



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

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November 12, 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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Monday to Thursday

Rectory

201-641-2988

By appointment only

Religious Education

201-641-2988

Sunday to Thursday

Mass Schedule

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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

MONDAY, November 13

12:00 PM Tony Tarabocchia

TUESDAY, November 14

12:00 PM Frank Maas

WEDNESDAY, November 15

12:00 PM Harold & Mary Simpson

THURSDAY, November 16

12:00 PM Matthew Nierstedt

FRIDAY, November 17

12:00 PM Nelly Said

SATURDAY, November 18

5:30 PM Scardigno & Gagliardi Family

SUNDAY, November 19, 2023

Thirty-Third Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Therese Leonardi
(Happy Birthday)
10:00 AM Hroncich & Mattessich Families
12:00 PM Filomena & Sergio Angione

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

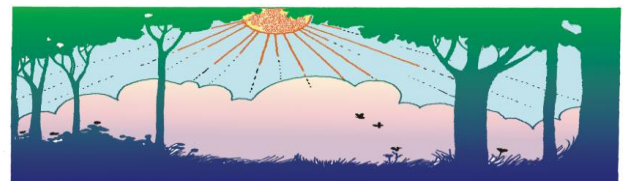
We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

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



Lucretia (Bunny) Barca

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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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

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. 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.

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

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

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of Wisdom 6:12-16* and cites watchfulness as the

key to a faithful religion and understanding of wisdom.

The **Second Reading** is from the *First Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18* where he addresses a practical and doctrinal problem faced by the community. Paul had preached to them and left them with the impression that the second coming of Christ was imminent. Some died before the *paruosia* and their concern is what has happened to them. Paul states firmly and categorically that what matters is that they interpret these events because of their faith and hope in the Lord.

The **Gospel** is from *St. Matthew 25:1-13*. Although commentators and writers have found difficulty in explaining many of the details in this parable, the general lesson is clear enough. Our Lord described an incident that happened or could have happened at a wedding festival in order to bring home to his listeners the need for being ever vigilant and ready in his service if they wish to avoid the calamity of being excluded from the heavenly and eternal nuptials on the last day. In the other parable in which our Lord uses a wedding feast to describe his kingdom, the lesson concerns those who refused the invitation and will not come to the wedding. Here it concerns those who gladly accepted the invitation.

The ten bridesmaids, or maidens, in the parable represent all Christians. On receiving the sacrament of baptism, the Christian starts on the road to heaven; he gets his invitation to the heavenly nuptials but this is only the beginning. From the moment he

comes to the use of reason he is expected to prepare himself, by living according to the law of God, for the great moment when the call will go forth: *Behold the bridegroom! Come to meet him*. This moment will be, first, at the hour of death for each individual when each one's eternal fate will be decided, and again at the general judgment of the human race. During their lifetime all are invited to the heavenly wedding, and all have the necessary means to get ready. But, like the foolish bridesmaids, many will fail to make use of these means and will realize their folly when it is too late. Sad, but true.

A certain number of those for whom Christ died on the cross, and to whom he gave the gift of his revelation and offered all the helps they needed, will never reach heaven because they exchanged their heavenly birthright for a mess of earthly pottage. That the foolish bridesmaids in the parable lost a golden opportunity through their negligence is evident and we can all sympathize with them up to a point, but the thoughts of very few will turn to the bride and groom who were so seriously insulted by this act of negligence on the part of chosen friends.

It is up to us now to decide, aided by God's grace, where we shall be found on the last day—with the wise bridesmaids or with the foolish