



St. Margaret of Cortona Parish

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*Serving the Catholic Communities of Little Ferry and Moonachie
In Ministry, Education and Service -- Since August 24, 1912*

August 27, 2023



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: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 noon

Weekdays: Monday to Friday: 12:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE:

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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

SATURDAY, August 26

5:30 PM Johnny Garcia [8A]

SUNDAY, August 27, 2023

Twenty-First Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Tony Tarabocchia

10:00 AM Terry Howerdel

12:00 PM Maria Mattessich

MONDAY, August 28

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

TUESDAY, August 29

12:00 PM Madonna Danganan
(Happy Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, August 30

12:00 PM Tony Tarabocchia

THURSDAY, August 31

12:00 PM Dominick Muzic

FIRST FRIDAY, September 1

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich

SATURDAY, September 2

12:00 PM Mass Guild

5:30 PM Evelyn Zienkiewicz [3A]

SUNDAY, September 3, 2023

Twenty-Second Sunday of the Church Year

8:00 AM Henry & Florence Seeger

10:00 AM Anthony Giovine

12:00 PM Alice De Martino

Memorials

Bread & Wine

And

Sanctuary Candle

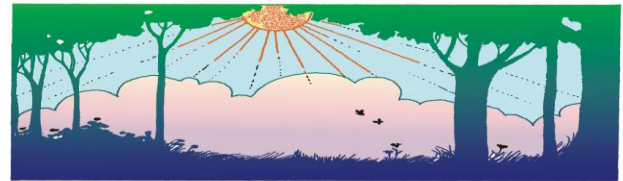
People of Our Parish Family

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

Catherine Mary Moncello	Anthony Deli
Michel Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Baby Amato Jordan
Johanna Hanush	Philip Dittmar
Lena Vitalle.	Grace Ehler
John Thomas Lazur Dersch	Julio Sanchez
Robert Zienkiewicz	Arline Hrbek
Florence Navarro	Kevin Michael Francis
Paula Kelnhofer	Jacqueline Palmadessa
Barbara Demczyszyn	Robin Toscano
Caroline Ruppert Hubert	Ellie Lombardelli
Tom Greaux	Brandon Kingsley
John Ratynski	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Victor Ruggiero	James Moran
Dominick Di Buono	Olivia La Forte King
David I. Ramos	Emily Menzella
Charlie Di Buono	Vitangelo Bavaro
Mary Mirrop	Ron Ruppert
Chris Lynch	



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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FYI * Please do not touch or add flowers or rosaries to statues inside or outside church grounds, as they are leaving marks and destroying them. Thank you



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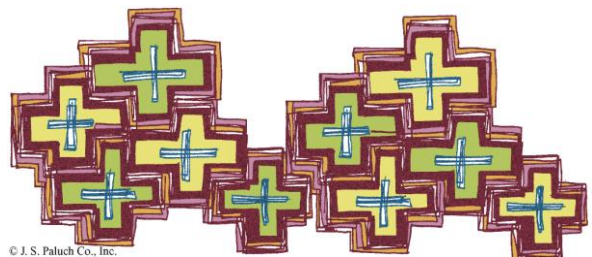
If there is any adult (18+yrs.) who wishes to complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving Confirmation and/or Communion and Confirmation, please call Farther Kevin at 201-641-2988

The 2024 Mass Book is now open for Daily and Weekend Masses, Memorials-Bread and Wine, Sanctuary Candles, and Flowers Monday thru Thursday, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30am. Afternoons from 1:00 pm. to 4:00 pm.



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\$2,299



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Annual Appeal for 2023

Make your gift today.



St. Margaret's 2023 Goal	\$24,229
Number of Pledges	98
Amount of Pledges	\$20,840
<small>As of May 13</small>	

[Here is Sr Dorothy's contact info as of July 1]

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary
Time: Prayer

O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

The **First Reading** is taken from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah 22:19-23*. Because of the reference to the "key of the house of David" in this text, some Fathers saw in it a messianic prophecy, foretelling the removal from power of the leaders of the Chosen People of the Old Testament, and the transfer of that power to Christ, who in turn handed it to Peter as head of the Church, the new Chosen People.

The **Second Reading** is from the *Letter of St. Paul to the Romans 11:33-36* in which he offers praise and thanks to God for including everyone in the salvation He offered, first to the Jews, then to the Gentiles.

Jesus, the true Son of God, became man in order to make all men His brothers and co-heirs with Him, to the divine, eternal kingdom. To carry on His divine mission on earth (after He had ascended into heaven), He founded the Church on the twelve Apostles. This Church was to be God's new Chosen People (hence perhaps the twelve Apostles take the place of the heads of the twelve tribes of the Chosen People of old). It was to be made up of all races from all parts of the world. As its mission was to bring the message of salvation to all men, it was to go on until the end of time. For this Church, this divinely instituted society of human beings, to carry out its mission of helping all men to reach their eternal kingdom, it was necessary to be sure of the road and the aids offered to its members. In other words, the Church should be certain that what it told men to believe and to practice was what God wanted them to believe and to practice. Today's reading from St. Matthew tells us

how Christ provided for this necessity. In making Peter the head of the Apostolic College, the foundation-stone of his Church, the guarantor of its stability in the symbol of the keys and the promise that all his decisions would be ratified in heaven, Christ gave him the power of freedom from error when officially teaching the universal Church. In other words, Peter received the primacy in the Church and the gift of infallibility in his official teaching on matters of faith and morals. As the Church was to continue long after Peter had died, it was rightly understood from the beginning that the privileges given to him and which were necessary for the successful mission of the Church, were given to his lawful successors—the Popes. This has been the constant belief in the Church from its very beginning. The first Vatican Council solemnly defined this dogma and it was reconfirmed recently in the second Vatican Council. In giving these powers to Peter and to his lawful successors Christ was planning for our needs. In order to preserve and safeguard the right conduct of all its members He provided a central seat of authoritative power in His Church. Through the gift of infallibility He assured us that whatever we were commanded to believe (faith) or to do (morals) would always be what He and his heavenly Father wanted us to believe and to do. How can we ever thank Christ for these marvelous gifts to his Church, that is, to us? Let us say a fervent: "thank you, Lord; You have foreseen all our needs and provided for them, grant us the grace to do the little part you ask of us in order to continue our progress on the one direct road to heaven."