

# Director of Music & Organist Eileen M. Ballone

Eileen M. Ballone was appointed Director of Music and Organist at St. Margaret of Cortona, Little Ferry, NJ in December of 2002. A native of Little Ferry, Eileen graduated from the Little Ferry Public Schools and Ridgefield Park High School. She is a graduate of Caldwell University, Caldwell, NJ with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education and Music. Her Master of Science Degree in Education and Music was awarded from Marywood University, Scranton, Pennsylvania. She is Liturgically Certified in the Archdiocese of Newark.

Eileen is a retired New Jersey State Certified Teacher who taught Music in several schools in the Archdiocese:

- Sacred Heart School - Rochelle Park
- St. Philip the Apostle School - Saddle Brook
- Annunciation School - Paramus
- St. Elizabeth's School - Wyckoff
- St. Anne's School - Fair Lawn
- St. Leo's School - Elmwood Park
- Paramus Catholic High School - Paramus
- St. Francis of Assisi School - Ridgefield Park

Eileen's previous positions as Director of Music and Organist were at:

- St. Michael's - Palisades Park
- St. Philip the Apostle - Saddle Brook
- Our Lady Queen of Peace - Maywood
- St. Francis of Assisi - Hackensack.

Eileen was a member of the choir in 1979 at Yankee Stadium & in 1995 at Giants Stadium, for Saint Pope John Paul II.

Eileen's professional affiliations:

- American Federation of Musicians (AF of M) • Local 16-248
- American Guild of Organists (AGO)
- Director of Music Ministries Division of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM-DMMD)
- Federation Diocesan Liturgical Commissions(FDLC)
- Metropolitan New Jersey Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (Metro NJ- AGO)
- National Association for Lay Ministry (NALM)
- National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM)
- National Association of Pastoral Musicians • Newark Chapter Archdiocese of Newark (NPM)
- Past President of the National Association of Pastoral Music Educators Division (NPM-MusEd)

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