

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 23, 2025



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.
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 Phone: 201-641-2988 Fax: 201-322-0172
 Monday to Thursday

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 201-641-2988
 By appointment only

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 201-641-2988
 Sunday to Thursday



Mass Schedule

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SATURDAY, February 22

5:30 PM Mary & John Van Saders

SUNDAY, February 23, 2025

Seventh Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Carmela Della Fave

11:30 AM Gioacchino Piccinich [30A]

MONDAY, February 24

12:00 PM Anton Morin

TUESDAY, February 25

12:00 PM Gioacchino Piccinich

WEDNESDAY, February 26

12:00 PM Anton Morin

THURSDAY, February 27

12:00 PM Gerardo Scotto

FRIDAY, February 28

12:00 PM Silvia & Matteo Mattessich

FIRST SATURDAY, March 1

5:30 PM Oswald & Rachel Tozzini

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Dominick Villari

11:30 AM John Dariano & Family

Memorials

Bread & Wine

People of Our Parish Family

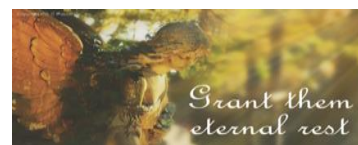
Sanctuary Candle

Gerardo Scotto



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	Robert Zienkiewicz
John Ratynski	Brandon Kingsley
Arline Hrbek	Paula Kelnhofer
Jacqueline Palmadessa	Barbara Demczyszyn
Robin Toscano	Caroline Ruppert Hubert
Ron Ruppert	Robert & Carolyn Salzman
Chris Lynch	George Stauble
Mary Mirrop	Pia Maria Pignataro
Michael & Stephen Demczyszyn	Chris Lee
Steven Sciancalepore	



Francine Pergolizzi

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.



February 16, 2025

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❖ Do Re Mi and St. John the Baptist

JOHN THE Baptist is ultimately responsible for the names of the notes in the musical scale. In the eighth century, an unknown poet and composer wrote a hymn in Latin to observe the celebration of the birth of John the Baptist (June 24). Here are the words of the first verse:

*Ut queant laxis / resonare fibris / Mira
gestorum / famuli tuorum, / Solve polluti /
labii reatum, / Sancte Ioannes.*

This verse asks St. John the Baptist to loosen our voices to praise God, just as the voice of his father Zechariah was loosened. Zechariah had been mute throughout Elizabeth's pregnancy, and got his voice back after John was born.

In the eleventh century, musician Guido of Arezzo noticed something about the melody of that hymn. The first note of each phrase begins one pitch higher than the preceding one, spelling out the first six notes of the scale. As you can see, the Latin syllables associated with them are *ut-re-mi-fa-sol-la*. Guido gave the pitches those names, based on the hymn to John the Baptist.

The first letters of the final two words (*Sancte Ioannes*) eventually gave the name to the seventh pitch, originally called "si". It was later altered to "ti"—just as "ut" was changed to "do"—probably because it was more pleasing to the ear.

The hymn is still part of the official Evening Prayer of the Roman Catholic Church. Near the longest day of the year, when the sun starts its descent, the notes mark their ascent. John the Baptist said of Jesus, "He must increase; but I must decrease" (John 3:30). As the decreasing light of day recalls the birth of John the Baptist, the ascending notes of the scale, point the way toward Jesus Christ.

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LENT A SEASON OF RENEWAL



MARCH 5, 2025

**8:00 AM Mass with
Distribution of Ashes**

**12:00 PM Mass with
Distribution of Ashes**

**3:30 PM Scripture Service with
Distribution of Ashes**

**7:00 PM Mass with
Distribution of Ashes**



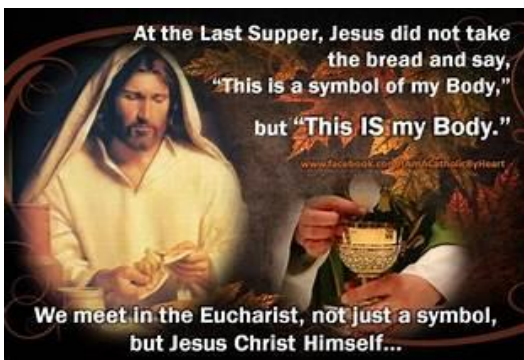
**IMITATE
CHRIST**

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The Grief Support Group
Will Meet Every Monday
March 10 – 17 – 24 – 31-
April 7 – 14, 2025
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



NEW TO OUR PARISH? WELCOME!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP; New Parishioners are requested to register in the Parish as soon as possible. Please notify us of changes in address or phone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

I wish to receive a registration form

I have an address change

I am moving out of the Parish

Please send this form to our Parish office or drop it in the collection basket at mass.