

**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)*

**March 2, 2025**



**Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,**  
*Pastor*  
**Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,**  
*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

# Mass Schedule

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## FIRST SATURDAY, March 1

5:30 PM Oswald & Rachel Tozzini

## SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

### Eighth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Dominick Villari

11:30 AM John Dariano & Family

## MONDAY, March 3

12:00 PM Joseph J. Ruzich

## TUESDAY, March 4

12:00 PM Martha Giovine

## ASH WEDNESDAY, March 5

8:00 AM Bobby M. Busanic

12:00 PM John Bussanich

3:30 PM Scripture Service

7:00 PM Martha Giovine

## THURSDAY, March 6

12:00 PM Gosefina Espino  
(Birthday)

## FIRST FRIDAY, March 7

12:00 PM Wm. Loewy

## SATURDAY, March 8

5:30 PM Donald Francis [16A]

## SUNDAY, March 9, 2025

### First Sunday of Lent

9:00 AM John Morin (Gasparo)

11:30 AM Jim Murphy & Family

## 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
Michele Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Lena Vitale
Julio Sanchez	Robert Zienkiewicz
John Ratynski	Brandon Kingsley
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczyszyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn	Chris Lee
Steven Sciancalepore	



Lynn A. Rose

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.

### NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP; New Parishioners are requested to register in the Parish as soon as possible. Please notify us of changes in address or phone number.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please send this form to our Parish office or drop it in the collection basket at mass.

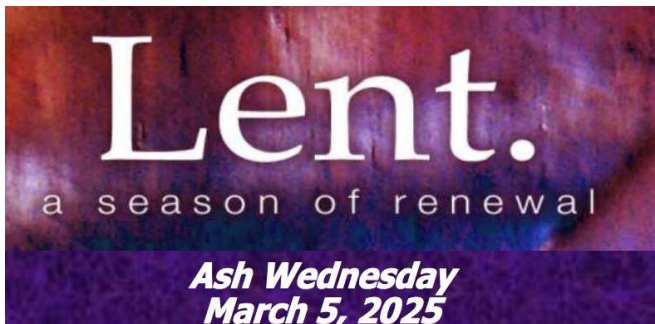


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*If there is any adult (18+yrs.)  
who wishes to complete  
their initiation into the  
Catholic Church by  
receiving Confirmation and/or  
Communion and Confirmation,  
please call  
Farther Kevin at 201-641-2988*

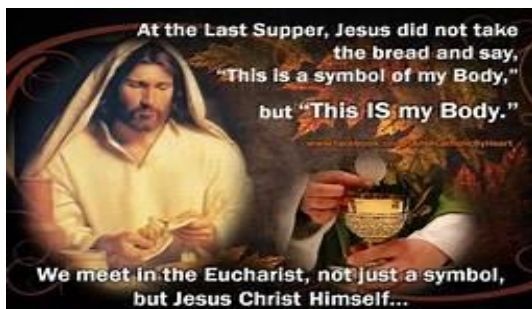


**Masses and Distribution  
of Ashes**

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

**Scripture Service and  
Distribution of Ashes**

**3:30 pm**



**The Grief Support Group  
Will Meet Every Monday**

**March 10 – 17 – 24 – 31-**

**April 7 – 14, 2025**

**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**



**For the Fridays in Lent  
there will be Stations of the Cross  
at 7:00 pm in the church.**

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 **Lent**

**LENT IS** the season that prepares us to celebrate Easter. The main reason Lent is important is that Easter is more important. On Easter we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, whose passage beyond death into life offers redemption to believers. The Resurrection is the cornerstone of Christian faith. The mystery of Christ's rising from the dead is so deep that the Church invites us to six weeks of preparation before we fully celebrate it. We call that period Lent.

For the faithful, Lent is a time of penitential practices and spiritual discipline. During this time, we acknowledge our sins and seek God's help to overcome them. Traditionally, we engage in acts of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Together these actions show our dependence on God, our renunciation of the fascinations of this world, and our desire to better the lives of others.

For the elect, those preparing for Baptism, Lent is a time of intense spiritual preparation. They will celebrate Baptism at Easter because in this sacrament they enter the mystery of Christ's dying and rising. They die to their former way of life and open their hearts fully to discipleship in Jesus. For the elect, this is a season of purification and enlightenment. The prayers of this season help scrutinize and purify their intentions, removing whatever might block their commitment, and strengthening their resolve. They will become fully illumined with the light of Christ when they celebrate initiation at the Easter Vigil.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends before the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.

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**Archdiocese of Newark**  
**OFFICE OF THE VICAR GENERAL**  
**2025 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, March 9** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025**