



**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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**January 12, 2025**



**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:** **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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Sunday to Thursday

# Mass Schedule

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**SATURDAY, January 11**

5:30 PM Sebastiano Pansini

**SUNDAY, January 12, 2025**

**The Baptism of the Lord**

9:00 AM Jimmy Tarabocchia

11:30 AM Nicolo Mattessich

**MONDAY, January 13**

12:00 PM Elena Zgaljardic

**TUESDAY, January 14**

12:00 PM Bruno Morin

**WEDNESDAY, January 15**

12:00 PM John Bussanich

**THURSDAY, January 16**

12:00 PM Silvestro Morin

**FRIDAY, January 17**

12:00 PM Otto Baumeister [60A]

**SATURDAY, January 18**

5:30 PM Madonna Danganan

**SUNDAY, January 19, 2025**

**Second Sunday of the Church Year**

9:00 AM Jimmy Tarabocchia

11:30 AM Deceased members of  
Montany Families

**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	
Steven Sciancalepore	



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.



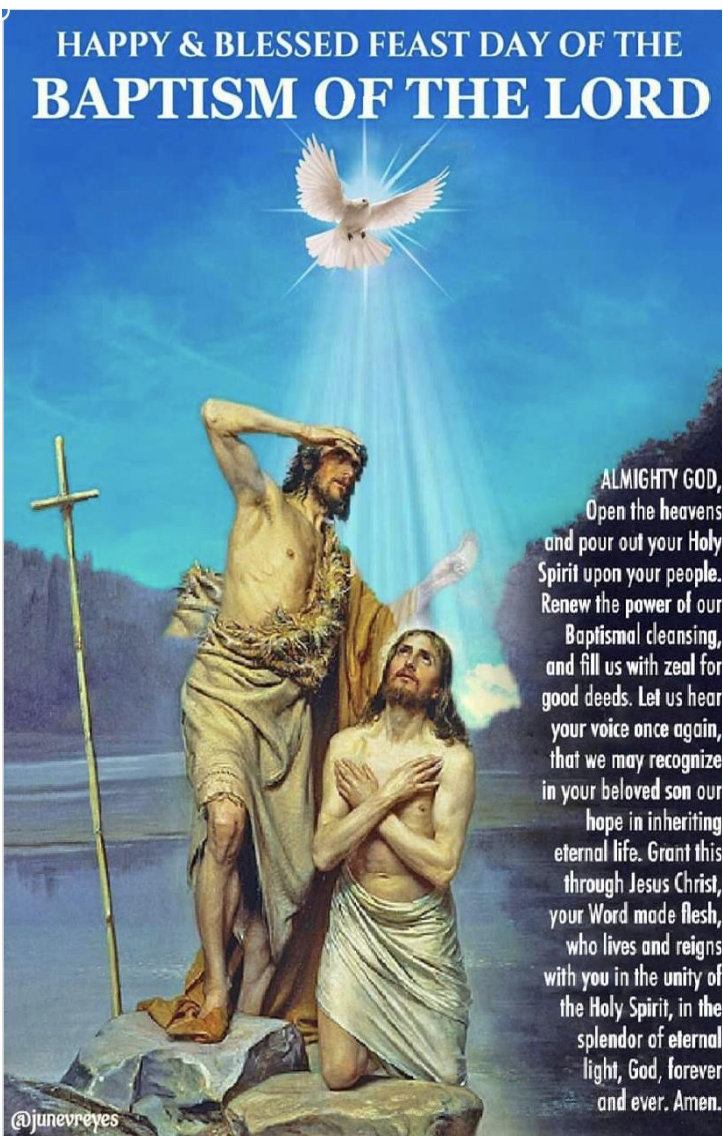
December 25, 2024 - \$10,199

January 1, 2025 - \$1,278

**\*\*\*Please Note**  
**New Sunday Mass**  
**Schedule Time**  
**9:00 AM & 11:30 AM**



*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  
Father Kevin at 201-641-2988*



**\*\*The people were filled with expectation,  
and all were asking in their hearts  
whether John might be the Christ.  
John answered them all, saying,  
“I am baptizing you with water,  
but one mightier than I is coming.  
I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”  
After all the people had been baptized  
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him  
in bodily form like a dove.  
And a voice came from heaven,  
“You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.”\*\***



**Embracing Grace and  
Transformation in the 2025  
Jubilee Year of Hope**

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope offers Catholics a unique opportunity for spiritual renewal, conversion, and receiving God's grace through indulgences and acts of mercy.

The 2025 Jubilee Year of Hope is poised to be a significant event for Catholics worldwide. Occurring only every 25 years, a jubilee offers a unique opportunity for personal and community conversion, a time for profound spiritual growth and renewed faith.

**The Importance of the Jubilee**

Why is the jubilee such an important event? The answer is simple: it provides an extraordinary opportunity to attain salvation and experience God's transformative holiness. It is ultimately a gift that helps Catholics draw closer to heaven.

Father Giuseppe Bonomo, an Italian priest at the Atri Cathedral in Teramo, Italy, emphasized the significance of the jubilee, saying it is a "unique time for personal and community conversion" and a moment to "experience God's holiness." He also explained that the jubilee year makes available the "treasury" of the Church, including plenary indulgences, which restore the soul to the state of baptism, offering forgiveness of sins and the remission of all temporal punishment in purgatory.

This year, Catholics will have the opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence multiple times. According to the Vatican, "during the jubilee year, a second plenary indulgence can be obtained if it is done for the souls in purgatory"—an exceptional grace that allows the faithful to aid those in purgatory while simultaneously receiving the gift of forgiveness for themselves.

## THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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