



# St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie  
In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912*

January 2, 2022



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*In Residence*

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*Pastoral Associate*

**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

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

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

## **PARISH WEBSITE:**

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### **Parish Center Office**

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Monday to Friday

### **Rectory**

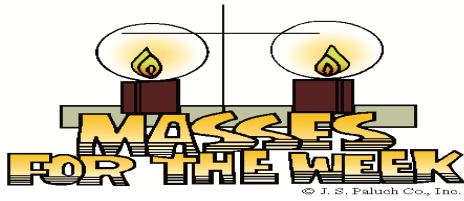
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By appointment only

### **Religious Education**

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Sunday to Thursday



**SATURDAY, January 1, 2022**

**New Year's Day**

**12:00 PM People of Our Parish Family  
(No 5:30 PM Mass)**

**SUNDAY, January 2, 2022- The Epiphany  
of the Lord**

**8:00 AM Mark R. Palladino  
10:00 AM Patrick Pansini  
12:00 PM Susan Ty**

**MONDAY, January 3**

**12:00 PM Antonio Tarabocchia  
(Special Intention)**

**TUESDAY, January 4**

**12:00 PM Eugene De Martino**

**WEDNESDAY, January 5**

**12:00 PM Mark Palladino**

**THURSDAY, January 6**

**12:00 PM Katuna Kamei**

**FIRST FRIDAY, January 7**

**12:00 PM Ida Pellegrino**

**FIRST SATURDAY, January 8**

**12:00 PM Mass Guild  
5:30 PM Anthony Di Bari**

**SUNDAY, January 9 Baptism of the Lord**

**8:00 AM Mark R. Palladino  
10:00 AM Angelo & Silvio D'Ariano  
& Family  
12:00 PM Victor Traverso [3A]**

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

**LITTLE MINUTES  
Little drops of water,  
little grains of sand,  
make the mighty ocean  
and the pleasant land;  
so the little minutes,  
humble though they be,  
make the mighty ages  
of eternity.**

**—Julia A. Fletcher Carney**

January 2, 2022



*The Epiphany*  
OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying,  
"Where is the newborn king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."  
Matthew 2:1-2



## The Epiphany of the Lord

January 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!

Your light has come,

the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

## JOURNEY TOWARD GOD

In our celebration of the Epiphany, two interwoven themes are present in the readings today. God is beginning something new, and God gathers all of humanity to participate. For Isaiah, God's bright light, manifested in the people of Israel, attracts and summons people from many nations to Jerusalem. In the letter to the Ephesians, God's grace makes the Gentiles co-heirs and co-partners in the gospel. Matthew tells the story of the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel through the birth of Jesus, and simultaneously leading foreigners to share in these same promises. With the birth of Jesus, God chose a particular people, in a particular time and place, to enter most directly into the human story. Today's readings teach that God did this in order to gather all people, all cultures, into unity with God. Like the magi, we are drawn into a journey toward God, becoming co-partners in God's work.

## TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The LORD shines upon you and the glory of the Lord appears over you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

Psalm — Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

Second Reading — The mystery has been made known that the Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

Gospel — Magi from the east arrived, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews?" (Matthew 2:1-12).

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Epiphany of the Lord;

National Migration Week

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

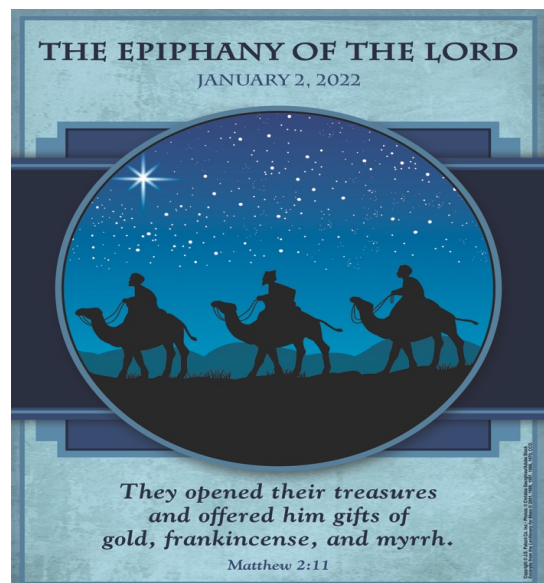
Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Wednesday: St. John Neumann

Thursday: St. André Bessette

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort; First Friday

Julian Calendar Christmas





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**We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.**

