



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)*

November 5, 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.

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Monday to Thursday

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By appointment only

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201-641-2988
Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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FIRST SATURDAY, November 4

12:00 PM All Souls Day 3

Mass with the Sacrament of
Anointing of the Sick

5:30 PM All Souls Day 4

SUNDAY, November 5, 2023

Thirty-First Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM All Souls Day 5

10:00 AM All Souls Day 6

12:00 PM All Souls Day 7

MONDAY, November 6

12:00 PM All Souls Day 8

TUESDAY, November 7

12:00 PM All Souls Day 9

WEDNESDAY, November 8

12:00 PM Madeline Romano

THURSDAY, November 9

12:00 PM Pietro De Sario

FRIDAY, November 10

12:00 PM Giancarlo Hroncich

SATURDAY, November 11 Veterans Day

5:30 PM For all who serve & protect
the living & deceased

SUNDAY, November 12, 2023

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM John Bussanich

10:00 AM Caterina & Mario Hroncich

12:00 PM Margaret & Frank Herzich

Memorials

Bread & Wine

And

Sanctuary Candle

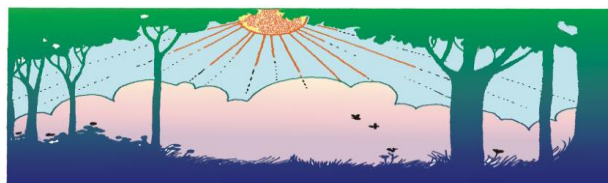
People of Our Parish Family

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	Pia Maria Pignataro
Demczyszyn	



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.



FYI * Please do not touch or add flowers or rosaries to statues inside or outside church grounds, as they are leaving marks and destroying them. Thank you



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



October 29, 2023
\$2,675



Annual Appeal ^{the 2023}
Make your gift today.

St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	98
Amount of Pledges	\$20,840
<small>As of May 13</small>	

[Here is Sr Dorothy's contact info as of July 1]

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Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time: Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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.



This year we will continue with our Advent Giving Tree for the families with children in our area who require some help with Christmas.

Tags will be available November 18 & 19th. All gifts should be returned by December 13th.

Contact Cheryl Vorisek with any questions 201-805-0796. Thank you in advance for your generous response to this worthy cause.



A Festival of Lessons and Carols
Sunday • December 10, 2023
3 PM

Commentary on the Sunday Mass Readings for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A:

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10*. This reading states that this is a people who had wandered

from the way of belief in God. The prophet chastises and threatens the priests of the temple.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13*. St. Paul is especially grateful that the Thessalonians received the word as from God, not men. The preacher of the word of God is well aware of his responsibility in proclaiming and preaching that word for he asks in the prayer before the gospel that the Lord will cleanse his heart and lips as he did Isaiah's for he is aware that it is God's word that is to be preached, not his own, or on his own terms. —Excerpted from *A Celebrants Guide to the New Sacramentary — A Cycle* by Kevin W. Irwin

The **Gospel** is from the Gospel of *Matthew 23:1-12*. As this picture of the Pharisees is painted by none other than Christ himself, we can have no doubt but that the description given is the truth and nothing but the truth. In spite of their great knowledge of "the law and the prophets" — the divine revelation God had given to the Chosen People—and of their many strict observances of that law, they were not pleasing to God. All their good works and all their learning were spoiled by the vice of pride which made them seek earthly glory for themselves and prevented them from giving glory or thanks to God.

Their religion was an empty external cloak which they used to attract attention and honor to themselves. Internally, they were so full of their own importance that there was no room for God in their hearts.

Our divine Lord warned his disciples, and through them all of us, to avoid that pernicious

vice of pride. It should not be hard for any true Christian to avoid this vice. We know that every material and spiritual talent we have has been given us by God, so we must give glory to God for any gifts we possess and not to ourselves. St. Paul reminds us of this fact when he asks us: "What have you that you have not received, and if you have received it why glory in it as if it were your own?" We owe everything we have to God and we should use all the gifts he has given us for his honor and glory, and for that purpose alone.

Do we always do this? Are we never tempted to look down on our less fortunate brothers? If we have got on well in our temporal affairs do we attribute our success to our own skill and hard work or do we thank God for the opportunities he gave to us and not to others. If, aided by God's grace, we are keeping his commandments, do we show contempt for those who give in to temptations which we did not have to meet? The best of us can profit from an examination of conscience along these lines. If our external observance of the Christian rule of life is motivated solely by love and gratitude to God all is well. But if our hearts are far from God and our motives in our religious behavior is self-glorification, we are in a dangerous position. The sinners and harlots of Christ's day repented and were received into his kingdom; the Pharisees, unable to repent, were left outside.