



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish
31 Chamberlain Ave Little Ferry, NJ 07643
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Little Ferry and Moonachie
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January 5, 2025



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Parish Secretary

MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon
Beginning Sunday January 5, 2025
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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Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, January 4

5:30 PM Deceased Members of Baker-
& Van Sadars Family

SUNDAY, January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 AM Patrick Pansini [10A]

11:30 AM Sergio Passaro

MONDAY, January 6

12:00 PM Joe Romano

TUESDAY, January 7

12:00 PM Terezina Scrivanich

WEDNESDAY, January 8

12:00 PM John Mattesich

THURSDAY, January 9

12:00 PM Elena Zgaljardic

FRIDAY, January 10

12:00 PM Elena Zgaljardic

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

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle

Anna Hightower & Katherine Foy



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	Robert Zienkiewicz
John Ratynski	Brandon Kingsley
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczynsyzyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczynsyzyn	
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.

*****Please Note**
New Sunday Mass
Schedule Time
Beginning Today, Sunday
January 5, 2025
9:00 AM & 11:30 AM



**The 2025 Mass Book is now open for
Daily and Weekend Masses,
Memorials-Bread and Wine,
Sanctuary Candles,
and Flowers
Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30am.
Afternoons from
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



*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*



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behold, magi from the east arrived in
Jerusalem, saying,
“Where is the newborn king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising
and have come to do him homage.”
When King Herod heard this,
he was greatly troubled,
and all Jerusalem with him.
Assembling all the chief priests and the
scribes of the people,
he inquired of them where the Christ was
to be born.
They said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea,
for thus it has been written through the
prophet:
*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of
Judah;
since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel.*”
Then Herod called the magi secretly
and ascertained from them the time of the
star’s appearance.
He sent them to Bethlehem and said,
“Go and search diligently for the child.
When you have found him, bring me word,
that I too may go and do him homage.”
After their audience with the king
they set out.
And behold, the star that they had seen at
its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped over the place
where the child was.
They were overjoyed at seeing the star,
and on entering the house
they saw the child with Mary his mother.
They prostrated themselves and
did him homage.
Then they opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense,
and myrrh.
And having been warned in a dream not to
return to Herod,
they departed for their country
by another way.**

****When Jesus was born in Bethlehem
of Judea,
in the days of King Herod,**

✠ Holy, Holy, Holy

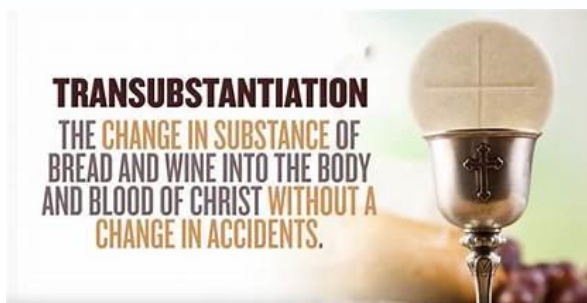
EARLY IN the Eucharistic Prayer at every Mass, we all sing a hymn of praise to God. But it's not just "we all" who are gathered in the church that day. We join a hymn going on in heaven, already being sung by the angels. It is the Holy, Holy, Holy—also known by its Latin title, the *Sanctus*.

This hymn entered the history of the Mass in the early fifth century, when it quickly took its place within the Eucharistic Prayer. The *Sanctus* is one of the parts of the Mass that was set to music in Gregorian chant and then later by some of the great composers of classical music. Partly because of its musical possibilities, the *Sanctus* was sung by the choir alone at many a Sunday Mass for hundreds of years. Ever since the Second Vatican Council, the Holy, Holy, Holy was returned to the entire assembly, who today would justly feel left out if the choir took the hymn to itself.

The first part of the *Sanctus* comes from Isaiah 6:3, where the angels are singing to each other about how holy God is. The second part comes from Psalm 118:26, where hosannas ring out to the Son of David. Matthew 21:9 puts this passage on the lips of the crowds who acclaim Jesus on his triumphant entry to Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday.

The angels say that God is the Lord *Sabaoth*, a word that has been rendered in English as "of power and might," but it is better translated as "of hosts" as we sing in the current translation of the Missal. The angels themselves are the "hosts" in question here. They are singing about their own ruler. When we join their song, we acclaim God as our ruler too.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Where on earth would you go to honor the magi? Iran or Saudi Arabia, Tarshish or the Isles come to mind, but Cologne, Germany would be a good choice. There the Shrine of the Three Kings has been the centerpiece of the city's cathedral since the fourth century. Today it is the largest reliquary in the world: a gilded and ornamented triple casket gleaming high above the altar. In the fourth century, the supposed relics of the wise men were taken from Constantinople to Milan, where they remained until the German Emperor with the unlikely name Frederick Barbarossa (Red Beard) gave them to the Archbishop of Cologne. Ever since, pilgrims have streamed into the city to honor the magi, the first of all pilgrims, and thus the heavenly patrons of all who have some holy wanderlust.

This largest Gothic cathedral in Europe today was begun in the mid-1200s to house the relics. In medieval times, the relics in a city's possession were often the key to a sound international economy. The reliquary was last opened in 1864, and the remains of three men were indeed discovered. The cathedral is well worth a visit, with enormous twin spires forming the largest façade of any church in the world (it is the model for St. Patrick's in New York). Construction began in 1248 and ended in 1880, a six-hundred-year project. Today, it is a World Heritage Site, described by the U.N. as "an exceptional work of human creative genius." This great treasure of our tradition suffered fourteen direct bomb hits in World War II but did not collapse. It survived while the city burned around it, preserved, the townspeople say, by three heavenly patrons.

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EASTERN STAR

Fair eastern star, that art ordain'd to run
Before the sages, to the rising Sun,
Here cease thy course, and wonder that the cloud
Of this poor stable can thy Maker shroud.

—Sir John Beaumont



Magi from the east arrived