



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)

March 17, 2024



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
(From Memorial Day through Labor Day: Sat 5:30 p.m,
Sunday 9 :00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.)

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

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 p.m.

PARISH WEBSITE:

<http://www.stmargaretfnj.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



SATURDAY, March 16

5:30 PM Patrick Pansini

SUNDAY, March 17, 2024

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Johnny Cerneka
10:00 AM Anna & Antonio Hroncich
12:00 PM Anthony Giovine

MONDAY, March 18

12:00 PM Mattea Morich

TUESDAY, March 19

12:00 PM Pasquale Paniscotti

WEDNESDAY, March 20

12:00 PM Giocchino & Antonia Piccinich

THURSDAY, March 21

12:00 PM Joan Lee

FRIDAY, March 22

12:00 PM Irene Katkowski

SATURDAY, March 23

5:30 PM Tony Tarabocchia

SUNDAY, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Florence Seeger
10:00 AM Joseph De Ruvo
12:00 PM Anthony Cassino

**Memorials
Bread & Wine
People of Our Parish Family**

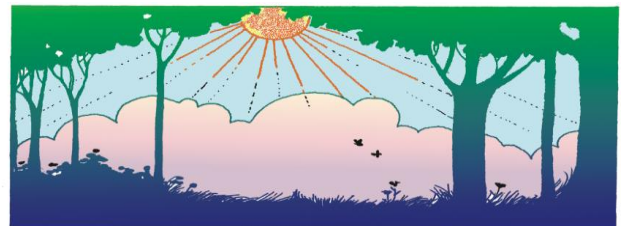
**Sanctuary Candle
Frank Francica**

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	Baby Amato Jordan
Johanna Hanush	Lena Vitale
Julio Sanchez	Robert Zienkiewicz
Florence Navarro	Vitangelo Bavaro
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczyszyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ellie Lombardelli	Brandon Kingsley
John Ratynski	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Dominick Di Buono	Tom Greaux
Chris Lynch	MaryMirrop
Ron Ruppert	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen	Victor Ruggiero
Demczyszyn	George Stauble



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.

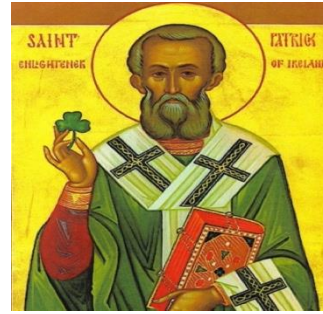


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FYI * Please do not touch or add flowers or rosaries to statues inside or outside church grounds, as they are leaving marks and destroying them. Thank you



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



St. Patrick's Feast Day: March 17

St. Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death. He preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote his love for God in Confessions. After living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461. "Christ be within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ inquired, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger."



St. Margaret's 2024 Goal **\$24,229**
Number of Pledges **76**
Amount of Pledges **\$19,025**
As of March 12

HOPE FOR BEREAVED

Understanding, Coping And Growing Through Grief



Join Us

Dates – March -18 – 25

Time – 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Place – Rectory

To Register: Please call Mary T. 201-724-5492 or Pat 201-982-3004

FYI

CATHOLIC CHARITIES BOX-LOCATED IN CHURCH PARKING LOT
NOTES THE FOLLOWING:

PLEASE DO NOT PUT INSIDE OR OUTSIDE BIN: LARGE ITEMS SUCH AS TOYS, GAMING OR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, APPLIANCES, CARRIAGES, CAR SEATS, ETC.

THE BIN IS DESIGNED FOR SMALL ITEMS SUCH AS: CLOTHING, SHOES, LINENS, SHEETS, TOWELS, SMALL TOYS, SOFT STUFF ANIMALS, CHILDRENS BOOKS ETC.

AND ALL TO FIT INSIDE BIN NOT OUTSIDE.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

Levels of Giving Please make checks payable to Annual Appeal

1 Step 1: Prayerfully consider your gift
 Suggested total pledge: Five monthly payments of: Daily Sacrifice of:
 \$5,000.....\$1,000.....\$33.33
 \$2,500.....\$500.....\$16.66
 \$1,000.....\$200.....\$6.66
 \$500.....\$100.....\$3.33
 \$250.....\$50.....\$1.66
 Make a gift online at www.rcan.org/sharing

2 Step 2: Choose your payment method
 Personal Check (enclosed)
 Credit Card
 Stock/IRA – visit www.rcan.org/ways-give for more information.
 Please contact me regarding leaving a bequest/estate planning.
 Please pay for: _____

3 Step 3: Please accept my gift of:
 My Total Pledge: \$ _____
 Amount Enclosed: \$ _____
 Balance Due: \$ _____
 Parish Office Only: Affix label here

First Name _____ Last Name _____
 Address _____ Apt./Unit # _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone _____ E-Mail _____
 Parish _____ City _____
 Credit Card Information: Print name as it appears on card _____
 Card # _____ Exp. Date _____
 Signature _____ Date _____

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March 10, 2024
\$3,120.00



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June 11, 2022 – Pentecost 2025

Reflections on the Eucharist

“Becoming Eucharistic People – The Hope and Promise of Parish Life” Timothy P. O’Malley, (pg.18)

The Archdiocese of Newark is excited to announce that we are once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of valid marriage for the Catholic faithful in the year 2024!

These anniversary liturgies will be held in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark as follows below and will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Please note that the Anniversary Masses will be celebrated at the 12 noon Mass this year.

**June 2, 2024 12:00 PM 50 years
(All counties)**

**May 5, 2024 12:00 PM 5 years & 25 years
(All counties)**

If your have families that are still playing ‘catchup’ with their celebrations, any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join us as well.

Please note and share with your couples, whether the milestone took place in 2020, 2021 (or even if they missed in 2022 or 2023), the certificates will say Silver or Gold, not 26, 51 etc.

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of these couples will be a tender witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today’s society.

To register please call the Parish Office and speak to Dina – 201-641-2988.

At Mass, it is the entire Paschal Mystery – Christ’s Life, Death, Resurrection and Ascension – that is remembered and celebrated. The Church comes forth from this Eucharistic mystery – the self-giving love of Christ that gathers all men and women into this common act of worship. Liturgy is the work of God UPON the people bringing us into a communion of love that we ourselves could never create. Liturgy is a gift. And yet, the human being is not left out of this transformation. Human beings have a role to play because the gift that Jesus gives in the Blessed Sacrament is meant to be received by mere mortals. The gift of Christ upon the altar woos us to offer that same gift of love in return. After all, it is bread and wine, symbols of creation that are transformed into Christ’s Body and Blood. Pope Benedict XVI notes that this transformation is a process and that we have a role to play in it. We give ourselves in return to the God who gave Himself in total love. And the very shape of history, of time and space, is changed because of Jesus’s love that is still offered on every altar throughout the world. Everything that is human must become divine.

The Lord Jesus, on the night before he suffered on the cross, shared one last meal with his disciples. During this meal our Savior instituted the sacrament of his Body and Blood. He did this in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the Cross throughout the ages and to entrust to the Church a memorial of his death and resurrection. The Institution of the Eucharist is written down in the four Gospels below: