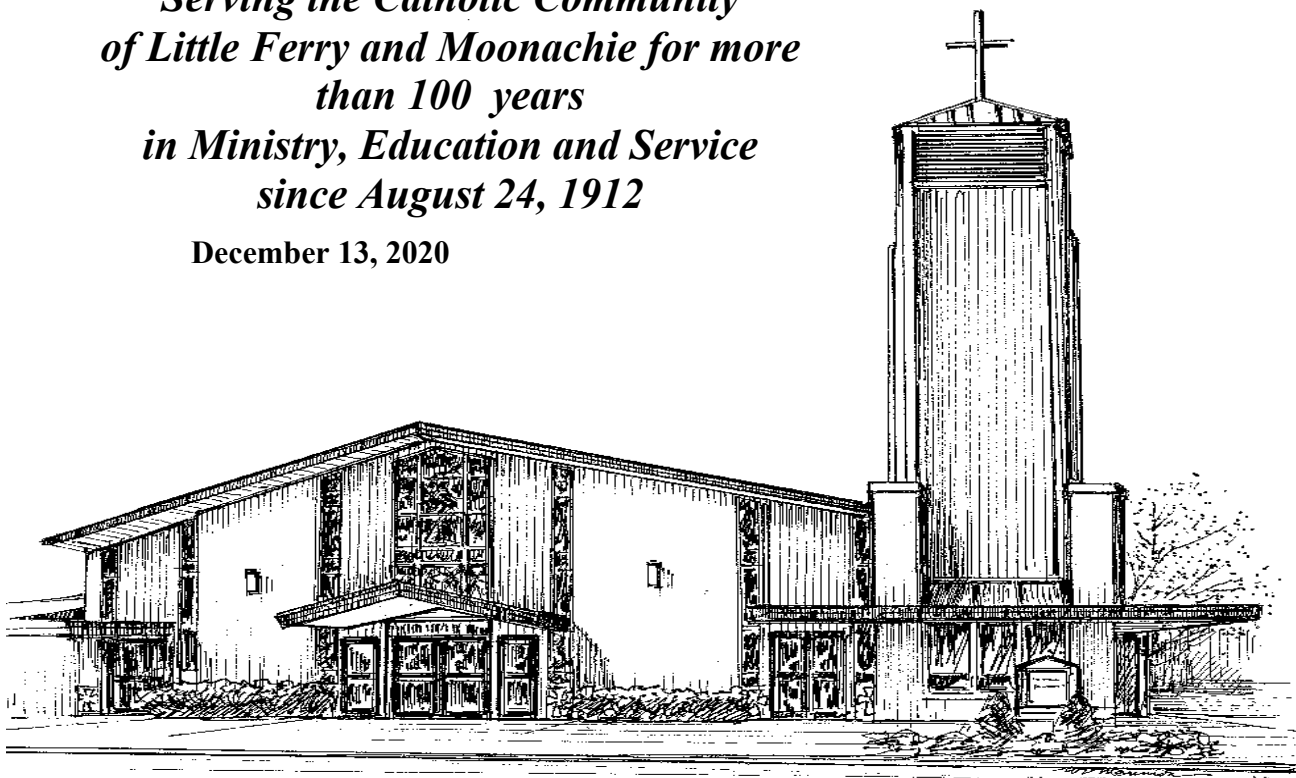


# *Saint Margaret of Cortona Parish Family*

*Serving the Catholic Community  
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December 13, 2020



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**MASS SCHEDULE** Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon  
Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:05 PM

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

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Sunday to Thursday

## **The Holy Eucharist for this Week**

### **SATURDAY, December 12**

**5:30 PM Mary & John Van Sadors  
[7A] [25A]**

### **SUNDAY, December 13, 2020**

**Third Sunday of the Church Year**

**8:00 AM Ruth Budinich  
10:00 AM Barbara Spadavecchia  
12:00 PM Kevin Cullen**

### **MONDAY, December 14**

**12:05 PM Aristides Lansangan**

### **TUESDAY, December 15**

**12:05 PM Victor Cook**

### **WEDNESDAY, December 16**

**12:05 PM Joanna Perla De Castillo**

### **THURSDAY, December 17**

**12:05 PM Catherine Duighan**

### **FRIDAY, December 18**

**12:05 PM Nicolo Hroncich  
(Mico)**

### **SATURDAY, December 19**

**5:30 PM Anna Hightower &  
Joseph Nalewaiski**

### **SUNDAY, December 20, 2020**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 AM Antonio Santacroce  
10:00 AM Elizabeth & Daniel Weir  
Theresa & Thomas Leonardi  
12:00 PM Sergio Passaro**



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**Memorials  
Bread & Wine  
Annie Zorat**

**Sanctuary Candle  
People of our Parish Family**

### **MEASURING SUCCESS**

Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles that one has overcome while trying to succeed.

—Booker T. Washington

### **UNDERSTANDING SCRIPTURE**

Most people are bothered by those passages in Scripture which they can't understand; but . . . I have noticed that the passages in Scripture which trouble me most are those I do understand.

—Mark Twain

### **ANGELS OF PEACE**

Let us not be justices of the peace, but angels of peace.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieu



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**JOHN THE BAPTIST**

At a school open house a woman could be overheard introducing her husband to some of the other parents. "Oh, Bill, I'd like you to meet Johnny's father. And over here, this is Marie's mom; you know, the little girl from our Ellen's soccer team."

With satisfied resignation Bill introduced himself not by name: "I'm Ellen's Dad."

It's good to know who you are. Be it someone's father or mother, son or daughter, husband or wife, it's important to embrace the full meaning of our various roles.

John the Baptist knows who he is. And who he is not. He is not the Christ. Nor Elijah. Nor like any other prophet God's people had ever seen.

John the Baptist knows his mission is divine.

He's more than satisfied to be the one to announce the coming of God's reign. The Christ is near. Make straight your paths.



**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — As a garden makes its growth spring up, so will God make justice spring up before all the nations (Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11).

Psalm — My soul rejoices in my God  
(Luke 1:46-50, 53-54).

Second Reading — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:16-24).

Gospel — I am the voice of one crying out in the desert, make straight the way of the Lord (John 1:6-8, 19-28).

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Third Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. John of the Cross

Wednesday: Las Posadas begins

**FEAST OF FAITH**

The Shape of the Mass

In the renewal of the liturgy that followed the Second Vatican Council, the full, conscious, and active participation of the assembly was the primary consideration. By participation, the Council Fathers did not mean just joining in the singing and the spoken responses, but active engagement and prayerful understanding of the rites. They envisioned a transparent liturgy, a worship that spoke so directly to the hearts and minds of the faithful that it would require no explanation at all.

The liturgy itself is the best possible catechesis on the liturgy. What does the liturgy teach us? It shows us the ministry of Jesus continuing in the present. He gathers a community. He calls us to prayer and repentance and praise. He teaches us with the very word of God. He does not send us away empty, but sets before us a marvelous banquet, feeding us with his very body and blood. Then he sends us forth to do what he has done—to give ourselves for others, not just in words, but in deeds. The Mass is the pattern of our Christian lives.



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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Shirley Pizza            | John McConnell           |
| Catherine Mary Moncello  | Baby AmaJordan           |
| Camilla Leventhal        | Julian Morgan            |
| Nicole Grano             | Michel Porta             |
| Johanna Hanush           | Giovanna Careri          |
| Lena Vitale.             | Grace Ehler              |
| John Thomas Lazur Dersch | Julio Sanchez            |
| Robert Zienkiewicz       | Arline Hrbek             |
| Florence Navarro         | Kevin Michael Francis    |
| Paula Kelnhofer          | Philip Dittmar           |
| Jacqueline Palmadessa    | Barbara Demczynszyn      |
| Michael Toscano          | Caroline Ruppert Hubertz |
| Ellie Lombardelli        | Cathy Haussmann          |



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| Giuseppe Bosi.             | Albert Imbimbio |
| Michelina Loberto Cummings | Patrick Rose    |
| Giuliano Spadavecchia      | Giuseppe Sarra  |

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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## THE ADVENT GIVING TREE

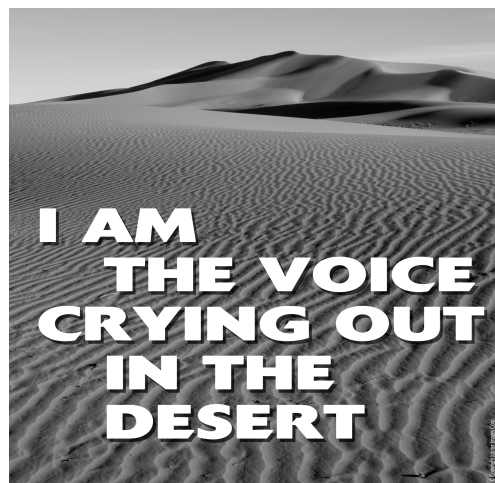
### (THAT ISN'T)

*Because of the pandemic our usual  
Advent Giving Tree with tags will  
not be happening in our church.*

*We are planning, however, to  
make sure the poor children  
in our area are provided  
for this Christmas.*

*Thank you so much for all you  
have done in the past for God's  
poor and which I know  
you will continue  
when you can.*

*God bless you and your loved  
ones with good health  
and deep peace!*



### **FOOD PANTRY**

This weekend December 13 is our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of coffee and cold/hot cereals.

Please note: At this time we are *not* in need of canned vegetables.

The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, December 16 for those who qualify.

#### **NEW HOURS:**

from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The wonderful generosity of our parishioners every month is very much appreciated by those we try to serve

#### **NEEDED**

We are in need of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Altar Servers.

Readers are needed at 5:30, 8:00 and 12:00

Extraordinary Ministers are needed at 5:30 and 12:00

Altar Servers are needed at 5:30, 8:00, 10:00 and 12:00

If you are interested, please call or text Sophie at 201-723-2091

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## **Saint Margaret of Cortona Christmas 2020 Schedule**

### **Christmas Masses December 24-25**

**Thursday, Christmas Eve:  
5:30 PM and 12:00 Midnight**

**Friday, Christmas Day:  
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

### **Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God**

**(New Year's Day)**

**January 1, 2021**

**Thursday, December 31,  
New Year's Eve: 5:30 PM**

**Friday, New Year's Day  
10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

### **Epiphany, Sunday, January 3**

**Saturday, January 2: 5:30 PM**

**Sunday, January 3  
8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM**

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday, December 19**

**1:00 pm,**

**Monday, December 21**

**at 4:00 - 7:00 pm**

**Tuesday, December 22**

**4:00 - 6:00 pm**

**Wednesday, December 23**

**2:00 - 4:00 pm**

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