



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 6, 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 6, 2026

Twenty- Third Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) Patricia Lynch [15A]
9:00 AM Lorenzo Casale
11:30 AM Helen & Charles Gannon

MONDAY, September 7 (Labor Day)

12:00 PM Samuel Raia

TUESDAY, September 8

(The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

12:00 PM Maria Pansini

WEDNESDAY, September 9 (Saint Peter Claver)

12:00 PM Rosa Mancini

THURSDAY, September 10

12:00 PM Pino Morin

FRIDAY, September 11

12:00 PM Samuel Raia

SATURDAY, September 12

5:30 PM Albert Bussanich

SUNDAY, September 13, 2026

Twenty- Fourth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Maria Pansini
11:30 AM Maria De Sario

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



**August 30, 2026
\$3,989**

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 Addesso	Filippa Balistrieri



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



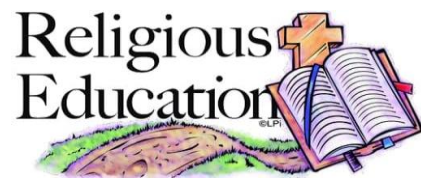
The **2027 Mass Book** is now open for
Daily and Weekend Masses,
Memorials-Bread and Wine,
Sanctuary Candles,
and Flowers starting on
Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30
a.m Afternoons from
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

September 6

" To love God as He ought to be
 loved, we must be detached from
 all temporal love.

We must love nothing but Him,
 or if we love anything else, we
 must love it, only for His sake."

- St. Peter Claver (1581-1654)
 Priest, missionary, Feast Day
 September 9



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.





ADULT CHOIR

Join us this September

Thursdays at 7:30 pm

Season begins September 10th

**Sing at the 11:30 am Mass
September - June**

New Singers welcome,

No experience necessary

WELCOMING COMMUNITY

Questions? Ready to sing?

Eileen M. Ballone

Director of Music/Organist
musicmemb@yahoo.com

Or come see me after mass!



✦ Singing at Mass

“SINGING IS the sign of the heart’s joy” (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 39). When we praise God at Mass each Sunday, we come with a joyful heart. We are grateful for the gift of life and all our many blessings. We leave the comfort of our homes and bring ourselves to church, where we gather with others who have made the same sacrifice. There we do something we may not normally do. We sing.

Singing has been a part of Mass ever since the Last Supper (Matthew 26:30). The first Christians sang psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Colossians 3:16). We echo them.

“Great importance should therefore be attached to the use of singing in the celebration of the Mass” (GIRM, 40). Our songs are formed by the rhythms and melodies of old traditions and contemporary cultures. They help us express the joy in our hearts—as well as our sadness, our wonderment, and our hope.

Everyone is invited to sing at every Mass. “[E]very care should be taken that singing by the ministers and the people not be absent in celebrations that occur on Sundays and on Holydays of Obligation” (ibid.). Some parishes have a Sunday Mass at which no singing occurs, but the church asks us to avoid this. Music belongs at every Mass. It helps us participate with body, soul, mind, and strength.

One of the purposes of the opening hymn is to “foster the unity of those who have been gathered” (47). When you arrive at church, heart filled with joy, you express your faith in God and your unity with others in a beautiful way. You open your mouth. And sing.

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