



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
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April 5, 2026



Reverend, Kevin E. Carter,
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Reverend Michael Otuwuronne,
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.

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By appointment only

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Sunday to Thursday



HOLY SATURDAY, April 4 (Easter Vigil)

8:00 PM People of Our Parish Family

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5 2026

THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

9:00 AM 11:30 AM

People of Our Parish Family

MONDAY, April 6

12:00 PM John Bussanich

TUESDAY, April 7

12:00 PM Virginia Giorgio

WEDNESDAY, April 8

12:00 PM Antonia Piccinich
(Happy Birthday)

THURSDAY, April 9

12:00 PM Al Lutz [3A]

FRIDAY, April 10

12:00 Anthony Giovini

SATURDAY, April 11

5:30 PM Patricia Lynch

SUNDAY, April 12, 2026

Second Sunday of Easter

(Sunday of Divine Mercy)

9:00 AM Madonna Danganan

11:30 AM Margaret & Frank Herzich

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

Sanctuary Candle

Mary Blaney



March 29, 2026

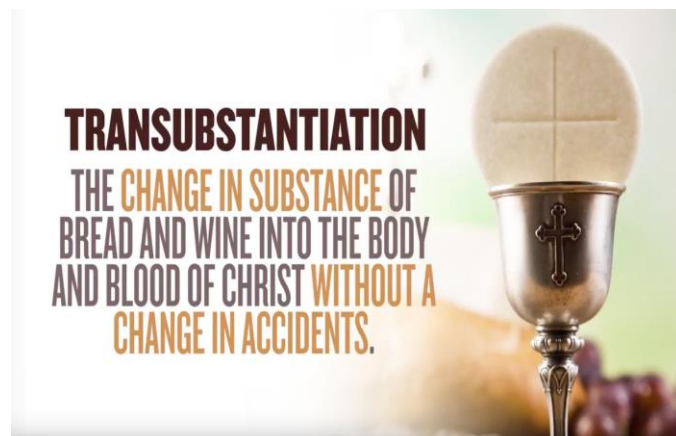
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We lift up to the Lord in our prayers and good works for: the sick, frail and the homebound.

Catherine Mary Moncello	Anthony Deli
Michele Porta	Valerie Vernay
Camilla Leventhal	Julian Morgan
Nicole Grano	Lena Vitale
Julio Sanchez	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 Adesso	Raffaella Bavaro



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.



Gospel

John 20:1-9

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb.

They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.



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The Exsultet: The Proclamation of Easter
"Be glad, let earth be glad, as glory floods her, ablaze with light from her eternal King, let all corners of the earth be glad, knowing an end to gloom and darkness."

We also pray that, like the disciples walking that Easter morning to Emmaus, all Catholics may feel their hearts burning through the presence of Jesus.⁵⁹ As those two disciples felt the presence of Jesus in their journey, we ask that the ministry of evangelizing help believers feel anew the presence of Jesus and that it help others discover his gracious presence.

Quote for April 5

"If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us."

~ St. Isidore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

REMEMBER, FREEDOM ISN'T FREE!

Easter

ON EASTER Sunday, we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. On this day, the disciples saw the empty tomb, and the Risen Christ began to appear to them. Easter celebrates our belief in life after death. It ranks first among the feasts of the church.

The Easter Sunday Mass differs a bit from others. The new Paschal candle is lighted and stands near the ambo. Having omitted the Glory to God throughout the season of Lent, we sing it again. The Easter sequence is said or sung after the Second Reading. During Lent, we sang a different acclamation before the Gospel, but now we again sing “Alleluia.” In the United States, the Creed may be replaced with the Renewal of Baptismal Promises and the sprinkling of holy water on this day.

There are small changes to the Eucharistic Prayer. If you are alert, you will hear during the Preface that Christ became our paschal sacrifice “on this day.” If the priest is using Eucharistic Prayer I, he announces that this is the day of the Resurrection of the Lord and that the community prays especially for those newly baptized at the Easter Vigil.

At the end of the Mass, the deacon or priest adds two “alleluias” to the words of dismissal, and you respond, “Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.”

Attendance is strong on Easter, as all those who profess faith in Christ join together in a single celebration. Many worshipers like to dress up for the occasion. The main Easter liturgy is the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, and all Catholics should make every effort to participate in it. But Easter Sunday remains a popular choice for affirming one’s faith in the Risen Christ.

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Family Life Ministry
ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK

2026 ANNIVERSARY MASS

Important: There is only ONE Anniversary Liturgy for all couples celebrating their 5th, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Catholic wedding anniversary. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Tobin on **Sunday, May 3rd at 3 PM** at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Kindly submit one registration form per couple by **April 14th**. Please note that this Mass is for couples celebrating their **5th, 25th, 50th, or 60+ years of Catholic marriage**.

Couples celebrating anniversaries other than their 5th, 25th, 50th, or 60+ years are welcome to attend; however, we cannot guarantee that a certificate and gift will be available at the Mass. We will do our best to recognize and honor all couples in attendance. Once we receive each submission, we will acknowledge receipt of the reservation directly to the celebrating couple after the April 14th deadline and provide them with additional details and directions to the Cathedral Basilica.

To register, go to —
<https://rcan.org/family-life/>
or complete the registration form below.

Please make sure all email addresses are correct and names are spelled correctly to avoid any certificates with misspelled names.

COUPLE’S LAST NAME: _____

WIFE’S FIRST NAME: _____

WIFE’S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HUSBAND’S FIRST NAME: _____

HUSBAND’S E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE (MM/DD/YYYY):
____/____/____

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS:

COUPLE’S PARISH NAME & CITY: _____

THIS COUPLE IS CELEBRATING:

- 60th Anniversary
- Golden Anniversary (50 years)
- Silver Anniversary (25 years)
- 5th Anniversary (5 years)

WAS THIS MARRIAGE CELEBRATED AS A CHRISTIAN SACRAMENT?

- Yes
- No

Submit this completed form to any of our priests or at the Parish office.