



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)

February 1, 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:

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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, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday of the Church Year

5:30 PM (Saturday) Angelo Bavaro [17A]

9:00 AM Ronald W. Thomas

11:30 AM Tommaso Passaro

MONDAY, February 2

12:00 PM David Ramos

TUESDAY, February 3

12:00 PM Irene & Casimir Katkowski

WEDNESDAY, February 4

12:00 PM Anna Favuzzi

THURSDAY, February 5

12:00 PM John Bussanich

FIRST FRIDAY, February 6

12:00 PM Romana Sciddurlo

FIRST SATURDAY, February 7

12:00 PM Mass Guild

5:30 PM Jonathan Wende

SUNDAY, February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Anne Nierstedt

11:30 AM Joseph De Ruvo

**Bread & Wine
And
Sanctuary Candle
Ronald W. Thomas**



January 25, 2026

\$1,218



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

Catherine Mary Moncello

Michele Porta

Camilla Leventhal

Nicole Grano

Julio Sanchez

Robert Zienkiewicz

Paula Kelnhofer

Barbara Demczyszyn

Caroline Ruppert Hubert

Robert & Carolyn Salzman

Chris Lynch

Mary Mirrop

Steven Sciancalepore

Tom Greaux

Delia Libunao

Amy Way

Ignazio De Bari

Steve De Martini

Anthony Deli

Valerie Vernay

Julian Morgan

Lena Vitale

Arline Hrbek

Brandon Kingsley

Jacqueline Palmadessa

Robin Toscano

Ron Ruppert

George Stauble

Pia Maria Pignataro

Johanna Hanush

Michael & Stephen

Demczyszyn

Pedro Jimenez

Lori Ruppert Hagens

Phyllis Francis

Colette Caminiti



Mary Jane Goode

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.

Quote for February 1

"The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die."

~ St Paul Mikki (1564-1597),

Martyr, Feast Day February 6



Music is an extremely important part of the liturgy at the Parish of St. Margaret of Cortona. We are looking for enthusiastic music lovers and musicians to join our music ministry. The choir sings every Sunday at 11:30 am and other liturgies throughout the year. Rehearsals are held every Thursday at 7:30 pm beginning in September and through the month of June. No experience is necessary.

Some of the blessings of being an active choir member include:

Spiritual Growth:

Singing draws us deeper into prayer and the Word of God.

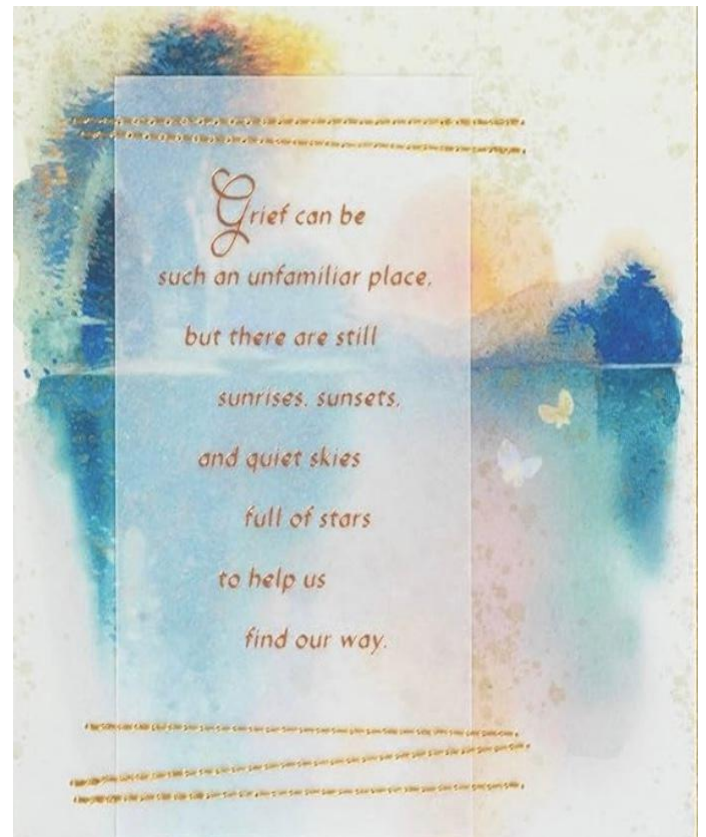
Service to God and the

Church: Through music, we become vessels of grace for the community. **Unity and**

Fellowship: Choir life builds friendships, teamwork and a sense of family. As a choir member you Boost your self-confidence / Get a great workout/ Be part of a team and improve your memory.

Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord!

Call Eileen ~ 201-843-1097 or see her after Mass!



The Grief Support Group Will Meet Every Monday

February 16 - 23 –

March 2 – March 9 -March 16 -

March 23, 2026

Time – 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Place – Saint Margaret of Cortona

Church - Rectory

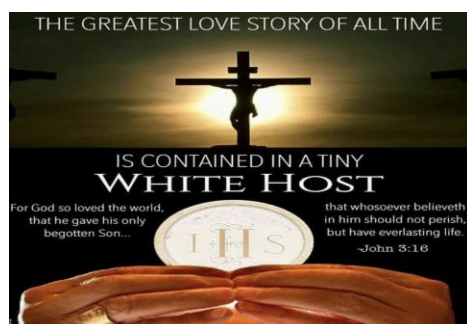
31 Chamberlain Avenue

Little Ferry, New Jersey 07643

To Register: Please call

Mary - 201-724-5492 or

Pat - 201-982-3004



St. Blase

ON ST. Blase's day, February 3, many Catholic communities offer a blessing of throats. The custom began in the sixteenth century, although Blase is thought to have died about the year 320.

Little is known with certainty about his life, but Blase lived in Armenia, where he is remembered as a bishop. To escape the persecution of Christians under the emperor Licinius, Blase hid in a cave. Wild animals thronged to him because he healed their sick, according to a legend.

Eventually, the legend continues, hunters discovered him and took him to civil authorities. On the way he rescued a poor woman's pig from the mouth of a hungry wolf. Unmoved, the anti-Christian authorities imprisoned Blase. The grateful pig-owner brought him candles to brighten his cell. While in jail, Blase miraculously dislodged a fishbone from a boy's throat. The memory of these events—the use of candles and the healing of a throat—influenced later devotions. Blase was tortured with the iron combs used to card the wool of sheep. Then he was beheaded.

Blase is the patron of those with sore throats. On his day the faithful are blessed with this prayer: "Through the intercession of St. Blase, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from diseases of the throat and from every other illness. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The minister offering the prayer holds two unlit candles in the form of an X against the bare throat of the recipient. Anyone may invoke this blessing. If a priest or deacon gives it, he makes the sign of the cross over the faithful to conclude it.

Bulletin Inserts for the Liturgical Life of the Parish: Mary, the Saints, and Angels
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St. Margaret of Cortona Scripture Study



Led By Fr. Kevin E. Carter

Opening session:
Monday February 23
6:30 PM in the Rectory

Participant's Responsibility Before Each Session

- Read material for each session.
- Reflect on the questions after each session.
- View an online video for each session.

Participant's Responsibilities During Each Session

- Participate in open discussion on the questions.
- Will require purchase of a participant's booklet for \$12.
- Future courses will be selected by consensus.

..... Please Return By February 13

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

☐ I am enclosing \$12 for the participant's booklet.