted entirely to the Holy Family as a model for the Christian family life. As Rev. Edward Sutfin states:"The children must

learn to see in their father the foster-father St. Joseph, and the Blessed Mother as the perfect model for their own mother. The lesson to be learned is both practical and theoretical, in that the children must learn how to obey and to love their parents in thought, word and action, just as Christ was obedient to Mary and Joseph. Helping mother in the kitchen and in the house work, and helping father in his odd jobs about the home thus take on a new significance by being performed in a Christ-like spirit." (*True Christmas Spirit*, ©1955, St. Meinrad Archabbey, Inc.)



St. Margaret of Cortona 2023 Christmas Schedule

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Holy Family, Sunday December 31

Saturday, December 30: 5:30 PM

Sunday, December 31: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God (New Year's Day)

January 1, 2024

Monday, New Year's Day: 12:00 Noon

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Epiphany, Sunday January 7

Saturday, January 6: 5:30 PM

Sunday, January 7: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon

