



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)

September 13, 2026



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:

<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



SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

Twenty- Fourth Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) Albert Bussanich
9:00 AM Maria Pansini
11:30 AM Maria De Sario

MONDAY, September 14

12:00 PM Marta Chiarella

TUESDAY, September 15

12:00 PM Maria Picinic

WEDNESDAY, September 16

12:00 PM Anton Picinic

THURSDAY, September 17

12:00 PM Maria Matesic

FRIDAY, September 18

12:00 PM Josephine Cavallaro

SATURDAY, September 19

5:30 PM Marta Mezzina

SUNDAY, September 20, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Kathy Stefens
11:30 AM Angelo Marino &
Kathleen Disanza

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



September 6, 2026
\$3,494

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 Vitalle
Julio Sanchez	Arline Hrbek
Robert Zienkiewicz	Brandon Kingsley
Paula Kelnhofer	Jacqueline Palmadessa
Barbara Demczyszyn	Robin Toscano
Caroline Ruppert Hubert	Ron Ruppert
Robert & Carolyn Salzman	George Stauble
Chris Lynch	Pia Maria Pignataro
Mary Mirrop	Johanna Hanush
Steven Sciancalepore	Michael & Stephen
Tom Greaux	Demczyszyn
Delia Libunao	Pedro Jimenez
Amy Way	Lori Ruppert Hagens
Phyllis Francis	Colette Caminiti
Steve De Martini	Ignazio De Bari
Jean Addesso	Filippa Balistrieri



Katherine Spadavecchia

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 loss their loved ones, under the covid-19 pandemic.



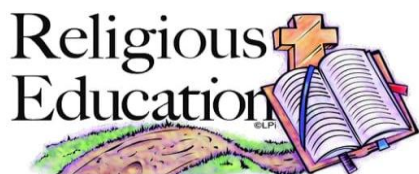
St. Margaret's 2026 Goal	\$27,028
Number of Pledges	85
Amount of Pledges	\$22,901

As of August 4



The **2027 Mass Book** is now open for
Daily and Weekend Masses,
Memorials-Bread and Wine,
Sanctuary Candles,
and Flowers starting on
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30
a.m Afternoons from
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Real Presence
“I have no taste for corruptible
food nor for the pleasures of this
life.
I desire the Bread of God,
which is the flesh of Jesus
Christ,
who was of the seed of David;
and for drink I desire his blood,
which is love incorruptible.”
~ St. Ignatius of Antioch (d.c.
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Saint Margaret of Cortona
Religious Education
Registration for 2026-2027
Religious Education is now open
To register please go to the parish
office Monday through Thursday from
10AM – 4PM and complete the
registration paperwork or download
the registration forms from the website
St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic
Church in Little Ferry.
(stmargaretlfnj.org)
All forms must be dropped off at the
parish office. The fee for one child is
\$110.00 for 2 children, \$140.00 and
\$160.00 for 3
or more children.

Checks can be made payable to
Saint Margaret of Cortona Church.
Grades 1 and 2 – One Sunday each
month 10:10 AM to 11:20AM
Grades 3, 4, 5 – Tuesdays –
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
Grades 6, 7, 8 – Tuesdays
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
If you have any questions, please
contact the parish office. 201-641-2988.

NJ BISHOPS'
**Mass
for Life**

Thursday, October 8, 2026 | 9:30 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton

PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Cardinal Joseph E. Tobin, C.S.B., B.C., Archbishop of Newark

CO-CELEBRANT
Bishop Felipe Brindley, C.M., B.C., Archbishop of Newark

NEW JERSEY MARCH FOR LIFE

*The NJ Rally & March for Life will begin at 11 am at the Statehouse Annex, a short walk from the Cathedral

For full information, visit: <https://dioceseoftrenton.org/nj-march-for-life>

✠ Forgiveness at Mass

THE SACRAMENT of Penance is the Church's special celebration of pardon, but forgiveness of sins is also one of the fruits of the Mass. There are many moments throughout the Eucharistic celebration when the texts and gestures of the Mass express the community's sorrow for sins.

We begin with the Penitential Act, which includes striking the breast in a simple gesture of sorrow. The presider then asks that God have mercy on us and forgive our sins. On Sundays, this penitential rite may be replaced with a sprinkling rite, signifying our purification. While singing the Glory to God and the Lamb of God, we ask the One who takes away the sins of the world to have mercy on us. When the deacon or priest kisses the Gospel, he prays that its words may wipe away our sins. While washing his hands, the priest asks God to wash away his iniquity and cleanse him of sin. During the Lord's Prayer, we all ask God to forgive us our sins.

And, of course, the sharing of Communion itself forgives sins (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1393–1394). The main purposes of Mass are to express thanks and praise to God and to sanctify the assembly through Holy Communion. But one of the other results is the forgiveness of sins.

The faithful who are aware of grave sin should celebrate the Sacrament of Penance before presenting themselves for Communion. Reconciliation is advised for all, no matter how light our sins may be. But the faithful struggling with ordinary sinful lives may find assurance that their participation at Mass will grant forgiveness through word, gesture and sacrament.

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**"If you wish to leave much wealth
to your children, leave
them in God's care.**

**Do not leave them riches,
but virtue and skill.**

**For if they learn to expect riches,
they will not mind anything
besides and their abundant
riches shall give them the means
of screening the wickedness
of their ways."**

**- St. John Chrysostom (349-407),
Patron Saint of Speaking,
Feast Day September 13**