John McConnell  
 Catherine Mary Moncello  
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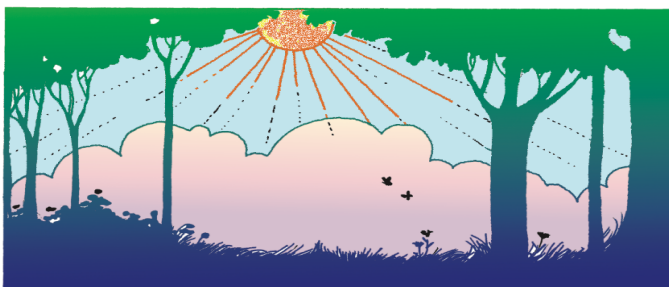
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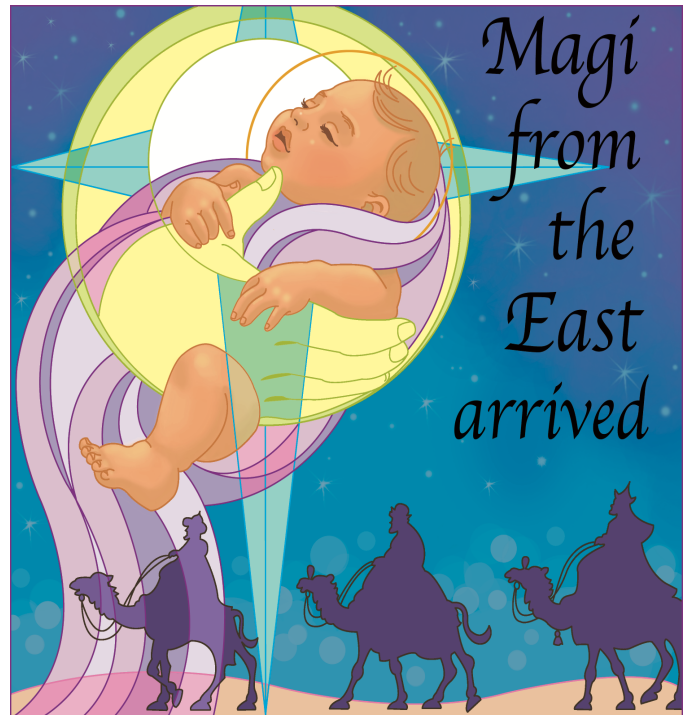


Heide Mary Moskovciak

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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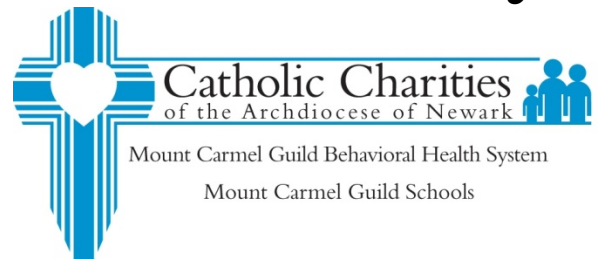
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*The Epiphany of the Lord  
Gifts are everywhere at this time of  
year. Christmas gifts. Hostess gifts.  
Hidden gifts. Wrong-size gifts.  
Unexpected gifts. Unwanted gifts.  
Unreciprocated gifts. And in today's  
readings we hear about even more  
gifts: gold, frankincense, and myrrh.  
But we know intuitively (or, one hopes,  
eventually!) that gifts are symbols of  
something much deeper and less  
tangible. The gift of God's Son is, of  
course, at the heart of our Christmas  
festivities. We are not--and never--  
alone, because  
"God is with us."  
(Thus the name Emmanuel.) But  
wait, that's not all! The liturgy  
reminds us over and over that this is a  
"holy exchange." As Christ came to  
share in our humanity, we come to  
share in his divinity. The full  
significance of that mystery is a gift  
we have yet to unwrap completely.*

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

*The Epiphany of the Lord  
At the Mass during the Day  
O God, who on this day  
revealed your Only Begotten Son to the nation  
by the guidance of a star,  
grant in your mercy  
that we, who know you already by faith,  
may be brought to behold the beauty of your  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you*

**Can you predict the events  
of 2022 with accuracy?**



Who would dare to make such a claim?  
Here we are at the beginning of a new year  
and no one knows what the future will  
bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow?  
Many families and individuals have the  
resources to cope with whatever comes  
along. Catholic Charities reaches out to  
those who have very limited resources.  
Help us to continue our mission by  
contributing to our Donation Bin(s).  
We need used clothing, small appliances,  
shoes, linens, sheets, towels,  
stuffed animals, novels,  
knickknacks, and children's books.  
Thank you and God Bless.

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