

**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 16, 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.**  
**Mass Guild – First Saturday of the Month – 12:00 p.m.**  
**CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.**  
**PARISH WEBSITE:**  
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**PARISH E-MAIL: smcortona1912@aol.com**

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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, March 15**

5:30 PM Betty Filippone

**SUNDAY, March 16, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 AM Mattea Morich

11:30 AM Anna & Antonio Hroncich

**MONDAY, March 17 (Saint Patrick, Bishop)**

12:00 PM Mariantonia & Salvatore Gagliardi

**TUESDAY, March 18**

12:00 PM Maria De Sario

**WEDNESDAY, March 19**

*(Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

12:00 PM Josephine Baumeister [36A]

**THURSDAY, March 20**

12:00 PM Joan Lee

**FRIDAY, March 21**

12:00 PM Irene Katkowski

**SATURDAY, March 22**

5:30 PM Domenica Mattessich

**SUNDAY, March 23, 2025**

**Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 AM Ken O'Reilly

11:30 AM Joseph De Ruvo

## Memorials

**Bread & Wine**

**And**

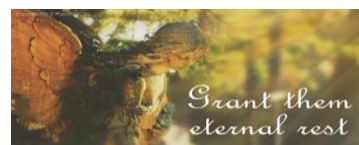
**Sanctuary Candle**

**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 Demczynsyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczynsyn	Chris Lee
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.



St. Margaret's 2025 Goal	\$22,657
Number of Pledges	26
Amount of Pledges	\$8,450
As of March 4	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SATURDAY  
MARCH  
22** **DINNER  
AND A MOVIE**



**The Story of St. Frances Cabrini  
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner**

**St. Margaret of Cortona  
6:30 PM Marnell Hall**

(After the 5:30 Mass)

All Ages Are Welcome! A Free Will Offering Only! Let Us Know If You Are Coming And How Many!

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## FAST THIS LENT?



*In the words of Pope Francis*

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

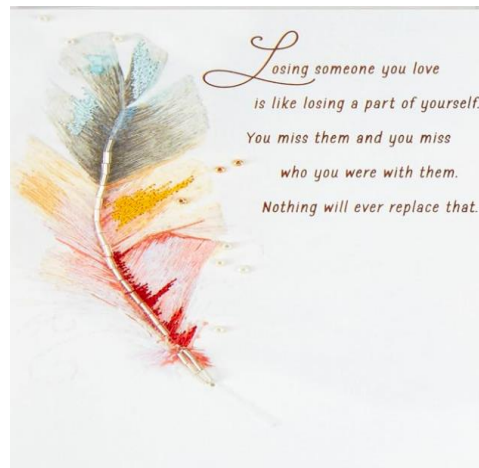
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



## The Grief Support Group Will Meet Every Monday

March – 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.**

**\*\*Save the Date**

**The Lenten Penance Service is scheduled  
for:**

**Tuesday - April 8, 2025 at 7 PM  
(more info to follow)**

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## Solemnity of St. Joseph

**LISTED IN** the Church calendar as “the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,” St. Joseph has a feast day on March 19. Although it falls during Lent, this day always comes with some festivity, such as the singing of the Glory to God at Mass and popular devotions.

Mary was engaged to Joseph when she conceived by the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:18). Encouraged by the Lord’s angel, Joseph wed Mary and helped through the pregnancy, birth, and early life of Jesus. The liturgy is careful to call Joseph “the spouse of Mary,” not “the father of Jesus.” He disappears from the gospels after the childhood of Jesus, leaving most commentators to assume that he died shortly afterward.

The choice of March 19 remains a mystery. Evidence for this date—or one near it—can be traced to the eighth and ninth centuries. The day was assigned to the universal calendar in the sixteenth century.

One tradition holds that Joseph died on March 19, although there is no evidence to prove it. One could speculate that the day was chosen because of its proximity to the first day of spring, when amorous interests abound and people need a model for chastity. The date may also relate to the feast of the Annunciation, which follows within a week. Mary and Joseph were already a couple when she conceived.

This solemnity falls during Lent, when normal celebrations are muted. This resonates with a tradition that kept Joseph at the margins in works of art, where his role in the birth of Jesus lies not at the center.

The Collect for the day prays that the Church “may constantly watch over . . . the mysteries of human salvation,” just as Joseph “watched over” the mysterious birth and early life of our Savior.

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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**